



The Kickstand

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Business Meeting

September 8th 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...

With the weather moderating a little and interesting rides on the calendar, now's the time of the year to get on our bikes and enjoy our opportunities together! The membership appreciation picnic is rapidly approaching, and Sue is busy making those arrangements. Be sure to keep that in your plans. The annual Shrimp Peel is moving closer as well, and Clete has contacted the Sandpiper-Beacon to confirm that our fall event has a location. There are three prices for accommodations, as in the past, but be sure to mention that you are with VMTA when you call for reservations. We are looking for a good turnout and many of our friends from other clubs are showing interest in attending. It promises to be a lot of fun and more good food than you can handle! Two things about us: we love to have fun, and we really love to eat while we're doing it. Hope to see you with us as we continue the tradition, and remember to practice safety first.

Sid

Announcements

September Birthdays

6th – Sue Sealy
18th – Myra Delay
22nd – John McRae
29th – Faye Delay

September Anniversaries

6th – Frank & Sue Sealy
13th – Fred and Lucy Manzer
19th – John and Mary Fiske
20th – Curtis & Miriam Adkins
22nd – Jerry & DeEtta Morehouse

September & October Ride/Event Calendar



September 1st – Annual Labor Day

Country Ride – Departs Williams Rd Shell at 9:30 AM. Ride some pleasant two lane roads and then some food.

September 6th – Bikes & Badges Ride to Perry Fair Grounds. Leaves Welcome Center at 9:00 AM. Registration opens at 7:00.

September 18 – 21st – Wings Over The Smokies. in Fletcher NC.

September 25th – Movie Night at the Cunningham Center. Feature to be announced later. 6:30 PM.

September 28th – Membership Picnic at FDR State Park shelter #2. Ride leaves Shell Station at 11:00 AM.

October 4th – GA State Fair – Details to follow.

October 10th – Three Day North GA Ride – Details to follow.

October 18th & 19th – Annual Shrimp Peel in Panama City. Ride leaves PC Waffle King on 431 S at 8:00 sharp.

October 25th – Sweet Potato Festival – Details to follow.

Long Term Planning Dates

October 10th – 12th – Annual North GA Ride & Apple Festival

October 18th – 19th Annual Shrimp Peel

October 25th – Sweet Potato Festival

November 15th – God Bless Ft. Benning Ride

November 30th – VMTA members turn your years mileage in to Susan.

December 7th – Toys For Tots Ride

Cruso

The weather was nice for the trip to Cruso, a little overcast . We had total of 7 bikes, Clete, Mike Jones, George and myself left the Burger King and picked up Sid, Bobby, Larry & Faith and Frank & Sue in Waverly Hall. Clete took us on a round about way to miss the traffic in Atlanta. I kept saying to George " Is he taking us thru Athens?" I would see signs saying Monroe and Monticello and these towns are on the route I take when going to visit my Aunt Mary in Athens. But no, we didn't go thru Athens.

We stopped for gas and breakfast-bet you can't guess where we had breakfast? We stopped for gas and lunch in Clayton-bet you can't guess where we had lunch. We arrived to a welcoming committee of Richard and Linda Parker, Rich & Sally Curtis , Bob and Gerry, who returned later in the afternoon from riding.

We quickly erected our tents. Mike Jones went on the trip with us and you know Mike is probably 6ft 3 or 4in tall. His tent was a pup tent



probably not over 4 or 5 ft wide and not even that tall. We still haven't figured out how he got into it. OF COURSE, it rained Friday night and Mike and Sid got wet. It rained most of Saturday morning and cleared up in the afternoon and some went to a country

store and others rode the parkway.

Sunday morning was clear as we packed up to depart. We look the leisurely trip up but everyone was anxious to return home for different reasons so we made the trip back thru Atlanta. We stopped in Clayton for breakfast -bet you can't guess where. The trip home was nice and the traffic was not heavy going thru Atlanta. At exit 41 in Newnan we exited for a lunch break and took a vote- no more McDonald's- we went to the truck stop and had lunch at Wendy's.

We continued on our trip home and arriving on the outskirts of town everyone went their respective ways, saying our good-byes as we continued homeward bound. George & I arrived home -put up the tent on our camper and had a call from the man who was interested in purchasing it. He wanted to come look at the camper, we told him we had not cleaned it up but he wanted to come anyway. He went home with it. George and I wanted to make one last trip using it before parting with it and we enjoyed ourselves.

Gwen

Safety Message

There were problems with the safety message this month & after it is resolved it will be put into a later issue
John

Cruso/Blue Ridge July 2008

Seven bikes with 10 people gathered in Waverly Hall to make the trip to the Blue Ridge Campground. The weather was cloudy as we started out.

We had a good ride up Hwy 36 with several stops along the way. We then connected with 975 avoiding Atlanta and North to Franklin and on to Cruso.

Arriving at the Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground we meet up with 4 more bikes from our group that had arrived the day before or earlier that day. They were all settled in. With friends helping friends, we were all set up in just a short time.

