



The Kickstand

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Presidents Note

Greeting! I hope everything is well in your family. Our VMTA family is gearing up for the fall riding weather. It's a great time to be a Motorcycle rider. Cooler weather and Mother Nature is displaying some really beautiful sites for us to see as we travel the country side. Do your part and join in some of the great rides that Susan and Roger have planned for the club this fall.

Our September business meeting was a little slim, due to the rain, I hope! Please try to come and be part of your clubs business plans. Do your part to help make this club the best in the area.

Check out the calendar for all the up coming rides and outings. Come join in on the fun and adventure that awaits, just around the curve! Hope to see you there.

Have a great Month of riding as we go..... " on the road again..."

John McRae, President VMTA

Announcements

October Birthdays

1st – John Fiske
1st – Bob Smith
6th – Wayne Kennedy
7th - David Register
24th – Carolyn Shackelford
29TH – Paul Lujan

October Anniversaries

8th – Sid and Peggy Martin
10th - Bobby & Martha Bowden
19th – Barry and Linda Cowall

Next Business Meeting

October 12th, 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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September & October Ride/Event Calendar



September 17th - Pat's Backwater - Ride leaves Williams Rd Shell station at 6:30 PM.

September 20th - Membership Picnic - Heath Lake Park North Pavilion on Parkway Ave. on south side of Weems Rd just east of the creek. Short ride will leave from Williams Rd Shell station at 11:00 AM. with plan to arrive at the pavilion for 12 noon lunch

September 27th - Cheaha Mountain - Will depart from the Phenix Home Depot lot at 9:30. Ride to the park is just about 100 miles.

October 1st - Movie Night - Feature will be "My Fellow Americans". Bring your box supper. Drinks will be available for \$.50. Doors open at 6:00, movie at 6:30 PM.

October 3rd - Swamp Gravy - Ride will depart from Victory Dr Burger King at 9:00 AM Show begins at 2:00 PM. Susan will provide additional details.

October 11th - Bikes & Badges Ride - will depart from Welcome Center at 9:00 AM. Registration opens at 7:00 AM.

October 17th & 18th - Annual Shrimp Peel - Ride to Panama City will depart from Phenix City Waffle King on 431 S at 8:00 AM.

October 22nd - River City Grill - for supper - Meet there at 6:30 PM.

October 24 & 25 - North Georgia Ride - Yearly favorite weekend of riding the mountains and view the fall colors. Ride will depart Phenix City Home Depot at 8:00 AM. Will be staying at the Tellico Plains Inn. Rooms have been reserved. Details to follow.

October 31st - Huggin' Molly's - in Abbeyville for lunch. Will depart from Phenix City Waffle King on 431-S at 10:00 AM. Molly's is about 70 miles south of PC.

November 7th & 8th - North Alabama Ride - Another favorite weekend event. Ride will depart Phenix City Home Depot at 8:00 AM. Ride will take us up around Guntersville Lake area and through the Little River Canyon National Preserve.

Long Term 'Planning' Dates

December 5th - Christmas Party - at Elks Club on Miller Court, Columbus; north side of Miller Rd.

Dec 6th - Toys For Tots Ride

Safety Message

Environmental Safety

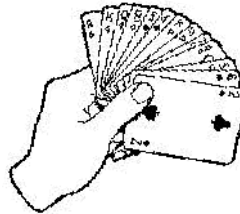
When you are doing routine maintenance on your motorcycle or any other vehicle please discard used fluids properly.

1. Used antifreeze - if your town has a recycle program such as Columbus, you can place antifreeze in a closed container and place it at the curb with other recyclables.

2. Used brake fluid - All local Auto Zone stores will take for disposal.

Midnight Ride 2009

We had Larry & Faith, Jerry & DeEtta, John & Mary, Johnny & Connie and Bob for our annual ride to Albany's 3-Square Restaurant. Do not know where the rest of the club was, no humidity and no RAIN - Clete was out of town!! You all blew it, won't happen again for a long time. Ha. Mary had her games ready to be played.



