



The Kickstand

October 2004

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November Business

Meeting:

November 8th 7:00 Shoney's
on Airport Throughway, eat
at 6:30.

December Business

Meeting:

The VMTA Christmas Party
serves as the December club
meeting. See details below.

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The President's Letter

Greetings, again! October is perhaps my favorite month of the year and this October was certainly true to form! The mild weather, low humidity and abundant sunshine lay the groundwork for fun outdoors.

Throw in fall festivals, bike rallies, car shows, etc. and it is just plain difficult NOT to have a good time. We thoroughly enjoyed it and sorry it is gone.....

We certainly enjoyed another successful Shrimp Peel. Weather was great although some did get a little wet on the ride home. Special thanks to Linda and Connie for the function setup and the usual folks like Barry, Clete, Bobby & Sid for the setup and cooking of the meal itself. We sure missed George and Gwen this year but the "boys" called them during the festivities and gave George his harassment for the evening. They just wanted to make sure he didn't miss out entirely! We know that Bobby was still not up to par and it was sure good to see him and Carolyn right in the middle of things, birthday cake and all! We also had a good turnout of guests including GWRRA and Blue Knights, which has led to (3) new perspective members!

The warm weather has really held up well and our last active month of the year is upon us again. Lineville Car Show, Peanut Festival, Moultrie Swap Meet are on the docket before Thanksgiving and we wind up the year with our

Christmas Party and Toys for Tots. This will be our first year to the Peanut Festival and it sure does sound exciting. Hope the weather continues to cooperate and we can chase the dotted line to these events and others. And by the way, if you haven't been on one of Chris's impromptu country rides you are really missing something.

At the next meeting we must vote on next year's officers so please be giving that some thought. The floor will be open for one last round of nominations before we vote. We still need candidates for Ride Coordinator and Secretary so those of you that have not served, or it has been a while; it's time to step up to the plate. We need your help. I also did some research on new tires, which was interesting. Remind me to give you a summary at the meeting.

Last and certainly not least, let me just add another reminder to keep George and Bobby in your prayers as they continue to heal.

Ride safe and God bless!

Roger

**Deadline for December
Newsletter:
Tuesday 30 November.
Email articles to:
Newsletter@VMTAColumbusga.org**

Announcements

Christmas Party

The VMTA Christmas Party will be held at The Magnolia Café located at 5126 Hamilton Road Columbus, GA on Saturday, December 4, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a sign up sheet at the November club meeting. If you do not sign on the sheet please RSVP to either of the following:

Mary Fiske (706)562-3543
Connie McRae (706)628-4486
Peggie Martin (706)324-0775
Joan Kaplan (229)649-9282

Also, at the time of calling, please say whether or not you will be donating a door prize. All prizes will be greatly appreciated.

The cost will be \$7.50 per person for club members and \$15.00 per person for non-members.

Members and guests must turn in their money for the party by November 15th. There will be no refunds. If you can't make the November business meeting please contact one of the ladies above to get your money to them by the 15th.

This year everyone should bring a toy for Toys for Tots on the following Sunday. We are doing this instead of exchanging gifts.

This is one of our biggest events of the year, so let's have a great turnout.

Joan Kaplan

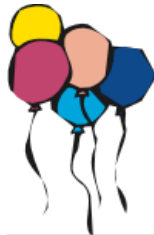
Helping Others

Bring any canned foods, diapers, and non-perishable foodstuffs to the November club meeting. Mary Fiske will be collecting these items in order to help the House of Mercy assist needy people during the holiday season.

Thanks

It has been almost a year since I told you of my breast cancer, and I must give you the latest update. I've recently had another mammogram, and it was absolutely normal. I also just had extensive blood work evaluated by my oncologist, and the cancer markers are totally clear. There was some concern with scar tissue, and this week I've had that seen about. Thank you to one and all for your concern, your continued support, your love, and the many prayers. Together, we have made this a very successful year for me, and I appreciate you every moment. This experience has truly given me new focus and has blessed my entire family in many unexpected ways. Thanks again, my friends.

