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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 Betty Richards

My, how fast this year has gone by. The Ride Committee and Ride Captains put together 20 rides plus two highway clean-up rides covering 40 days in our riding season. That represented lots of fun miles for those who participated. There were amazingly few stories of foul weather, and not even too many tales worthy of Missing Link nominations; mostly fond memories of good fellowship among good friends.

The November meeting is one of the most important in the Club year, as we elect the officers who will serve in 2000. Both slates of candidates want to work toward increased membership and increased participation next year, and that really needs to be what we all work towards in partnership with them. Obviously, the more members who become willing to work on committees, plan activities, and get involved, as opposed to just coming along for the ride, the better RMVTA will be. So, get to the

meeting and vote; or if you can't be there, mail in your ballot are make it a point to participate.

Even though our riding season is officially over, there are still two "must do" activities on our calendar before the current officers have finished their term. The Christmas party on December 19 is always a festive occasion organized by our Activities Committee. It gives us a wonderful opportunity to kick off the holiday week with our friends, and many years part of the evening's fun is a spirited white elephant gift exchange. I always wonder where the heck we come up with all that junk! Then in mid-January the 1999 officers will host our "Appreciation Party" to celebrate one last time the fun we've shared at the helm of the Club. We're putting our four heads together to try and plan a special evening for everyone, so stay tuned for the upcoming details.

This is the last "Officers Speak" column I'll write as your Secretary. It's been fun.



The Bake Sale is always an annual highlight with Steve as the auctioneer. This year's sale proved to be no exception. The sale brought in \$942.00 and no doubt helped the leather industry as we will all need larger sizes next season.

Meeting Minutes

By Betty Richards

The October 21 meeting was called to order by President Floyd Thorne. The sign-in sheet showed 39 present, including Tim and Annie Gavere who were introduced by Steve Burgus and became members that evening.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the September meeting were approved as printed in the October newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Ruth reported bank balances in savings of \$3,522.53 and checking of \$1,237.15 as of October 17, for a total of \$4,759.68.

Because of the Bake & Craft Sale, the Committee Reports and business meeting were held to a minimum and the 50/50 drawing was not held.

Committee Reports:

VP Mike Rieger received committee reports from the following:

Awards:

Karen reminded ride captains that their sign-in sheets must be turned in to calculate ride participation award winners. She also needs suggestions for other awards.

Web Site:

Stan has printed out the contents of the web site excluding the ride book so members who aren't on-line can look it over at the meeting. He still wants member photos for the gallery.

Member Relations:

Ron indicated cards were recently

mailed to Tom Hudson and Vaughn Richards for illness and to Ray Feasel for condolence. Nola Coriell will be sent a card following surgery. Ron also reminded everyone about the Highway Clean-Up on October 23.

Activities:

Robin said plans for the Christmas party would be finalized by the November meeting. It will be December 19 at the Highlands Golf Course clubhouse at approximately 94th & Sheridan Blvd.

Membership:

The member roster has been updated and handed out at the meeting.

Newsletter:

Lori asked anyone wanting something printed in the newsletter to send it via e-mail directly to her at mlc@QuixNet.net. The deadline is the first of each month.

Rides:

The Fall Color and Progressive Dinner rides were briefly reviewed. Thanks very much to Ruth & Lloyd Nicholson, Karen & Steve Burgus, Gail & Tim Hawkins, and Brenda and Tom Schumaker for hosting the Progressive Dinner Ride.

Unfinished Business:

Copies of the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws were distributed prior to the meeting, along with the ballots. The only discussion followed a question by Gil Archuleta regarding possible grounds for expulsion from the Club. A total of 36 voting members completed ballots and turned them in prior to the break. All 16 issues on the ballot passed.

Floyd introduced the candidates running for RMVTA President next year, so they could introduce their teams and goals if elected.

Steve Inouye heads the ticket for the Y2K Non-Compliant Team, with Dave Menges as VP, Robin Reynolds as Secretary, and Janet Wohlford as Treasurer. Their goals are increased membership, increased activities, and expanded charitable activities.

Stan Stotz heads the A Team, with Tom Schumaker as VP, Jeanie Hoedel as Secretary, and Karen Burgus as Treasurer. Their goals are increased participation at all Club functions, a ride and social schedule to meet most member needs, safe riding, and direct monthly member contacts. The election will be held at the November meeting.

Bake & Craft Sale: Steve Inouye acted as auctioneer for this sale to fund the Members and Officers Appreciation Party in January. The sale proceeds totaled \$942.00. The Officers are currently making plans for the party and will announce details as soon as they are complete.

Missing Link: To Stan Stotz on the Deadwood ride when he had Steve Burgus as his passenger. They say it was quite a sight!



This Month's Missing Link Recipient, Stan Stotz, proudly displays his award. Steve Burgus, his partner in crime, looks on. Keep in Mind that Stan is a candidate for the Club Presidency. Could this be his "Look what I've done for you lately" photo?

