



The Kickstand

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Next Business Meeting

May 11th, 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

Howdy, fellow road riders. We had a good group at our April business meeting. Our VMTA family grew again this month with the addition of Linda and David Register. They had full filled the requirements to become official members. Let's see.... Money, pulse and, oh yeah, did say money?? We welcome new members to our club and hope that others will choose to come and join a riding club that treats each member as friend and family. So, if you are reading this and are looking for a group to ride with come join us on any of our scheduled rides. If you have any questions about the club, please give me or one of our members a call, anytime.

I hope everyone is getting ready for our annual Fish Fry at Florence Marina. If you need directions give any of us a call or meet John Fiske Saturday April 25 at 5:00 PM at P.C. Waffle King for the group ride to the Marina. We will eat about 6:30 PM. Remember, this is free to all members, but if you plan to bring a guest, the cost is \$7.50 per person. Please let Mickey Avirett know as soon as possible to make sure we have enough fish ordered to feed everyone present. If you are planning on coming and don't eat fish and would like to bring some chicken, we will try to get someone to cook it for you or you may cook it yourself and join in the fun. We usually have a few who don't each fish every year, so don't let that stop you from coming and joining in on the fun and fellowship. The club will provide all the side items and deserts to fill your belly! If you haven't made your reservations to attend the fish fry, please do it ASAP. If you plan to stay at the park, as many always do, again, do so ASAP.

I am looking forward to a good crowd proudly representing our club, as we always do. Be safe and enjoy the warmer weather. Great riding weather is here and I plan on enjoying as much of it as I can. I hope you will be there to ride with us.

May the wind be at your back and peace be with you!

Johnny

Announcements

May Birthdays

2nd - Martha Bowden
3rd - Rich Curtis
9th - Lucy Manzer
17th - Linda Cowall

May Anniversaries

27th - David & Linda Register

April & May Ride/Event Calendar



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

April 25th – Fish Fry at Florence Marina Eat 6:30.
Ride departs Waffle King at 5:00 PM.

APRIL 30TH – Movie Night. Doors open at 6,
movie at 6:30. Feature to follow.

May 2st – Cotton Pickin' Fair – in Gay GA.
Departs Williams Rd Shell station at 10:00 AM.

May 14th – Good Ol Boys in Auburn – Departs
PC Home Depot at 6:30 PM.

May 16th – Oscars – Departs Miller Rd Burger
King at 3:00PM for a short ride before dinner.

May 28th – Luke's Pub – Leaves Miller Rd Burger
King at 6:30 PM.

May 30th - Infantry Museum & IMAC Theater.
Depart Victory Dr Burger King at 11:30 AM. Eat
at Four Winds Burger, then movie, "Monsters &
Aliens" begins at 3:00. There is a \$10 charge.

June 15th – Annual Ride to Work Day

**June 18 – 21th – Smokey Mtn Ride-In Bryson
City N.C.**

Jun 20th – Fort Valley Peach Festival

Long Term 'Planning' Dates

July 24 – 26th – Curso Camp-out

August 22nd – Mid-Night Ride

Sept 5th – Bikes & Badges Ride

Sept 13th – Bikes on Broadway.

Sept 20th – Membership Picnic

Sept 24 – 26th – Wings Over The Smokies

Oct 10th – North Georgia Ride

Oct 17th – Shrimp Peel

Oct 24th – Sweet Potato Festival

Nov 7th – North Alabama Ride

Dec 6th – Toys For Tots Ride

Safety Message **Left Turn Trouble**

You are riding through a residential neighborhood on your way to visit a friend. A car in the opposite lane signals his intent to turn across your lane. Your attention piques, because of the increased risk. There are no vehicles in front of you so you relax a bit, fairly confident that the driver will see you. But you know better than assume this is the case, so you slow slightly, move to the right portion of your lane to create a space margin and you cover your brakes in readiness. As the oncoming driver nears, you notice that he is on his cell phone. This signals additional danger, so you begin to apply the brakes just before the driver suddenly darts across your bow. Even with your efforts to be seen, the driver still failed to see you. But because you were alert to the danger and reacted to the clues, you were able to avoid a collision.

