



The Kickstand

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Next Business Meeting

April 13th, 2009 at 7:00 PM
Piccadilly's in Peachtree Mall
Eat at 6:30 or earlier

Board Meeting

To Be Scheduled
As needed

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Presidents Note

Greetings To All!

The March meeting of VMTA was probably one of our shortest meetings in memory. I have dislocated my shoulder and was really hoping to get through quickly. WE DID!

We had a good crowd and were able to take care of business quickly. It was great to see Barry and Linda Cowall and their new, to them anyway, 2005 Gold Wing, illusion blue (beautiful). Wow, makes me really want a NEW Gold Wing myself.

Just want to remind everyone, the annual FISH FRY is on the calendar for April 25. The pavilion at Florence Marina has been reserved from 10am to 9:45pm. We are looking forward to having a great time for all. Sidney Martin has a surprise guest fish cooker coming to FRY the fish for the club. ISN'T THAT NIIICCCEEEEE! Make sure you make your reservations to come. Remember, there will be a charge for guests eating fish. Make sure guests that come with you, are paid for to help off set the cost the fish. We need a conformation of your attendance to make sure we order enough Cat Fish. PLEASE DON'T MISS THIS, COME STAY THE WEEKEND, IT GREAT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Hope to see everyone there; this is always a great turnout for the club.

Support your club, RIDE, RIDE RIDE.

May the lord bless and keep you, all, SAFE!

As Clete would say, ".... On the road again.... "

John McRae, President VMTA

Announcements

April Birthdays

12th – Faith Mack

24th – Art Murphy

April Anniversaries

28th – Roger and Susan Miller

March & April Ride/Event Calendar



Mar 12th – Shiloh Grill – Departs Miller Rd Burger King at 6:30 PM.

Mar 14 – Oasis Restaurant at Casino in Shorter
Lunch and what ever you desire. Departs P.C. Home Depot at 10:45 AM EDT.

Mar 22th – Iron Butt Ride – Departs PC Waffle King on 431-S at 8:00 AM EDT.

Mar 28th – Alabama GWRRA State Rally in Pelham AL. departs P.C. Home Depot at 8:00 AM EDT.

April 3rd & 4th Annual Yard Sale at the Fiske house. Start saving your unwanted items.

April 4th – Redneck Gourmet – Departs Williams Rd Shell at 9:30 AM.

April 9th Peppermill Grill – Departs P.C. Home Depot at 6:30 PM EST.

April 19th – Mossy Creek Barn Yard Festival – Leaves Miller Rd Burger King at 9:00 AM.

April 25th – Fish Fry at Florence Marina

APRIL 30TH – Movie Night. Details to follow.

Long Term ‘Planning’ Dates

June 15th – Annual Ride to Work Day

June 17 – 20th – Honda Hoot has been cancelled this year.

July 24 – 26th – Curso Camp-out

August 22nd – Mid-Night Ride

Oct 10th – North Georgia Ride

Dues Due

March is quickly approaching, the weather is warming and lots of rides are on the calendar. Please remember that your yearly dues are due. Dues are \$20 for rider or \$30 for rider and significant other. Please make checks payable to “VMTA” & mail to:

Sue Sealy
11023 GA Hwy 315
Cataula GA 31804.

Sept 5th – Bikes & Badges Ride

Sept 13th – Bikes on Broadway.

Sept 20th – Membership Picnic

Sept 24 – 26th – Wings Over The Smokies

Oct 17th – Shrimp Peel

Oct 24th – Sweet Potato Festival

Nov 7th – North Alabama Ride

Dec 6th – Toys For Tots Ride

Safety Message

There is no end to being a better motorcycle rider. Riding is a constant learning experience. Be a lifelong learner. Wear proper protective gear & ride within your personal limits. You'll never know all there is to know about riding. But a year from now, you'll know a lot more than you do today. Keep renewing your skills and attitude about safe riding practices.

Have a good time, don't do anything foolish, and I hope to see you often on one of our rides. It is going to be another great riding season.

From MSF. John

Semi-Annual Yard Sale

The next yard sale is scheduled for April; 3th & 4th, 2009. Please start piling stuff up for the Club's yard sale, Your junk is income for VMTA. Plan on giving to Mary Fiske by March 21st.
Thanks, Mary

Monthly Contemplations

When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another.

Helen Keller, Author, Activist & Lecturer

Valentine's dinner

I thought the Valentine's dinner was a huge success and actually being on Valentines Day was nice. The tables were covered with red and white tablecloths with a center piece. The buffet was excellent and quite a few returned for seconds. I hope the ladies enjoyed the camellia's which came from my yard and everyone the



candy treats. No movie is complete without something to snack on and everyone was replete after the buffet so popcorn was out. The movie was a romantic comedy, not so mushy that the men wouldn't enjoy it. Of course, the slow dance with music by Elvis was the end of a perfect evening. We were happy to have Denny and Sandy join us. I hope more members can join us next year. If you went out to eat you would pay as much or more than this meal. Susan, as always, did a wonderful job in coordinating everything. If you missed joining us this year I hope you can come next year.
Gwen Carter

Crock Pot Dinner

The morning of the Crock Pot dinner was chilly and there was only three who rode their motorcycles, John Fiske, George & Gwen (yes, cold-natured Gwen) and Roger who came to lead us. I think it may be a 1st - Bob Smith drove his car. The others didn't want the crock pot to spill in their trunks and I can't really blame them.