Peggy



October Birthdays

2nd – Connie McRae
9th – Jackie Hancock
10th – Cal Herring
23rd – Gwen Carter
25th – Bobby Shackelford
27th – Susan Miller



October Anniversaries

24th – Richard and Linda Parker
25th – John and Connie McRae

Around the Bend: Barry's Bulletin Board and Ride Schedule

November 7th ~ Lineville Car Show ~ 10:00 Wall Mart P.C.
Roger Miller

November 11th ~ Hunters Pub ~ Welcome Center Shell 6:30

November 13th ~Peanut Festival Dothan ~ 7:30 Waffle King P.C. ~ National Peanut Parade Ride Dice Run to benefit St. Jude's. 50/50 drawing for cash, several dinner rides, Karaoke. For more information and to pre-register for the rides and events check out www.seascrc.org

November 20th ~ Moultrie Car Meet ~ 7:30 Victory Drive Burger King ~ Roger Miller ~ One of the largest Car Swap, Auction, and Vendors I've ever seen!

November 25th ~ Pats Backwater ~ 6:30 Welcome Center Shell

December 4th ~ Christmas Dinner Party ~ 6:30 Magnolia Cafe

December 5th ~ Toys for Tots ~ 10:30 Denny's Macon Road ~ Sponsored by the Iron Cross this event has always been very good turn out and benefits the children in our area. We'll meet at Denny's at 10:30, leave at approximately 11:30, get to the Civic Center at 12:00, Check out the bike's and people for an hour and take the parade at 1:00. There has always been hot dogs and chili with a whole lot of snacks at the end of the ride.

On The Road: Events in and around the Columbus Area

November 6th GWRRA Poker Fun Run ~ Registration begins at 9:00 AM. \$20.00 for three hands or \$10.00 for 1 hand. First Bike

out at 10.00am, Last bike out at 11:30am. Door prizes, 50/50 drawing prizes for best and worst hand, food, & live music. Ride begins and ends at Extreme Sports. For more information contact Art Murphy at 681-8386 or Melissa Brandon with the Ann Elizabeth Sheppard Home at (706) 566-4015.

Safety Tip of the Month:

New tires tend to be slick with releasing agent used to help release them from the mold during the manufacturing process. Take it easy for the first 100 miles after changing tires.

Ride Reports

Mossey Creek

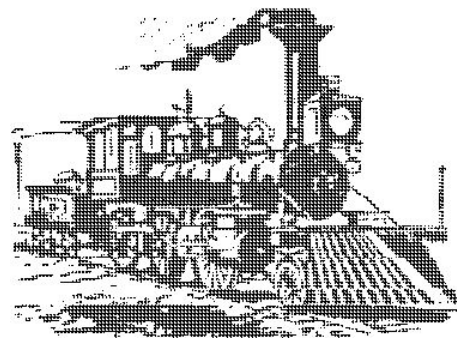
8:30 at Burger King was very lonely for John and Larry & Faith. After waiting until 9:00 the decision was made that we were going in spite of the low turnout. Up onto the highway we went and it was a chilly 47. We stopped at Burger King in Fort Valley to shed some clothes, for coffee and a stretch break. It was a pleasant uneventful ride there. The sun was high enough not to be a problem. It was gratifying to see people working on the Z-connector on Sat, although only 1-out of 5 was actually working. Maybe some day that road will finish just like 431 in AI will be.

The festival was very well attended and it appeared that all the vendor sections were full. We separated and did our looking but no buying. The weather was just beautiful in under the pines. After meeting at the stage about 12:00 watched the cloggers for 30 – 40 minutes then our stomachs were telling us it was time to eat.

We began our return trip and soon stopped at the peach packing place for lunch. Ate more than should have but it was good. Faith was the only one that had some of that goooooo peach ice cream. Well... Larry did get his spoon into it.

The return trip was much warmer but very pleasant. If you enjoy arts and crafts you missed a good event. Join us the next time. It is held every spring & fall.

John Fiske



Trains

After our nice sortie to Warm Springs, shopping and eating, part of the 14 people present decided to go across the Pine Mountain Rt. #190. Then over to Hopewell Church Rd to the gated community of Piedmont to see the G-scale garden railroad display set up in the back yard of Norman Marwitz. This is open to the public twice a year.

