

The Kickstand

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Business Meeting

November 10th 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

I am proud of the way the Shrimp Peel turned out, and we all appreciate the wonderful compliments we heard. I was thrilled to see so many of the regular attendees, and the new ones, and the guests. I hope all enjoyed themselves as much as I did. I especially wish to thank George and Gwen, Frank and Sue, Bobby, Peggy, Mary, and others I may have neglected to mention. The side dishes and desserts were great and much enjoyed by all. It was so good to see us just visiting and renewing those valuable friendships. I hated that Jackie had so much bad luck this trip, but don't let that make this a negative event for you, Jackie! It was wonderful that Sandy and Denny made the trip over to be with us.

My year and a half term as your president is about to end, and I sincerely appreciate all the support I've had from all of you. This wasn't nearly as bad a deal as I had dreaded, and it is because of the members who stood beside me that made it so. Thank you all for your confidence and your help. I look forward to the new slate of officers, and my turn to support them. Elections will be at the coming business meeting, and then the Christmas party follows in December along with the Toys for Tots ride the next day. Be sure to have these dates on your calendar.

Sid

Announcements

November Birthdays

1st - Micky Avirett
2nd - Connie McRae
5th - Frank Sealy
8th - Miriam Adkins
9th - Jackie Hancock
10th - Cal Herring
23rd - Gwen Carter
25th - Bobby Shackelford
25th - DeEtta Morehouse
25th - Mary Herring
27th - Susan Miller
30th - Sara Lintymer

November Anniversaries

12th - Art and Donna Murphy
24th - Richard and Linda Parker
25th - John and Connie McRae

November & December Ride/Event Calendar



November 1st & 2nd – North Alabama Ride –
Depart Home Depot at 8 AM. Will stop for breakfast or brunch as group decides.

November 8th – Relay for Life spaghetti dinner in Cataula. Depart from Extreme Power Sports at 5:00 PM Cost will be \$5.00.

November 16th – Shakey's in Auburn for lunch. Depart Home Depot at 11:30.

November 22nd – God Bless Ft. Benning Ride Plans for this event have not been finalized.

November 30th – VMTA members turn your 2008 years' mileage into Susan.

December 6th – Annual Christmas Party

December 7th – Toys For Tots Ride – Gather at IHOP in Phenix at 9:00. Ride as a group to staging area.

Long Term Planning Dates

January 1st 2009 – Annual Polar Bear Ride

Membership Appreciation Picnic

Eleven o'clock rolled around and eight bikes assembled in the Shell station parking lot. There was Jerry, Barry & Linda, John, Paul, Larry & Faith, Art, Clete and Bob. John took the lead for the loooooong way to FDR Park.

We headed up Fortson road to Mountain Hill Rd to Rt. 219. Then a quick right on to Lower Blue Springs to 116. Followed 166 through Hamilton & on through Pine Mountain Valley to 85-ATL north. It was then onto old stand-by 190 east to the picnic shelter.

29 members attended the event. Sue did a great job of organizing the event this year and as usual the ladies supplied ample items to compliment the hot dogs as well as providing plenty of sweet deserts. Plenty to eat and a great time enjoying each other with conversations on many subjects.

At the end everyone left on their own as the event concluded.

Sue; on behalf of those attending; "**Thanks for a job well done**".

John

Safety Message

Not available at press time.

Election of Officers

At the October business meeting the nominating committee presented the following slate of candidates for CY 2009.

President	Johnny McRae
Vice President	John Fiske
Secretary	Gerry Morehouse
Treasurer	Sue Sealy
Ride Co-Chairpersons	*Roger & Susan Miller
Public Relations	*Art Murphy
	• Incumbents

Election will be held during the business meeting of November 10th. Please plan to be present and support your club and the new slate of officers.

DENNY AND SANDY RENEWAL OF VOWS

A group of five motorcycles left the CVS parking lot at 8:00 AM with Johnny McRae as Road Captain and George bringing up the rear. Hey! Let's give Johnny a heads up- he was on time and didn't have to stop for gas. Yea Johnny!! We stopped in Montgomery at McDonald's for a quick breakfast and to fill-up gas tanks. It was cool in the early morning when we left but before long everyone was peeling off all the extra layers. The weather was beautiful and the ride down was great. We ate lunch at What-A-Burger, which Johnny kept praising as being the best burger around. Everyone is reserving their opinion on the burger. We arrived too early to check into our motel so we went to the Naval Air Museum which was on post. We decided to take the



guided tour, which was conducted by a retired navy gentleman named Frank. This was a very impressive tour and unfortunately we had to cut it short in order to be back on post in time for Denny and Sandy's ceremony. The reason the tour was so interesting was the history and evolution of aviation. Also, Frank included personal stories of heroism and actions of many of the pilots, including the 1st President Bush, as well as the progress of the building and production of the airplanes. He pointed out that most of these pilots were only 18 and 20 years old and they did not have the advantage of the modern technology. This makes you realize this is the age of many of our military today. We didn't even make a dent in seeing everything and it would be well worth another visit.

We rushed back and registered at the Motel and dressed in a hurry to arrive back at the Officers Club in time for the event. Jackie and Althea were already there when we arrived. The guards at the gate on post recognized us from our earlier visit and waved us right on thru. We were greeted by Denny and Sandy who were in the process of getting dressed. Let me say right away that Denny looked great and Sandy as usual was beautiful dressed in a white sequin and pearl halter dress. She had borrowed a comb for her hair from Althea for something old; something blue was a Georgia bulldog garter with a blue ribbon. Everyone was dressed casually and removed our shoes as we proceeded to the beach, which had been decorated with tiki lanterns and floral balls. The renewal of their vows was very

touching and beautiful as they spoke words, which they wrote themselves, of love and devotion. After the speaking of vows their children and grandchildren came forward and poured different colored sand into an hourglass representing unity of family. After the ceremony everyone retired to the club and partied and ate. It seem to mean a lot to Denny and Sandy that we came and we appreciate their allowing us to share this special time with them.