What an end for a great day.

Day 2

What a beautiful site to see while you have breakfast. The rains came. Later in the morning several of us rode into Waynesville. There we found a festival going on. They had the streets blocked off and vendors everywhere.

We returned to the camp ground to find George relaxing. After dinner we sat around and exchanged stories.

Day 3

The group gathered for a quick photo shot before heading home.



The mountains were beautiful with low hanging clouds.

A quick stop for a final check. On the road again



The Harris County group got off at exit 19 on 185 and parted off for home one by one.

For the remaining pictures please click here:
<http://s43.photobucket.com/albums/e359/vmtamotorcyclega/Cruso%20July%202008/?albumview=slideshow>

S Sealy

Pine Mountain Breakfast

It was a low turnout for the Pine Mountain Breakfast Ride. If you eat there just order from the kids menu as you get just as much food and can't eat it all. Cost is way less. Jerry Morehouse led the ride with DeEtta & son Zack. Mary was in her car. Sid & Peggy met us there on their bike and Sue & Frank met us there in their car. Sid knew some other folks and watch out, Sid tried to pay the whole tab.

Mary F



For additional pictures click here

<http://s43.photobucket.com/albums/e359/vmtamotorcyclega/Callaway%20breakfast/?albumview=slideshow>

VMTA Web site meeting

Monday, August 25, 2008

John, Bob, Mickey, & Sue meet at John's house for an exchange of ideas to help improve the VMTA web site.

Before the meeting a list of issues was compiled for each committee member to go over. Some of the issues were corrected before the meeting took place.

It was agreed on by the committee that we do not need to start over with a new program for the web site at this time. We need to learn to use what we have.

Everyone agreed that the business meeting minutes need to be posted on the web site So that members not at the meeting would have a chance to view them. Also they would be there for reference if need.

There was a feeling that an email address might be helpful on the contact page. It could bring in some enquires. John has already added this address to the site.

Photos were a big issue. I believe John is working hard on this and has been able to link to Photo Bucket. It was decided that some guide lines are needed to be set for photos.

1. Limit number each member can submit
2. Limit to club events only
3. New pictures of club members will be taken and posted in the member album on Photo Bucket

The redundancy of the calendar information was discussed and decided that since the calendar was included in the newsletter and events/ rides were list on the Ride page that the calendar would be eliminated. This would make updating easier.

An email from Sandy & Denny

Hi, John,

Would you please put the following invitation in the next newsletter?

On October 4, 2008 we will celebrate
our 40th Wedding Anniversary.
Because you have shared in our lives
by your friendship and love
we would like you to join us for
the reaffirmation of our wedding vows
at 6:00 p.m. on the beach.
Mustin Beach Officers Club
Naval Air Station
Pensacola, FL

Denny and Sandy Reid

* Please RSVP (850)995-2660 or (850)418-2705 by September 20th.

We have booked several rooms at the U.S. Navy Lodge at NAS Pensacola (double and disabled rooms - \$72.00). Call (850)456-8476, group ID - Reid, and change the reservation into your name. You will be asked for credit card # to hold the room. If the Lodge is full when you call and if you are retired military, you can call the BOQ (850)452-2756 and reserve a room there. There are also some very nice cottages (that several could share) and a camp ground on the beach right down from the Officers Club and the Navy Lodge located at Oak Grove (850)452-2535. These would need to be reserved by a retired military person. And if all else fails, there is a Super 8 Motel, 5 N. Warrington Road (850)457-7277, that is really close to the base (King size - \$69.00, 2 Queens - \$79.99).

We are planning to have a big celebration at the Mustin Beach Officers Club for several hours and then we are moving the party to Sonny's office downtown and then party hardy all night long! We want this to be a very happy celebration and the more the merrier. So please try to join us!

John, I hope you are able to put all of this in the newsletter and thank you for doing this for us. We really hope a lot of VMTA members will come, we would love to see everyone! Please try to get a head count and let us know how many will be coming, we have to let the officers club know about food the week before. We are really looking forward to this party and we can't wait to see all of you!

Thanks again so much!
Sandy and Denny Reid

VMTA Calendar of Events September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Country Ride 9:30 Shell station	2	3	4	5	6 Bikes & Badges Ride leaves Welcome Ctr at 9:00
7	8 Business Meeting at 7:00 PM	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Wings Over the Smokies	19 Wings Over the Smokies	20 Wings Over the Smokies
21 Wings Over the Smokies	22	23	24	25 Movie Night at the Cunningham Center	26	27
28 Membership Picnic at FDR SP	29	30				

VMTA Calendar of Events October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 GA State Fair in Perry
5	6	7	8	9	10 North GA Ride - 3 day ride	11 North GA Ride -
12 North GA Ride -	13	14	15	16	17	18 Shrimp Peel Departs PC Waffle King on 431S at 8:00 AM
19 Shrimp Peel return as groups assemble.	20	21	22	23	24	25 Sweet Potato Festival
26	27	28	29	30	31	