The History of the Missing Link

By Betty Richards

I spent October 31st with special friends I've known the whole 12 years I've been in RMVTA: Nola and Paul Coriell, Lois and Mel Routh, and Dianna and Tom Koppang. For those who don't know, Nola's first husband, Jim White, was one of the seven men who dreamed this Club into existence, and he served as the first President.

Being together always affords us time to remember "the good old days", so I asked them to tell me how the Missing Link got started. I got the leads, then dug through some old newsletters and membership lists in the secretary's file box.

The idea for the Missing Link award was proposed at the March 1986 meeting, to be given to the person who did the craziest thing as selected by majority vote each month. The trophy was made by Bob Burns, a welder who joined the Club in May 1986 and held membership #22. The first winner in May 1986 was Loretta Snyder, who selected the wrong restroom key (unmarked) and therefore the wrong door (also unmarked) during a relief break in Vail. She was suddenly interrupted by Jim Steinmetz, and everyone found it pretty amusing. Other old-timer in the Club will remember these folks and get a chuckle out of this bit of history.

Are You Ready To Ride?

Polar Bear Ride

Ride Captain: Ken Kenaston

November 20, 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.

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

Progressive Dinner Ride October 3, 1999

Ride Captain: Floyd Thorne Submitted By: Lori Rieger

Despite the fact that the day started out very cool, we had a really good turn out for this annual ride. Although most everyone drove vehicles of the four wheel variety, a few brave souls came on motorcycles. Mike and I started out riding. It was the first time I had been on a motorcycle all year I must admit that despite the chilly temperature and occasional discomfort of the 3,000 speed bumps on the way to our first stop (Mike made sure to hit them at about 300 miles an hour), it felt good to be back in the saddle again.

It didn't take long for us to realize that everyone in the club was far more interested in seeing Dylan then they were in seeing Mom & Dad. So we headed home after a great first course at Lloyd and Ruth's house in Parker. After trading in the Royal Star for the Intrepid and picking up Baby Dylan and Grandma Erdmann, we rejoined the group as they were just getting ready to leave Steve & Karen's home in Arvada. Since we didn't have a chance to sample the fare, I will take everyone's word that the salads were wonderful.

From there we headed on up towards Golden Gate State Park for

the main course at Tim & Gail Hawkins. The food and the view were excellent. Stan was able to take a few shots for the Membership Gallery from their deck.

And then the race was on. Someone mentioned dessert and Merle was out of there. We tried to follow him back down but the best we could do was catch a fleeting glimpse of his hot red Ford as it barreled around the curves on the way to the Schumaker's in Brighton. Luckily there was plenty of dessert left when we got there. In fact as usual, I think we all ate ourselves sick. We finished the day together by watching the Broncos game and enjoying great conversation.

It was another successful Progressive Dinner Ride and a perfect way to enjoy a Sunday.



Dylan Rieger makes his club debut at the Progressive Dinner Ride

Highway Clean-up Ride October 24, 1999

Ride Captain: Ron Nardiello Submitted By: Floyd Thorne

It was a beautiful cool fall morning when several of us assembled at the Pegasus Restaurant for breakfast in Castle Rock before the day's activities. We had a very good breakfast and Ron picked up the tab. I, on behalf of all those in attendance would like to say thank you once again.

From there, we made our way to Mile Marker 42 on Highway #83 south of Franktown, where we met several other

members and were given instructions as to where to go and how to go about the clean-up activity. Before we even got started there was an accident just on top of the hill that created a bunch of excitement for a while. No one was hurt and emergency vehicles were dispatched.

We made our way to our determined tenth of a mile stops and began. It was my conclusion (being the first time participating in this activity) that if people drink and drive, they throw the container out the window just in case they might get stopped. There were plenty of drink containers, just general paper and other interesting debris to be found.

When we got back to the starting point there was a flurry of activity around a "round bale shredder" that we all seen parked there. We found out that it had been stolen and apparently parked there to be picked up later. At any rate there must have been four to six police vehicles there gathering evidence and information from the owner's etc.

With activity completed and it was determined who was going to win the coveted "Golden Horse Shoe" award, we all went in our separate directions. Four motorcycles decided to take an impromptu ride led by Steve Burgus down to Colorado Springs, Woodland Park, Deckers and back into town via Highway #285. It was a GREAT day for a ride and even better once we got out of the Colorado Springs traffic.

We would like to thank all those who participated in the ride/activity and would encourage everyone to help out in the future if possible. The more of us there are, the quicker we can get done and you can get back to the hustle and bustle of life or if you are real lucky take a ride on a beautiful Colorado day before heading home. See you next time.

