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President - Floyd Thorne
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Secretary - Betty Richards
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Officers Speak...

By Betty Richards

The longest day of the year is now behind us, and we are in the heat of a true Colorado summer. How can 1999 be half over? I guess it's true when they say time passes more quickly as we get older.

The June meeting marked my 12th year of membership in RMVTA. I remember finding out about the Club on a chance meeting with Larry Gutt and Kathie Fields in the Target parking lot at 80th & Wadsworth. The Club scrapbooks, videos, and a flood of memories are evidence of the fun we've had. I've seen many friendships made here to last a lifetime, and I certainly treasure my friends from this group. Isn't it great that a hobby holds such wonderful rewards!

I was looking over the membership roster. It's amazing that in our 15 years over 500 people have become members. Of course we're not all together any more (wouldn't that be one heck of a Moonlight Ride!), but

RMVTA sure has made a place for itself in the riding community. Won't it be fun to look back a few years from now at the great things we did as we were "Ridin' Out The Century"?

Look over the remaining rides in the schedule, and see what fits into your schedule. It looks like many are overnight rides. If you can't make them, then pull out your member roster and place a call or two to put together an impromptu ride of your own. You're sure to have fun, and you just may make another friend for a lifetime.

Welcome to all who locate us through the web site. Give us a look-see and join in the fun. Come to a meeting, or show up at the take-off place for a scheduled ride. All you have to do is introduce yourself, and you're on your way to motorcycle touring the RMVTA way!



Close to 700 miles in 1 day touring some of the most beautiful roads in Colorado.

Independence Pass - June 19

Meeting Minutes

By Betty Richards

President Floyd Thorne called the meeting to order and announced that (VP) Mike Rieger had been involved in a car accident in which he was not

badly injured but the car was totaled so Mike and Lori were not at the meeting.

Forty-one members signed in, and there were four guests: Gary and Jeanie Hoedel brought grand kids - DJ, Briana, and Matt; and also Gilbert Archuleta, riding an '87 Venture Royale he just purchased from a Colorado Springs dealer. Gil joined the Club during the break. Welcome!

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Ruth reported that as of June 15, 1999, there was \$3,505.51 in savings and \$1,324.34 in checking for a total bank balance of \$4,829.85.

Committee Reports: Floyd received the following committee reports:

Activities: Robin has made reservations for our Christmas party on Sunday, December 19th, at the Highlands Golf Course at 92nd and Sheridan.

Member Relations: Ron indicated 12 helped with the highway clean-up, and the Golden Horseshoe award goes to Steve Inouye for the bottle of "hot sex" he found along the way. Thanks to Ron and Joyce for the breakfast before the clean-up.

Newsletter: Stan would like ride captains to provide news about upcoming rides and then summaries after the rides for inclusion in the newsletter and on the web site. The deadline for newsletters is the first of each month.

Rides: The Santa Fe, South Platte, and President's rides occurred between the May and June meetings. The Aluminum Butt, Mt. Evans, and Creede Showtime rides are coming up before the July meeting.

Ancillaries: Janet said she's still waiting for catalogs from vendors so members can choose items and place orders.

Floyd came without a meeting agenda (which got him nominated for the Missing Link), so after Committee reports we reminded him about his team members sitting at the head table with information to share. So.....

Unfinished Business:

Floyd gave the Sponsor plaques with thanks to the following members who are supporting RMVTA this year through their companies:

Vince Hennigan -

Hennigan Funeral Services

Jim "Doc Fox" Wohlford -

Canteen Refreshment Services

Karen Burgus -

Advantage Accounting

Ron Nardiello -

ReMax Brokers

Also, Vickery Motorsports is getting a new plaque to start their second decade as a RMVTA sponsor. Many thanks to all our sponsors!

During the break we celebrated the June 3rd wedding of Jerry and Linda (Beach) Hatfield with a delicious cake brought by Jeanie and Gary Hoedel. Congratulations and our best wishes!

New Business:

More people are becoming acquainted with our Club via the web site, so it's been recommended that we have a flyer with general Club information and our group

riding protocol for newcomers who come to a ride before coming to a meeting. Stan said he would extract that information from the Ride Book and add it to the web site as well.

Tom Schumaker has scheduled a Board meeting for July 30 to review the Club By-Laws.

Virgil Kipers has not received any firm information on the Ride for Kids (St. Jude's Hospital). Check the web site for the latest news on this one.

