

Venture Voice

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Officers

President - Floyd Thorne
Vice Pres. - Mike Rieger
Secretary - Betty Richards
Treasurer - Ruth Adams

Board of Directors

President - Tom Schumaker
Member - Karen Burgus
Member - Ken Kenaston
Member - Jeanne Hoedel
Member - Crane Smiley

Officers Speak...

By Mike Rieger

Wow, it's hard to believe the year is almost over. It's been a great year and a lot has changed since 1998. Not only in our lives with our new addition, but also in the club. We have a great Web Site. The Newsletter has a new look. The Membership Committee is working hard updating membership data. We have a lot of new faces joining us on rides and meetings since we began the year. And now we are considering revising By-Laws and in another month we will elect new officers.

But despite all of the changes, there is fortunately one thing that has remained the same. The Progressive Dinner Ride reminded me just what a great group of people we have in this club. Whenever we are together, it is very clear that this club is much more than just a few people who enjoy riding motorcycles. We are a family that always has room to welcome new people into our fold. Sometimes, when we are facing making

changes, we need to remember that we are a family and that the friendships we form are much stronger than any single issue.

As we wind down the year, we have some of the most enjoyable non-riding events yet to come - The Bake Sale, The Election of Next Year's Fools..er, I mean Officers and The Christmas Party. Let's all enjoy the remainder of our Anniversary year.



Don't look now but somebody is watching your back side!

Meeting Minutes

By Betty Richards

The September 16 meeting was called to order by President Floyd Thorne. No guests were introduced, and 31 members were present.

Secretary's Report: The August minutes were approved as printed in the September newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Ruth reported balances as of August 31 as savings \$3,518.34 and checking \$1,169.50 for a total balance of \$4,687.84.

Committee Reports: Vice President Mike Rieger asked for committee reports and received the following:

Ancillaries:

Janet has been unable to get any vendor commitment on a shirt order. At this time no ancillary items are available.

Awards:

Karen needs suggestions for awards from the rides conducted this season.

Historical:

Debbie needs ride photos, including the basic ride information (ride name, location of photo, date, etc.).

Membership:

Robin and Wayne plan to compile an updated member list by the next newsletter printing based on the information sheets submitted. If an update hasn't been received, prior information will be used for all current members.

Rides:

Brief recaps were done of rides held since the last meeting. The Fall Color, Deadwood, and Progressive Dinner rides will take place before the October meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Floyd initiated a discussion of the proposed By-Laws and Constitution changes, which were printed in the September newsletter. Wayne Adams brought up several concerns. It was decided that a review for correct grammar was necessary, and Ruth Nicholson volunteered to do that. Additional discussion found that members might not be able to vote for or against the proposal as a whole, so a

motion was made by Steve Inouye, seconded by Tom Schumaker, and approved by the membership to have the vote taken on separate items. The proposed changes will be reprinted in the October newsletter and voted on by ballot at the October meeting.

New Business:

Bake & Craft Sale: This is the annual Club fund raiser which provides money for the Member Appreciation Party in January. Everyone is encouraged to bring something for the auction, and all members are encouraged to attend the October meeting and participate. Steve Inouye will act as auctioneer.

Election Committee:

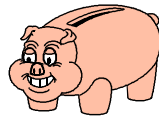
Tom Schumaker, President of the Board, appointed Brenda Schumaker and Jerry Hatfield to solicit the candidacy of two members for Club President next year.

Stan Stotz has agreed to run for President on the A Team ticket, and has asked Tom Schumaker to run with him for VP, Jeanie Hoedel as Secretary, and Karen Burgus as Treasurer.

Steve Inouye has agreed to run for President on the opposing ticket but as of the meeting time had not selected members to run as his officer group.

Missing Link

To Floyd (and Linda) Thorne for heading out on the Ouray ride and then onto a week's vacation in southwest Colorado without checking over the bike for road-worthiness, and ending up with a totally dead battery.



50/50 Drawing

- \$ 7 Jonna Wright
- \$12 Steve Inouye
- \$20 Jonna Wright
- \$39 Club

Rockies Tickets: Jeanie Hoedel

Before adjourning the meeting, Floyd announced that Vaughn Richards had crashed his motorcycle in Arizona while participating in the 3 Flags Classic over Labor Day weekend. Bill Gillespie had provided the Club with information, as he was also on the ride.



RMVTA takes over Sturgis Main Street

Recent Ride Updates

(Or What You Missed Out On!)

