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Officers Speak...

Submitted By: Stan Stotz

I have a question...where has the summer gone? We already have 21 rides behind us and only 8 more to go! I don't remember having a better and more diverse selection of rides as we have had this year. Add a few other trips and functions and it makes for a really busy summer!

I have tried to ride on as many club rides as possible (over half) and I can say without hesitation that on all the rides that I attended (I also get feedback from all the other rides as well), the ride captains had put forth outstanding efforts to make sure that everything went flawlessly. I wanted to take this opportunity to say A BIG THANK YOU Ride Captains. If it weren't for you, this club could not function. I also want to say a special thank you to Steve Burgus and Bill Nielson as Ride Committee Co-Chairs. Your leadership played a major part in the success of the ride program.

We are in the planning process for our Progressive Dinner Ride,



Cliff Eudy Joins 100,000 Mile Club Submitted by Stan Stotz

I had the distinct honor and privilege to be riding the 1,000 in 24 ride with Cliff Eudy when his Goldwing hit mile 100,000. We (Cliff, John Sandi Redford, Ken Kenaston and myself) all stopped to photograph the occasion. Cliff tells me that this is his second Goldwing that he has ridden over 100,000 miles. Congratulations Cliff and may the second 100k miles be as fun as the first.

Christmas and Membership Appreciation Parties. Check out more details later in the newsletter.

So far this season we have had a flawless safety record and hope that this continues indefinitely! Keep riding safely and always assume that the person in the next lane is going to do something foolish. That way, you always have a plan B in case things start going wrong. Also, during warm-weather rides, don't forget to drink plenty of water before you begin your journey even if it means making more pit stops.

If I don't cut this off now, Lori is

going to accuse me of "rambling" (which I am). By the way Lori, how do you keep making this newsletter look better every month? You are the best!!! Keep up the great work.

Meeting Minutes

Submitted By: Jeanie Hoedel

President Stan Stotz called the meeting to order at 7:37.50 P.M. (Late Again). Visitors: Libby & Catie Munson, daughters of Mitch and Sue Munson, made a special guest appearance with dad. Sponsor Jan Freison was also in attendance. A special welcome to all of you!

Steve "I annoy you" wanted to tell the group that while at Echo Lake fishing with his son last Monday, they were stopped by State Patrol because of a commercial being filmed there. Steve said it was a beautiful canary yellow 2001 Honda Goldwing 1800. Steve said they stood and watched for a while and actually witnessed the power of this new machine. From the description and excitement of the group, I'd be safe to say that sales are going to be up on this new machine!!!!!!

Secretary Report:

Motion to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer Report:

Karen reports \$3,569.85 in checking and \$1,870.99 in savings.

Tom Shumaker presented President Stan Stotz with a special award for his hard work and dedication on the

RMVTA website. I think everyone would agree that Stan has put numerous hours in for the good of our club. Thanks Stan! You are appreciated.

Jeanie Hoedel presented Mitch Munson with a picture of him and his daughter Maggie with their new bike. This picture was also Maggie's first official ride. Way to go Maggie!

Committee Reports:

Activities

Committee

Steve and Debbie announced that the date for Heritage Square Music Hall is Sept. 8th. Contact Steve or Deb for details.

Ancillaries: John reports that they have items for sale. Come take a look at the break.

wards: Virgil and Nancy were absent. If anyone has information for awards please call Stan, Tom or Jeanie with your information.

Finance: Nothing to report

Historical: Nothing to report

Member Relations: Jerry reports that he has had contact with Ann Hudson. Ann reports that Tom is doing better and walking around the Westminster mall daily. Ann can be e-mailed at Katykeen9@aol.com.

Membership: Robin says no new members this past month.

Newsletter: Lori out tonight. Deadline for newsletter articles is September 1, 2000.

Web Page: Stan has the photo gallery ready to go this week. Check out the new member's photos. Stan also reports that if you haven't had your pictures taken, you can do so tonight. Both Stan and Floyd have their cameras with them tonight.

50/50: Ruth says please buy tickets.



Beautiful Scenery and great friends made the Grand Mesa ride one of this years best.



Ride Committee: Steve Burgus reports that if anyone is interested in leading a ride for next year, start planning and get it in early to Steve or Bill. Bill has agreed to be the Ride Captain for next year! Congratulations Bill. We will still need to get a co-captain on board soon. Anyone interested please speak-up.

July 23rd- President's ride - Stan reported that he had 24 bikes, 1 car and 38 people. Everyone had a great time. It was a beautiful and fun ride with great food.

July 29th - Hanging Lake ride - Floyd reports that he had 13 bikes and it was a great time even though they made three trips around the

lake before they found the turn off. Sounds like a missing link to me!

Aug. 5th Trail Ridge Road ride - Karen Burgus reports that there were 15 bikes and 22 people. Karen took the group to the Grand Lake Lodge for a wonderful lunch. As the group left Grand Lake, the weather was looking pretty bad. The group decided to stop for ice cream in Fraser (imagine that) to wait out the storm. It seems that the group waited long enough and came home with out getting wet. Great job Karen.

Aug. 12-14 Grand Mesa Ride - Gary Hoedel reported that he had 6 bikes and 8 people. A great time with terrific company and beautiful Colorado scenery.

