



The Kickstand

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Business Meeting:

October 9th at 7:00
Piccadilly's in Peachtree
Mall
Eat at 6:30 or earlier.

Board Meeting

To Be Schedule
As needed

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Presidents Message

That cool spell during September sure helped the activities here in the South. The Wings Over the Smokies will be over now and should have been very cool in the mountains. There is a report elsewhere in the newsletter.

We are working on the election of new officers; if you have not been contacted and want to volunteer please call one of the officers. (I am chuckling as I write this)

Remember to join the club in Panama City at the Sandpiper Beacon Beach Resort for our annual Shrimp Peel later this month!! Looking forward to this event, nice ride down and good times at the Lazy River, then food. Water water everywhere, pick your spot to enjoy our company. Ph: 800-488-8828

We have several new members, lets make them feel welcome whenever they join us on one of our upcoming rides or events. This is what our club is here for.



Enjoy, Bob Smith

Announcements

October Birthdays

1st – John Fiske
1st – Bob Smith
10th – Jeannine Cheal
24th – Carolyn Shackelford
29TH – Paul Lujan

October Anniversaries

8th – Sid and Peggy Martin
19th – Barry and Linda Cowall

Meeting Presentation

Chris has rescheduled his talk for the October meeting. He has ridden in several different countries and will talk about overseas travel and how you can arrange to ride motorcycles on your trips.

October & November Ride Calendar



October 1st Membership Appreciation Cookout at F.D.R State Park. Come join fellow members for a hot dog cookout in your honor. Leave Welcome Center Shell station at 11:00 AM.

October 5th – Aspin’s Mountain Grill – Dinner in Pine Mountain. Leave Welcome Center Shell station at 6:30 PM.

October 8th – Bikes & Badges Ride _ Leaving from the Welcome Center parking area at 9:30 AM.

October 21st & 22nd – Shrimp Peel Sid Martin is planning the event this year. Sandpiper Beacon (800-488-8828) Ride leaving P.C. Waffle King on 431S at 8:00 AM sharp.

October 28th - Ocillia Sweet Potato Festival. Ocilla, GA about 150 miles from Columbus. Always a good trip. Depart Miller Rd B.K. at 7:30 AM.

November 3 & 4th – Dothan Peanut Festival

Long Term Planning Dates

December 2nd – Christmas Party

December 3rd –Toy for Tots

Biker’s Wisdom

- When riding lead, don’t spit.
- If you want to reach somewhere before sun-down, you can’t stop at every rest area.
- Don’t lead the pack if you don’t know where your going..

September Safety Message(s)

Roadway Hazards

You may encounter differing types of roadway hazards or severe roadway conditions while on a group ride. When entering construction zones, it is probably best to ride single file, reduce speed and increase your space cushion. This will allow riders to adjust their lane positions and respond to the roadway conditions more freely.

Maintaining a good space cushion and following distance throughout the ride will allow riders to react to roadway debris like sand, gravel and oil. If riding in a staggered formation, it may be better to change to single file. The lead rider should use pre-determined hand signals. Avoid riding over debris unless you have no choice. Not only could you damage your tires or bike, but you also risk throwing the debris into another rider's path of travel. Ride as smoothly as possible and avoid sudden changes in speed or direction. The same is true for wet roadways.

(copied from MSF Guide)

2006 Shrimp Peel

This year’s Shrimp Peel will be on the weekend on October 21st & 22nd. We will again meet at the Sandpiper Beacon Beach Resort. Rooms have been reserved and again are priced at \$39, \$49, or \$59 depending on location & view. Call the Sandpiper at (800) 488-8828 and reserve your room today.

Sid Martin is the coordinator this year. If you can help, call him at (706) 324-0775. Menu will be the same as years pass. Due too excess sweets last year Sid has asked that you refrain from bringing any sweets unless he contacts you directly.

If you plan on eating shrimp you must attend the meeting in the Tiki Bar at 2:00 PM EDT on Saturday to order and pay for your shrimp. Not there, no order, no shrimp. So don’t miss the meeting.

The ride down will leave from the Phenix City Waffle King on 431S promptly at 8:00 AM with a pit stop in Eufaula, gas stop in Dothan and one other stop before reaching the motel. Plan is to reach the hotel with sufficient time for everyone to check in and then be at the 2:00 (ET) meeting. The return trip departure time on Sunday will be set then.

Origin	Location	For more info	Registration	Departu
ALBANY	Flint River Harley-Davidson	Call 229-639-0035	9:00 AM	11:00 A

**HARRIS CO
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SIXTH ANNUAL
BIKES AND BADGES**



**POKER RUN
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 8, 2006**



Sheriff Escorted Parade

*All Points Terminate at
Flint River Harley-Davidson in Albany GA at 2:00 PM
ALL BIKES WELCOME!*



**\$10
For
1 hand**

**\$500 Best Hand
\$300 Second Place
\$200 Third Place
\$50 First Place each Leg**

OR

**\$25
VIP Package
*1 Arm Band
3 Hands
1 Door Prize Ticket
1 Lunch
1 Doo-Raa**

*Bikes leave Tifton at 11:30 AM and Sylvester at 1:00 PM
Music & Entertainment by Philgood Entertainment BBQ Plate from Country's BBQ
50/50 Drawings—All drawings begin at 3:30 PM
Tickets for the "New Sheriff" 2006 Custom Bike Available for Sale
Call Mike Leathers for more information @ 770-914-1076
Extra Arm Band Available for Rider for \$5 (includes Lunch & Doo Rag)

Riders Participate from ALL Areas of SOUTH GEORGIA!!

