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## Officers Speak...

By Tom Shumaker

Welcome to the 2nd month of the new millennium, can't help wondering if Feb.29, 2000 will bring us the same surprises as we received on Jan.1,2000.

I would like to thank all of the 1999 & 2000 officers, committee chairs and CO-chairs for arriving at the Jan. 20 meeting early. The time we spent passing and receiving information is a very important vehicle for maintaining continuity.

We are very excited to see the amount of energy being used by our ride committee and ride captains to prepare a ride schedule with such a large variety. Maybe everyone will be able to participate in a few rides this season. Remember, when riding as a group to places known or unknown, we all have a few things in common - riding motorcycles, having fun, sharing experiences around a lunch or dinner table and maybe ice cream. So what's say we combine

efforts and support our great ride schedule. Speaking of support, please do not forget our many other committees, for they also need everyone's support.

Let us take a moment here to say Hats off and Applause to all of those who prepared and participated in making the 1999 Membership Appreciation party an evening of fine food, atmosphere and entertainment a great success.



**They never warned us about this! These three land sharks were spotted at the Membership Appreciation Party.**

By now, many of you are aware that recently, Brenda and I purchased a ccccomputer. This intimidating, up and down, rocky road to recording, playing, education and communicating is quite an experience for us. For the first couple of weeks, Stan made several trips to our home to be repairman and teacher. Thanks to Stan, I think we are on our way to a new adventure and what better way to practice sending and receiving mail to and from all our friends at the R.M.V.T.A.

## Meeting Minutes

Submitted By:

**Jeanie Hoedel**

President Stan Stotz called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Welcome to new guest Bill Hysom, Stan's boss. Bill later became our newest member. Welcome Bill.

Stan announced to everyone that we have RMVTA business cards for members to give out.

## Secretary Report:

Jeanie Hoedel presented the minutes of last months meeting. Thank You to Monica Woznicki for taking the minutes in December. Minutes were approved as presented.

## Treasurers Report:

Karen Burgus reported \$2,241.76 in checking and \$3,535.63 in savings. Karen reported that the balances would be going down after our Membership Appreciation party receipts were turned in.

Vice President Tom Shumaker thanked everyone on the committees both past and present, for arriving early to discuss the roles and to turn over all related paperwork.

## Committee Reports:

Activities: Steve and Debbie Inouye Steve announced that the activity line-up for February could include a dinner playhouse night, a Central City trip and possibly bowling. Looks like we will have a good turn out!!!!

Ancillaries: John and Sandi Redford. John announced that they are trying to locate information for club jackets. If anyone has suggestions, please let John and Sandi know. John and Sandi are planning to have "good" hats and some tee-shirts available. Also, if you purchase a shirt you would like to have the RMVTA logo put on, see John or Sandi.

Awards: Virgil Kipers and Nancy Hanson-Kipers. Nancy had nothing new to report. Karen Burgus wanted to report that she was still in search of ride sign-up sheets and needs everyone help to re-construct the rides. We need an accurate count of ride participants for the ride plaque.

Tom announced that ride captains will need to turn in their sign-up sheets to Jeanie Hoedel (secretary) at the meeting following their rides for the 2000 riding season.

Finance Committee: Janet Stotz. Janet was absent, but Stan announced that the budgets have all been worked up. Stan also reported that it looks like we will have about \$600.00 more in the sponsor revenue for the 2000 ride year. Sponsor revenue is used to finance the ride books and newsletters.

Historical: Kathie Fields. We will need pictures from all rides for the 2000 year. Please hand them in to Kathie as soon as possible.



Jerry & Linda took a little Cruise and ended up at the Member Appreciation Party.

Member Relations: Jerry and Linda Hatfield. Jerry and Linda will be asking people to help with the calling committee. Be prepared to call the people on your membership list page if needed.



1999's Awards Committee puts on the finishing touches or were they finishing something off?

Membership: Robin Reynolds. Robin announced that she is now collecting dues for 2000. New fee is \$30.00 per family and \$25.00 for single. Please look at the membership list and make sure your information is correct. Robin has the forms if anyone needs to have information added or deleted. Welcome back Deb Farnum and Bill Torrence!!!!!!! Deb has agreed to add our Member Spotlight again to our newsletter. Thanks Deb.

