



# The Kickstand

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## Business Meeting

October 13th 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

What a pleasure to see so many participating in our recent activities, enjoying the beautiful weather, the interesting rides, the fellowship of other members and guests. We have had some excellent outings lately. It was great to see all of you at the membership appreciation picnic at Roosevelt State Park Sunday, and we thank Sue Sealy for the wonderful day. Events don't just "happen" ; someone makes them happen and Sue provided us with another fun day. I hear that several of the ladies had a great time at the Springer, and what's this I hear about Carolyn winning the Pink Mike Award, whatever that is! Peggy won't tell me, so that's all I know. I know the men had a good time Saturday night and we beat the ladies home!

We are now looking forward to joining many of you who plan to help Sandy and Denny celebrate their 40th anniversary on the 4th. Be sure to meet us at the PC180-80 junction (I believe it's a Walgreen, not CVS) Saturday at 8. And then the Shrimp Peel at Sandpiper Beacon in the other PC, (FL) on the 18th. You know there'll be lots of fun cooking, eating, and enjoying members, family, and friends on the deck overlooking the Gulf! And ladies, please remember that we have no way to keep leftovers, so plan accordingly and just bring one side dish, not many! There is a limit to how much we can put away in one evening!

I hope you will seriously consider any request that the Nominating Committee might put before you. Many of us have served in many capacities, and many others have the same (or better) abilities. None of the positions of service are too time consuming, too complicated, or too demanding for you to help our VMTA continue to mean so much to its membership. We will certainly appreciate your service, and you'd be surprised how rewarding it can be to know how you've contributed to our success. Keep a positive attitude and give yourself a wonderful opportunity to be an officer or committee member.

Safe riding, fun times, and good fellowship is my wish for all of us!

**Sid**

## Announcements

### October Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> – John Fiske  
1<sup>st</sup> – Bob Smith  
6<sup>th</sup> – Wayne Kennedy  
24<sup>th</sup> – Carolyn Shackelford  
29<sup>TH</sup> – Paul Lujan

### October Anniversaries

8<sup>th</sup> – Sid and Peggy Martin  
19<sup>th</sup> – Barry and Linda Cowall

## October & November Ride/Event Calendar



### October 4<sup>th</sup> – Sandy & Denny's Anniv –

Ride to Pensacola departs P.C. CVS intersection 80/280 at 8:00 AM. Note: Safety gear required for ride on post.

### October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> – Two Day North GA

Ride – Departs Williams Rd Shell at 7:15 meeting Millers in LaGrange. Will be stopping at the Apple Festival.

### October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – Annual Shrimp

Peel in Panama City. Ride leaves PC Waffle King on 431 S at 8:00 sharp. Host hotel is the Sandpiper Beacon. Make your reservations.

### October 25<sup>th</sup> – Sweet Potato Festival –

Details to follow.

### November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – North Alabama Ride

– Details to follow

### November 22<sup>nd</sup> – God Bless Ft. Benning Ride

## Long Term Planning Dates

November 30<sup>th</sup> – VMTA members turn your years mileage into Susan.

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Annual Christmas Party

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Toys For Tots Ride

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 – Annual Polar Bear Ride

## **Web Site**

**If you have not yet looked at the revised photo page your missing something. It's your site. Take a minute to see all the photos from rides or events from this year.**

## **Country Ride – September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Despite of the threat of rain & thundershowers, ten people arrived at the Shell station. There was John & Mary, Miriam, Curtis, their daughter Shelly, Frank & Sue, Jerry, Jerry & DeEtta. That's seven bikes. Jerry Boyd was riding his new Yamaha super scooter so it was the star attraction. John took the opportunity to snap a few member pictures to upload to the web.

Shortly after 9:30 we departed riding up Fortson Rd, over to Rt27 N and onto 116 east. In Pine Valley tuned left onto C Street and up to Kings Gap Road. Proceeded thru Manchester, over to Raleigh, to Stovall and finally into LaGrange where we stopped for a bite at Cracker Barrel. Before entering the place, Jerry Morehouse received a call from the paper asking him to 'please come in for a 2:00 meeting'. So the Morehouse bikes headed back to Columbus without the benefit of some food.

To avoid a long wait we agree to be split up into three tables. So the service and food was good. Curtis stated they were going to go straight home from there so we parted ways. Now there are only three bikes making the return trip down 219 to Columbus. On the way, Mary thought it was an ideal time to stop at the antique store at Clines Crossroads. Across Mountain Hill Road to Fortson Rd. and home.

All in all a good ride. We did get rained on and sprinkled on a few times but it did not spoil the ride.

*John*

## **New Members**

Please welcome our newest members:

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## **Safety Message**

**Cold Weather Starting: Because you have a wet clutch you need to know this By: James R. Davis**

For those that have been riding more than a year it probably is not new news, so consider it just a reminder.

Regardless of whether or not you have an indicator that says your bike is in neutral, ALWAYS hold your clutch all the way in when starting your bike.

