

The Kickstand



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Presidents Message

Next Business Meeting

February 8th, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Piccadilly's in Peach Tree Mall
Eat at 6:30 or earlier

Board Meeting

To Be Scheduled
As needed

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Cold Winter Greetings!!!!

Wow, ice cycles are what we are riding these days instead of motorcycles! Have no fear, warm weather WILL be here before you know it. Meantime, keep the heater and electric jackets, gloves and chaps handy.

Well, a New Year is here and VMTC's first monthly meeting was held, in spite of the REALLY COLD weather. We discussed our recent Board Meeting and some the plans for the up coming year. Susan will be working up this years planned Budget and sending it out via email for everyone to look over before next months meeting where it will be voted on, after club discussion. If you see anything that you may have some questions about, contact me or any of the Board members. This is your Budget for spending your money, so let's make sure we make good use of what funds we collect this year.

As you know, John Fiske is our new Ride Chairman. John discussed some of the ride plans for the club this year. Sounds like we are in for another great year of riding. Check the monthly schedule for planned rides and show your club support by making as many meetings and rides as you can.

Remember, it is that time of the year again. Club Membership Dues should be paid as soon as possible. Please send all checks or money orders to Susan (529 Lee Rd. 339 Salem, AL 36874) so your name can be added to the roster again this year!! We have a great club made up of GREAT MEMBERS!

I hope to see each of you at our next monthly meeting as we vote on our Budget. Until then, may God Bless each of you.
" On the Road Again....." (Sing it Clete!)

John McRae, President VMTC

Announcements

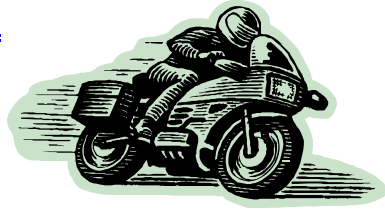
February Birthdays

6th - Bobby Bowden
7th - Barry Cowall
6th - Altheia Hancock
15th - Charlene Harchar
20th - Bob Lee

February Anniversaries

NONE

Ride/Event Calendar



January

January 14th – Ezell's Catfish House – Meet there at 630 PM.

January 22 – Elvis B/D Party Celebration – Join fellow Elvis fans at the Cunningham Center at CSU as we continue to celebrate the 75th birthday of Elvis Presley. Admission is free. Bring family, friends & guests. Doors open at 6 PM. 90 minute concert film begins at 6:30. Bring your own snacks and/or dinner, B/D cake & ice cream for everyone.

January 23rd The Great American Motorcycle Show Georgia's Biggest & Only Indoor Motorcycle Show is cruising into town at the North Atlanta Trade Center in Norcross. Compare new cycles for 2010, plus parts, accessories, and everything you need on the open road. Ride will leave Williams Rd Shell station at 9:00 AM Sat Jan 23rd. See www.northalantatradecenter.com/cycle for more information and to print a \$1 off coupon. Weather will dictate mode of transportation.

February

February 4th – Marks Grill – This will be a new place for the club. Located beside the new Chevron station just off Moon Rd. on north side of the JR Allen bypass. Join us there at 6:30 PM.

February 6th – Moultrie Swap Meet & Car Corral – Not a scheduled club ride. But check with other members who may be going down (Roger, Clete, Bob, Gerry).

February 13th – Valentines Day Dinner & Movie – at the Cunningham Center. Dinner will be catered. Doors open at 6PM dinner serves at 6:30 and movie to begin at 7:15.

February 18th – Pats Back Waters – This has always been one of the clubs favorite eating places. It is a short ride for those chilly winter evenings. Come & join us. Ride will leave Williams Rd. Shell station at 6:30 PM.

February 20th Ride to Donaldsonville, Fl. – This ride will go down the east side of the river and return on the west side. Total miles about 250. Ride will depart from Victory Dr. Burger King at 9:30 AM.

February 26th March 7th – Daytona Bike Week begins – This is not a scheduled club ride. But if you are going, check with other members who may be going down.

March

March 6th – Cheaha Mountain – Has always been one of the clubs favorite rides. Ride will take us on some new roads. We will stop in Lineville for lunch at the BBQ restaurant before riding up the mountain. Total ride about 230 miles. Depart from P.C. Home Depot lot at 10:00 AM. (Note: time change).