Ken Condon, MCN

Yard Sale

April 3rd & 4th saw the Fiske carport full of people's treasures laid out for sale and once again VMTA participated. Tables were set up Thursday morning by Mary. Then Bobby and John carried the many boxes & bags out for Mary to arrange after she finished bowling. The event was advertised for 7AM to 2PM but the early birds were there at 6:10. Many thanks to the members who contributed items for the sale. Special thanks to Bobby & Martha Bowden for their help. The club made over \$100.



Shiloh Grill

Thursday night and fine weather means a night out with friends and good food. And so it was on March 12th. Gathering a Burger King were John & Mary, George & Gwen, Barry & Linda and Bob. Barry was riding his white 1500; guess he just missed it too much. Departing at the appointed time we arrived in Waverly Hall to meet up with others members and guests. There waiting were Sid & Peggy, Bobby & Martha, John & Connie, Bobby Shackelford and guests Linda & David Register. Arriving at the Grill we were met with Sue & Frank.



We muddled around in the parking lot talking over the day's events while someone went inside to arrange seating for the group. What a group for a Thursday night – 16 members and 2-guests. Gathered a long table in the middle of the establishment there was plenty of conversation until the food arrived.

With our bellies full we wandered out to the parking lot and made ready for the return ride. The group from Cataula turned off onto Rt. 208 while the remainder returned to Columbus via SR 85. *John*

Iron Butt Ride

Time for our annual day-long ride had arrived. Departure time showed 16 bikes, including four quests. No one else wanted to lead so John stepped forward and began to line them up. As



in the previous years we went down

165, where along the way the temperature dropped to 39°. In Eufaula there was the usual stop for coffee at MickieD's. John made the decision to complete the ride down the 4-lane due to the size of the group.

Going down 431 and around the Dothan bypass we were extremely lucky in hitting most of the traffic lights green. Stopped for gas on the south side at the 231 intersection. From there it was a non-stop ride for food going down 231 and then onto 98 west.

Bob had called the restaurant from Dothan telling them to expect us, but upon our arrival we still had to wait for them to set tables. Once the drinks were served and food orders taken it was a short time before meals were served. The food was excellent.

By the time we were ready to leave for home the temperature had risen to the low 70's and was very comfortable. After a gas stop we headed up 77 which, comes out on 231 just below Sadies Flea Market. The plan was to stop for ice cream at Spanish Acres but it was closed. So we stopped at the next Hardie's. From there it was a retrace of route with a final gas stop in Eufaula. It was a long day arriving back in Columbus at 7:30 and some 388 miles later.

A great ride, with some great friends and excellent food. If you were not one of the 18 participants you missed a great day.

John.

New Members

Please welcome our newest members David & Linda Register. They reside in Waverly Hall and ride a Harley Davidson.

For Sale by Member

FOR SALE

2006 Tank Touring
Deluxe Scooter 150cc
4 Stroke
\$900.00
Call: 706-561-4175 for
details.

FOR SALE

1994 Honda Gold Wing
SE Equipped with **TOW-PAK** (Trike)
New Tires, 59,000 Miles
\$7500.00
Call 706-561-4175 for
further info.

FOR SALE

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

Redneck Gourmet – Newnan, GA

It was a beautiful day for a motorcycle ride as Roger led the group on a back roads trip to Newnan, GA. We were all getting pretty hungry about 30 miles out, and Rich kept us posted on his GPS's "minutes to destination" feature, which was very accurate. We arrived at the Redneck Gourmet just before their lunch rush, and food and service were great. There was arts and crafts fair going on around the courthouse square, so the ladies enjoyed a brief stroll through before departing. We learned that the arts and crafts fair sets up every first Monday during Spring and Summer, maybe into Fall. So we need to keep that in mind for future trips to the Redneck Gourmet. This one will stay on our list, I'm sure!

Susan Miller

Peppermill Grill – Salem, AL

A small group of six departed the Phenix City Home Depot for our Thursday night dinner ride to Peppermill Grill. The fried shrimp excellent, as always, and the service was friendly and fast. We missed our VMFTA family, but the smaller group enabled good table conversation, making for a pleasant night out with friends. Those attending were Barry and Linda Cowell, Bob Smith, John Fiske, and Roger and Susan Miller. Be sure to make this ride next time it comes up on the schedule. You will not be disappointed!

Susan Miller

VMTA Calendar of Events April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Attitudes are contagious. Are yours worth catching?			1	2	3	4
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12	13 Business Meeting 7:00PM Piccadilly's in Mall	14	15	16	17	18
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