Newsletter: Lori Rieger. Lori announced that she could use help in getting the newsletter out. Gilbert Archuleta volunteered right away. Thanks Gilbert. Lori announced that all 2000 ride captains need to have a write up for their rides before and after, please. It doesn't have to be anything much, just a short note will do. All articles need to be in by the first of the month.

Ride Committee: Steve Burgus & Bill Nielson. Steve announced that a tentative ride schedule is complete and being passed out. It is also posted on the web. Steve reported that everyone has been wonderful in helping and he thanks you all. To all ride leaders; we have a new form that needs to be filled out as soon as you know about your rides, see

Steve for the copies. A question was asked about why we are not going to include maps in the ride book this year. Steve responded that they are a lot of extra work and that they take up extra space. We would like to include more pictures instead. March is the scheduled completion time for this years ride book.

Web Master: Stan Stotz & Tim Hawkins. Stan reported that Tim Hawkins is the new trainee for the Web page.

50/50: Wayne and Ruth Adams. Please get your money out and buy those tickets!!!!

**Unfinished Business:** At last months meeting, it was announced that maybe we could change the meeting time to 7:00 instead of 7:30. Stan checked with Fay Myers and was told that the meeting time could be changed, but they are open later in the summer months and that we would have to find other places to park. A motion was made by Deb Farnum to leave the time at 7:30. Seconded by Jim Wohlford. The meeting time will remain at 7:30.

**New Business:** Floyd Thorn wanted to make sure that everyone was signed up for the Membership Appreciation Party that wanted to attend. The theme this year is Hawaiian. Please come and have a good time.

### 50/50

\$122.00 total - the best we've had in a long time. Thanks to everyone.

- 1st - \$31.00 Gilbert Archuleta
- 2nd - \$20.00 Jerry Hatfield
- 3rd - \$10.00 Nancy Frase

### Missing Link Award:

Our new President Stan Stotz was nominated by Karen Burgus for the "Stump" . Please be sure that you ask Stan about this one! I wasn't sure I could print all of the discussion in a "g-rated" column.



"Aw, finally someone on my own wavelength. Nice hat, Dude, but the flowers are a bit much." - Steve and Dylan at the Appreciation Party.

## Aloha!!!

Throughout the newsletter you will find pictures from the recent Members Appreciation Party. It was a whole lot of fun for everyone who attended. And where else could you see Dave Menges in a grass skirt?! A big round of applause to everyone who helped make the night a success.

## Blackhawk Or Bust

**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2000**  
Submitted by Steve Inouye

Hi Everyone. I'm putting together a charter bus to Blackhawk for Friday February 25, 2000. We need a minimum of 30 people to attend in order to receive perks from the casinos. I won't know the cost of the event until I get confirmations from those who will join in the fun. Please call me or e-mail me ASAP and let me know if and how many can be there.

Would also like to know how early in the evening everyone would be able to meet the bus. Please feel free to bring along friends or family to help insure enough people. From what I have heard from the last trip the club took up to Blackhawk, we should have a fun time. Who knows, maybe a jack-pot s in store for you!!!!!! Hope to see ya there,  
GRASSHOPPER

## Up-N-Coming

**2-Up ERC**  
**March 25, 2000**  
**Captain: Virgil & Nancy Kipers**  
**Phone:(303)798-7141**

Meet:Time and place specifics to be announced. This training class is a special class for those who ride two-up and wish to improve both the rider and passenger skills. You can also take this course one-up and it works out great. The backup date, rain/snow etc., is April 1. No extra charge for the passenger to take the course. Latest information at the meetings and on the RMVTA Web site, www.RMVTA.com.. Time and place specifics to be announced if needed.

The 2-UP ERC Class snow date will be Saturday, April 1, 2000. Time and location will be announced if necessary.

