

The Kickstand



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Presidents Message

Next Business Meeting

July 12th, 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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Greetings!

Greetings fellow Bikers! I hope that you are keeping cool during this VERY HOT weather. Cool rides at night may be the ticket for the next few weeks. Some like it hot, some like it cold. I just like being able to get out and enjoy the RIDE!

Our monthly meeting was down in attendance, I believe, due to the hot weather. Business was conducted as usual and plans for upcoming rides were discussed with great anticipation. I hope that each of you will check out the ride schedule and make as many rides as possible. Great friends and great rides await everyone! Plans were discussed for our up coming Shrimp Peel. John Delay was gracious to VOLUNTEER as coordinator of the event after Clete, who was voted chairman last month in his absence, respectfully declined, but cheerfully offered his support and guidance to John, as he begged Clete for help. John was comforted with outpouring support from many of the members as they offered up their abilities to help make his job easier. Wow, did you follow that,..... He was RAILROADED! I am sure that John will make the event another great success for the club.

Please make your plans to attend and spread the word to all your buddies to come and share with VMTA at our Annual Shrimp Peel. The date was changed, by vote, to October 23. Make sure that you change you calendar to this date. Come and spend the weekend and enjoy the fun.

I hope that everyone enjoys the Summer and the great weather to Ride, Ride, Ride!

Please be safety conscious and check your tires for wear and proper inflation. A blow out at high speeds is something we all must try to avoid.

May the wind be at your back and may God be you Co-Pilot. Hope to see you soon On the road, again!

John McRae, President

Announcements

July Birthdays

23rd – Curt Adkins

27th – Fred Manzer

July Anniversaries

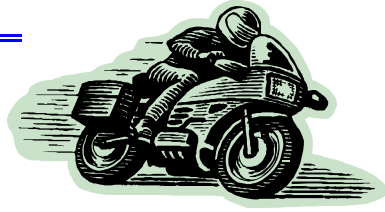
2th – Bob & Marie Lee

21st – David & Rhonda Lewis

26th – Larry and Faith Mack

28th – Cornelius and Leslie Smith

Ride/Event Calendar



June

June 17th – 19th – Smokey Mountain Ride-in – This is a 4-day event in Bryson City NC. Make your reservations early. See <http://jkgraphics.com/Eagle/smoky.html> Four days of riding, socializing, and fun.

June 19th – Fort Valley Peach Festival – For those members not going to the above ride-in. (See <http://www.worldslargestpeachcobbler.com/>) Road Race, Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Arts & Crafts, Parade, Historical Society Luncheon, Worlds Largest Peach Cobbler, Music & Fireworks.

June 17th – 19th – GWRRA Georgia District Rally in Hiwassee - Information only at this time.

June 21th – National Ride To Work Day – Advocate and support the use of motorcycles and scooters for transportation everyday.

June 24th – Movie Night – at the Cunningham Center – “The Proposal” with Sandra Bullock

June 26th – Huggin’ Molly’s – in Abbeville, AL for lunch. This is a new destination for the club. A few members have eaten there and is highly recommend. Leave P.C. Waffle King at 10:00 AM. See www.hugginmollys.com.

July

July 1st -3rd – GWRRA National Rally “Wing Ding” – Not a club ride/event, information only.

July 3rd – Pasaguan – A globally famous visionary art environment created by Eddie Owens Martin in Buena Vista. (www.pasaguan.com) Departs Miller Rd Burger King at 10:00 AM. Admission is a donation of \$5.00 per person.

July 8th – River City Grill – on Airport Thruway for dinner. Meet there at 6:30 PM.

July 16 -18th – NC Mountain Ride – Three day event. We will stay at ‘The Lodge’ in Waynesville. Call 828-452-0353 for reservations. Ride will depart Williams Rd Shell station at 8:00 AM Friday 7/16.

July 22nd – Movie Night – at the Cunningham Center. Feature to be announced.

July 25th – Red Neck Yacht Party – Come join other members & guests for some fun on the water. Meet at the Miller home on Lake Harding at 12:00 noon. We will proceed to a “special sandy beach” by what ever means will float. Meet at Home Depot at 11:15 AM if you don’t know the way to the Millers’.