We saddled up and headed east, then down to Buena Vista, on St. Rt. 41. Now just before we passed Joan & Jake's I was told she had foot surgery, so they would not be along. We continued down Rt. 30 but instead of going to Americus we turned south to Plains on Rt. 45, picking up Rt. 308 to Croxton Crossroads and finally St. Rt. 19 just north of Smithville. Surprise all new 4-lane being built for St. Rt. 19 actually going over Smithville now. There are swamps along both sides of 19 at this point so there must be lots of fill!! Wonder how far they trucked that amount?

We went thru Leesburg and saw their usual cop car checking the traffic. Found the restaurant, low and behold the same people were sitting out front with coffee and their smokes at midnight. After some chow, we gassed the bikes and headed back the 4-lane toward Ft. Benning and finally Columbus. It was pleasantly cool, in the mid sixties for this time of year.

Now this used to be the Full Moon ride but this year it was the dark of the moon, only a sliver was showing as we lined up to leave Burger King and it set shortly thereafter. Good night to see the stars. Especially with no rain clouds, remember!

Bob Smith

WHITE HOUSE RIDE

I was chanting "rain, rain go away-come again some other day". My chanting was ignored by the gods and the rain came down. We were all set to ride the motorcycle and just a few minutes before departure it began to rain heavily at our house. We decided to go in the car and of course we got about six blocks from the house and it stopped. George would not go back for the bike. I guess it was a good thing because after we left the home depot with five bikes and two autos (George & Gwen and Susan) we were caught in another downpour. We had to make a short detour and Susan made a great save when a deer dashed out in front of her car. Thank goodness we all arrived safety despite the rain and the near miss. The food was good although there was a delay in being served - they were busy that nite. We left as a group with Martha Bowden riding in the van with us. We dropped her off at the home depot where we met Bobby. Everyone enjoyed the ride despite the rain. We are sorry you missed it and hope to see you next time.

Gwen

Shiloh Grill

Thundershowers were being forecasted and the radars showed the same west of the river and east of Columbus. Mary & John convinced Bob that it was not going to rain where we were going, so we would take the bike. Arriving at Burger King we found Barry & Linda waiting. I guess the forecast was too much for everyone else so we left for Shiloh.

The food was very good and the service excellent. Upon stepping outside it had just began a very light sprinkle. Not sufficient to require rain suits, so we saddled up. About a mile down the road the water drops stopped and we did not see any more during the ride home.

As we progressed down Rt.85 Barry, who was tail, was falling further behind. Being as he was in the car I could not reach him via CB. Upon reaching the 4-lane, a Harris County sheriff went by Bob & me with the blue lights on. We decided to wait at Burger King for Barry (he needed to pick-up the other car). Barry caught us as we waited for the light at Miller Rd. exit. Later discussion he stated that he just reduced his speed while that sheriff was behind him. He thought when the blue lights came on that the Sherriff was pulling us over.

Great time & good food with friends. You all missed another one.

John

Labor Day Country Ride

The sky was looking like rain and the weatherman said chances but a few brave soles took their chances. We had Bob, John & Mary, Larry & Faith, Jim Ingram and Bob Lee. Five bikes. Nice size group but wish more of you could have come.

We headed north on River Rd. turning east to Hamilton, north-west to 18 west ending up at Hwy 27 & I-185. There we took a break at the BP station. Riding easterly we reached Greenville where we turned south to turn left onto County Line Church Rd. over Pine Mountain into the Valley. It was then zigzag south to Eilerslie then over to Rt. 27 south ending up at IHOP near Extreme. Over the last 20 miles two bikes turned off as they were close to home.

When we stopped for lunch the ride had added up to 133 miles. Good ride, good roads, good weather, and great company.

John F

For Sale by member

2006 Honda Silverwing, Blue—7,300 miles--Large Clearview windshield--Trunk w/LED brake light--50+m.p.g.--\$5250 call Bob @ (706) 249-1056



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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Business Meeting 7:00PM Piccadilly's in Mall	15	16	17 Pat's Backwater - Williams Rd Shell station at 6:30 PM.	18	19
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