

The Kickstand



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Next Business Meeting

January 9th, 2012 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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Presidents Message

Well fellow riders, our annual Christmas Party is just a memory and another year is almost upon us. Mary & I hope you all have a very happy and safe Holiday Season.



John Fiske

I am sure the weather will keep us from accumulating a lot of miles for the next couple of months. But there are a couple of rides scheduled in January beginning with the Polar Bear Ride on New Years Day. This has always been a favorite regardless of the temperature. Hope to see you there.

The new slate of officers are looking forward to another great VMTA touring season. With your help we can enjoy our sport to the fullest with a great family of riders.

Announcements

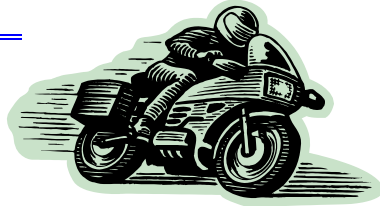
January Birthdays

2nd – Duck Fry
4th – Sidney Martin
11th – Jerry Morehouse
17th – Jerry Boyd
17th – James Ingram
23rd – Leslie Smith
26th – John Delay
28th – Karen Tennant

January Anniversaries

6th – Jackie & Altheia Hancock
6th – John & Myra Delay
8th – George & Gwen Carter
13th – Cal & Mary Herring
18th – Rich & Sallie Curtis

Ride/Event Calendar



January 2012

Sunday, January 1st - Annual Polar Bear Ride - Length & route will be determined by Ride Captain and the weather. Meet at Williams Rd. Shell station with KSU at 9:30 AM.

Thursday, January 19th – El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant – North Lake Parkway. Meet there at 6:30.

Saturday, January 28th - 2012 Great American Motorcycle Show - at the North Atlanta Trade Center in Norcross! Don't miss the 20th year as Georgia's premier motorcycle show! Visit their web site & take a look.
<http://www.northeastatlantatradecenter.com/cycle.html> Ride will depart the Williams Rd Shell station at 8:00 AM.

February 2012

Thursday, February 2nd – Texas Roadhouse – North Lake Parkway. Meet there at 6:30 PM.

Sunday, February 19th – Concord Café – This has always been a favorite eating place for the club. Ride will depart the Miller Rd Burger King at 10:30 AM.

March 2012

Thursday, March 1st – The Black Cow – 115 12 Street Columbus. This was a very pleasant experience the first time there. To see the menu click: <http://www.allmenus.com/ga/columbus/293249-the-black-cow/menu/dinner/> We will meet there at 6:30 PM.

Saturday, March 17th – Oscars Steak & Sea Food – in Warm Springs. Ride will depart Miller Rd Burger King at 5:00 OM. To view the menu click: <http://www.allmenus.com/ga/columbus/293249-the-black-cow/menu/dinner/>

Mileage Contest 2012

Well, we have just finished with our annual Christmas Party and awarding of the awards. There were only 11 members that reported their odometer reading for the beginning and end of our riding year. Lets make it closer to 100% for 2012. As Roger so correctly stated at the party; "we are a 'riding club' and it is not just about the one with the most miles, but to show how much the VMTA does ride". Please email John Delay (delayj@ctvea.net) you bike odometer reading as of Nov 30th or today if that is easier. Those 11 reported for 2011, we have your starting number. Lets all go riding this year.

John Fiske

Previous Rides

Black Friday Ride

It was the day after Thanksgiving, and all was well. There was not a single left over in the house, so what better to do, than go for a motorcycle ride and enjoy some of the Black Friday sales.

Friday, November 25, 2011

After seeing the flyers and ads all week long, I thought that a ride to Harbor Freight in Macon would be a great adventure. The plan was to meet at the BP Station in Ellerslie at 10:30. (Just enough time for it to begin warming up).

After I filled the bike with gas, and was enjoying a cold soda, I pulled a Blue Can-Am that I had not seen before, nor did I know the rider. He turned out to be Wayne Kennedy, (former club member). We talked for a few moments and in came another bike; it was Arthur Johnson on his "dirt bike" (called this as he likes to take it off the pavement at highway speeds). A few minutes later in came John Fiske, pulling his trailer followed by Barry.

I guess they had plans for buying "big items" We geared up and headed East on Hwy 315 through Talbot ton, then East again on 80 towards Macon.