We had Sweet and Sour wings, Beef stew, Taco soup, Vegetable soup, a crab dip and a three berry pie all cooked in the crock pot and corn bread and bread. There were also brownies, strawberry cake and chocolate pie. I don't think I missed listing any food. Anyway no one went home hungry.

Unfortunately the weather was too cool to enjoy their nice deck this year. Most played Wii bowling, tennis and golf, which was not as easy as bowling. Susan had asked everyone to bring \$2 each for a game. We all adjourned to the dining room table and played the card game



"Screw your Neighbor" which everyone thoroughly enjoyed and Connie was the winner and took \$18 home.

The evening was beginning to be late when everyone headed home and I believe the ride home was colder

than the morning ride. I would like to thank Roger and Susan for their hospitality. It was a good day enjoyed with good friends.

Gwen Carter

Nippers

Knowing that we planned to participate in the ride to Nipper's at Lake Martin, I'd watched the weather, rejoicing in the fact that Saturday was to be a perfect riding day. I'd been out early doing my errands, and it was chilly, damp, and foggy, but the weather reporters had told me it was to be a beautiful, warm day. When we left home, Sid bundled up nicely, but I, knowing the fog had to be lifting, layered - but not too heavily. Well, friends, the entire ride to Lake Martin was just like we left



home, damp, foggy, cool. I was not really cold, but not as comfortable as I'd thought I'd be! Nevertheless, the trip was not bad at all. There were three bikes, the Martins, the Sealys, and the

Macks, and a fourth driven by some young man I'd not met before and can't recall his name now, who left us saying his wife talked him out of going just before we departed. (He had been on his cell phone just before we left!) We saw the damage of the tornadoes just a week earlier on HWY 280 near Salem, and it was bad, with much damage to trees, homes, and businesses in that area.

We arrived at Nipper's just before the door opened, and having cousins living nearby in Stillwater, we'd called Jerry and Beverly Martin and asked them to meet us, which they did. When we got inside, we were amazed at the size of the menu, and we had a little trouble deciding what we'd like. Several had the homemade potato chips with their meal, but all of us had a very nice lunch, with the exception of Frank. Our waitress, who had a problem with her serving duties, must have brought him a child's plate, because his lunch looked like he was shortchanged. My salad was more than I could eat, but his surely wasn't that generous! Our server was very friendly and cheerful, but she was definitely challenged serving the eight of us.

After lunch, Jerry invited us to go on to their house, but



we decided instead to ride down to the marina and enjoy the water and the boats. By then, the fog was gone, the sun was out, and the weather was truly perfect.

Sid led us on a long way home, up HWY 50 into West Point and then home. It was absolutely a wonderful outing, with good friends, good food, and another good VMTA afternoon. I'm already anticipating the next opportunity! *Peggy*

Sew What" Custom Embroidery

Bob Davidson of "Sew What" Custom Embroidery spoke to the VMTA club Monday, February 9, 2009 about his



Figure 1 Bob discusses options with Johnny

embroidery business. He said he would be glad to work with us on an embroidered logo for the club. He will work up some samples for us to view at a later date.

If you have any questions you can e-mail them to him at sewwhat01@msn.com
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2006 Tank Touring Deluxe Scooter
150cc 4 Stroke

\$900.00

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Equipped with **TOW-PAK** (Trike)

New Tires, 59,000 Miles

\$7500.00

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1988 Allegro Class A Motor home
32 Foot with Chevrolet 454 Gas Engine

Fully Self Contained--Queen Bed

Can sleep up to 6 people

\$8500.00

Call: 706-561-4175 for more info

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1	2	3	4	5	6	
8	9 Business Meeting 7:00PM Piccadilly's in Mall	10	11	12 Shiloh Grill – Depart Miller Rd Burger King at 6:30 PM	13	14 Oasis Rest. at Shorter Casino – Lvs. PC Home Depot at 10:45 AM EDT
15	16	17 St Paddy's Day	18	19	20	21 Deadline for yard sale items to Mary
22 Iron Butt Ride – Departs P.C. Waffle King at 8:00 AM EDT	23	24	25	26	27	28 GWRRA AL Rally in Pelham Departs Home Depot at 8:00 AM EDT
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19 Mossy Creek Festival Departs Miller Rd Burger King at 9:00 AM	20	21	22	23	24	25 Fish Fry at Florence Marina Gather at 5:00 Eat 6:30
26	27	28	29	30 Movie Night – Details to follow.		