



The Kickstand

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Business Meeting

June 9th 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

A message from Sid...

The weather has gotten so nice lately, and riding has been great! We've been fortunate to make several very good rides in the last several weeks, and I'm happy to report that attendance is improving. If you can arrange your schedule, please try to make riding a priority before it gets too hot. I know vacations are approaching and our calendars get crazy, but when you can, please try to participate. We are leaving, along with the Shackelfords and the McRaes to cruise Alaska. You know that Bobby has officially retired, and we are helping him celebrate this milestone! We'll have tales to tell (and pictures to convince you) at the next meeting. Whatever you have planned, remember to take care and be safe at all times and enjoy yourself to the fullest.

Sid

Announcements

June Birthdays

NONE

June Anniversaries

18th – Travis and Margie Garner
25th – Randolph & Charlene Harchar
9th - Wayne & Helen Kennedy

June & July Ride/Event Calendar



June 5th – Pat's Backwaters –
Departs Shell station at 6:30 PM

June 8th – 29 Dreams Resort –
Departs PC Home Depot at 8:30 AM.

June 14th – Yoder's – Departs X-
Burger King on Victory Dr at 4:00 PM

June 18th–21st - Honda Hoot in
Knoxville TN

June 22nd – Michelle's in Lumpkin –
Departs X-Burger King on Victory Dr at
10:00 AM

**June 26th – Movie Night at
Cunningham Center** – Doors open at
6:00 movie at 6:30 PM

June 28th – Buckners in Jackson –
Departs Miller Rd X-Burger King at
9:30 AM

July 25 - 27 – Curso Campout. Get
your reservations made early
Tel: 828-235-8350 or
www.blueridgemotorcyclecamp.com/

Long Term Planning Dates

August 23rd – Mid-night ride. History
says we will leave at 9:00 PM.

**September 18 – 20th – Wings Over
The Smokies.**

October 25 – 26 Annual Shrimp Peel

Safety Message

ABS Breaks and Low Side Slides

Does ABS reduce the risk of losing traction on the front tire when breaking in a turn? Here is the scenario:

Perfect day, warm and dry. Perfect pavement, smooth and clean. You are riding in the country, banked at 45 degrees, travelling at 100 KPH (60 MPH) leaning into a right hand turn. Everything is perfect, the apex is in sight and you are in control..... until Bambi and 2 of his friends jump unto the road. No problem, you are experienced and go for the brakes in textbook fashion; smooth, controlled, progressive and simultaneous.

2 Questions:

1. Would ABS enable you to generate greater braking force before losing traction and low siding than a non ABS bike?

If you're leaned over at 45 degrees and grab the brakes, you'll go down before the ABS can do anything to help you. You're already near the traction limit of the tires for the turn and it doesn't take much acceleration or deceleration to push them over the limit.

2. If your breaking is less than textbook and you grab a big handful of front break, would ABS reduce the risk of a low side?

Even with anti-lock brakes, you still need to straighten out a bit before "getting on the binders".

This Safety tip brought to you from the [Motorcycle Tips & Techniques](#) web site.

Remember think safe be safe!!!

See you all out on the road .

Paul Lujan

Little White House - May 17,2008

Whatever happened to polio? A Smithsonian exhibit at the Roosevelt Institute Warm Spring and the Little White House brought a group of ten together for a wonderful day. They were Sid, Susan, Jennifer, John, Frank, Sue, Jerry, DeEtta, George and Gwen.

We gathered at the shell station across from the welcome center. A ride captain was needed and Sidney jumped to the occasion. The group headed north on 185 at 9am. It was a cool morning and the ride kept us in the shade. I think we were all glad when we headed east and the sun was on us.

After arriving at the Little White House John headed on his way and left the others to tour.



Entering the museum we were ushered into a movie area where we all watched a short film about Roosevelt and Warm Springs. Walking through the museum we came to an old car. The guide told us all about how FDR got into the car and used the hand peddles. It was very fascinating.

We walked through the swing gate to the servant quarters and then through the Little White House. When the tour was over we found ourselves in the gift shop and the exit door.

From there we went to the Roosevelt institute where the polio exhibit was housed. Of course the main attraction there was a large picture of Elvis.



All joking aside polio was very serious and growing up in that time was traumatic.

The topic of lunch came up so Sid and Susan checked out the lunchroom and decided we could move on down

the road before we ate. We made it to Duck's Trolley in Manchester. It was about one and everyone was hungry. We sat at some outside tables to wait on our orders. Thanks to Frank and Jerry we had the best waiters in the place. The food was good and so was the conversation.

After lunch we wined down the road through Shiloh and the valley onto 27 and south to Columbus.

What a great ride!

Sue S

Club Logo Tee Shirts

To order you club Tee Shirts call Jackie Hancock at 706 888-7989.

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These shirts are white (only) with a heat transfer logo on front or rear. (your choice)

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Editor's Comment

We need your articles, notes, comments for inclusion in the Newsletter. Please contribute. We do not employ a staff of writers. If it is motorcycle related or club related there is sure to be someone else interested. Email me.