July 29th – The White House – for dinner. Depart P.C. Home Depot at 6:30 PM.

July 31st – Breakfast Newnan IHOP – Depart Williams Rd Shell station at 8:00 AM

August

August 7th & 8th – Mountain Ride – This will be a 2-day ride. More details to follow.

August 19th – Movie Night at the Cunningham Center. Stay tuned for details.

August 21st – Mid-night Ride – Depart Miller Rd Burger King at 9:00 PM for a moon-lit (hopefully) ride to Albany for a mid-night brunch. Ride down will be on two-lane, while return trip will use the 4-lane.

Safety Message

I hate to ride a dirty bike, but the real reason I get down on hands & knees is that it is the only way to really get intimate with your bike. If you really clean your bike, your hands and eyes are going to touch and observe almost every square inch of it. If there is a small fluid leak somewhere, you're going to see it. If a body panel is loose, or a wire dangling, you're going to find it. If one of your tires is low, or showing an uneven wear pattern, you're going to spot it while you're cleaning the rims. Short of actually removing the body panels or partially disassembling the bike, it's the best physical examination you can make.

Extracted from "Contact Patch" MCCN July 2010

Reviews of Past Rides/Events

Pot Luck Supper

Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening; of course the good food and conversation. Some went back for seconds & laughter must have made our neighbors wonder what was going on. Susan even tasted a fresh strawberry from my garden. Myra was trying to find Stella Doro Lilies.

Gwen took the scene with her helmet on to say good bye in the kitchen. Hoping John will put Gwen's picture with this article. Laura Avirett was our furthest member from Oklahoma.



Glad everyone enjoyed the nice evening. Don't know if all the world problems were solved or not.

Thanks for the support and contributions of

those attending and for our wonderful club.

If you did not attend you missed a fun evening.

Mary F

Yoder's

What a night. Wow! First the heat. It was 92° leaving Burger King. Second, we had eleven, yes 11, bikes with 16 riders/co-riders. The third I will mention later.

We rode east on Rt. 80 to Geneva then traveled south-east on Rt. 240, having to stop at about five stop signs but no towns before we reached Rt.26. There we turned east through Montezuma reaching Yoder's. Dismounting the bikes we were greeted By Cal & Mary who had driven down in the truck.

As usual the food was plentiful. I commented to Mary that this was the first time at Yoder's we did not encounter a line. Now for the third wow. About the time



everyone got seated and was busy eating, who comes around the corner carrying trays of food but Mickey & Laura. With them were Laura's sister and significant other. Mickey had

arrived in Harris Co. a day earlier than planned from OK and they drove down to join the club in supper.

After eating way too much we gathered outside for plenty of conversation and story telling while waiting for the sun to set a little further before heading west. The



route home was via Rt. 26 and then up 280 through Ft. Benning. The temperature was 10 degrees cooler so the ride home was more pleasant.

Great evening, with great friends, and great food of course. Once again. If you were not there, you missed a good time.

John F

Fall Creek Falls (Helen)

We had been talking about a trip to Fall Creek Falls for a long while. We had been there a few times years ago and really loved it. I took that Friday off of work so we could make a three day weekend of it. When we had no one interested in going and that weekend looked like rain while we were planning to camp; well, we just decided to cancel the trip.

Then David called Friday night and asked if we wanted to go to Helen; Oh Yea! We had the trailer all packed and ready to go. We met at 8:00 Saturday morning at Hardy's, ate breakfast and we were on the road. David already had his GPS programmed, and it was for all the back roads.

The weather could not have been better for traveling. It started out cloudy and remained that way all day. Most all the roads were lush, green, and twisty. Going through Atlanta was a little bit of a challenge with all the traffic lights, but we still had a great ride.

When we arrived in Helen Linda and I stopped at the Motel David and Rhonda were staying at. It was very nice with a small lake outside. The motel was about the middle between Helen and Cleveland. Looking at the skies it was cloudy but it was still very pleasant.

