



The Kickstand

November 2009

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Next Business Meeting

November 9th, 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

Fall Greetings, fellow VMTA members and guests. We had a great monthly meeting this month, great crowd and fellowship. We had some new guest visiting our meeting, checking out our club. Chris and Jane Binion, along with their 2 children, and Larry and Becky Holmes. We were really excited to see these fellow motorcyclists visit our club. Chris found our club while serving in Iraq and had emailed the club for information. Susan gave him some good info on the club and lies about some of the members,..... Huh, I wonder if I was mentioned in those lies??? :) Chris rode with the club last weekend and came to the meeting, so..... We twisted his arm and made him join the club. Of course, we made sure we had his money first. The club is honored to have Chris and Jane become members of VMTA. We hope that Larry and Becky will find a home here with us, too.

Art Murphy gave the club a presentation on Stun Guns. He showed us several different types of personal Stun Guns available for sale. Every time Art hit the button on the gun Joan just about jumped out of her chair. VERY IMPRESSIVE. I know I wouldn't want to be on the receiving end of that electrical charge. Ask Art for more info if you are interested in self protection.

Everything is set for our club retreat, Shrimp Peel. I am looking forward to a great time with everyone in the club and visitors that always show up for fun and shrimp.

The new slate of Officers was proposed, which is posted here for you to look over. We will be voting on this slate next month, hope to see you there.

Please check out the ride schedule and join in on the fun we have arranged for everyone. Be safe and may God Bless You!

I hope to see you ".....on the road again!"

John McRae, President VMTA

Announcements

November Birthdays

1st - Mickey Avirett
2nd - Connie McRae
8th - Miriam Adkins
9th - Jackie Hancock
10th - Cal Herring
23rd - Gwen Carter
25th - Bobby Shackelford

25th - DeEtta Morehouse
25th - Mary Herring
27th - Susan Miller
30th - Sara Lintymer

November Anniversaries

24th - Richard and Linda Parker
25th - John and Connie McRae

October & November Ride/Event Calendar



October 17 & 18th - Annual Shrimp Peel Event at the Sandpiper Beacon Beach Resort in Panama City. (Call Chris at 800-488-8828 for reservations) Once again we will cook shrimp and eat hardy at the Tiki Bar. Ride down on Friday at 9:00 is being led by Clete. Saturday's ride led by John F. will leave at 8:00 AM. Both will leave from the Phenix City Waffle King on 431-S. Feel free to join either group.

October 22 - River City Grill - Meet there for supper at 6:30 PM. Located in The Harmony Place shopping center on Airport Rd (old Applebee's location).

October 24th & 25th - North Georgia Ride - This annual 2-day ride provides some great roads & scenery. Susan will be emailing additional information. Will depart from Williams Rd Shell station at 8:00 AM.

October 31st - Sweet Potato Festival - in Ocilla. This ride is about 135 miles. The parade begins at 11:00. Ride will leave from the Miller Rd. Burger King at 8:00 AM. There is also a motorcycle rally, with vendors.

November 5th - Movie Night - Feature will be announced later. Put this on your calendar of "to-do" things. It's a fun time.

November 7th & 8th - North Alabama Ride - This annual 2-day ride will take us up around Guntersville Lake area and then through the Little River Canyon National Preserve. Ride will depart Phenix City Home Depot lot at 8:00 AM.

November 15th - Lake Point State Park Lodge - Ride will depart from Phenix City Waffle King on 431-S at 10:30 AM.

November 22nd - Operation Christmas Child - Pack a shoe box with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, or other items. We will ride to a collection point and drop off. See www.samaritanspurse.org or call John (706-561-3543 for more information. Ride time/place TDA.

December 5th - Annual Club Christmas Party - at the Elks Club on Miller Court, Columbus (off on the north side of Miller Rd just west of the old rail road tracks) More detail to follow.

December 6th - Toys For Tots - Keep this date free. Details to be announced later.

January 1st - Annual Polar Bear Ride - Ride route and length will be determined by ride captain and the weather. Stay tuned.

Safety Message

TOURING TIP: BECOME A RISK MANAGEMENT RIDER

Although it might not be evident from recent events, risk managers in the business world focus on the risk of events that could cause financial loss to their companies. The job is simple in concept: (1) identify where risk exists, (2) assess how significant that risk is and (3) implement an appropriate mitigation strategy. This three-phase approach to risk management in the business world is just as applicable to touring motorcyclists. And it is arguably more important to us riders, because were not just risking financial loss; we're also risking our life and limb! For most of us the risk of bodily harm far outweighs the financial risk of a damaged motorcycle.

There have been many books written and courses given (e.g., MSF Basic Riding Course) about the risks faced by motorcyclists, but the three-step risk management process enumerated above is an effective way to train your mind to identify, assess and mitigate those risks.

From Road Runner mag.

Membership Picnic

It is well understood that the harsh weather that went though our area on Saturday night kept some people away from Saturday's activities. There were 19 members and one quest attending the picnic at Heath Lake Park. It was cloudy and humid at 10:30 when Mary began setting up, but by noon the sun had some out and it was hot & humid. But every once in a while a light breeze would blow through that felt real nice.

Bobby, Carolyn, Cal & Mary arrived and helped complete the set up. Bobby & Cal began the task of cooking. The small group of five bike riders arrived in plenty of time to eat. There were hot dogs, sausages, hoppin john, baked beans, chips, coleslaw and drinks. Thanks to the ladies there were, as usual, plenty of fine sweets to finish the meal.

Many thanks to Mary for her hard work, and to those who showed up for some good food and fine company. Next year be sure to put this event on your calendar for a good time.

John

Welcome Our New Members

Chris & Jane Binion
10 Lincolnshire Lane
Phenix City
They ride a Yamaha V Star 1100 Classic

Swamp Gravy play in Colquitt

The ride no-one came to.

John F

CY 2010 Officers Nominated

At the October meeting the following members were nominated for CY 2010 officers. Voting for this slate will take place at the November 9th meeting.

President – John McRae
Vice President – Clete Richardson
Treasurer – Susan Miller
Secretary – Linda Cowall
Ride Chairman – John Fiske
Public Relations – Art Murphy

VMTA Calendar of Events October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Business Meeting 7:00PM Piccadilly's in Mall	13	14	15	16	17 Annual Shrimp Peel - Ride to Panama City Departs from Phenix City Waffle King on 431 S at 8:00
18 Shrimp Peel return trip	19	20	21	22 River City Grill – for supper - Meet there at 6:30 PM	23	24 North Georgia Ride - Departs P.C. Home Depot at 8:00 AM. Will be staying at the Tellico Plains Inn. Details to follow.
25 North Georgia Ride day two	26	27	28	29	30	31 Sweet Potato Festival in Ocilla – Ride departs from Miller Rd Burger King at 8:00 AM

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1	2	3	4	5 Movie Night Feature to be announced.	6	7 North AL Ride Departs PC H.D. at 8:00 AM
8 Return from north AL ride	9 Business Meeting 7:00PM Piccadilly's in Mall	10	11	12	13	14
15 Lake Point State Park Leaves P.C. Waffle King on 431-S at 10:30	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30	As for courage and will – we cannot measure how much of each lies within us, we can only trust there will be sufficient to carry through trials which may lie ahead. Andre Norton, Author				

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6 Toys For Tots ride		1	2	2	3	5 Annual Xmas Party – Elks Club, Columbus