

The Kickstand



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Presidents Message

Next Business Meeting

May 10th, 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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Welcome to VMTA's Home on the Internet. We hope that you enjoy your look into our world of road riding and great friendship. Please come join us for one of our club rides that you will find listed on our ride calendar. We look forward to meeting you and hope you find the friendship and great riding you are looking for in a club.

Our monthly business meeting was well attended by many of our members and were delighted to have 4 new members join our club. John and Cindy Garzone and David and Rhonda Lewis. We hope that their addition to the club will be everything they are looking for in a great riding club.

Barry noted that the annual Fish Fry is ready and well staffed and hopes that everyone will make plans to attend. He, also, noted that he was over whelmed by the out pouring of help offered by the club members to make this years event one of the BEST YET! If you haven't made plans, please check the calendar and make arraignments to attend.

Beautiful riding weather is here and try to take advantage of some of the great rides John Fiske, our ride chairman, has put on the calendar for all of us to enjoy. We know you can't make all of the rides, but do yourself a favor and come RIDE with your club and friends.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Fish Fry. Have a safe and wonderful time "on the road again..."

John McRae, President

Announcements

May Birthdays

2nd - Martha Bowden

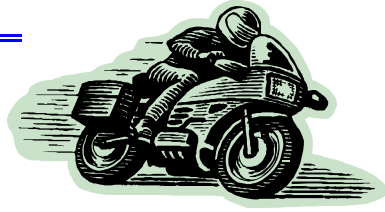
3rd - Rich Curtis

9th - Lucy Manzer

17th - Linda Cowall

May Anniversaries

Ride/Event Calendar



April

April 18th Mossey Creek Barnyard Festival – Semi-annual festival in Perry's piney woods. Named one of top 20 Events in SE and a top 100 event in North America. So it has to be good. Admission is \$5.00. Will be about 170 mile round trip. Departs from Miller road Burger King at 9:00 AM.

April 23rd - Movie Night - at the Cunningham Center. Feature will be "Blind Side"; a homeless black teenager, Michael Oher (Quinton Aaron) has drifted in and out of the school system for years. Then Leigh Anne Tuohy (Sandra Bullock) and her husband, Sean (Tim McGraw), take him in, transforming Michael's life and theirs. Bring your supper & eat with friends. Drinks available for \$.50. Doors open at 6:00 and film starts at 6:30.

April 24th – Annual Fish Fry – Once again we will take over the pavilion at Florence Marina. Barry is our Chief cook and coordinator this year. Call him and volunteer a hand. Meal time about 6 PM. Ride down will leave P.C. Waffle King at 5:00 PM. Do not forget \$5.00 park use fee.

April 30th – May 2nd - Mammoth Cave NP KY – This will be a 3-day ride. Caves are off I-65 about 25 miles north-east of Bowling Green. (See <http://www.nps.gov/mac/index.htm>) About 800 miles RT. Ride will depart Williams Rd Shell station at 8 AM sharp.

May

May 8th – Ashburn, GA & Blackbeards - Will take tour (1-hr) of the Crime & Punishment Museum. Then to Albany for supper. Ride will depart Victory Dr Burger King at 10:00 PM

May 13th – HomeStyle Country Kitchen - in Valley. Departs P.C. Home Depot lot at 6:30 PM.

May 15 & 16th – Falls Creek Falls State Park – in Pikeville TN located on the Cumberland Plateau. It has one of the highest waterfalls east of the Rockies. This will be another 2-day ride. Some members are planning to leave Friday for a 3-day outing. Call Barry if interested. Departs Shell station at 8:00 AM.

May 20th – Pot Luck Supper at the Fiske's – Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Meat & drinks will be provided. Email or call Mary (706-561-3543) to advise her what you will be bringing to share with fellow bikers & friends.

May 22th – Yoder's – Departs miller Rd Burger King at 5:00 PM.

May 27th – Movie Night – Feature film TBA.

June

June 5th – Shaky's in Auburn – Depart Phenix City Home Depot at 10:30 AM.

June 12th – Buckner's – Depart Miller Rd Burger King at 10:30 AM.

June 17th – 19th – Smokey Mountain Ride-in – This is a 4-day event. 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.

June 20th – National Ride To Work Day –

Safety Message

Not available at press time

Thoughts on past rides

St. Augustine

We left out of Burger King 7 bikes strong with John Fiske in the lead and Clete taking the tail. There was John and Mary, Clete, Belinda, Bob, Don & Renee, Linda and myself, and a new couple David and Rhonda. The clouds were overcast the whole trip which was kind of good, better than the sun baking you. The air was a little nippy as it is this time of year but Linda and I dressed for the cooler weather and we were very comfortable.

