



The Kickstand

February 2005

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February Business Meeting:
February 14th 7:00 Shoney's
on Airport Throughway, eat
at 6:30

February Board Meeting
February 28th 6:30 1500
Second Avenue 6:30 pm

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The President's Letter

So far so good in 2005! Even though the weather slid back to more normal winter in the last part of January and first part of February, we certainly cannot complain. Our friends in Milwaukee have had their bikes in storage for well over two months now and are climbing the walls! We, on the other hand, are still riding. All I can say is that they have an open invitation and a reminder that "sympathy" is in the dictionary under "s". We sure are looking forward to another great year.

At the last Board meeting, we took a look at the entire year and hammered out the dates for the traditional events and rides. We will be presenting that info to the Club at the next meeting for your review. We also settled on a proposed Budget for the Club, which will be passed out for review and then voted on at the March meeting.

These two items represent the nucleus of operations for the year so I encourage all of you to participate. I want to emphasize, once again, that the calendar and the budget are for planning purposes and are not "cast in stone" once we approve them. If for good reason and with the approval of the members we feel something needs to be changed then we will change it. However, keep in mind that with approval of the calendar for the main events that folks will likely schedule their vacation days accordingly with their employer in order to use them in the most efficient manner. For you disgusting folks that are already retired, please disregard this memo.

A week or so ago Susan and I threw out on the table a plan for a Key West trip. We are very excited about this and it has been in our thoughts since our beginnings with the Club. We have some participants already and would love to have more.

We realize it is quite a commitment in time and resources but, what the heck, it may happen only once in our lifetime. So go for it! We will be leaving the 4th of March, some are leaving on the 5th, returning on 12-13th. The ride will include taking in Bike Week after the ride to Key West and should be just ahead of the "spring breakers". Guaranteed fun for all! For those that cannot do the whole week you may want to consider meeting us at Bike Week and riding back with the group. Please take a look at this event if you haven't already.

On a final note, we have scheduled some short rides for February so please take note, bundle up and RIDE!

Ride on!
Roger

Membership Dues:

2005 Club dues are due before March 31st. \$20 for single membership & \$30 for two. Send checks to VTMA c/o Mary @ 3951 Biltmore Dr, Columbus 31909.

Announcements

Looking Ahead

The next club yard sale will be April 1 & 2 at 3951 Biltmore Dr. (John & Mary's house). Get your items together. Items can be put in Mary's car at any meeting during Feb. and March. Mary will clean and tag items for sale.

February Birthdays

7th – Barry Cowall

6th – Altheia Hancock

February Anniversaries

6th – Myra and John Delay

22nd – Ray and Betty Arrendondo

Deadline for the March Newsletter is : Wednesday March 9th. Email articles to: Newsletter@VMTAColumbusga.org

Upcoming Rides and Events

Thurs Feb 10th – Ezell's Catfish House 6:30 PM Meet there.

Sat. Feb 12th – Lunch at the Bullock House in Warm Springs Lv Miller Rd B.K. @ 11 AM Ride captain – Jackie

Sun. Feb 20th – Chinaberry Café in Parrott Ga for Lunch Lv. Veterans Dr B.K. @ 10:30 AM Ride Captain is Clete.

Thurs Feb 24th – Mellow Mushroom 6:30 PM Meet there.

Sun Feb 27th – Lunch at the Hotel Talisi in Tallassee Alabama, about 50 miles west of Columbus. Ride Captain Chris Aycock. Meet 9:00 AM at the Phenix City Wal-Mart for a long ride to the hotel.

Thur. Mar 3rd - Dinner at Pat's Backwater Lv. Welcome Center Shell @ 6:00 or meet there @ 6:30

Friday Mar 5th – Leave for Key West, FL & take in Bike Week on way back.

Fri Mar 11 – Sun Mar 13th - Daytona Bike Week Talk to other members for ride groups.

Sun. Mar. 20th – Iron Butt Ride to Panama City. Lv P.C. Waffle King at 8:00 AM. Ride caption is Clete.

Thu. Mar 24th - Peppermill Grill LV. P.C. Wal-Mart @ 6:00 or meet there @ 6:30.

Events Around the Area

Feb. 12th - FOP Pancake Breakfast from 6:30-1200.

February 26th. Jordan High School Car Meet

Mar. 19th – Rally for the Troops Chattahoochee Harley-Davidson is sponsor. More to follow.

Mar 31 – Apr 2 – Baywatch 2005 GWRRA Rally in Mobile

Jun 4th – Hot Rod Power Tour will pass through Columbus. More info to follow.