The "Fall Color Ride"
Ride Captain: Tom Shumaker
September 20, 1999
By: Floyd Thorne

Many said the "Fall Color Ride" was one for the record books. Others said that we must be crazy to be doing this. There were also those that said "are you sure that this is not the "Polar Bear Ride" and we got the date wrong?". At any rate it was quite a day to say the least.

After everyone had a good breakfast at Gunther Toody's and enough coffee to make the first leg of the trip, we geared up for what proved to be a pretty eventful

day. It was misty and quite cool as we departed with high hopes for improving weather conditions as the day wore on. We had seven motorcycles and two automobiles (fifteen people) to make up our group.

We headed out of town on Highway #6 to I-70 and then Idaho Springs for what was the first of several comfort stops that we would have. Then, on to Highway #40 and now it's raining but we press onward. As we get about half way up Berthoud Pass we start to see one of the many colors (or the lack there of) that we would see throughout the day. This one was white and collecting on the windshields. Numerous swipes across the windshield were required to allow us to see well enough to drive. And we drove in these conditions until we were about half way down the other side. But we made it to Kremmling for lunch. We were not in the rain the entire trip but the coolness was always present.

After lunch we head south on Highway #9 towards Silverthorne. We got about eight to nine miles away and traffic came to a stop. The rain was once coming down. One fellow had turned around and stopped to chat with Tom and we found out that a tanker truck had rolled over on the road, blocking both lanes and spilling a hazardous fluid. They expected the road to be closed for three to four hours. So back to Kremmling we go.



A little snow and ice can't stop this hearty group!

After topping off the fuel again we head northwest out of Kremmling to Highway #134 over Gore pass. This, although a detour (are we starting to see a pattern here with Tom's leadership) proved to be a very nice ride and was what we had gone to find in the first place. The fall colors were beautiful and the sun actually shown for a period of time but no one was shedding any layers of clothing.

Then we headed south on Highway #131 to Wolcott where we picked up I-70 headed east towards home. The temperature actually moved up into the high sixties for a brief period of time but by now it was just a great opportunity for everyone to warm up a bit before Vail Pass which we expected to be much cooler.

As we went through the Eisenhower Tunnel the temperatures took another dive and everyone was more than ready to stop at Georgetown for fuel, comfort stop and to try and thaw out a bit before making the final leg home. It is now getting near nightfall and the rain is ever present. We went through some very thick and soupy clouds/fog that limited visibility once again. We said our goodbyes there and off we went. It was a very good day all in all (questioned by some I am sure) but, it was more eventful than many bargained for. Everyone did a very good job of staying safe and there were no incidents so we will definitely have one to talk about for some time to come. You should have been with us – really.

***Deadwood South Dakota-
Black Hills Ride
Ride Captains:
Steve & Karen Burgus
September 24th, 25th, 26th, & 27th
By Karen Burgus***

The ride left Friday morning with 8 bikes and 15 people. The weather was beautiful all the way to Deadwood. On Friday evening we checked into the motel, selected a Crab leg buffet and then most spent the evening gambling.

On Saturday, we rode all the roads



So many Hondas, so few Harleys!

through Custer State Park and even rode the pigtail portion more than once. We stopped to see Mt. Rushmore, ate lunch in Keystone and then back to Deadwood for more eating and gambling.

On Sunday, the weather was a little cooler but we bundled up and headed for Wall drug, Sturgis and Rapid City. We stopped at Sturgis Harley Davidson and took a group photo in front of the store. Then on to Wall drug where we ate and shopped for several hours. The ride back to Deadwood was an experience with winds blowing very hard, and rain clouds waiting to erupt. We were all happy to return to the motel.

Monday morning we woke to frost on the bike covers with the temperature at 28 F. We all dressed in everything we had and headed for Colorado. We had snow in the Black Hills, rain & wind on the

plains and more rain when we reached Colorado. We were pretty cold when we all arrived home.

Are You Ready To Ride?

Highway Clean-Up

Ride Captain: Ron Nardiello October 23rd

Mark your calendars for this important date. The Highway Clean-Up is one of the few ways we can take an active part in keeping our state beautiful. Twice a year, Ron & Joyce take the time to organize this clean-up project along RMVTA's adopted stretch of highway near Franktown. Let's all make sure that we support their efforts and help keep Colorado beautiful.

Polar Bear Ride Ride Captain: Ken Kenaston November , 1999

This annual ride is scheduled specifically for those who don't mind freezing their buns off for the sake of a good ride. However, if the pattern continues, it could be one of the warmest rides of the year! Ken may keep his route top secret, but he always picks great scenery and good places to eat. Add in good friends and lots of fun and you have a ride worth putting your thermal underwear on for.