50/50 Drawing:

\$12 Jim Wohlford

\$20 Jerry Hatfield

\$29 Dennis Klermund

\$61 Club



Missing Link: To Ken Kenaston in

Alamosa on the Santa Fe ride, for coaching the waitress at the restaurant that the way to handle this group was to take one table's order and place it before taking the next table's order. Her translation: take one table's order (guess who was at THAT table!?), place the order, serve that table, and then think about taking the order for the next table. Ken's table was out on their bikes before the third table could even smell their food cooking in the kitchen.



A happy group on the President's Ride . June 12-13

Spotlight on Sponsors:

Advantage Accounting

Owner: Karen Burgus

Karen started her business in 1990 as a bookkeeping service for small contractors. When PC's started to be economical, the small businesses put computers in their offices, from that time on she has done mostly consulting work. Many of the clients consider her the Controller since she prepares their financial statements, payroll reports and taxes, and does most of their year end processing.

She has branched out to other types of clients with a few being a Dentist Office, Private Investigator, Bookstore, Hobby Store, Engineers, and some Telecommunications Companies. The wide diversity in her clients is a challenge and interest to her.

On a personal note, Karen & her husband Steve have been a member of RMVTA since 1993. Karen was Treasurer of RMVTA in 1996. They both ride Goldwings and also enjoy playing golf, traveling and being grandparents. Their daughter Kristy and her husband Ted live nearby so they get to spoil their 13 month old grandson, Jake, quite often.

Safety Points to Ponder

By Wayne Adams

As a follow-up to the three categories of motorcycle riders in June's newsletter, I would like to tell you about a competition that takes place called the "Top Gunn Challenge.". Whether we consider ourselves Novice, Experienced or in the Expert class, it's attitude. For most of us, we need not consider further Motorcycle Enhancement Skills, nor do we really give a darn about any "Top Gunn" stuff. But for many of us who have seen this challenge, or parts from it,

and many of you have if you've taken the ERC course, it is, to say the least, interesting. Most of us are "get on our scooters and go" kind of people, and we all know that our lights work from the last time we rode, that our hydraulic and brake fluids are "okie-dokie", and the tires are okay because they aren't flat on the floor. Our riding skills are just fine, because we made it back safely from our last ride without anything more eventful happening than we missed a DQ stop.

Where is all this "jawing" going, you ask? I would offer a challenge/proposal to those of us who are not quite at the level of "Top Gunn Rider", but aspiring to be just a bit better riders than we are now, to acquire a couple of new skills. On a quiet evening, go out and turn 360's within a 26 foot circle, perhaps a figure 8 within a 24 by 48 foot rectangle, even a slow straight line ride just about stall-out speed for 100 feet, a couple of emergency stops, or like a couple of our members (Ron & Joyce), even taking over the handlebars, while the driver plays like he/she had a blackout.

Now having said all this, I must get back to my easy chair and ponder why I attempted to write about anything at all. Remember "feelings are everywhere, be kind"

Recent Ride Updates (Or What You Missed Out On!)

***The President's Ride* Ride Captain: Floyd Thorne June 12 -13, 1999**

We began the trip with two bikes and a car. We were small in number but we made up for that by having all the fun ourselves. It was

cool but that was only a prelude to what was to come. We headed west out of town for a very pleasant ride up to Winter Park for a coffee break/comfort stop.

We ran into a little bit of rain in Steamboat Springs but not enough for ride gear. After a very good lunch, we headed west to Craig, CO and then north to Baggs, WY for a cool drink and to stretch our legs. Heading east towards Encampment, WY, we traveled over a very nice sweeping curve highway and an absolutely beautiful view. We also seen the first of many snowdrifts beside the road. We made it into Saratoga WY at about 5:00 p.m. and were joined shortly after by Jerry and Linda Hatfield (note the new name).

After checking into our rooms, we walked down to the Hotel Wolfe for cool refreshments and a very good meal. Then on to a local landmark Bar/Lounge to view the mounted Mountain Lions fighting over a kill mounted in a case behind the bar. We were all so stuffed that we did not stay and imbibe but rather had a casual walk back to the Motel. The evening was very pleasant (without wind).

The next morning, after breakfast at Mom's Kitchen, we saddled up and headed for home.

I think that all that attended will testify that it was a GREAT ride. The temperatures were cool but never too cold. We had seen a lot of snow and passed the skiers and snow machines along the way. There was only a bit of rain and it was a rare trip into Wyoming that we were able to stand upright unassisted. The scenery was breath taking and the fellowship and food was outstanding.