**Polar Bear Ride**  
**Captain: Ken Kenaston**  
**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2000**

Bundle up and join ride captain, Ken Kenaston, as he kicks off the ride season with this annual favorite. We will meet at 8:30 AM in the Holiday Inn parking lot located at 120th and I-25. The ride will leave promptly at 8:45 AM.. Weather permitting, we will take a scenic ride through the mountains and foothills. In the event the weather is "really-really" cold, a shorter ride is planned that will follow the North Platte river to a great lunch at a very unusual place. In either event, Ken is planning to have us back in town by 5:00 PM.

So mark your calendars and get your gear out the closet. Even if the ride doesn't actually turn out to be "polar", it is sure to be a lot of fun.

## A Reminder from Membership

As you may know, the Membership Committee is working hard to compile a new membership roster. But they need your help to complete the job. If there are any changes that need to be made to your information in the current roster, please send your corrections to Robin Reynolds ASAP. In addition, please send Robin your e-mail addresses and c.b handles to be listed in the roster. To put it in Robin's own words, "They can get that info to me by either phone, mail, e-mail, next meeting, smoke signals or however else they can manage."

We would also like to remind you to pay your Year 2000 Membership Dues. Dues this year are \$30.00 per family and \$25.00 for a single. You may pay them at the February meeting or mail them to the club's PO Box.

*Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Janie McKibbon. Janie was lost while scuba diving off of the coast of Mexico. Janie was a member of the RMVTA since 1987.*

*A Memorial Service is planned for Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. But at the time of this writing, a location had not been determined. Let us all take some time this week to honor the "Colorado Lady". She was a valued member of our club and will be missed.*





The Ride Committee hard at work...or so they would have us believe.

## RIDE COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Submitted by Steve Burgus

The Year 2000 Ride Book is coming along great. We are on target to have the completed ride book for distribution at the March meeting. Thanks to everyone who have volunteered to be a ride captain. A special thanks to Lloyd Nicholson for doing all the typing and to Stan Stotz for all his work on sponsors and pictures.

Most of the ride information is in from the ride captains. We will be contacting those who have not submitted their ride agendas soon. If you are one of these people, please get your information to Steve Burgus (303-425-5266) or Bill Neilson (303-639-9021).

## New Web Site Feature

If you didn't already know it, you can now find the minutes for the last meeting posted on our web site. The minutes are being posted early so that members who couldn't make the meeting don't have to wait until the newsletter is published to find out what happened. The minutes will be posted no later than the Tuesday following the meeting.

You can find this new feature in the "Bulletins" section of the site or at : <http://www.rmvta.com/bulletins/index.html>

## SPOTLIGHT ON OFFICERS

Submitted by Debbie Farnum

Welcome back Debbie! You do great work on these profiles and we're glad to see you back among us.



**Stan and Janet Stotz**  
"Steamer"  
President

Stan is from Tolstoy, South Dakota. Janet is an "army brat" and traveled around a lot. She was born in Heidelberg, Germany. Stan's CB handle comes from Stanley Steamer. Janet hasn't had a CB handle since they joined the club. Don't you think it is about time that we come up with a handle for her? Stan and Janet found themselves both living in Montgomery, Alabama. He met her five weeks before he was scheduled to move to Hawaii. Their phone bills were expensive and Janet ended up moving to Hawaii. Stan and Janet have been married since 1982. They both work for the U.S. Defense Finance and Accounting Department as accountants. They enjoy skiing and riding motorcycles. Janet got her motorcycle license last year and is currently riding a new 2000 Yamaha V-Star while Stan cruises beside her on his 1998 Goldwing. Janet also enjoys reading. Stan says that being president of RMVTA is keeping him busy. Stan said "I'm real excited about this year, I actually ran because I wanted to. No one twisted my arm."