IT'S ELECTION TIME

That's right Folks. It's time to elect new officers for the upcoming year. Before we do that though, we should all take a minute to say thank you to this years officers. They have worked really hard for us this year and despite some challenges that were thrown in their way, they weathered the storm and helped to move the club forward. Thanks Floyd, Mike, Betty & Ruth for all of your efforts.

Now on to this years candidates. Both teams have submitted a brief article to us packed full of bull...err, I mean valuable information that will help you to make your decision at this months meeting. Keep in mind that they are not professional politicians although I suspect from his article that Steve should consider a career change.



By: Steve Inouye

Our fellow members of the RMVTA, it is with humbled heart, we the Y-2-K candidates come before you and seek your support for the offices of president, vice president, sec, and treasurer for the 2,000 ride season.

I must first, however, express the esteemed honor we would have

bestowed upon us should we be defeated by the most prestigious and honorable team of Stan, Tom, Karen, and Jeanie. We are flattered to be considered for offices on the same level of such opponent.

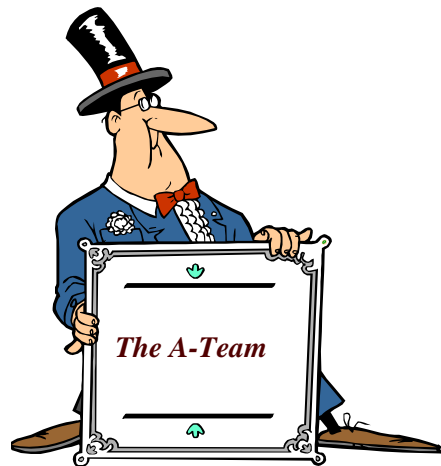
And now with your permission, a word regarding our "mission statement" if you will. We will strive to enhance the image of the RMVTA, increase the membership, increase the activities and events of the club, expand the charitable events already in place, and of course support and encourage the total enjoyment of our sport, MOTORCYCLE TOURING.

Not much need be said about us, as we have been members of the RMVTA for several years and our out-going personalities and reputations precede us. We only wish to thank in advance, those of you wild and crazy enough to vote in our favor.

Sincerely.

*Janet Wohlford, treasury candidate
Robin Reynolds, secretarial candidate
David Menges, vice-presidential candidate
Steve Inouye, presidential candidate*

PS. Boy! After all this bull and rhetoric, I really should be in politics



By Stan Stotz

The A Team is actively seeking the leadership role in the RMVTA for the year 2000. The candidates are Stan

Stotz – President, Tom Shumaker – Vice President, Karen Burgus – Treasurer and Jeanie Hoedel – Secretary. Since most of you know us, we will use this column to outline our goals for the upcoming year if you decide to vote us into office. Our 3 primary goals are:

- Increase participation at meetings, events, rides and activities.*
- Create a ride and social schedule that meets most members needs.*
- Ride safely while having the time of our lives.*

Our proposed motto is "Touring our way through Y2K".

The A Team members all agree that the success of the RMVTA centers around 2 themes... 1) love of motorcycles and 2) social interaction with a great group of RMVTA members and guests. We feel that our goals are highly complimentary with these success factors. We have all committed to keep our finger on the pulse of the membership by calling each and every member on a monthly basis to pass along last-minute information and listen to your thoughts and ideas.

We have some thoughts about starting the meetings a little earlier, keeping the meeting quick-paced and getting us home (or to the coffee shop) earlier. We want the meetings to be informative with a healthy mixture of business and fun.

We would love to serve you as the RMVTA Executive Committee for the Year 2000. Be sure to vote!

Make Sure You Attend the November Meeting and Cast Your Vote. Good Luck to Both Teams!



**“Are you sure? I’m so confused.”
Could there be a reason Steve’s
nickname is Wrong Way Inouye?**

***Dates
to
Remember
November
Birthdays***



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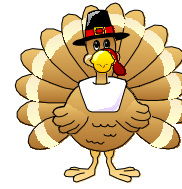
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Next Newsletter is
December 1st, 1999***



Turkey Facts

Since, November 25th is Turkey Day, I couldn't resist throwing a little bit of the Thanksgiving Spirit into the Newsletter. So here are some little known Turkey Facts. (Please Note that any resemblance between these facts and actual club members is purely coincidental.)

Did You Know...

- ✓ *The best time to see a turkey is on a warm clear day or in a light rain.*
- ✓ *Turkeys have heart attacks. When the Air Force was conducting test runs and breaking the sound barrier, fields of turkeys would drop dead.*
- ✓ *Turkeys can drown if they look up when it is raining.*
- ✓ *A wild turkey has excellent vision and hearing. Their field of vision is about 270 degrees.*
- ✓ *A spooked turkey can run at speeds up to 20 mph. They can also burst into flight approaching speeds between 50-55 mph in a matter of seconds.*
- ✓ *Benjamin Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey.*



Since his competitor was kissing the real baby, Steve grabbed the next best thing for his campaign photo.

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