



The Kickstand

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Business Meeting:

April 10th 7:00
Piccadilly's in Peachtree Mall
Eat at 6:30 or earlier.

Board Meeting

April 24th 6:30
1500 Second Avenue

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Presidents Message

Spring

Spring is sprung! What bright colors are displayed around the countryside. The Azaleas and Dogwoods are great this year. Hope you club members are getting out on your bikes and enjoying clearing the cobwebs from your brain and from the bike.

Our Fish Fry is coming up and has been finalized. We need better input from you about what, where and how we organize any function. It is your club to decide such things. Speak up at the meetings, I saw you there - but all was quiet. Why?

This is our best riding weather, especially after the time change. And yes it was very chilly for the Florida ride but we had a great time. Met some nice people again at the beach. The Spring Break crowd was worse on Saturday night than lunchtime, for us.

The digital cameras seem to be everywhere, so how come no one has sent in pictures of your new bikes for the Web page? We would like those updates. Enjoy the newsletter this month.



Bob

Announcements

April Birthdays

12th – Faith Mack
22nd – Jeff Howell
24th – Art Murphy

April Anniversaries

17th – Jared and Valerie Cohen
28th – Roger and Susan Miller

Deadline for the May Newsletter is Monday, May 1st Email articles to: Jfiske1941@bellsouth.net

Announcements

May Rides (or lack thereof)

As of now nobody has volunteered to lead a ride in May. As you know, May is one of our best riding weather months so it would be a shame for the club not to have at least a couple of rides.

If you haven't yet volunteered to lead a ride this is an excellent opportunity to lead one. May is the perfect time for a picnic ride or any other outdoor events as the temperature is still mild enough to be enjoyable.

Please contact Chris to volunteer for a May ride.

June Tour to the Old Frontier

From June 6th to June 11th we are planning a ride up through Tennessee, into Central and Eastern Kentucky, West Virginia, and down through the North Carolina Mountains. This ride will feature frequent stops at points of interest so it would be an excellent ride for a passenger or those who dislike long days in the saddle.

We plan to leave Columbus after work on Tuesday the sixth in order to avoid Atlanta traffic. We should spend the night between Dalton and Chattanooga. The next day Chris will lead the group up through Central Tennessee into Kentucky. On Thursday John and Mary will lead us through Central and into Davey Crockett country where Bob will take over on Friday and lead us into Eastern Kentucky and crossing into West Virginia. Saturday we will work our way down to around Asheville so it should be an easy ride home on Sunday.

Each day should be no longer than 350 miles with some days being less than 200 miles.

We need firm commitments from the participants by May so we can line up hotels and the such (finding accommodations for a number of people on short notice isn't practical in many small towns). If you are interested please contact Chris now.

Meeting Presentations

At the April meeting, John McCrae will give a presentation on the housing construction business and his experience, along with things to consider if you are planning on purchasing a new home.

Art Murphy will give a presentation at the May meeting on mortgages. He will cover things to consider for someone seeking a mortgage.

April & May Ride Calendar



2 April: Bulloch House.

Depart Miller road Burger King 11:00. Road Captain John McRae. For the uninitiated the Bulloch House is a restaurant in Warm Springs and is always a club favorite.

22 April: Fish Fry, Florence Marina State Park. Note location change. Eat around 6:00.

29 April: Dam Ride. Depart the Welcome Center at 9:00. Road Captain Roger Miller.

Florida Lunch Ride (Iron Butt)

Brrrrrr is what we had for the March ride to the beach. Right at freezing here in town did; not hear how cool (cold) it was in the outlying areas. The three diehard bikes showed their loyalty to the club bringing four riders with them

Larry & Faith, John Fiske and Bob waited a few minutes at Waffle King and then headed to Eufaula for breakfast. By now it was great riding weather. Thought maybe someone would meet us down there to ride on with us but still no one else.

We made the loop around Dothan and took Clete's choice of Rt #52 southwest out of town down to Slocum, Al. where we picked up county road #9 to take us down to the Florida line. Comes out onto our usual Rt. #79 which takes us near our Fall motel.

We gassed up before heading to the Montego Bay restaurant. Met Sandy & Denny with their son and his wife, Shaun & Janine, who were riding a black Ultra Classic.

