



# The Kickstand

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## Business Meeting

**June 11th** at 7:00 PM  
Piccadilly's in Peachtree  
Mall  
Eat at 6:30 or earlier

**Board Meeting**  
To Be Schedule  
As needed

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## Presidents Note

It is with much regret that I assume the duties of president due to the resignation of Earl Cheal, who has sold his bike and wishes to pursue other endeavors. VMTA will certainly miss Earl and Jeanine, and we wish them well as they leave us, and we thank them for their service while among us. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Paul Lujan has agreed to serve as vice-president, and we look forward to working with him.

Now that Memorial Day 2007 is behind us, I am moved to echo what many others have said about our holidays: let's remember what it is all about. Last Sunday our pastor asked us if we knew what Memorial Day was originally called, and many replied, "Decoration Day". It seems that, probably during the Civil War, Southern women chose May 30 to decorate the graves of soldiers, both Union and Confederate. Tradition continued, flowers and flags being placed on the graves of fallen soldiers, and it officially became a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday of May. Many Americans also recognize our veterans and current military men and women especially on this day. We are encouraged to realize the many years of service and sacrifice that our military people have provided, and continue to provide, in order that we may live in and enjoy our American life.

With all that said, I now encourage you to look forward to Flag Day, which we celebrate on June 14. It isn't officially a national holiday, but it has officially been observed since 1877, when this was our 100th anniversary of the selection of our country's flag. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed it an annual national celebration. Showing our patriotism by flying and honoring our flag is a meaningful memorial, and our observing the origin and meaning of our stars and stripes might be well worth our time.

Often in these hectic, modern times, we just notice special days as days off work, special sales at the mall, or opportunities to party. While nothing is wrong with those things, we might be more moved to proudly reflect on the true meaning of these special markings on the calendar.

As the weather continues to be beautiful and not too hot, let's remember to ride safely. Won't it be great when we have some refreshing rain?

## Motorcycle Safety

According to the American Motorcycle Association a significant number of motorcycle accidents happen every year because of riders not wearing the proper eye protection.

A fairing on a motorcycle is not eye protection. Proper eye protection means an approved shield on your helmet, a pair of goggles, or shatterproof glasses. Settling for less just isn't worth the risk.

This is from the AMA safety hand book.

## June & July Ride Calendar



June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Yoders Deitsch Haus Restaurant Departs Burger King on Victory Dr at 4:30 PM

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Longhorns Steak House in Opelika Departs Phenix City Home Depot lot at 6:00 PM

June 10<sup>th</sup> – Concord Cafe – Departing from Miller Rd Burger King at 10:00 AM

June 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – Honda Hoot in Knoxville, TN.

July 21<sup>st</sup> – Picnic Ride

### Long Term Planning Dates

August 11<sup>th</sup> – Mid-night Ride to Albany.

September 15<sup>th</sup> Progressive Dinner

September 20 – 22 - Wings Over The Smokies

October 7<sup>th</sup> – Membership Cook-out

October 20 & 21 – Annual Shimp Peel in Panama City

October 27<sup>th</sup> – Ocillia Potato Festival

### Other Motorcycle Events

June 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – GWRRA Wing Fling in Rome, GA

July 4 – 7<sup>th</sup> – GWRRA Wing Ding 29 in Billings Montana

July 26 – 28<sup>th</sup> –Honda Home Coming in Marysville, OH.

September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Bikes on Broadway

## New Members

Please welcome these new members & add them to your membership list::

**James Dick & Lora Atkins-Dick**  
4041 Pickering Dr  
Columbus, GA 31907  
706-320-0769  
They ride a Kawasaki Vulcan.

## Announcements

### June Birthdays

6<sup>th</sup> - Chris Aycock

### June Anniversaries

18<sup>th</sup> – Travis and Margie Garner  
25<sup>th</sup> – Randy & Charlene Harchar  
29<sup>th</sup> - Wayne & Helen Kennedy

## Florence Marina Annual Fish Fry

Our annual Fish Fry on the river was a tremendous success all due to everyone's support and efforts. I would like to give special thanks and recognize George, Jackie, and Bobby for the outstanding cooking and Sid, Clete and Paul for assisting the cooks. I would like to also thank John McRae for getting in the way, just kidding John! Thanks to everyone who provided the delicious side dishes and desserts.

