



The Kickstand

May 2008

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Business Meeting

May 12th 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...

What a wonderful turnout we had at the Fish Fry! It was great to see so many together, both members and guests. Many thanks to Mickey and Laura for all their hard work, both planning, purchasing, and executing the event and to the cooks who make it all so tasty. As expected, the food was fabulous and plentiful. Thanks to all who helped in any way, from table coverings to organizing to contributing in whatever way. A very special thank you to Sandy for her wonderful door prizes. We especially thank all of the members who travel more than most of us just to be there for this event. It is a VMTA tradition that we are particularly fond of, and your attendance and participation are the things that really make it special.

I want to wish all you mothers, step-mothers, mothers-in-law, or grandmothers a wonderful Mother's Day.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Sid

Announcements

May Birthdays

9th – Lucy Manzer
17th – Linda Cowall

May Anniversaries

NONE

New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

Tim & Carol Neal
3820 Meadow Cliff Dr
Columbus 706-562-0625
2001 Honda Goldwing 1800A

[May & June Ride / Event Calendar](#)



May 8th – Mellow Mushroom – Meet there at 6:30 PM.

May 10th Children’s Miracle Network Parade 3:00 at Extreme Power Sports.

May 17th – Little White House Tour - Leaves from Williams Rd Shell station at 9:00 AM. Expect a \$7.00 fee.

May 22nd –Movie Night—CANCELLED

May 25th – Shakeys in Auburn – Departs Home Depot at 11:00 AM

May 31st – RedNeck Goume in Newnan – Departs Shell station at 9:30 AM.

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

[Long Term Planning Dates](#)

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

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

September 18 – 20th – Wings Over The Smokies.

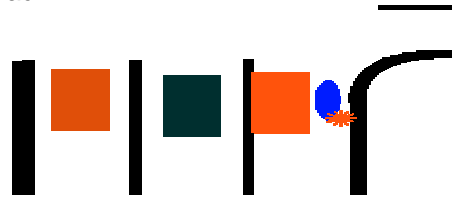
October 25 – 26 Annual Shrimp Peel

Safety Message

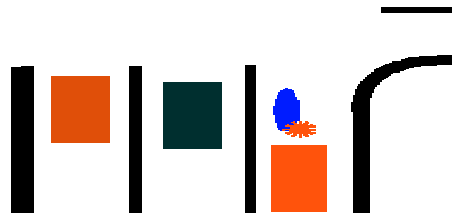
Controlling Your Lane Two wheels are enough to own a lane By: James R. Davis

Lane position should be chosen based, among other things, on establishing escape routes, making yourself visible to others, staying out of the blind spots of other vehicles, and road conditions. What is often overlooked, in my opinion, is the concept of 'controlling your lane'.

For example, assume you are riding on surface streets in a city and are stopped at a traffic light preparing to make a right turn. Logic suggests that you should be in the right track of your lane, but it is safer, I suggest, to be closer to the left track.



Why? Because while nearer the left track of your lane you CONTROL the lane. There are people that upon seeing you in the right track with your right turn signal flashing will slide their vehicles into the lane beside you and try to share the lane - to get a jump off the line when the light changes.



That you only have two wheels is of no consequence - you OWN the whole lane that they would try to share with you. If you were to change your mind and elect to not make that right turn, you would be in trouble. Worse, should that sharing vehicle actually decide to make a right turn too, you could easily be forgotten (in his blind spot) and he could drive right over you while making that turn.

Controlling your lane is as important as any other consideration when you choose your lane position.

1992-2008 Master Strategy Group, design by James R. Davis
(James R. Davis is a recognized [Expert Witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

I hope this finds everyone in the best of health, and ready for the summer. I hope to see everyone at the up coming rides and events.

Thank you, *Paul*

For Sale: 2004 Honda Silverwing



Excellent condition. Silver in color. 9300 miles. Givi windshield, driver and passenger backrests. New rear tire (picked up a nail.) 12V accessory plug installed in right pocket. Chrome reservoir covers. Headlight modulator. Service repair manual, too. Never dropped. Always garaged. \$4,500

See photos at:

<http://www.PictureTrail.com/gid19270263>

If it asks for a password, use Silverwing.

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Concord Café in Pike County

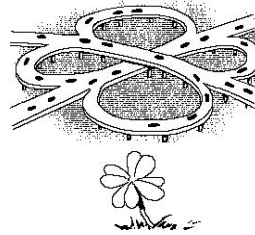
Another nice sunny ride in the country with 13 club members with just great temps and scenic county roads, what more could you want? Oh, yes . . . food!!