Ride to Macon was great; the sun was just beginning to get warm enough to enjoy the ride. The roads were basically free of any traffic, although we did have a couple of deer cross in front of us.

Arrived at Harbor Freight just after 12 noon, did some "MAN" shopping, and then walked to Sub Way for Lunch. This is where I really got to appreciate Wayne for his sense of humor, "tried snorting coke once, but the bottle would not fit in my nose", ask the waitress for change for a quarter so he could leave a tip, he has several one line comments that I could listen to all day. (I have the same sick sense of humor).

After lunch the topic of Northern Tools came up, so we ventured back to the west a couple miles to the Northern Tool store where we did some additional "MAN" shopping.

We headed west on 80 back into Talbot ton, stopped for Ice Cream, headed South on 41 to Geneva and back into Columbus on the 4 lane as Wayne had another commitment at 5:00 in town.

Total of 5 bikes, 7 hours and almost 175 miles. (There is a story of events that happened after I separated off from the group and will leave that story for Arthur or Barry).

It's always a Great Day when on 2 wheels!

Steven Tennant

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox for Samaritan Purse

There was John & Mary, Roger, Susan, Bob, Art, Chuck & Barbara Powell, and Mike Frank on his bike with JoLynn & Savannah in the car. After hellos, how are you's and hugs it was KSU at 1:40 pm for the Shell station. John led us behind the airport, a road that Roger had not been on before. John meandered beside the Georgia Power maintenance building coming out on University Ave. Taking a left I said "you should have gone right". But I don't drive the motorcycle so we did a turn around in a gravel lot to test everyone's skills. Susan was the only one who followed John. All the rest made u-turns in the street.

Viewing the Lights

The forecast was for chilly temperatures at 7:00 PM and on the way to the meeting place Mary asked me "How many did I expect?". Answer was: Least year there were 3, but you never know VMTA.

When we reached the Shell station there was already 4 bikes there and at KSU time a total of 8 bikes and one car. Bundled up for the evening were: Duck, Paul, Bob, Barry & Linda, John & Mary along with guests Wayne Kennedy, Gettis Rivers, & Ashley Beaver with his daughter. OH yes the car! There was Steve & Karen. This was a great turn out.

Bob started us off with a brisk ride up River Rd, turning left at the yellow blinking light and then south on old River Rd. Then it was riding thru part of Autumn Ridge subdivision. At that point

On to the Baptist Youth Center and dropped off the seven shoe boxes. The Center had a goal of 3,000 boxes this year. They had a good amount already crated and stacked, ready for loading onto a truck headed to the Atlanta consolidation point. Then it is onto NC for distribution all over the world.

Roger as chosen to lead us downtown to Baskin Robbins / Dunkin Donuts where we filled our tummies. Then all went our different ways home. Great cause, great afternoon and good friendships.

Mary F

John took the lead and the first stop was in Windsor Park. Then it was Independence Dr, Georgian Way, Shanna Ln, Ironstone DR, and lastly Dunhill Dr. The Dunhill resident not only has the outside of the house & carport decorated but the interior of her house also. She takes great pride in coming out and inviting all to come in and see everything. It is amazing how much time & money people put into their displays. She says that her daughter stated in September putting it all up.

Then it was time for coffee and refreshments, so it was on to IHOP on Airport Thruway. It was a cool night for riding but with old friends and new ones it was a great evening. Thanks to everyone for coming along this year.

John F.



For Sale By Member

2008 Yamaha FJR1300a-12,500 mi-great condition-\$9500

Maxi Givi box w/LED-frame sliders-uses AMSOIL-clear title Garaged-2nd adult owner bad knee-

Bob Lee

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Election of officers for 2012

The following members were elected to hold office in 2012.

President:	John Fiske
Vice President:	Cal Herring
Secretary:	Connie McRae
Treasury:	Susan Miller
Road Ride Chairman	John Delay
Public Relations:	Don Lamee

Please lend your support to these people during 2012.

VMTA Calendar of Events January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Polar Bear Ride – Shell station 9:30	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Business Meeting 7:00 Piccadilly's	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant Meet there 6:30	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 American Motorcycle Show – Shell station 8:00 am
29	30	31				

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