



# The Kickstand

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## Next Business Meeting

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

Well, if you didn't come to the January Meeting, you missed seeing many of your fellow riders and friends! A very large showing was really great to welcome in a new year of VMTA activities. The proposed budget was the Hot Topic of the evening and I really enjoyed hearing everyone's opinion on how we should plan the clubs functions based on the revenue we collect during the year. If you have a question on what functions are to be supported by our finances, you really need to come to the meetings and use your vote to show your interest in how YOUR money is spent.

We have a great riding club and your support and interaction with the club functions is what makes this the best club in the area. It is so great to go to a club event and see the happy faces of the members, who are our greatest friends, as we prepare to head out on another adventure, or parking lot tour, which ever comes first, sometimes, both.

Winter can be a challenge for planning rides; we never know how the weather is going to cooperate with our plans. Staying touch is a great idea to make sure the RIDE IS ON or OFF. Sometimes it is even acceptable to come in your car; I know I have one of those things somewhere.....

Keep yourselves safe and may the wind be at your back. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible this year, as we head out on yet another VMTA adventure.

God bless and keep you! As Clete would say..... "ON THE ROAD AGAIN...."

John McRae, President VMTA

## Announcements

### February Birthdays

7<sup>th</sup> – Barry Cowall  
6<sup>th</sup> – Altheia Hancock  
15<sup>th</sup> – Charlene Harchar

### February Anniversaries

27<sup>th</sup> – James & Lora Dick

## January & February Ride/Event Calendar



January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Movie Night at the Cunningham Center – “mamma Mia” doors open at 6:00 PM.

February 5<sup>th</sup> – Movie & Poker Night at the Cunningham Center – Movie title to be announced. Doors open at 6:00 PM.

February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Dinner & Movie at the Cunningham Center. Catered dinner and movie to be announced. Contact Susan. (see page 3)

February 19<sup>th</sup> – Movie night at the Cunningham Center. Movie TBA.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Crock Pot Gathering at the Millers – Additional details to follow but plan on gathering at 2:00 PM.

February 27 – March 8th – Daytona Bike Week.

### Long Term ‘Planning’ Dates

March 20 – 29 – Macon Cherry Blossom Festival.

March 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Alabama GWRRA State Rally in Pelham AL.

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Iron Butt Ride Date may change.

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

April 18 or 19<sup>th</sup> – Mossy Creek Barn Yard Festival.

April 25<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Annual Ride to Work Day

June 17 – 20<sup>th</sup> – Honda Hoot has been cancelled this year.

July 24 – 26<sup>th</sup> – Curso Camp-out

August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mid-Night Ride

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – Bikes & Badges Ride

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – Bikes on Broadway.

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – Membership Picnic

Sept 24 – 26<sup>th</sup> – Wings Over The Smokies

Oct 10<sup>th</sup> – North Georgia Ride

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> – Shrimp Peel

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> – Sweet Potato Festival

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – North Alabama Ride

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – Toys For Tots Ride

## **Safety Message**

### ***Tailgaters***

Tailgaters are a special problem to you. They are simply following too close to stop safely if you have to stop quickly. You can flash your brake light to warn the tailgater that you are slowing. Slowing will increase your distance from the vehicle in front of you, giving you (and the tailgater!) more time/distance to react to some emergency ahead.

You should also stay close to the center of the lane. (If you move to the far right or far left of your lane, you might give the tailgater the idea that it would be OK to pass you in your lane!) If all else fails, you should consider giving a turn signal and simply pull off the road and let the tailgater go by. Remember, if the tailgater makes a mistake you might be the one to pay the price.

From MSF. John

### **Semi-Annual Yard Sale**

The next yard sale is scheduled for April; 3<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Thanks, Mary

### **February Meeting Guest Speaker**

Bob & Evelyn Davidson of Hamilton do monogram work and are interested in our shirt, flag & other business. They will speak at our business meeting about his work and present us a price list for his service. He will answer any questions that may come up.

### **Monthly Contemplations**

**The more faithfully you listen to the voices within you, the better you will hear what is sounding outside**

*Dag Hammarskjold –Swedish Diplomat*

## That Time Again

It is time to remind all members that your yearly dues are payable anytime. The earlier you pay the better for the club. Dues are still \$20 for rider or \$30 for rider and significant other. Please make checks payable to "VMTA" and mail to Sue Sealy 11023 GA Hwy 315, Cataula GA 31804.

Thank you.

## Don't fight Valentine's dinner crowds!

Good news! I've obtained permission again this year to use - *free of charge* - the beautiful Cunningham Conference Center Ballroom for what has now become our  
**Annual VMTA Valentine's Dinner and a Movie**  
on Saturday, February 14, 2009.

Last year, twelve couples enjoyed a fun and romantic evening which included a three course catered dinner and private movie showing. Everyone agreed it was a *fantastic* alternative to noisy, crowded, and overpriced restaurants on this popular night.

The catering company needs a minimum count of 25 in order to stage the event. VMTA will need commitment and payment no later than one week prior on February 6th. Sorry, there can be no refunds for cancellations or no-shows.

The maximum per person cost this year is estimated at \$18.00. This is pending a few things we will discuss at Monday night's meeting, but it's a very close estimate.

And that includes a movie!  
Believe me, folks, you won't get this deal anywhere else in town!

Friends and guests of VMTA are welcome and encouraged to participate as well.

Please let me know if you will be joining your VMTA friends and guests on February 14th!

Susan and Roger

## VMTA Calendar of Events January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <b>Business Meeting 7:00PM Piccadilly's in Mall</b>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 <b>Movie Night – “Mamma Mia” doors open at 6:00</b>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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1	2	3	4	5 <b>Movie Night - TBA</b>	6	7
8	9 <b>Business Meeting 7:00PM Piccadilly's in Mall</b>	10	11	12	13	14 <b>Valentine Dinner &amp; Movie (see page 3) Contact Susan</b>
15	16 <b>Washington's B/D</b>	17	18	19 <b>Movie Night TBA</b>	20	21
22 <b>Crock Pot Gathering at the Millers 2:00 PM Details to follow</b>	23	24	25	26	27 <b>Bike Week Starts</b>	28 <b>Bike Week</b>