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Columbine High

Tonight after work I went again over to Columbine High and Clement Park. I wanted to go up the hill at dusk to stand among the 15 crosses and pay my respects. I've been a couple of times this week to walk through the Memorial area in the park. You're never alone there; there's a continuous crowd, and everyone is prayerful, considerate, and very moved by this display of love and condolence. Being with those 70,000 people at the memorial service on Sunday was one of the most moving experiences of my life.

I don't know if anyone else has asked that a note be put in our newsletter in tribute to these victims, but I certainly hope one will be included. This is a tragedy which really touches every child and every adult in our community, state, and nation. It

just happens to be where I live and work, and I know a good number of our Club has ties here in Littleton. This seems like about the least likely place on Earth for something this horrible to happen. Our world certainly needs to change. These kids and their teacher can't have died in vain. I think they were chosen to teach all of us to believe in and follow God, and we've got a job to do to nurture our families and our community.

It's going to be a long healing process. (*Editors note: Submitted by Betty Richards who expresses our collective feelings most eloquently.*)

From The President's Saddle:

We are starting into official Riding Season where we participate in organized rides. I, for one, am really looking forward to that. It seems like it has been way too long. By the time this is published we will have had the "Sponsors Ride." I hope that all of you were able to get out and show your support to the Sponsors and take advantage of the additional discounts that they typically offer on the day especially for us. I know that I have been putting together my shopping list.

We were unable to have our Two-Up ERC Course as planned. I certainly support the decision to postpone it from the

weekend that it was planned. I work on the West Side of the city and it was a fun time getting home that Friday evening. I certainly hope that we can get it rescheduled at a later date.

I was unable to make the April Meeting but my *H&R Block* commitments took presidents the evening of April 15th. Sure glad that is over with for another year. There were plenty of very nice afternoons that I could have been out riding around when I was trapped inside preparing taxes.

I hope that all of you that are able to go to the World Wide WEB have done so and seen the very nice job that Stan Stotz has done and continues to do in that area. I believe that it has a very state-of-the-art appearance but yet not so "high techie" that you can't navigate around within it. I believe that many of us that have the ability to go there and get the Newsletter should and let Nancy Frase and Crane Smiley know so that they don't need to mail out your Newsletter. The added savings to the Club of this mailing cost will help out to cover the monthly cost of maintaining the WEB Site. We all need to work together in this area to control costs.

I would also encourage all of you to make contributions to the content of the Newsletter. We are always looking for new and interesting materials there.

There is also an area on the WEB Site for those items that we have for sale from time to time. The price is certainly right.

I had better let you go for now and I look forward to seeing you all out there whenever you are able to join us in the open air. Be Safe and have Fun. Stay in touch.

Floyd Thorne, President

Minutes:

Vice President Mike Rieger called the meeting to order. The sign-in sheet showed 39 members and 2 guests in attendance. The guests were Darrell Farrington, who rides a Kawasaki, and Jimmy White, a sales rep for Batteries Plus.

Secretary's Report:

The March minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Ruth reported balances in Checking of \$1,903.51 and Savings of \$3,495.91 as of 4/14/99, for a total of \$5,399.42.

Committee Reports:

Ruth asked for the committee reports and received the following:

Activities: Since Dave had not yet arrived, Monica reported on two events.

(1) The Casino Trip scheduled for Saturday 4/24 needs more participation if we want to charter the bus and get the free buffet meal.

(2) The Easter basket project for Have-A-Heart was very successful. Thank you's have been sent to the donating business sponsors, and a letter of appreciation has been received from Have-A-Heart.

Member Relations: Ron reported that the Adopt-A-Highway ride on May 22 will start with a pancake breakfast at their house.

Membership: Nancy reported that data base sheets have been prepared for all members to review prior to distribution of the new directory.

Newsletter: Crane called for a May 1 deadline for the next newsletter.

Rides: Ken reported that the ride books could not be finished for distribution at the April meeting, but he had the ride information and maps with him for all rides through Memorial Day. The ride books will be mailed out to all paid RMVTA members as soon as they come from the printer.