We headed north from the BK with eight bikes most with CBs but it was very quiet today. Along today were Barry & Linda, Carol & Tim Neal, Randy &

Charlene, Mickey & Laura, John & Mary O'Neal, Bob, Art and Jim Ingram. Was a quick ride past Waverly Hall to Manchester, then narrow roads like we did to Panama Beach last month. Cove Rd took us to the Flint River then Rt. #18 to Concord. It will continue to be a sleepy little town that is very popular as long as the café stays open.

Heard a funny story about an opossum at lunch – that got everyone laughing. It was not crowded at all so we had a room to ourselves and just stayed and talked for awhile after stuffing ourselves. There was a big motor home outside which was a first for this area while we have been there. But if it is a good destination for bikers then it fits that RVers would know it too.



We saw no big roads as we left there for parts unknown, heading south and east toward Barnesville then turning down another small road to Yatesville. There we had to decide whether to go to Warm Springs for a festival with a band or continue riding. One headed over to hear the band but the rest of us elected to ride, ride, ride. We sort of circled Thomaston, way out around the town and ice cream was mentioned but it was too close to lunch so on we went. Pobiddy road parallels some bigger roads but it is a short cut back toward home. We came thru Talbottom and missed Waverly Hall/ Cataula area as we continued into Phenix City with riders dropping out as we passed their turnoffs.

Think this will go down as a remembered ride because of the great lunch served up there in Concord

Bob Smith

Club Logo Tee Shirts

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

short sleeve \$15.00

long sleeve \$20.00

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

Jackie will be at March club meeting with order forms and shirts that were ordered in February.

Make checks payable to " Sports One "

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.

Ride to Fish Fry

Nothing like taking a little tour to the Saturday night Fish Fry. My friend was on a ride to look at trailers when this came up to go to the cook out, so since he had not ridden in Florida yet we decided to make a loop.

Checking for roads I saw Two Egg, Fla – that is a destination for some Florida riders for breakfast during the winter months according to the 1800 Chat Room. Never having been there, it seemed to be a good location not far from the Florida Caverns.

Below Eufaula you take Hwy 95 east toward Abbeville, but if you forget and have the GPS set on shortest distance to find scenic roads it takes you by way of very small county roads. Still and all they were nice riding to small communities all along the Ga border. We did miss Abbeville but found Wills Crossroad, Union, Barnes, Columbia, Philadelphia, Alaga (neat name on the border), and then back on Hwy 95 crossed into Fla. The road went around a square farm to Lovedale then ended in Two Egg.

I doubt 100 people live in this tiny community, no food, gas nor store of any kind, there was a very old building that might have had a general store open a year or so ago. So it was on to Marianna and the Caverns. After a great lunch at a tiny shop with some bikes parked out front we were asked if we were on our way to Thunder on the Beach at Panama City? That would be a no.

Returning by way of Dothan, Ozark, Clio and Eufaula we came up to Providence Canyon for a short hike. There we ran into Curtis, Merriam & Shelly for the

ride back to the marina and our great club. We did something like 350 miles that day.

On Sunday, John joined us for a ride toward Nashville, TN. We dodged the big rainstorms on our way up there and even found some sunshine before we left Ala near Decator. But into Tenn. we did hit some light showers as we made our way to Shelbyville and a nights stay. John & I came home by way of Lookout Mt and the very hilly/scenic roads of Dade County that made our paper a day or so before we left. It is hard to get into and out of that county as was quoted.

Passing Cloudland Canyon we meandered to the start of RT 100 and took it all the way to Franklin – then down #27, as usual. Very windy and somewhat cool, but a nice day for riding

Bob Smith

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4	5	6	7	8 Mellow Mushroom – Meet there 6:30 PM	9	10 Children's Miracle Network Parade 3:00 at Extreme
11 Mothers Day	12 Business Meeting at 7:00 PM	13	14	15	16	17 Little White House Tour – Shell station 10AM
18	19	20	21	22 Movie Night CANCELLED	23	24
25 Shakeys in Auburn – Home Depot at 11:00 AM	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31 RedNeck Gourme Departs Shell station at 9:30 AM

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 Fathers Day	16	17	18 Honda Hoot in Knoxville	19 Honda Hoot in Knoxville	20 Honda Hoot in Knoxville	21 Honda Hoot in Knoxville
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