There were several trains running through displays of towns, Indian villages, tunnels, and across long trestles. One depicted a gold mine with a two small cars run down into the mine returning full of shine gold. A stream went past a water wheel.

A separate section was set up for children to run with two trains going through different nursery rhyme villages. That really kept some kids entranced. In each display there were live miniature plants to keep everything in the right proportion. Many small plants

had a nametag, plus paperwork was available to describe all the plants.

One of the trains carried a live camera on the top of the caboose transmitting to a TV set up in a pavilion overlooking the entire display. Some kids watched their parent wave to them as the train came around a corner. Really looked like the train was out west chugging along the rails. Each engine sounded like a real steam engine. It must take a lot of work to double check that all views are in line with what is to be seen by the camera. 5 or 6 volunteers are on hand at all times to keep little hands from messing up the tracks and to keep the trains running. The rails are brass and must be cleaned periodically during the year so everything works when needed. All wooden structures are cedar to last a long time. Some trestles are so long they take special, intricate designs to look correct. And they sure do.

Bob Smith

Ocilla Sweet Potato Festival

We had a good ride to Ocilla, in the dense fog. Found a new 'hole in the wall' for breakfast in Richland. The buffet was only \$3.95. This excited our hungry club members. This weekend, was the Sweet Potato Festival, with a Halloween motorcycle Parade, just northeast of Tifton.

There is a bike rally near town. But the specialty is all the sweet potato pies in town. Some of those church ladies sure have good pie to serve. They all sell individual pieces. But they do sell out early.

We had Johnny & Connie, Larry & Faith, Sandy & Denny and Bob Smith. Gerry Boyd was just ahead of us going thru Dalton then straight across to Ocilla. We went to Americus and Cordele then down old #41 to catch his Route #32 into Ocilla. With the fog and leaving an hour later than past

years, we did not make it to the parade, Gerry did! He got to see some of the old cars, like several Studebakers, even an Avanti. There were many, many decorated bikes.

At the rally, Sandy & Denny had an appointment with TJ for some painting on their helmets; we all wandered around looking for that good deal you can not pass up.

Then we headed into town to see the 'arts & crafts' stands and Jared & Valerie's vendor booth. Lots of motorcycle stuff with them.

Some left a different times to head home, this is normal because of "Trick or Treat" Night. Grandkids, remember?

A small group came home by way of Buena Vista up to Macon Rd. Then we thought we would go up to County Line Rd. to get some folks closer to home without going into Columbus. Big mistake, we turned before McKee Rd and ended up joining the **dirt road** between Waverly Hall and Box Springs! Now I must say it has been improved a lot in the last few years. No big washouts like before. But it was still very poor condition for a Wing.

Sunday wanted to ride up to north Alabama to see the leaves changing color, we all thought this would be the last good weekend.

Clete and I did make the ride but hardly any leaves were bright. So

maybe next weekend will still be good color.

Bob Smith

For Sale by Member

Seat Back Rest for GL 1800.
Regular price \$159.00, used eight months, asking \$75.00 OBO.
Contact Denny Reid at 563-9194 or 718-3818.

If you have anything for sale that you would like to advertise in the newsletter please email the details to:
Newsletter@VMTAColumbusga.org.

VMTA Calendar of Events November 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 GWRRA Poker Fun Run 9:00 Extreme Powersports
7 Linville Car Show 10:00 Wal-Mart Phenix City	8 Business Meeting 7:00 Shoney's	9	10	11 Hunter's Pub 6:30 Welcome Center Shell Veteran's Day	12	13 Peanut Festival 7:30 Waffle King Phenix City
14	15	16	17	18 Pat's Backwater 6:30 Welcome Center Shell	19	20 Moultrie Car Meet 7:30 Victory Drive Burger King
21	22 Board Meeting 6:30 1030 First Avenue, Columbus	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 Full Moon	27
28	29	30				

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			1	2	3	4 Christmas Party Magnolia Café, 6:30
5 Toys for Tots 10:30 Denny's Macon Road	6	7	8 First Day of Chanukah	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24	25 Christmas
26 Full Moon Kwanza Begins	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	