Proposed By-Law Changes

Several revisions have been made to the proposed by-law changes. We have printed them here for your convenience. Please take a moment to review these changes so that you will be prepared to vote on them at the next scheduled meeting.

Rocky Mountain Venture Touring Association Proposed Constitution and By-Laws Changes

SECTION I: NAME

The club shall be known as “Rocky Mountain Venture Touring Association.”

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SECTION II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the club is to provide good family fun and entertainment while motorcycling in the mountains and other scenic areas of our state and states, while at times ensuring the we preserve the ecology of our nation in all our activities and civic projects, and promote safety and courtesy to all.

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SECTION I: MEMBERSHIP

B. Regular Membership: This shall be members “in good standing” joining after August 31, 1984.

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SECTION II: DUES

A majority vote by the eligible members is required.

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SECTION III: EXPULSION

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SECTION II: NOMINATIONS

One month prior to the October meeting the immediate past president, as the board chair, shall appoint an Election Committee for the purpose of nominating officers to be elected at the November meeting.

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SECTION IV: VACANT OFFICE

Should any member of the Executive Committee resign or be unable to hold office before the end of his or her term, the general membership shall vote to fill the vacancy at the next regular scheduled meeting.

A vacancy will result should any member of the Executive Committee resign or be unable to hold office before the end of his or her term. Nominations for, and an election decided by a majority vote of the general membership “in good standing” in attendance at the next regular scheduled meeting shall fill such vacancy.

SECTION I: PRESIDENT

The president is the chief officer of the club. The president shall preside at the general meetings and perform the duties of the office. The president may call special meetings of the officers and all members.

A. He/she shall coordinate the Club Sponsorships with the assistance of the Finance Chairperson.

B. Shall solicit and appoint a Ride Committee Chairperson at the October regular meeting.

ARTICLE V

A. Ride Committee: The Ride Committee shall prepare a schedule and coordinate all club rides adhering to the purpose as stated in Article I, Section II.

1. Prepare an annual budget.
2. Publish a ride schedule and distribute the schedule to the membership.
3. Assure that all rides, including joint rides with other clubs, are coordinated and promoted.
4. Solicit a sponsor(s) to defray ride schedule publication costs.

A. Ride Committee: The Ride Committee shall prepare a schedule and coordinate all club rides adhering to the purpose as stated in Article I, Section II.

- 1. Prepare an annual budget.*
- 2. Solicit Rides and publish a tentative Ride Schedule at the December meeting.*
- 3. Publish a ride schedule and distribute it at the March meeting membership meeting.*
- 4. Assure that all rides are coordinated and promoted.*

D. Membership Committee: The Membership Committee shall provide for the new members those items necessary for an orientation to the club and the club purpose.

4. Promote the purpose and members of the club.

This statement to be removed and the remaining ones renumbered.

E. Activities Committee: The Activities Committee shall keep the club active as a social entity by planning activities and social events during the non-riding season.

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G. Finance Committee: The Finance Committee shall:

1. Establish a calendar for budget submission from the standing committees and others.
2. Coordinate budget submission from all standing committees and others.
3. Report to the general membership and gain approval of the budget.

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- 1. He/she shall assist the President in solicitation of Club Sponsorships.*
- 2. Establish a calendar for budget submission from the standing committees and others.*
- 3. Coordinate budget submission from all standing committees and others.*
- 4. Report to the general membership and gain approval of the budget at February's meeting.*

H. Community and Member Relations Committee: The Community and Member Relations Committee shall provide leadership and make recommendations to the general membership regarding community activities, provide expressions of sympathy on behalf of the club, and activate a calling committee when needed.

1. Prepare an annual budget.
2. Recommend charitable events to be supported by the general membership and provide leadership and coordination of the general membership's participation.
3. Provide an expression of sympathy or well wishes on behalf of the club to those members who are ill or suffer other mishap.
4. Activate a calling committee to notify club members of emergency situations

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I. Historical Committee: The Historical Committee shall maintain a yearly "scrapbook" of materials of historic significance. The Historical Committee shall, at a minimum:

1. List and obtain a group photo of current year's Board of Directors.
2. List and obtain a group photo of current year's officers.
3. List and obtain group photo of committee chairs and committee members.

I. Historical Committee: The Historical Committee shall maintain a yearly “scrapbook” of materials of historic significance. The Historical Committee shall, at a minimum:

- 1. Obtain a group photo of current year’s Board of Directors.***
- 2. Obtain a group photo of current year’s officers.***
- 3. Obtain group photo of committee chairs and committee members.***

ARTICLE VI

SECTION I: NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice of meetings shall be mailed with the newsletter to all members in good standing before the general membership meeting.