March 13th & 14th – St Augustine FL – This will be a 2-day ride to visit the city Spanish explorer Menendez in 1565 on the feast day of St. Augustine, August 28, he sailed through the inlet and named the area after the saint. More details to follow as time approaches.

Long Range Planning Dates for You Calendar

March 21st – Iron Butt Ride

April 24th – Fish Fry

May 20th - Pot Luck Supper

June 17 – 20 – Smokey Mountain Ride-in

July 16-18 – Cruso Camp-in

August 21st – Mid-night Ride

September 19th - Picnic

October 16-17 – Shrimp Peel

December 4th – Xmas Party

For Sale By Member



2004 Honda VTX 1300 S

12,000 miles

Showroom clean.

Lady owned and driven.

Black and chrome, chrome, chrome!

\$ 5,995

Susan Miller

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Safety Message

Speed and Stopping Distances

In order to stop a vehicle, three factors are involved.

- perceptive distance
- reaction distance
- braking distance

Perception Distance

Perception distance is the distance your vehicle travels from the time your eyes physically see a hazard until your brain recognizes that hazard. Perception time for an alert driver is 3/4 of a second. In that short time, you will travel at least 60 feet at 55 mph.

Reaction Distance

Reaction distance is how far the vehicle travels from the time your brain recognizes the hazard and sends the message that causes your foot to move from the accelerator to the brake pedal. The average driver has a reaction time of 3/4 of a second. During that time, at 55 mph, you'll travel another 60 feet.

Braking Distance

Braking distance is the distance it takes to actually stop your vehicle once the brakes are depressed. This stopping distance is affected by length, weight and speed of the vehicle, plus condition of the road surface. At 55 mph, on dry pavement, with good brakes, it will take a heavily-loaded vehicle about 250-300 feet to stop. A tractor-trailer will take up to 400 feet to stop at that speed.

Doubling your speed (say from 25 mph to 50) quadruples stopping distance. These numbers underline the importance of leaving enough room in front of you on the road. Good space management is your best protection.

Some Braking Tips

The following are tips for braking on slippery pavement:

- Don't lock the wheels when you are attempting to stop.
- Whenever possible, anticipate your braking needs before an emergency situation happens.
- Allow lots more time and distance for making a safe stop when roads are wet or slippery.

This article discusses the times and distances for four wheel vehicles which would be different than those of a two wheel motorcycle. The 'perception distance' and the 'reaction distance' would be very similar for the two, however, the stopping distance could be less if proper braking procedure is used, which would include use of the front brake.

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Gerbing Heated Clothing for Sale:

- 1 ladies Gerbing electric jacket liner (medium) black.
- 1 ladies Gerbing electric riding pants (medium) black.
- 1 Set electric leather gloves (small) black.

Wiring harness included along with Thermostat Temp Controller. \$365.00 (these would fit a small fellow like Clete)

1 Ladies Insulated Riding Suit (medium) black, made by Raven.....\$45.00

If interested in any of the above, call George Carter 706-561-4175

VMTA Calendar of Events January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11 Business Meeting 7:00PM at Piccadilly's	12	13	14 Ezell's Catfish Cabin Meet there at 6:30.	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Elvis B/D Celebration. 6:00 PM Cunningham Ctr	23 Norcross M/C Show- Shell station 9:00 AM
	25	26	27	28	29	30
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	1	2	3	4 Marks Grill on Moon Rd. – Meet there at 6:30.	5 Moultrie Swap Meet & Car Corral	6 Moultrie Swap Meet & Car Corral
7	8 Business Meeting 7:00PM at Piccadilly's	9	10	11	12	13 Valentines Day Dinner & Movie 6PM at Cunningham Ctr
14	15	16	17	18 Pats Back Water Shell station 6:30 PM	19	20 Ride to <u>Donaldsonville</u> KSU at 9:30 AM Victory Dr B.K.
21	22	23	24	25	26 Daytona Bike Week begins	27
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VMTA Calendar of Events March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Cheaha Mountain – PC Home Depot @ 10:00
7 Daytona Bike Week ends	8 Business Meeting 7:00PM at Piccadilly's	9	10	11 Shiloh Grill Departs Miller Rd BK at 6:30.	12	13 St. Augustine – 2-day ride details to follow