Linda and I took off for Unicoi State Park where we had our reservations for our campsite. When we got there David called and asked our campsite number. Linda and I went to our campsite and set up our tent. By

the time we got the tent set up David and Rhonda pulled up and we headed to town.

When we got there it started raining. It didn't rain hard, just steady. We ate at the restaurant in



downtown right on the Hooch next to the bridge. After walking the town and through the shops for about 2 hours we parted ways and Linda and I headed back to our

campsite. That's about the time the skies let loose and it started to pour. Linda and I then decided if the stuff inside the tent was wet we would head back and get a room.

Well we made it back and it was all still dry. We took our tarp and put it over the tent for insurance, crawled in and settled down for the night. The rain hitting the tarp was just incredible. It kind of was like rain on a tin roof, there is just something so surreal, so relaxing, we slept real well.

When we awoke in the morning the rain was gone. We packed up our stuff and headed out to meet David and Rhonda at their place. They were pretty much packed and ready to go, so we hit the road for home taking the same route back. This was a really great ride, with a LOT of really nice roads.



On the ride up we noticed a dam with a mill so on the way back we kept an eye out for it. We stopped there on the way back and took a lot of pictures. This has very beautiful

scenery, check out the pics.

David and Rhonda make a great ride leader. They are very concerned about the safety and comfort of the folks riding with them. Taking breaks whenever necessary and driving in a well-regarded manner. He has his bike sounding very nice. Riding behind him you can tell it was a Harley with the sound only Harley's make, but his pipes were quite and not over powering. We spent a lot of time on the CB's and he has about the clearest sound coming from his mike.

It was a magnificent weekend, and one I'm glad I didn't end up at home. Thanks David and Rhonda for a good time. If y'all ever get the chance to ride with these folks, you will have a mighty fine time, we did!

Barry

Yoder's

Someone woke this club up last Sat. night. What a turn out down at Yoder's in Montezuma, Ga. There were 16 of us leaving the start point then 4 more members met us there plus relatives. Neat

Along for the ride was Johnny & Connie, John & Mary, John & Myra, Don & Renee, Jerry & DeEtta, Roger & Susan, Clete, Bob, Steve, and Paul – meeting us down there were Cal & Mary, Mickey & Laura with her sister & husband.



We went down a different route bypassing Buena Vista by going out 80E and down rt. 240 making a more easterly then

south and we were there already. Food was very good plus the bakery was still holding a few items for us. Not crowded so we visited longer like we did last time we were down.

For the trip home we came back to Buena Vista and Ft Benning, then split up at Victory Dr and I 185. Lots going into Ala. And the rest of us heading to north Columbus or further. Pics on Web

Bob Smith

SPECIAL NOTE

The date for the Annual Shrimp Peel in Panama City Beach has been moved to the 4th week-end in October. That's October 23rd & 24th. Mark this date on your calendar now.

VMTA Calendar of Events June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14 Business Meeting 7:00PM at Piccadilly's	15	16	17	18	19 Smoky Mountain Ride-in Bryson City, NC This is a 4-day event of riding, socializing, and having fun in Bryson City NC
20	21 National Ride to Work Day	22	23	24 Movie Night "The Proposal" with Sandra Bullock	25	26 Huggin' Mollys –PC Waffel King 10 AM
27	28	29	30			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Pasaquan Buena Vista. MR BK 9:00 AM
4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8 River City Grill – Meet there at 6:30	9	10
11	12 Business Meeting 7:00PM at Piccadilly's	13	14	15	16	17 NC Mountain Ride 3-days – stay at The Lodge in Waynesville (828-452-0353) Departs Shell station at 8 AM.
18 Return from 3-day ride	19	20	21	22 Movie Night	23	24
25 Red Neck Yacht Party Meet at the Miller's 12:00 noon	26	27	28	29 The White House PC Home Depot 6:30 PM	30	31 Breakfast Ride to Newnan

VMTA Calendar of Events August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Two-day Mountain Ride- details to follow
8	9 Business Meeting 7:00PM at Piccadilly's	10	11	12	13	14