The Sponsor's Ride May 1 needs to be well-attended to express our appreciation to the businesses and individuals who support our Club.

The Rosemount Castle ride May 15 will be a ride to Pueblo and a tour of Rosemount, which has been featured on American Castles on TV.

The Santa Fe ride for Memorial Day weekend requires room reservations by the end of April, with rates ranging from \$60-\$75.

The Yellowstone ride July 15-19 will be a camp-out at Grant's Village for many participants, but rooms are also available in the immediate area. The first night's stay (Thursday) will be at the Super 8 in Rawlins. Phone numbers for reservations are available from either Tim or Ken.

Unfinished Business:

Two items were brought up for discussion.

(1) Stan discussed the Web Site. Currently it features information from the ride book, the newsletter, and photo galleries. He would like to add a copy of the Club By-Laws and any flyers which might accompany the newsletter.

(2) Virgil discussed final details for the 2-up ERC safety course (held April 16 and 18). A full class of 12 bikes was signed up, and two MSF-certified instructors will run the course. He also said that anyone in the class who wants to repeat an ERC class this season could do so without the classroom session and just do the riding activities. The regular fee will apply for repeats.

Announcements:

Wayne and Ruth Adams have qualified under GWRRA guidelines as Level 4 Master Tour riders. Congratulations!

The Colorado Wings Drill Team will perform May 15 at McNichol's Arena. The event starts at 11 and runs until mid-afternoon. Tickets are \$5. and can be purchased from Wayne and Ruth.

Overheard but not announced: There will be wedding bells in July for Nancy Frase. More may be elsewhere in the newsletter. Congratulations!

Guest Speaker:

Jimmy White spoke to the Club after the break. He works for Batteries Plus, a family-owned business franchise with three Denver-metro locations. He presented information on Odyssey hi-performance sealed lead acid batteries and Power Pulse and Solargizer battery maintenance products. Special discounts were offered to members who placed orders at the conclusion of the meeting.

50/50 Drawing:

Fay Myers Mugs went to Monica Woznicki, Ron Nardiello and Ken Kenaston \$11 - Jim Wohlford, \$16 - Ron Nardiello, and \$26- Brenda Shumaker. \$53 went to the Club.

Missing Link:

To Virgil Kipers, for giving the participants of the ERC course a complete listing of required gear, except for their motorcycles. In his defense, Virgil said he "assumed a certain level of intelligence would prevail". Business is slow in this department until the ride season gets into full swing, guys, so hang in there for much better missing links!

The minutes of this meeting were taken and submitted by Betty Richards, Secretary.

Future Rider

Tim and Karen Kah would like to announce the birth of our second baby. Alexander Jack

Kah was born on April 13, 1999, at 3:24 A.M. He was 7 lbs. 12 oz. He's very healthy and has good lungs! We're all doing fine and Cassie is adjusting well to being a big sister.

For Sale

1976 Gold Wing GL-1000, 32,600 miles, custom seat with rider backrest, custom trailer hitch (no trailer), electronic ignition, shield, CB radio, leather saddle bags, rear rack with trunk and almost new Metzler tires. Asking \$3,000.00. Call Gino Pezzella or e-mail at ginop@mindspring.com.

April Birthdays

(Editor's mistake)

- Baker, Beverly 17th
- Dunwell, Jack 29th
- Gillespie, Becky 25th
- Hennigan, Vince 20th
- Hodel, Gary 25th
- Hindman, Joyce 5th
- LeFevre, Dave 7th
- Petrovic, Marijan 16th
- Reynolds, Janet 25th
- Richards, Don 1st
- Redford, John 16th
- Routh, Lois 28th
- Rutter, Julie 18th
- Smiley, Crane 4th
- Teal, Gordon 12th

May Birthdays

- Fry, Joann 5th
- Fry, Doug 10th
- Giles, Terry 9th
- Kah, Karen 18th

- Olsen, Diane 24th
- Wolford, Jim 24th
- Taylor, Sherry 18th