We left headed home once again and rode the back roads. It was a pleasant day and ride. As we cruised along we enjoyed the scenery. Back home everyone went to Hartz for dinner, as we ladies did not intend to do any cooking when we got home. So, we ate and then went our separate ways home and are looking forward to our next ride.

GWEN

Email Received at VMTA Web Site

From: e_tyler@bellsouth.net
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2008 9:45 AM
To: vmtamotorcyclega@gmail.com
Subject:

Dropping a few lines to let you know what a great time I had at the Shrimp Peel. Sidney had invited me and I met some of the gang (Paul, Larry and Faith, another couple and car driver that I cannot remember their names...my apologies) for departure at the P.C. Waffle King on Saturday. Departure was a little eventful as the ride captain, Paul, managed to stall his bike in the middle of traffic....I knew I would fit right in !! 😊

The leg to Eufaula was pretty uneventful and we picked up 2 more riders (DeEtta and Jerry I believe) at that fine Irish eating establishment McDonalds. We then stopped for fuel in Dothan. The ride captain, apparently trying to make me feel right at home, managed to miss the turn to P.C. This was quickly corrected and the rest of the ride to P.C. was pretty much uneventful. This was my first group ride and I learned a lot. Number 1, the 750 is NOT made for long trips. This was probably right at the limit. A bigger/more comfy bike is in order. Number 2, I definitely need some comm. equipment. Number 3, most riders have a strange affinity for dead carcasses on the road. They would always point them out to the rider behind them !! 😊 Number 4, you DEFINITELY make better time with a group.

I met a lot of great folks at the Shrimp Peel. Some of the other half's of people I work with. I met Sidney's' wife, Peggy. Franks other half, Sue. Some of the others I met, Paul, Gerry, Barry and Linda, Clete, Roger and Susan, Larry and Faith..I'm sure there are others I cannot remember. I enjoyed every ones company and for those that did not stick around for the Polynesian Tiki show;

you missed out on some fine entertainment. The sponsors of the show decided that Barry was the most "talented" dancer in attendance and made a special point of showcasing his talent.....I still have nightmares of him in a grass skirt !!!

Hope to ride with and enjoy your company soon. Signing off with a great verse I just picked up this morning....

"4 wheels move the body, 2 wheels move the soul ! "

Everett

Sweet Potato Festival & Rally Ocilla, Georgia October 25, 2008

Buzz Buzz Buzz ... 5 am ... As I pulled the covers up ... I knew it was cool outside because the heater was on ... I could snooze a little longer.

Bundled up we pulled out at 7 o'clock. The sky was dark and cloudy, the air was cool. We stopped for gas before continuing on to Victory Drive Burger King.

Frank and I were the first to arrive. We had just ordered breakfast and sat down when Jerry Boyd pulled in. It wasn't long before Jim Ingram arrived. We sat around eating, talking and wondering if anyone else would join us. No one else showed up so we pulled out about 8:15 with Jerry in the lead. We made a quick stop in Dawson and moved on to Ocilla.

After finding a place to park, we walked over to watch the parade ... Motorcycles, fire trucks, bands, dancers and politicians. Jerry and I got a Sweet Potato Pie to eat while we strolled through the crafts and toy haulers. We all mounted up and headed to the rally. We checked out all the vendors. I know all the guys wallets were a little lighter when we left.

Who but Bob Smith showed up headed home from a run to Florida. He had friends Larry and Rita from Ohio with him. We decided our group would tag along with Bob's group for the ride home.

We had one stop to make first ... "Yoders" Sounded good to everyone. We had missed lunch and would have to wait 45 minutes before they would start serving again. We all agreed even though we were real hungry it was worth the wait. We were first in line when the chain was dropped. The food was great as always. On the road again headed home. We even made it before dark. What a great day with old and new friends.

S Sealy

Ocilla Rally & Parade

Another good weekend ride to a great parade with all the Halloween decorations on the bikes. The turnout was small for the rally and our group going down for the day.



Gerry Boyd, Jim Ingram, Frank & Sue met up with Bob and his friends Larry & Rita from Ohio. Gerry was the ride captain, leading at a good clip with his new T Max.

The three of us that left Thursday. spent some time on the road to miss the all day rain on Friday. That meant spending a day at an outlet mall and the eating establishments near the motel. Ha! There were still damp roads up from the FL line on state roads thru Valdosta and Nashville GA on Saturday morning so the bikes looked terrible at the rally.

With the shopping and looking over being done, we all decided go to Yoder's in Montezuma for a late



lunch by way of small county roads. We arrived only to find they close for 2 hrs in the

afternoon. We sat in the rockers till they opened at 4:30. Food was really piled on since it was supposed to be a late lunch. Everyone was hungry to say the least.

Bob Smith

VMTA Calendar of Events November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 North Alabama Ride Depart Home Depot @ 8:00
2 North Alabama Ride	3	4 Election Day	5	6	7	8 Relay for Life spaghetti dinner. Depart Extreme PS at 5:00 PM Cost will be \$5.00
9	10 Business Meeting 7:00PM Piccadilly's in Mall	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15
16 Shakey's in Auburn Depart Home Depot at 11:30	17	18	19	20	21	22 God Bless Ft. Benning Ride Plans have not been finalized
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30 Turn in 08 milage to Susan						

VMTA Calendar of Events December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Annual Christmas Party
7 Toys for Tots Ride	8 No business meeting in December	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31	Jan 1st Polar Bear Ride		