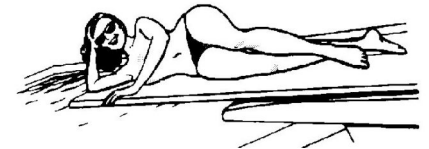
Called Gerry Boyd, who rode down the day before, to see where he was. Found out he had had such traffic

problems on Saturday evening that he just returned home. The Spring Breakers were really out in force on Thomas Drive I guess. So he had a long day ride like we were doing on Sunday.



Lunch was very good, especially the deserts. Right everyone? Knew then we would not be stopping for ice cream on the way back. Ha.

For the return trip we stopped in Dothan to do some shopping for an hour or so. The whole day never warmed up over 60 degrees but that does make for nice riding weather. We got back to Columbus well before dark and cool temps. Nice sunny day.



Bob

Biker's Wisdom

- Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they can hold everything you need.
- Never be afraid to slow down.
- A bike on the road is worth two in the shed

International Ride to Atlanta

It was a little cold when we left for Atlanta going up Ga 27 through Waverly Hall and Warm Springs. Mickey, Laura, John, Jerry and Laura's brother Paul headed north to meet up with Roger, Susan and

some new friends to the club Paul and Sabrina who were waiting at the Truck Stop East of I-85.

Arriving at the truck stop it had really tuned cold with heavy clouds. Everyone was hoping for a break in the clouds looking for some sun to warm up the morning.

Heading into Newnan we took Ga 70 east towards Atlanta. This was a new highway for me and it was really a pleasant ride. Old county homes laid out on rolling green hills and some good curves. Trees adorned the road side for a very relaxing cruise. When you get in closer too Atlanta Ga 70 turns into Fulton Industrial Blvd. Crossing over I-285 we ran into some serious utility construction on the road, so a quick U-turn and on to I-285 for a few miles got us to the Galleria Center.

It was a big turn out for the Show with crowds of people. But the show hall was well laid out by all the different vendors and manufactures. I think most of the major manufactures were represented at the show. All the big names were there, Honda, BMW, Harley Davidson, Ducati, and others. There were vendors for almost any item you wanted; clothing, gadgets, and accessories. They also had a special autograph signing by Billy Lane, founder of Choppers Inc, custom bike builder, and author of Chop Fiction and How to Build Old School Choppers and Bobbers.

Everyone had a quick lunch at the show to give us more time to look around. We all met back up at 3:00 and started heading south towards home.

With a turn onto I-285 and then I-75 south where we all fueled up. Then we took I-75/I-85 south through downtown, it's Saturday it won't be to busy. Boy was I wrong. Six lanes of bumper to bumper crawling traffic. Laura sure did get a lot of practice on her stop and go's (her first time driving in Atlanta traffic). But as usual it cleared up after the I-20 exit.

We all could take a breath once the traffic opened up and then we had a quick ride home. Roger, Susan, Paul and Sabrina continued down I-85 and the rest of us headed down I-185 arriving back home safe and sound. Thanks to all who went on the ride. It was a great day!

Mickey

Items for Sale:

2003 Coachmen Shasta Class C Motor Home. 9,750 miles, 24' long, excellent condition. Two queen beds and dinette bed. Generator, AC, cruise control, microwave oven and many extras. Book value is \$38,467. Sale price \$37,400. Price to VMTA member \$37,200. Call Earl Cheal (706) 575-6761.

Goldwing 1500: '89, 18k + miles, loaded, CB radio w/headset, loaded. \$10,000 Call 334-298-9153

2004 Yamaha Roadstar Silverado: 1700 CC, well kept, clean 7,200 miles, garage kept. \$8,500. Pg. 683-7500 or cell 326-7524

Motorcycle Pop-up Camper: makes into queen size bed with add-a-room. \$1,500 Call Bobby at (706) 653-1590.

Honda Boots: Size 10-1/2, side zipper with buckle strap. \$50. Call Denny at 850-995-2660 or email 'sanden.reid@mchsi.com'

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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.

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2 Bullock House Lunch – Johnny lead Miller Rd Burger King 11:00 AM	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Business Meeting @ Piccadilly's 7:00 PM	11	12	13 Full moon	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter	17	18	19	20	21	22 Annual Fish Fry Florance Marina State Park Eat @ 6:00
23 <hr/> 30	24 Board Meeting 6:30 1500 2 nd Ave.	25	26	27	28	29 Best Dam Ride – Welcome Center @ 9:00 Roger Miller to lead

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28	29 Memorial Day (observed)	30	31			