



# The Kickstand

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## Business Meeting:

October 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 Buffet City  
2301 Airport Thruway,  
(between Applebee's and  
Steve B's Pizza)  
Eat at 6:30 or earlier.

## Board Meeting

October 24<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 1500  
Second Avenue 6:30 PM

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## **The President's Message**

Greetings. If any of you happen to notice or hear that we are building a house again and moving, please call the boys in the white suits immediately and have us committed. And it's only just begun! Wish us luck in our little cabin on the lake because that is going to be home for the next six months! We are reassuring ourselves that it is going to be an "adventure" heh, heh. Really, we do love it up there and the neighbors are great so it shouldn't be too bad. Oh yea, I forgot, we have no heat! But in the end we will have a beautiful home and y'all are invited for a house warming party!!

Looking forward to the Membership Picnic this weekend, assuming we have progressed far enough in our move. Great idea and I'm sure Chris will have it well in hand. Weather also looks good so far. Please do not forget the Shrimp Peel coming up fast and make your reservations early. Always a good ride and a great time. We had a light turnout for Wings Over Smokies this year but those of us who did make it were not disappointed. We had great weather and the event was very well managed as usual. This was the first time Susan rode to event on her bike and we put on about 900 miles! No big winners this year on the many prizes that were given out.

Please do not forget about Bikes and Badges next weekend! This is a very good cause and we need a

sound showing from VMATA. Contact Jackie or myself if you are planning on going so we can ride as a group.

Well, the fall riding season is on us so let's get together and RIDE. Now, back **MOVING!**

**Roger**

## **Editor's Comment**

At our next meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> we will nominate a slate of officers for the CY2006. This slate will be voted on at the November meeting. This may seem early but we do not have a regular business meeting in December. Everyone needs to support and help this club grow and continue to be the best riding club in Columbus. Exercise your vote. The dually elected slate will take office on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Announcements**

### **October Birthdays**

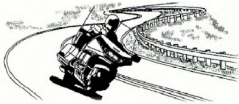
1st – John Fiske  
1st – Bob Smith  
10<sup>th</sup> – Jeannine Cheal  
24<sup>th</sup> – Carolyn Shackelford  
11<sup>th</sup> – Stephanie Gobbell

### **October Anniversaries**

8<sup>th</sup> – Sid and Peggy Martin  
19<sup>th</sup> – Barry and Linda Cowall  
30<sup>th</sup> – Don and Peggy Lamee

Deadline for the November Newsletter is Tuesday 11/1. Email articles to: Jfiske1941@aol.com.

## Upcoming Rides and Events



**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Membership Cook Out at FDR State Park. Club wants to thank you for your continued membership by treating you to a cookout at FDR Park near Pine Mountain. Club will provide the eats & drinks. Depart Welcome Center Shell at 11:00 or meet below the dam at Lake Delano at noon.

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** Bikes and Badges Ride to support the Georgia Sheriff's Boys Ranch. We meet at Chattahoochee H-D. Group leaves at 9:30 rain or shine. You can pre-register on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2:00 at Chattahoochee H-D or Sunday before the ride.

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Provino's - A highly regarded Italian restaurant in Auburn. Depart Phenix City Wal-Mart at 6:30 PM.

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** – Apple Ride to North Georgia – We will first ride to Toosy's Way Station near Dahlonega. They offer rest, supplies, education, and entertainment to the two wheeled travelers. After Toosy's we will ride to Ellijay for apples. Total trip will be between 400 – 500 miles. Depart Welcome Center Shell Station at 7:00 AM.

**October 22 & 23** – Shrimp Peel at the Sandpiper Beacon Motel in Panama City. Room rates have been confirmed to be the same as in the past, \$39.00, \$49.00 and \$59.00 (depending on the view.) Everything appears to be in order for another good gathering of friends and an excellent weekend.

Plan on being there and invite others to come and join us, as everyone is welcome. You pay for the shrimp we cook it. Departing times and places will be announced later.

For reservations contact Patrick at Tel. 1-800-188-8828

**October 29<sup>th</sup>** – Ocilla Sweet Potato Festival. Ocilla, GA about 150 miles from Columbus. Always a good trip. Depart Miller Rd Burger King at 7:30 AM.

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** – Barber Motorsports Museum, Birmingham Alabama. Undoubtedly the finest collection of vintage motorcycles in the world. [www.barbermuseum.org](http://www.barbermuseum.org). Depart Phenix City Wal-Mart at 8:00.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Cricket's Restaurant, Veteran's Parkway between Red Cross and Marvin's Market. Cricket's has been a long-standing restaurant in Pine Mountain. Now they are open in Columbus. Meet there at 6:30.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** – Chinaberry Café. Parrott, Ga. This time we are going on Saturday in order to peruse the shops in the area. Depart Victory Drive Burger King at 10:30.

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** – Fall gathering at the Kaplan's. Jake has completed his pavilion and is looking forward to entertaining. Soup to be served. Depart Victory Drive Burger King at 5:00.

## Events Around the Area

**October 15 & 16** – Mossy Creek Barnyard Festival. Off GA 96 in Perry. 10 AM – 5 PM

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** – Lineville Car Show

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** – Peanut Festival in Dothan.