We had 40 plus folks counting members, spouses, family and special friends to attend this year's event. The weather cooperated and the bugs left us alone so the day was great.

Thanks again to everyone; I'm sure looking forward to next year's fish fry.

*Mickey*

## Good Ol' Boys Dinner Ride

It was a beautiful late afternoon for the Good Ol' Boys Dinner Ride. We had five bikes and nine people for the ride to this Opelika restaurant, and the food and service were excellent. We met up with Roger at the Interstate because he came straight from work in LaGrange. Then there was a rare sighting – Susan riding as a passenger with Roger. The logistics and timing just didn't allow her time to go home first and get her bike.

Those in attendance were Clete Richardson, Cal and Mary Herring, Jake and Joan Kaplan, Bob Lee, Roger and Susan Miller.

We'll definitely keep Good Ol' Boys on the VMTA list for a favorite dining destination.

*Susan Miller*

## Pot Luck Supper

On a very pleasant Saturday evening sixteen hungry souls gathered to part take in some very good food. To tell you what you missed, if I can remember it all: corn beef & cabbage, ham, pasta salad, fruit salad, bread, mac & cheese, potato soup, baked potatoes, crackers w/dip, corn casserole, broccoli salad, and so many (fattening) deserts. No one left hungry.



The temperature was comfortable so we ate on the carport where all could be together. There were many stories and lots

of laughs. As the evening light started to darken and the air getting chilly the group began to head for home.

Thanks to all that came. Mary & I once again enjoyed your company at this 3<sup>rd</sup> Pot Luck.

## Cock of the Walk

Our Thursday night dinner ride once again proved to be a desired event. The weather was very pleasant both ways. Traffic was a bear at the 280/I-85 interchange and we were separated for the short run down I-85 but gathered again at the exit.

There were 9 bikes & one car, accounting for 16 club members and 2-guests. My food was excellent and I heard no complaints from the others. We were seated at a U-shaped table in a back room all to our selves. That was not a bad thing because it was noisy at times while waiting for the food. Then it got real silent.

We will keep this place on our favorites list.

## On The Lighter Side

### 10 THINGS I HAVE LEARNED LIVING IN GEORGIA:

1. Possums sleep in the middle of the road with their feet in the air
2. There are 5,000 types of snakes and 4,998 live in GEORGIA.
3. There are 10,000 types of spiders. All 10,000 live in GEORGIA plus a couple no one's seen before.

4. If it grows, it sticks; if it crawls, it bites.
5. Onced and twiced are words.
6. It is not a shopping cart; it is a buggy.
7. Fire ants consider your flesh as a picnic.
8. People actually grow and eat okra.
9. Fixinto is one word.
10. There is no such thing as "lunch". There is only dinner and then there is supper.

## FOR SALE BY MEMBER

- Bra for 1800 Gold Wing with the gold logo on the front. \$50.
- 1980 Mercury Cougar Perfect shape, 18,000 miles Tan color, A/c, Ps. Pb, automatic, very small V-8 (225cu in) \$8000.
- 1997 Gold Wing 1500 SE All white, 86,00 miles, well maintained. \$7,300.

Call Bob Smith: home – 706-660-8524 or cell – 706-575-7932.

## VMTA Calendar of Events June 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	<b>2 Yoders</b> – Lv Victory Dr Burger King @ 4:30 PM
3	4	5	6	<b>7 Longhorns</b> – in Opelika Lv PC Home Depot at 6 PM	8	9
<b>10 Concord Cafe for Lunch</b> Depart Miller Rd Burger King at 10:00 AM	<b>11 Business Meeting</b> 7:00 PM at Piccadilly's in the mall	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	<b>20 Honda Hoot in Knoxville</b>	<b>21 Honda Hoot in Knoxville</b>	<b>22 Honda Hoot in Knoxville</b>	<b>23 Honda Hoot in Knoxville</b>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## VMTA Calendar of Events July 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	<b>9 Business Meeting</b> 7:00 PM at Piccadilly's in the mall	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	<b>21 Picnic Ride</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				