Shiloh Grill - May 22, 2008

The grill was hopping when the group arrived. Sid went in to see if he could get a table. He propped his self up at the bar, like he owned the place, while he waited on the others to enter. Clete, George, Gwen, Frank and Sue soon joined him inside. It was great to relax, talk, laugh and break bread with friends. Sorry all of you other folks could not make it, you missed a great time.

Sue S.



LITTLE WHITE HOUSE:

It was a cool brisk morning, almost like fall, and everyone had on jackets which felt good. We had eight bikes to pull out of the parking lot. John Fiske joined us on the trip over but had other plans and departed for home after arriving at our destination. We had three ladies riding their bikes, Susan, Jennifer and DeEtta. I think this shows the versatility of our club, we have lady riders and different makes of bikes, we aren't choosy. It was a pleasant ride over and we were one of the earlier visitors to arrive. On our way over Susan said although she has lived in the area for ___ years she had never visited the Little White House. (I ain't tellin years Susan) The museum has been renovated and it is very nice. We watched a film and then toured the museum and Little White House. It was very interesting as the attendants on duty had interesting stories to tell in relation to President Roosevelt's visits to Warm Springs. He went into office at a time when our nation was probably at its lowest, during the Depression of the 30"s, people were out of work, banks had failed and poverty was wide spread. He instigated reforms which turned around our nation and he was of the people. He went among them and visited and talked to them to try to solve the problems facing the country. He died about six weeks before the end of World War II. Didn't mean to give you a history lesson but I was impressed with the manner in which information surrounding his life was presented.

We left the Little White House and visited the Polio Exhibit. It is amazing how far medical knowledge has advanced. The iron lung looked almost primitive compared to MRI, Cat Scans that are performed today. However, it saved lives. Did you know that the Drs. Who discovered the vaccine donated it to mankind, they received no compensation. This was a quick visit as it was not a large exhibit but interesting.

Once again we headed out and went to Manchester to eat at Duck's Trolley. They had great hamburgers and of course we chatted and joked around. Susan had onion rings which she shared with George and being George, he offered them to everyone.

Our bikes turned in the direction of home. We rode some back road which are always the best. As we arrived at our different destinations we did our John Boy's good byes and another great ride was over.

Gwen Carter.

SHILOH GRILL

Where was everyone? Six people showed up. Of course, I failed to call my call list. I am going to have to get back in the habit. Sid, Clete, Frank & Sue, George and I were the only members present. The food as usual was good, most of us ate hamburger's and I was hungry as I had no lunch, unlike George and Clete who had Dinglewood's lunch. We ate, chatted and left-after Sue took her picture. There was only three bikes so the return trip was just that- the chit-chat was not as much on the return trip. A full tummy will do that to you. Hope to see you on the next one.

Gwen

Ride To Work Day

Motorcycle and Scooter Ride To Work Day is Wednesday, July 16, 2008

This year's seventeenth annual motorcycle and scooter commuting demonstration will increase the number of riders on the road, according to Ride to Work, a non-profit advocacy organization. "Riding to work on this day shows the positive value of motorcycles and scooters for transportation. For many people, riding is an economical, efficient and socially responsible form of mobility that saves energy, helps the environment and provides a broad range of other public benefits," states Andy Goldfine, the event organizer. Motorcycle and scooter enthusiasts and rider organizations worldwide encourage their members to ride to work on this day.

According to the United States Census Bureau and the Department of Transportation, over eighty million cars and light trucks are used for daily commuting on American roads, and about 200,000 motorcycles and scooters are a regular part of this mix. On Ride To Work Day, the practical side of riding becomes more visible as a larger number of America's 8,000,000 cycles are ridden to work.

Ride to Work Day helps demonstrate how these vehicles make parking easier and help traffic flow better. Studies have shown that across equal distances, commuting motorcyclists reach their destinations in less time than those using automobiles, that motorcycles and scooters consume less resources per mile than automobiles, and that they take up less space on roads. Motorcycle and scooter riders seek improved employer recognition and support for this form of transportation, and more public and government awareness of the positive value of riding.

VMTA Calendar of Events June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Pat's Backwaters from Shell station @ 6:30 PM	6	7
8 29 Dreams Resort – Departs P.C. Home Depot @ 8:30 AM	9 Business Meeting at 7:00 PM	10	11	12	13	14 Yoders in Montezuma – Departs x-Burger King on Victory Dr @ 4:00 PM
15	16	17	18 Honda Hoot in Knoxville	19 Honda Hoot in Knoxville	20 Honda Hoot in Knoxville	21 Honda Hoot in Knoxville
22 Michelle's in Lumkin – Leaves X-Burger King Victory Dr @ 10:00 AM	23	24	25	26 Movie Night – Doors open @ 6:00 movie @ 6:30 PM	27	28 Buckner's in Jackson – Leaves X-Burger King Miller Rd @ 9:30 AM
29	30					

VMTA Calendar of Events July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 GWRRR Wing Ding in Greenville	4 GWRRR Wing Ding in Greenville	5 GWRRR Wing Ding in Greenville
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Business Meeting at 7:00 PM	15	16 National Ride-to-Work-Day	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Campout in Curso	26 Campout in Curso
27 Campout in Curso	28	29	30	31		