**November 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>** – Moultrie Car Swap Meet.

## **2005 Traditional Events & Rides**

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Christmas Party

**Dec 4<sup>th</sup>** – Toys for Tots Ride

## **Ride Captain Award**

As everyone should remember, back in the early part of the year a new award was established for the Ride Captain of the Year. Anyone who leads a ride during the year would have his or her name placed in the hat. If you lead once, your name will be entered once. If you lead five rides, your name goes in the hat five times, and so on. At the annual Christmas Party one name will be drawn from the hat.

Below are the ride captains so far this year and how many times their name will be placed in the hat. WOW!! Fourteen different captains.

Clete	7	Brad	1
Roger	5	George	1
John F	5	Jackie	1
Bob S	3	Jared	1
Chris	3	Johnny	1
Earl	2	Mary	1
Larry	2	Mickey	1

Hope we can add additional names to this list before December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*John F.*

## **Picnic Ride**

If you recall our last attempt to dine 'al fresco' at High Falls State Park ended in a watery mess. Undeterred, we re-scheduled the ride for the Fourth of September.

The Monday before the ride Katrina hit and by Thursday we were all seeing the horrible news coming out of the area. On top of that the 'gas crisis' hit on Wednesday as everyone rushed to fill up their cars and trucks before gas became scarce, thereby creating a real gas shortage. I was thinking that the picnic ride concept was snake-bit. Even if we

could get gas who would want to ride and picnic while a few hundred miles away folks had lost everything?

During lunch on Thursday I saw where people were raising money to help the flood victims so I figured that maybe we could combine the ride and picnic with a little fund-raising. Calls were made, emails were sent.

Sunday dawned clear and warm. If nothing else it wouldn't rain upon us. We ended up with eight bikes, a pretty good turnout.

We made our way to the park, finding ample supplies of gas on the way. Once at the park we found a shaded area with picnic tables near the dam and everyone pulled out their lunches. After everyone finished I announced that we were raffling a tank of gas, in the form of \$20. Tickets were five dollars apiece. As always, Mary did an exemplary job of collecting the money and handing out tickets.

After all the tickets were sold Mary announced that people had bought \$200 worth of tickets. Two hundred dollars! The generosity of the club never ceases to impress. The winner even gave the \$20 back to go to charity. Mary went in on Monday to give the \$220 to the local Red Cross, who were very appreciative.

All in all it was a pretty good day. We had a good ride, everyone ate well, and we did some good.

*Chris*

### ***Progressive Dinner***

On the way to the meeting point I said to Mary, 'we are going to be way too early again'. Well, wouldn't you know it, upon arriving at the Shell Station there was Joan & Jake and Larry & Faith. Before long Mickey, George & Gwen came riding their trusty steeds. Johnny & Connie, who had been over at Wally World in case

someone did not get the change in meeting places, arrived to show us

#### **SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH**

**Road Debris Causes Accidents, Death.**

A recent AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety study reveals that road debris causes at least 25,000 wrecks annually and more than 80 deaths. Stalled cars and road debris account for 40%, or more, of traffic congestion according to the Federal Highway Administration. Additionally, almost 68 daily accidents are the direct result of road debris. The most common garbage includes tire treads, garbage dropped by waste haulers, construction material, mufflers, and exhaust parts.

Drive defensively. Be alert to the road in front of you.

Bob Smith

on our way. Just at that time Bob Smith rode in as well as Susan & Roger.

At the appointed time Johnny led 10 bikes up Fortson Road, across Wooldridge Road to Rt. 27. We headed north turning onto Rt. 315 over to old 85, then into Waverly Hall. On the way to Waverly there were many spots where it had rained very recently but we did not encounter any. Upon arrival at the home of our host the rain was still dripping from the trees. There was Earl & Jeannine who had come by car and were amazed when they found out we did not get wet.

Linda was waiting and ready for the hungry group. She had a great spread well suited for a meal in itself. Drinks, garden salad, macaroni salad, pea salad, mixed fresh fruit and others I can not recall. Everyone filled their plates taking seats inside and out on the patio and even under the screen enclosure. I know I ate too much of the good stuff. Before long it was

time to leave for the Avirett's. Linda could not accompany us due to needing to pick up a grandchild. After thanking her for such great food and southern hospitality the motorcycles were backed down the driveway.

Mickey then led the parade to his house in Box Springs. We went across 208 to Tabbotton, then Rt. 80 east before taking a left on 355 south. Guessing it was about a total of thirty miles before we turned left into their driveway. It was almost dark by this time and Laurie, along with her brother, was waiting on us.

After a small amount of conversation everyone again filled his or her plates with an over abundance of fine food. Once again the host over did it with baked ham, chicken strips potato, carrot soufflé, and many other items. At least I over ate again, "OH SO GOOD" as the famous chef would say. The conversation over dinner was plenty and varied depending where you were sitting.