**--ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE GEORGIA SHERIFF'S YOUTH
HOMES--**

Wings Over The Smokies



Our group left promptly from #315 on Thur. morning to meet Roger up the road on I-85, which we (or he) timed perfectly, temps were on the cool side. We saw 46 degrees at one point. After a stop at IHOP in Newnan we all felt nice and warm or did the sun do that?

We had a good run up to Dillard and then headed up the curvy roads to Highlands, NC. Got to the rally in decent time, checked in and then went to the motel to meet up with Earl, returning from Michigan. Talked with lots of bikers, some we had met last year. Turned out they were from 80 miles away but had gone to Myrtle Beach to get to the Rally. Now that is my way of traveling! 1200 miles to go 80. They were working at the rally this year. We did travel 860 miles for our trip.

Friday we headed out to get some apples over toward Chimney Rock and we sure did load up the bikes. Went on to Lake Lure, a very picturesque village, just east of the towering Chimney Rock. Back to the rally to check on the door prizes and find out where the evening BBQ at Honda Direct warehouse was. There was food for 3-400 and we put a dent in the piles on the table. Then back to the rally for the evening entertainment. Had some rain during the evening but nothing hard.



Saturday dawned bright and clear so we headed up the Parkway past Mt. Mitchell, then turned down #80 to stay south of any predicted rain. Smart move and a really good road going south. At Old Fort we took a side road to get down to #9 – both nice and curvy. Made an early turn back toward Asheville on #74, stopping at a Weaving/ Woodworking shop. Nice babbling brook running along the backside of the building. When we decided to go get a late lunch, we found this road to be pretty good too. Then it was back to the hotel to wait for the closing ceremonies. Rich Curtis and his wife were there along with Earl's friends Wayne & Helen Kennedy

Sunday we left early to try to beat some serious weather coming out of Alabama, made it past Atlanta before any rain. Then just some showers then dry roads. Of course it was dry in Columbus till late in the day. Had good friends, food and a nice rally for the weekend. Come with us next year.

Bob Smith

29 Dreams Ride

If you were looking a fun, all day ride, this was it. First, our departure time changed to 8:00am in order to take in the Ride for Kids in Birmingham that morning. We departed at 8:00am and headed across Hwy 280 to Pelham, AL. We arrived at the Pelham Convention Center around 9:30am CST. Everyone registered for the Ride for Kids ride. We spent time talking to other riders participating in the event. A ride briefing was held for all riders, with the route identified as ending at the Barber Motor Park and Museum near Leeds, AL. Well this was perfect, as 29 Dreams is only 14 miles away from the Barber Motorcycle Museum and Motor Park.

The Ride for Kids departed around 10:00am, escorted by law enforcement officers from various jurisdictions. The ride was all 2 lane back roads, the ride took us around Leeds, AL to Trussville, AL and finally arrived at the Barber Motor Park (Which is behind the museum, where the race track is located) They usually only open the Motor Park for Races. For this event, the park was open and we rode through the park seeing big it really was. We parked in a large field, which could accommodate the 500 plus bikes that participated. They fed us lunch, and awarded the individuals and groups that raised various amounts of money for pediatric brain research. The total funds raised that day was around \$68,000.

Our ride then continued on to 29 Dreams, we departed around 1:00pm CST. We rode from Leeds, AL across the mountain with some twisty parts to 29 Dreams, arriving around 1:30pm CST. Once we arrived there, the band was playing on their outdoor stage. We went into the lodge and proceeded to get something to drink, along with some food. We finished eating, and then browsed their motorcycle accessory and clothes shop. We then took a tour of the campgrounds, and managed to look in a few of the cabins available for rent.

The day was going by pretty fast, so we decided that it was time to depart for home. We departed there around 3:00pm CST. We had one more stop to make on the way home, and it was in Opelika, AL. We planned a dinner stop at the Logan's Road House near Tiger Town. We arrived there around 5:00pm CST for dinner. We departed there around 6:30pm CST for home.

Everyone arrived home safe, and enjoyed the day as one to remember.

Art Murphy

Spare Keys For GL1800.

The Honda Accord key blank is the same and can be used as a backup key for emergencies. This only applies to GL1800's sold in the US.

VMTA Calendar of Events October 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Membership Cookout at FDR. 11AM Welcome ctr Shell Station	2	3	4	5 Aspen's Mountain Grill Lv. Welcome Ctr Shell station at 6:30 PM	6	7
8 Bikes & Badges Ride Depart 9:30 AM Welcome Center	9 Business Meeting @ Piccadilly's 7:00 PM	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Shrimp Peel Depart Waffle King P.C. 431 at 8AM
22 Shrimp Peel return ride. Departure time open	23	24	25	26	27	28 Ocillia Sweet Potato Festival. Depart Miller Rd B.K. at 7:30 AM.
29 Daylight Savings Time Ends	30	31				

VMTA Calendar of Events November 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 National Peanut Festival in Dothan
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Business Meeting @ Piccadilly's 7:00 PM	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		