***South Platte River Ride* Ride Captain: Nancy Frase June 6, 1999**

We had 14 bikes and 21 people. The ride was almost canceled due to extremely high winds north of Denver at sunrise. However, by the departure time, the winds had died down and the day turned out to be an awesome one!

We rode along the South Platte River, stopping in Deckers at a tiny restaurant for lunch. We had a final stop for gas near Colo Springs, then headed north back home.



**Group photo in Delta during
the Creede-Showtime Ride
July 3-5.**

ARE YOU READY TO RIDE?!

***Yellowstone Ride* Ride Captains: Tim Hawkins & Ken Kenaston July 15-19, 1999**

Mark your calendars for this one. With Ride Captains like Hawkins and Kenaston, there is sure to be a lot of great riding and a lot of fun to be had on this three-day trip. Fish, sight see, ride, shop or whatever your heart desires.

You can find details of the ride in your ride book or listed on the web site. But you may want to consider making your lodging reservations as soon as possible. To reserve your room in Rawlins for the first night of the Ride, call the Super 8 reservation line at 1-800-800-8000 – ask for

Group Sales RMVTA. Rooms are \$50.00 plus \$5.00 per each additional person. For Friday and Saturday accommodations, call Grants Village (307) 344-7311. If you wish to camp, ask for the Camping Department. If you prefer a room, ask for Rooms.

Camp Time Ride

Ride Captain: Merle Bollier

July 24-25, 1999

Merle Bollier will lead us in a fun filled weekend of camping and riding near Gunnison, CO. Check your ride book for complete details on this ride and join us in the great outdoors.

Lake City Ride Update

Ride Captains:

Steve & Karen Burgus

July 31 - Aug. 1, 1999

Karen and Steve Burgus are hosting a great ride to Lake City. See the beautiful sights while taking in the "twisties". We are looking for a great time on this trip. Updates to the trip follow:

Call the Western Belle Lodge and Restaurant at (800) 650-1221 by July 10. Group reservation # is 2512 under the name of RMVTA or Karen & Steve Burgus. Room rates are \$72.00 per night and \$79.00 with kitchenette. Reservations must be made by July 10, 1999. Call Karen or Steve for additional information.

Grand Mesa Ride

Ride Captain: Gary Hoedel

Aug. 14 -15, 1999

Join Gary and Jeanne Hoedel on a great tour of western Colorado. There will be lots of great riding and a lot of fun on this ride, so don't miss it. Oh, and did we mention the food? Someone hinted

at fresh peaches and an ice cream break along the way.

A ride itinerary is available in the ride book but watch the web site or attend the meeting for accommodations updates.

Ouray - The Fun Way

Ride Captain: Stan Stotz

Aug. 21-22, 1999

Join Stan, Janet, and the gang for a great two-day tour of Colorado. There's no better way to see this beautiful part of the world than from the seat of your motorcycle. So mark your calendars now, this is one you won't want to miss. A complete itinerary of the ride can be found on the web site or in your ride book

To make motel reservations, call the Matterhorn Motel at (800) 334-9425. Reservations are under RMVTA and Stan Stotz. Room prices start at \$72.00 for 1 queen-sized bed (slightly more for whirlpool tubs and 2 queen-sized beds). If we get enough interest, we are planning on having an "Outlaw Mountain Cookout". This includes a 4WD Jeep pickup at Motel and ride up the mountain, steak dinner with all the trimmings, watermelon and a campfire complete with marshmallows. Price for the dinner package is \$25.00 each.

Important Note #1: The block of motel Reservations are only good until July 1, 1999 so sign up today.

Important Note #2: If you want to do the "Outlaw Mountain Cookout", you must contact Stan Stotz ASAP and arrange to pay for the meal(s) in advance. You cannot wait until the day of the ride to participate in the cookout so sign up early.

Dipsey-Doodle Tour **Ride Captain: Cliff Eudy** **Sept. 3-6, 1999**

If you love to ride and see the sights, this is the ride for you. Saddle up for 4 full days of riding through New Mexico and Colorado, with stops at Mesa Verde and Colorado National Monument just to name a couple. Like the ride book says, "So many great motorcycle roads on one trip it's hard to believe you can have so much fun and still stay out of jail!".