Notice of meetings shall be posted on the RMVTA WEB Site and/or mailed with the Newsletter.

SECTION II: SAFEGUARDING CLUB FUNDS

A two-party checking account shall be established requiring signature of the treasurer and one other current officer.

A multi-signature type checking account shall be established requiring a signature of the treasurer and one other so authorized current officer.

Proposed Constitution/By-Laws Changes Ballot

**Submit at Regular Meeting or return Ballot to: Rocky Mountain Venture Touring Association
P. O. Box 1461, Wheatridge, CO 80034-1461 by October 19, 1999.**

Member Name: _____ **Membership Number** _____

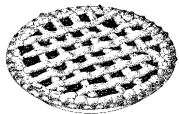
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| 1. SECTION I: NAME | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 2. SECTION II: PURPOSE | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 3. SECTION I: MEMBERSHIP | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 4. SECTION II: DUES | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 5. SECTION III: EXPULSION | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 6. SECTION II: NOMINATIONS | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 7. SECTION IV: VACANT OFFICE | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 8. SECTION: PRESIDENT | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 9. ARTICLE V “A” | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 10. “D” | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 11. “E” | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 12. “G” | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 13. “H” | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 14. “I” | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 15. ARTICLE VI, SECTION I: NOTICE.... | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |
| 16. ARTICLE VI, SECTION II: SAFEGUARDING... | _____ | Yes | _____ | No |

**COME ONE,
COME ALL!**



The Rocky Mountain Venture Touring Association is holding the Annual Bake and Craft Sale on October 21, 1999 at the regular Membership Meeting. This is a great chance to show off your culinary and craft skills while helping the club fund upcoming events. So please bring your donation for this worthy cause. It's also a great chance to pick up some real tasty baked goods and purchase great craft items for yourselves.

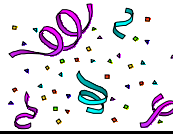


This month's contest...can you pick out the 3 Bills, 2 Karens, 2 Steves & 2 Dianes

Membership Photo Gallery

For those of you with Internet access, be sure to check out Stan's latest addition. The Membership Photo Gallery has been added to the web site. As usual, Stan has done a great job!

**Dates
to
Remember**



October

Anniversaries

16th Steve & Debbie Inouye

Birthdays

11th Sandi Redford

15th Virgil Kipers, Jr.

30th Sharyn Richards

31st Dave Heeley



Steve & Debbie admire the scenery at Sylvan Lake...and oh what a view it is, Steve!

For Sale:

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@mindspring.com

Mad River Canoe - 16.5 ft. - Red - Explorer Model - Excellent condition with 3 paddles. Needs to be on the water... not in the garage! Phone # (303) 238-6137 and leave message or e-mail wadams1102@aol.com

96 Honda XR400R, Approximately 60hrs, like new, Super Trap, jetted for 6000 ft, \$3500 OBO. Call Steve Burgus at (303) 425-5266 or e-mail karen.burgus@cwix.com

JUST IN TIME FOR XMAS:

- ▶ RMVTA ladies riding jacket, medium, black. Never worn. Best offer.
- ▶ Treck 16 speed, 26" bicycle, low mileage, best offer.
- ▶ Ski boots, men's, size 27 (9-9 1/2), best offer.
- ▶ Skies, Salomon, 185cm, parabolics, never used, \$550 new, best offer.

Call Crane Smiley at (303)674-0880
e-mail: smiley.rc@worldnet.att.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's A Boy! If you haven't heard, the newest member of the RMVTA family is Dylan Michael Rieger. Dylan was born on September 6th, 1999 at 9:51 pm at MedCenter One of Aurora.

He weighed in at 6 lb.7 oz and was 18 3/4" long. His proud parents are Mike & Lori Rieger.

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is November 1st, 1999



Deadwood Ride Leaders Steve & Karen Burgus say good-bye to the Black Hills

1999 RMVTA Sponsors

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| <u>Canteen Refreshment Service</u> (303) 722-2861 <u>123 Yuma St., Denver (Jim Wohlford)</u> | <u>Colorado Honda Sea Doo</u> (303) 794-6367 <u>6235 South Santa Fe, Littleton</u> |
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NEXT MEETING:

October 21, 1999

7:30 PM

Fay Myers Motorcycle World
2015 W. Alameda Avenue, Denver