Time flew by and before long it was time to mount up. On the way to the bikes Mickey permitted us a look at Laurie's new BMW 1150. Bright red, just like her Corvette C6. Bob Smith agreed to lead us out of the vast wilderness, while Joan & Jake went the opposite direction towards home. Back in Columbus we stopped at Sonic on Woodruff Road for some ice cream. The ride back was on the muggy side but with the full moon and temperature in the low 80's it was a pleasant ride.

To those unable to attend this gathering, you missed a great one. Many thanks go out to our two gracious hosts **Linda and Laurie & Mickey, I say for all of us:**

**"THANK YOU-  
WELL DONE".**

John F

## **Pat's Backwater**

It was a nice evening, warm as usual for this time of year. A nice group of club members showed up to eat at a great restaurant. Roger, Susan, John, Mary, Jim Ingram, Mickey and Bob. Laura was a surprise with her red convertible, since she had to come straight from work.

After a full meal we decided to go for a longish ride back to town. So we went north on River Road. It had cooled considerably as we left the parking lot, so by the Mountain Hill School we pulled in to put on some jackets. Then turned onto Lower Blue Springs Rd going over to Hamilton, finally.

Even Mickey followed us this long way around, but the red convertible zoomed on directly home! It was a nice ride around the county roads as it got dark out. Luckily we saw no deer on the roads, but now bugs -- boy, what a mess again.

*Bob Smith*

## **Biker Wisdom**

*If the countryside seems boring, stop, get off your bike, and go sit in the ditch long enough to appreciate what was here before the asphalt came.*

*Young riders pick a destination and go. Old riders pick a direction and go.*

## **Wings Over Smokies**

Thursday morning arrived with Mary and I meeting Larry & Faith about 7:45 for the ride up. Our trip took us up 36, 11 and then 441. In Dillard we took a great MC rode, 246 which turns into 106 at the NC State line reaching Highlands. It was then on 64 to 280 to Fletcher.

We registered at the rally and took in the pizza party that evening. Friday was vendor visits and looking for any good prices. We skipped the entertainment that evening.

Saturday morning Mary & I rode to Maggy Valley, over the mountain to Bryson City to visit Richard & Linda Parker. Had some great conversation and coffee.

Returning to the rally at mid-afternoon Mary went to check her luck at the door prize drawings. She won again -- a pair of jumper cables. John -- no luck as usual.

Purchased a couple of items for the bike then waited for the last half of the closing ceremony. As Rogers note stated earlier no big winners this year. We joined Roger & Susan for supper at Applebee's.

Sunday morning Bob Smith, who had been in the area since Tuesday riding the hills with friends, joined us for the ride home.

We left as a group of five bikes down onto 441. Roger & Susan turned to use the expressways in order to reach home ASAP. The rest of us continued south eventually reaching 36 and home.

Consensus was that attendance at the rally was down it was a great weekend, good ride and fine weather.

*John F*

# BUSINESS FRIENDS OF VMTA

10% Discount on the **total ticket** to VMTA members with proof of membership.

Sales tax will not be included in the discount. If you need a membership card please contact Mary.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tire King</b> <b>Manchester Expressway</b></p> <p>Tires/ Alignments/ brakes/ shocks/ struts/ oil service/ wheels/ AC service</p> <p>Ask for Jeremy Hancock or Steve Crenshaw. (Sales tax will not be included in the discount)</p> <p>(706) 324-0444 Manchester Expressway, Columbus</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Get Noticed!</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Get Lit !!</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Express Lites</b></p> <p>Custom LEDs, Spark Plug Wires &amp; Neons For Motorcycles In Red, Amber, Purple, Blue, Green, white, &amp; Orange</p> <p><u>Bo Prytula</u> Cell: 706 563-3085 Email: <a href="mailto:bo@expresslites.com">bo@expresslites.com</a> web: <a href="http://www.expresslites.com">www.expresslites.com</a> Licensed &amp; Insured</p>

## VMTA Calendar of Events October 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one." <i>Dr. Seuss</i>						1
2 Membership Cookout at FDR State Park Lv. Welcome Ctr Shell @ 11:00	3	4	5	6	7	8 Bikes & Badges Registration 12-2 PM
9 Bikes & Badges Ride Lv. H.D. @ 9:30 AM	10 <b>Business Meeting 7:00 PM Buffet City, Airport Thruway</b>	11	12	13 Provino's in Auburn. Depart P.C. Wal Mart @ 6:30 PM	14	15
16 Apple Ride to N Georgia Depart Shell Station @ 7:00 AM	17	18	19	20	21	22 Shrimp Peel in Panama City
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"A picture is a poem without words." -----Horace		1	2	3	4	5 Barber Motorcycle Museum Lv. PC Wal Mart @ 8:00 AM
6	7	8 <b>Election Day</b>	9	10 Cricket's Restaurant Meet there at 6:30 PM	11 <b>Veterans Day</b>	12 Chinaberry Café in Parrott. Depart Victory Dr Burger King at 10:30
13	14 <b>Business Meeting 7:00 PM Buffet City, Election of Officers</b>	15	16	17	18	19 Fall Gathering at the Kaplan's. Lv. Victory Dr Burger King @ 5:00 PM
20	21	22	23	24 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	25	26
27	28 <b>Board Mtg. 1500 Second Ave. 6:30 PM</b>	29	30			