For a complete itinerary, check your ride book or the web site. For reservations call:

Friday 9/3 - Raton Super 8

(505)445-2355

Saturday 9/4 - Best Western Cortez

(970)565-5778

Sunday 9/5 - Grand Junction

Motel 6 (970) 243-2628

Reservations must be made by August 4th. Make sure to mention that the rooms are held under RMVTA. The average cost per room is \$60.00.

**TIPS
FROM
THE
TRAIL...**



Have you found a new trail that is worth riding, a great place to stay, or a restaurant worth stopping at? Maybe there is a road to avoid due to poor conditions or a long stretch of road without service. Why not share it with the rest of club? If there is anything you might encounter out there on the road that might be beneficial to your touring buddies, send us a few short paragraphs and we'll put it in this column. You can e-mail us directly at mlc.co@cwix.com or use the hyperlink on the web site. You may also mail a copy to Lori Rieger at the address listed in your membership roster.



An aerial view of a scenic overlook during a break in the South Platte River Ride.

June 6

Dates to Remember

We apologize to those of you with June Birthdays and Anniversaries for not getting this information in the newsletter last month. Belated best wishes.

June

- 6/1 - Eleanor Alberhasky
- 6/3 - Mike & Lori Rieger (wedding anniv)
- 6/6 - Judy Morton
- 6/11 - Betty Richards
- 6/13 - Judy Petrovic
- 6/16 - Diane Tague
- 6/19 - Mark Bolles
- 6/26 - Stan Stotz
- 6/29 - Tom Schumaker
- 6/29 - Ruth Adams



6/3 Linda Beach & Jerry Hatfield tie the knot. Congratulations!

July

- 7/10 - Janet Wohlford
- 7/11 - Gino Pezzella
- 7/22 - Dave Ross
- 7/30 - Ron Nardiello

7/10 - Nancy Frase & Kevin Van Liere tie the knot. Congratulations!



FOR SALE:

Moto-Tote Bike Carrier:

Slips into a 2" receiver hitch - carries up to 500 lbs. Used once. Sells new for \$325.00 plus tax. Will sell for \$260.00. Call Ron at (303) 840-6660.

1976 Gold Wing GL-1000 with Trailer:

32,600 miles, custom seat with rider backrest, custom trailer hitch, electronic ignition, shield, CB radio, leather saddle bags, rear rack, trunk and almost new metzler tires. Asking \$3,000.00. Call Gino Pezzella or e-mail at ginop@midspring.com

Wanted
The Good, The Bad & The Ugly
(Beautiful People Accepted, Too!)

Stan Stotz, our all powerful webmaster, would like to put the many faces of the RMVTA on-line. This will help new members and maybe old members as well, put the names with the faces. It would also give people visiting our web site an idea of the diversity in our club (The many different types of motorcycles ridden, age groups and backgrounds). To do so, he is asking for pictures of members (with or without their motorcycles shown).

You may send your photos to Stan at his home address listed in your membership roster, bring them to the next meeting or e-mail them to stanstotz@home.com. Please include your name(s) and what type of bike you ride.

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is August 1, 1999

THANK YOU

Thank You to everyone who sent get well wishes and expressed concern for Mike after his accident. We appreciate your warm wishes.

- Mike & Lozi Rieger

Thank You to Sun Honda..

Larry Gutt, Kathy Fields, Linda Thorne and I (Floyd Thorne) had planned a trip to a Wing Ding 21. Larry was experiencing some electrical charging problems with his Gold Wing that he had purchased from Sun Honda. We were planning on leaving in pretty good shape on Saturday morning. But, it made more sense to have the bike looked at before we left town rather than to have a problem with it somewhere on the road under the hot sun. Larry showed up at the shop first thing and met his salesperson. Between the two of them and some leverage, they managed to get the bike into the service area. A technician took the alternator off and apart, only to find that it was in good shape. He then put one of the shop batteries on the bike and it fired right up. It was determined that the battery had been filled too full which changed the fluid dilution concentration inside the battery. The moral of the story was that it needed a new battery. They let us just leave the battery there until Larry could pick it up when we got back and we were on our way. Had it not been for the kindness and cooperation of Sun Honda, their technician and all the good people there, we would have been really late in leaving or not been able to go at all.

Our hats are off to you and a very BIG THANK YOU.

Floyd Thorne & Larry Gutt

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NEXT MEETING:

JULY 15, 1999

7:30 PM

**Fay Myers Motorcycle World
2015 W. Alameda Avenue, Denver**