

Gravity Surges in Baldwin County  
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Gravity surges occur throughout most of the Southeastern United States. They are confined to relatively small areas and are of no danger to humans, small animals or crops. Before the invention of radio controlled model airplane gliders, they were completely unknown to man. In fact, pilots of these light, relatively frail craft, are presently the only humans equipped to observe this strange phenomenon.

During the early period of discovery, the surges were thought to have some religious significance. This probably occurred when pilots seeing their craft suddenly plummet several hundred feet-per-second toward the earth, would yell out the Savior's name. This belief is no longer prevalent, but the behavior continues. Other profane metaphors are occasionally used, but the sacred name is by far more popular

The surges are thought to be associated with the rapid movement of magma deep in the bowels of the earth. The system, in many respects, is similar to our own intestine, but on a much larger scale. The moving magma creates a positive surge that is quite well known, but there is a negative component in adjacent areas that is not well defined. Negative surges cause the model gliders to rise rapidly in altitude. Lack of information in this area is attributed to the competitive behavior of [glider] pilots who, observing their craft rise suddenly, exclaim, "Nothing over here boys! Try 15 degrees to the east!"

A monumental effort is under way to map the location of the most intense areas in Baldwin County. Geoillogical surveys of this type are enormously expensive. Your donations to support this good humanitarian project are desperately needed. Make your checks payable to the author.

A volume of detailed maps titled "Magma Charta of Baldwin County" will be published in the fall of 1996 (Assuming adequate funds are received.)