Next, and this one can save you pain and damage to the bike: ALWAYS hold your front brake (HARD) before dropping the bike into gear - even when your clutch is being held all the way in.

Because you have a wet clutch, cold weather causes your oil to thicken and your clutch/flywheel tend to stick together after sitting for several hours with the engine off. Because of this, merely holding your clutch lever fully engaged is no assurance that when you drop into gear the bike will not jump forward unless you are firmly braked.

Well as you know winter is just around the corner, just thought that you should have this FYI.

See Ya at the Meeting; Paul

## Shiloh Grill

Thursday night dinner ride was leaving from Miller Road Burger King. Sun shinning and humid. Five bikes left BK on time and met three more in Waverly Hall. Taking part were John & Mary, Bob, Clete, George & Gwen, Sue & Frank, Sid & Peggy and two guests: David Danforth & Mike Jones.

During the ride out we did encounter a few sprinkles which raised no problems at all. We were treated to wonderful sight – a double rainbow. The colors of one were much more vivid than the other. A double – not seen very often.



We parked just out side of the old gas pump canopy while Sid hurried inside to announce the arrival of 12 hungry soles. The service

was excellent; the food was plentiful and good. Plenty of conversation part of which was the presentation to Clete of a car. A model of 40 Ford Coupe, black with driver's door and hood that opened.

Following dinner we began to head for the door while the sound of driving rain got heavier the closer to the door we got. Luckily there is a shallow tin cover outside on the gas pump side. We proceeded to run to the bikes and back getting rain gear. Crowding under that cover we suited up. In the mean time Clete informed us that he had left his helmet hung on his handlebars upside down. All he was missing then was the shampoo. By the time we were ready to leave the rain had eased to light drizzle. Two miles down the road it stopped. After passing Waverly Hall the roads were dry.

It was a fun night.

*John F.*

## St Charles, MO

One of the members of the GL1800 Chat room invited anyone to a BBQ at her home over the holiday

weekend, so a friend and I asked if she really meant anyone?

Sheila is the lady that rode 126,000 miles in a year on a Wing!! So I knew I could get some pointers from her on how to do this. I mean that is a lot of miles and I am not even close.

Taking some 4-lanes I went up to Nashville to meet my friend, Larry that came to the Fish Fry last spring. How we time our meeting is beyond me, but we have met twice within 10 minutes of each other. We ate at the Loveless Café at the start, or end, of the Natchez Trace – great food. It got dark on us after an hour so we stopped to make our plans for the rest of the trip to St Charles, MO.

We meandered north thru western TN. to the Land Between the Lakes before hitting a line of thunderstorms, thinking to just dash thru them we continued on but some how the road turned to get under them for 2 hours. Oh, well best laid plans and all. It did dry out before reaching the Big River, which we crossed at Cape Girardeau, MO. Gerry Boyd said it was a beautiful bridge and he was right. The city is very picturesque and we wandered around a short time before re-crossing the river and going north up the Illinois side to just south of St. Louis. The GPS got me all turned around and we took some really scenic curvy roads before getting on a freeway to the motel in St. Charles. I had to kill some time because of the rush hour traffic. We missed it all thanks to getting lost.

Met some great folks that we had gotten to know on the chat room site, they had come from WI, TN, MO, OH. Saturday was tour day so her Dad led us with his new Hog in a round about trip south, west, north, and then south again. Ha! We went to Daniel Boone's homestead, where he retired to in his sixties. That is, he settled the area in his 60s when the average lifetime was low 40s. Fascinating story about the area and the Indians. We circled St. Louis way out in the country ending up 60 miles north of town on the Mississippi at Clarksville. There is a Lock there and we stayed long enough to watch a group of barges raise up and leave, going north obviously.

The BBQ was Sunday noon so early morning we explored the downtown area with the Arch and the old buildings. The train depot is now a Hyatt Regency Hotel. Wow - the detail they went to in recreating the ornate insides of that depot. It is a block square and little shops now fill the lower floor where the trains arrived.

Somehow after eating all that good food her son had cooked we headed to Iowa to add it to the map on the bike. Stayed over in Keokuk, IA. Then Monday headed across to Springfield to Abe Lincoln's law office and a small community of period homes like the town would have been in 1850s right downtown. There was the usual parade going on but we got to see most of the town without any delays. From there headed to Terre Haute, Ind. on very boring 2-lanes. The county north of there is Parke where there are the most covered bridges around. I think I read 30 in the one County. There is a fall festival that is really something with all the food and

arts & crafts on the square. Since we had mid 90s the whole week, that fall festival sounded great.

Bob Smith

## Shiloh Grill

George called me at work and said leave early so we can go on the ride tonight. I told him consider it done. We arrived at Burger King and John & Mary, Clete, Bob and Mike Jones were already there. As we rode there was a double rainbow in front of us- this is a good omen right?

We arrived in Waverly Hall and picked up Sid & Peggy, Frank & Sue and their friend David.