2005 TRADITIONAL EVENTS AND RIDES –

Plans up for discussion at February meeting

Apr 23 – Annual Fish Fry @ Buff Creek.

May 20th & 21st – RiverTown Rally @ Extreme Power

Jun 22th – 25th – Honda Hoot in Knoxville

July 29 – 31st – Camp Out & Mountain Ride - Blue Ridge MC Campground in Cruso, NC

Sept 22 - 24th - Wings Over the Smokies.

Oct 22nd – Shimp Peel.

Dec 3rd – Christmas Party.

Safety Tip of the Month:

It is wise to have a plan to meet if separated when we are riding in our group. Sometimes we can get out of range of the CBs, so knowing where we will end up helps keep us together. The other choice is to agree to wait at next turn from route you are on, before proceeding. For example, when traveling on #27, wait at #18 interchange for the group to catch up before going down the new route. Ride safe.

Restoration Project

I have recently purchased a 1964 Honda Dream CA77 that I hope to restore to running status. This bike was last rode in 75. It has been sitting in the corner of a carport for the last 30 years. If you have any suggestions or can help in any way it sure would be welcomed John Fiske

Renate's

It was a cold Saturday night so Mary & I went to meet our motorcycling friends at Renate's for supper at 6:00. Upon arriving there were Faith & Larry already seated and waiting on anyone. Well we waited another fifteen minutes for others to show but decided they were no shows and ordered our food.

About the time we were served our food in came Johnny and Connie. They thought the time was for 6:30, but better late than never. As usual the food was good and the coffee even better. During supper Connie showed everyone pictures of the new puppies.

After dessert and more conversation it was time to bid farewell and go our separate ways, until the next time.

El Vaquero's on 1/22

This dinner event brought out the largest crowd in some time, 19 club members and two guests. Service was fast, food was good and talk was plenty. Only a few braved the strong winds and forecasted rain to ride their bikes.

Note: If anyone has seen a pink flowered fleece jacket Mary's has been missing since that night.

For Sale by Member

GL1500 Performance Wheel. New, never installed. Installation instructions. Increase mileage & performance. \$20.00
Call John 706-561-3543

03 Silver Wing, 2700 miles, throttle lock & extra trunk. Always garaged
Contact Earl @ (706) 563-5677 or email: aec177a1@aol.com

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

is available online at:
[http://www.surveymonkey.com/Users/98409246/Surveys/6875798007/01C051A2-5AA4-46CB-8AA7-F6313EA7FA12.asp?U=6875798007&DO NOT COPY THIS LINK](http://www.surveymonkey.com/Users/98409246/Surveys/6875798007/01C051A2-5AA4-46CB-8AA7-F6313EA7FA12.asp?U=6875798007&DO_NOT_COPY_THIS_LINK)

Members can access this through any computer connected to the Internet. The easiest way to do this is by accessing the link in the rides section of the VMTA web site www.vmtacolumbusga.org/rides.htm. It asks 42 questions, most all of them multiple choice so it should only take five or ten minutes.

For those without any way to access the Internet paper copies can be requested from Chris Aycock at the February club meetings or by calling him at (706) 507-1839.

Please complete the survey by 28 February. A little time invested on your part can mean big returns on what you get out of the VMTA this year.

Thank you in advance

Reminders.....

2005 Mileage Contest

If you did not notify Chris on Jan 15th of the mileage on your motor cycle you need to do so. This will establish the starting point for you to be credited with miles ridden during CY 2005.

2005 Ride and Event Survey

In order to gauge what kind of rides and activities we should plan for the club in 2005 the board has put together a survey that we are asking all members to complete. It

VMTA Calendar of Events February 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Moultrie Car Swap Meet
6 Moultrie Car Swap Meet	7	8	9 February Newsletter Submissions Due	10 Ezell's Catfish House 6:30 pm Meet there	11	12 Bullock House lunch Lv Miller Rd B.K. @ 11:am – Jackie Capt.
13	14 Business Meeting 7:00 Shoney's Airport Thwy Valentines Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 In Parrott, Chinaberry Cafe Lv Vet Dr B.K @ 10:30	21	22	23	24 Mellow Mushroom 6:30 pm meet there	25	26 Jordan High School Car Meet
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20 Iron Butt Ride Lv Waffle King in P.C. @ 8:00 AM	21	22	23	24 Peppermill Grill Lv P.C. Wal-Mart @ 6:00 or meet there 6:30.	25	26
27 Easter	28 Board Meeting 1500 Second Ave 6:30 pm	29	30	31		