Jerry Hatfield, Brenda Shumaker and Fireman Tom

**Tom and Brenda Shumaker**  
"Dagwood" and "Blondie"  
Vice- President

Tom is from California and has lived in Colorado for the past 22 years (he got here before it was fashionable to migrate from California to Colorado). Brenda was raised on a farm in Cortland, Nebraska. She graduated from Ralston High School near Lincoln, Nebraska. She has lived in Colorado for the past 36 years. Twenty-Two years ago Tom was a truck driver passing through Denver and Brenda was a waitress at LaBates Restaurant at 58th Avenue and Broadway. They met at the restaurant and have been married 21 years. Tom has a couple of daughters and grandchildren living in California. Brenda has a daughter living in the Denver area and a Son living in Germany. She has two grandchildren living in Germany with her son. Their hobbies include sewing, gardening and home decorating for Brenda and tinkering with cars, motorcycles and computers for Tom. Brenda said that Tom is a computer junkie and is "having an affair with the computer." She named the computer "Ethal." I hear that Tom also has a hobby of "tracking down buffalos." I asked Blondie how she got the CB handles (her's is self explanatory) and she said "well if you have seen Tom's hair in the morning you would understand it."



Karen explains the finer points of quantum physics to her colleagues. Yeah right!

### **Steve and Karen Burgess "Ski Bum" and "ski widow"**

#### **Treasurer**

Steve and Karen were raised in Des Moines, Iowa and moved to Colorado 20 years ago. They met in Iowa through mutual friends that they worked with. They have been married 30 years and have a daughter, Kristy. Kristy lives in Alaska with their 20 month old grandson, Jake. Steve was a systems analyst for the State of Colorado Department of Social Services before he retired in September 1997. He had been an analyst for 30 years and worked for the State of Colorado for 12 years. Karen used to be a controller for a mechanical contractor. She has had her own accounting business, Advantage Accounting, for the past 10 years. Karen used to ride a Pacific coast and now has "graduated to a wing." She is driving a 1989 Goldwing and Steve follows her on his 95 Goldwing. In addition to riding motorcycles they enjoy playing golf and traveling. In 1998 they spent a month in Australia visiting their Australian daughter who lived with them as an exchange student. Last year they traveled to Alaska to visit Kristy and her family. Steve is active on the ride committee and needless to say Karen will have her hands full as treasurer. Her business, Advantage Accounting, is one of RMVTA's sponsors which we all appreciate.



That's our girl, Jeanie!

### **Gary and Jeanie Hoedel Secretary**

No profile of this officer and her partner in crime was available this month. So check back next month. You know with a picture like this one, she's got to have an interesting story to tell.

## **Letter to the Editor**

### **Love your Rocky Mountain Venture Touring web site.**

From: [gburlison@hotmail.com](mailto:gburlison@hotmail.com)

"I love your web site and I am interested in learning more about your club. But the real reason that I am writing this email is to publicize the Yamaha XJ world rally and see if any of your club members ride Yamaha xj's (seca or maxim) and would like to participate. We have a web site at: <http://pweb.netcom.com/~peisenb1/xjrelay/xjrelay.htm> There are not many riders in the mid west and so far only I have signed up from CO. To tell the truth we are not that discriminating about the type of bike, mostly we want to make sure that our backpack stays out of cars.

Let me know what you think.  
gordon  
'82 XJ650LJ"

## **Welcome**

Gilbert Archuletta to the Newsletter Committee. Gilbert has volunteered to take on the job of mailing out the newsletters every month. And I really appreciate his help!

## **Dates to Remember**



### **February Birthdays**

#### **Date**

17<sup>th</sup> **Lori Rieger**

18<sup>th</sup> **James Reynolds**

20<sup>th</sup> **Tim Hawkins**

20<sup>th</sup> **Brenda Shumaker**

23<sup>rd</sup> **Vaughn Richards**

*(PS - February is a great month. Just look at all of the important people who were born in it!)*



Cliff receives his  
Phantom Ride Captain Award

## **For Sale:**

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](mailto:wadams1102@aol.com)

RMVTA ladies riding jacket, medium, black. Never worn. Best offer.

Trek 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 or e-mail at [smiley.rc@worldnet.att.net](mailto:smiley.rc@worldnet.att.net)

**The Deadline for the  
Next Newsletter is  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000**

## 2000 RMVTA Sponsors

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### NEXT MEETING:

February 17th, 2000

7:30 PM

Fay Myers Motorcycle World  
2015 W. Alameda Avenue, Denver