It was a pleasant ride to Shiloh and we had our usual table in the back. If you haven't tried one of their hamburgers - you have missed a good meal. We chatted as we ate also as usual. George gave Clete a replica of his 1940 Ford Coupe- the doors opened and the hood lifted- The guys had fun examining it. Everything was going great until we walked out the front door. It was pouring down rain. Everyone had left their motorcycles uncovered and helmets in the seats, except for Bob, who said he knew it was going to rain because of the rainbow, can you believe he didn't even suggest we cover our bikes.

One (who I will not name) left his sitting up and it was full of rain. We all scrambled for our rain suits and fortunately John had a large umbrella. One rider (who again I will not name) did not put his wife's rain suit in the bike. Lucky for us the rain began to ease up and we headed out. Before reaching home the clouds had gone and a quarter moon was shining, shedding enough light to make riding very pleasant. Clete said we could pretend this was our Midnight ride. Once again it was a good ride which it always is when friends get together

*Gwen*

## Wings Over The Smokies

The morning was cool as Mary & I left home for WOTS. As planned we met Larry & Faith and Rich at the gas station in Ellerslie. We rode the two lanes up through Manchester, Zebulon, Griffin, McDonough, Conyers, Loganville, Winder, Jefferson and onto I-85 across the state line. Taking exit 2 on RT. 59 there was a detour. Well, we needed gas so turned up I-85 one more exit and it was regular only. Thankful for that we filled up. Returned to RT. 59 and rode the detour which was only for a couple of miles. Then it was onto Cherokee Foothills Pkwy, then 11, 25 and finally 64 to Hendersonville.

It was after 3:00 and no one wanted to go to the rally and we were hungry. Rode up I-26 to CJ Cafeteria for a full plate of fine food. Then it was to the Friday night BBQ at Direct Line. The parking lot was filled with bikes of all kinds. One parked in the front was an 1800 that looked like it had not been washed since it came out of

the showroom. Interesting thing was it had auxiliary gas tanks mounted where the rear seat should be and another in the rear mounted as a hitch carrier. (Bike was spotted at the rally on Sat).

Sat morning we were at the rally until after 10:00 when we left for a ride. Traveling up 25 we turned onto the BRP south bound. Stopped at Pisgah Inn for lunch. Continued on BRP then turning south onto 215 stopping for pictures at the waterfall. At intersection of 215/64 looking for gas there was only one with any and the lines were out to the street. Short discussion and we got in line. Only regular was available. After that it was back to the hotel.

Returned to the rally around 4:00. Walked around looking for sales/make downs but there were none. Mary checked into the raffles and she won twice. Not bad - two tickets - two winners. We stayed for the closing ceremonies but did not win any bikes.

On Sunday morning Rich along with Larry & Faith left at 7:30 to run down the interstates. Mary & I were to leave an hour later. Going to the bike with bags in hand I find that someone had egged it. Hitting right rear trunk just above the antenna it had dribbled down the side onto the saddlebag and dried. What a mess! Well after that delay we traveled west on 64 to Franklin, stopping on the way in Cashies at Burt's Coffee Shop to warm and fill of guts. In Franklin we turned south on 411 to 985 to 85 and home.

Great weekend, great ride (784 miles) and good friends. Footnote: over heard one vendor saying that 'they expected attendance to be down due to the economy but not this bad'. We saw very few at the rally carrying bags and there were far less people setting in the arena during closing ceremonies.

Click for pictures:

<http://s43.photobucket.com/albums/e359/vmtamotorcycle/?albumview=slideshow&mediafilter=all&current=Wings%20Over%20The%20Smokies%202008>

*John*

## Shrimp Peel

Shrimp Peel is October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at the Sandpiper Beacon in Panama City. Get your reservations made. Be sure to mention that you are part of the VMTA group event on Sat. Remember: you must be at the 2:00 (ET) meeting in the Tiki Bar to order your shrimp. No order, no shrimp.

Great time to start the fall season. Hope to see everyone there.

## VMTA Calendar of Events October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	2	<b>3 Sandy &amp; Denny's Anniv</b> -PC CVS 80/280 at 8 AM
<b>4 Sandy &amp; Denny's Anniv.</b>	6	7	8	9	10	<b>11 North GA Ride</b> – Shell station at 7:15 AM
<b>12 North GA Ride -</b>	<b>13 Business Meeting</b> 7:00PM Piccadilly's in Mall	14	15	16	17	<b>18 Shrimp Peel</b> Departs PC Waffle King on 431S at 8:00 AM
<b>19 Shrimp Peel</b> return as groups assemble.	20	21	22	23	24	<b>25 Sweet Potato Festival</b>
26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>Halloween</b>	

## VMTA Calendar of Events November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1 North Alabama Ride</b>
<b>2 North Alabama Ride</b>	3	4 <b>Election Day</b>	5	6	7	8
9	<b>10 Business Meeting</b> 7:00PM Piccadilly's in Mall	11 <b>Veterans Day</b>	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	<b>22 God Bless Ft. Benning Ride</b>
23	24	25	26	27 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	28	29
<b>30 Turn in 08 milage to Susan</b>						