Clete made a comment this was the first ride he could remember everyone had a CB. It was a good ride every time we stopped to eat or gas up I got to know David and Rhonda little more. What a pleasant couple and very interesting to get to know, they fit right in.

When we arrived we went past our hotel and went straight to the Raintree Restaurant. We had a pleasant meal with the presentation of the dinners very exquisite. After eating we headed to the Fountain of Youth. When we got there the gates were closed and everyone headed to the hotel; everyone except Linda and I. We wanted to see the town.

When we got into town we were at the main park. Thanks to the fact we were on the bike we had no trouble finding a place to park although it would have been very hard in a car. When we got off the bike we met a young couple and asked what the town was like. They pointed toward St. George Street and said this was something you don't want to miss. Good enough for us, and that's where we went. Turns out this WAS the place to be, and see. A very narrow road with foot traffic only and small shops lined on both sides. Very quaint, dimly lit and a lot of people dressed in colonial attire. Some of them were carrying lanterns with candles in them which made for a very nice ambiance.

We were in one of the side streets when we heard drums. We went back to St. George Street and there came a lot of Spanish soldiers carrying torches and drums marching down the street. We found later this was the 'Spanish Night Watch' which they do one night, once a year. Now how lucky can you get! They march from the Fort to the City Plaza. The evening by now was getting late and Linda and I retired back to our room at the motel. What a day!

In the morning we put our kick stands up at 8:00 and we were off again. Took a ride into town around the Spanish square, along the coast, rode a really cool ferry at Mayport Florida across the St John River, stopped at

Folkston at the train crossing, up to Waycross and back home. Check out the pics on the VMTA web site!

This was our first long ride this year and it really was a lot of fun. Rode with a lot of old friends and made new friends on this ride. Thanks to everyone who rode, you really made this a great ride. I really don't believe there is a better riding club than the VMTA!

Barry

Annual Fish Fry

Greetings to all! Well the Fish Fry is upon us and I have heard from almost everyone in the club. Let me thank all of you that responded so quickly. So far we have a little over 50 people coming to our event so we're really in for a great time. The cooks are all lined up and it looks like everything is in place. If you would like to volunteer for anything or have any ideas just give me a call.

As you know by now our event is going to be held at Florence Marina at 6:00pm on April 24th. The parking will be \$5.00 a car and same for a motorcycle. We have the Pavilion reserved and it is located past the campground. We have a lot of food planned but we can always use a little help if you would like to bring a dish.

Linda and I are really looking forward to this event and we can't wait to see you there! This is what the VMTA is all about!!

Barry

SHILOH GRILL

George and I were looking forward to riding his scooter to Shiloh Grill. The weather had been so uncooperative until I really haven't tried out the passenger seat. He went outside to check it out for the ride and it had a flat tire. These were new tires too. Long story, short we went in the four wheeler.

There were three bikes and two were Harley's. The Lewises, Renee, John and of course George and I in the van. Everyone teases about the Harley's but that's their preference and they are as proud of their bikes as everyone else and we are happy to have them in the club. We know it's all in good fun and it would be disappointing if we couldn't joke and tease each other as that's what makes us so special. The ride over was nice and it's always nice to be in the back and watch the tail lights-they are a pretty sight.

The food was good and the conversation stimulating. We ate drank and was merry until time for departure. George and I hope to be participating in more rides since the weather is getting warmer. I can't wear my heated outfit on the scooter and for those of you who don't know I am cold natured and George says I shiver like a bird-dog. How does a bird dog shiver?

I am sorry you missed another great ride and I hope to see you on the next one.

Gwen

VMTA Calendar of Events April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12 Business Meeting 7:00PM at Piccadilly's	13	14	15	16	17
18 Mossey Creek – Miller RD BK at 9:00	19	20	21	22	23 Movie Night – “Blind Side” Doors open 6 PM	24 Fish Fry – Ride Departs PC Waffle King 5 PM dinner 6:00.
25	26	27	28	29	30 Mammoth Cave <u>This is a 3-day ride</u>	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Mammoth Cave Shell station 8:00 AM sharp
2 RETURN	3	4	5	6	7	8 Ashburn & Blackbeards Depart Victory Dr BK at 10:00 AM
9 Mothers Day	10 Business Meeting 7:00PM at Piccadilly's	11	12	13 Homestyle County Kitchen – PC Home Depot 6:30 PM	14	15 Falls Creek Falls State Park, TN - 2-day ride Departs Shell station at 8:00 AM
16 RETURN	17	18	19	20 Pot Luck Supper- @ Fiske's Served at 6:30	21	22 Yoder's – Miller Rd BK at 5:00 PM
23	24	25	26	27 Movie Night – Feature TBA	28	29
30	31					

VMTA Calendar of Events June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Shaky's in Auburn
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Buckner's in Jackson
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.