Aug. 12th Georgetown Loop - Steve reported for Nancy that there were 6 bikes and 1 car. They had a somewhat unusual lunch at the Dam Brewery.

Aug 18-20 Pioneer Village ride-Robin reports that everyone needs to be at McDonalds at 7:15 A.M. This will be the first annual bug run. There will be prizes for the most graphic bug splatters. Robin and JR will be the judges. Everyone be sure to have your supersoakers loaded and ready.

Aug 26-27 - Crested Butte - Skeeter says there are still rooms available.

Sept. 1-4 Custer's Last Stand - Cliff - says he hopes everyone has

room reservations made. Plan on having a good time.

Sept. 10 – South Park Ride – Jerry and Linda hope their bike is up and running by then, otherwise you will see them in a 4-wheeler.

Sept. 16 – Moonlight ride – Steve says he still isn't sure of the route yet, but says it should be a full moon. (is he talking about the planet?)

Sept. 23 – Fall Color Ride – Gary is praying for color other than white this year.

Sept. 29 – Oct 1 Cumbres & Toltec Ride:

Nancy Frase reports that she will need \$66.00 paid by Sept. 1st.

During the break, Wayne and Ruth were kind enough to share the video of the drill team from WingDing 2000. Thank you both very much. We certainly enjoyed it.

New Business:

Ruth Adams reports that there will be a fundraiser for the wing drill team on Aug 27th at Decatur and Howard. Tickets are \$5.00 each. There will be a Corvette club, Mustang club and street rods there. Also lots of food for sale.

Stan announced that he and Floyd are looking into the cards for RMVTA and will keep us posted.

Steve and Debbie announced that the Christmas Party will be at Dardano's. They have the sign up sheets at your tables for the date & the menu items. Please fill them out and give back to Steve and Debbie right away. Cost will be \$17.00 per person and includes the taxes, tip & entertainment. Everyone will need to have payment in at the November meeting. We will be having our

annual White Elephant exchange & possible door prizes as well.

Stan announced that the Membership Appreciation party will be held on January 20, 2001 at the Westminster Elks Lodge. We have booked Klassy K for the Disc Jockey again this year. More information will follow as we get closer to the date.

Floyd Thorne announced that we need volunteers for the nomination committee for the new elections that are coming up. Please give Floyd a call if interested, or you could wait for him to call on you for your help!

Stan announced that we need 2 new ride committee chairpersons. Bill will step into the chair for next year & the President will elect the co-chair. It works out to be a 2- year commitment for the co-chair.

Stan has been approached with a request to change the meeting night back to the second Thursday of the month instead of the third. A motion was made by Floyd Thorne to change the meeting night to the second Thursday of the month. Second by Steve Inouye. Motion passed.

Floyd Thorne announced that the Board of Directors and the Officers had a joint meeting on Tuesday August 15th to discuss some possible changes in the by-laws. The only change would be to the membership dues. The proposed change would be to pro-rate the dues according to the date the member joined. Some discussion arose and it was decided to table this for the time being. Stay tuned for the next chapter!!!!!!



August's proud winner of the missing link will know better than to expose her blonde roots to this club next time.

Missing Link Award:

- * Jonna Wright for having a blonde moment with her ticket stubs
- * Steve Burgus for his missing hat award
- * Stan Stotz for forgetting to look the door at Fay Meyers after last months meeting.
- * Floyd Thorne for circling the parking lot 3 times before finding his turn off during the Hanging Lake ride.

Winner: Jonna Wright
Congratulations!

50/50



3rd place . . . \$ 9.00 Ron Nardiello
2nd place . . . \$20.00 Jim Wolford
1st place . . \$30.00 Linda Thorne
Congratulations to the winners!

Christmas Party Update

Date: December 8th, 2000
Time: Cocktails at 6:30 P.M.
Dinner at 7:00 P.M.
Menu will be Roast Beef, Fried Chicken, Baked Ham & Broccoli with cheese sauce.

Meeting Time Change Proposal Submitted by Stan Stotz

I have been approached several times about the possibility of changing our meeting time back to the 2nd Thursday of the month (same 7:30 time). The reason we changed to the 3rd Thursday originally was the Fay Myers Meeting Room was not available on the 2nd Thursday. Starting in January of next year (2001) the 2nd Thursday of the month is open at Fay Myers and will remain open indefinitely.

Happenings... *(or What you might have missed!)*



John & Sandy Redford, Stan Stotz and Ken Kenaston were a few of the brave souls who rode the 1,000 in 24.

1,000 in 24 Ride by Stan Stotz

Have you ever gotten up in the middle of the night and say "I think I will drive my motorcycle 1,000 miles today?" Seven (that I know of) RMVTA members ran the annual 1,000 in 24 rally on August 19. The single-day route went to Casper, WY, Shoshoni, WY, Rawlins, WY, Walden, CO, Craig, CO, Rifle, CO, and back to Denver. RMVTA members participating include Bill & Beckie Gillespie, John & Sandi Redford, Cliff Eudy,

Ken Kenaston and Stan Stotz. A great time was had by all and a good night sleep that night was also enjoyed by all! The 1,000 in 24 is sponsored by the Colorado Freewheelers Motorcycle Club.

Up-N-Coming

Cumbres & Toltec Railroad Ride Sep 29 - Oct 1, 2000 Ride Captain: Nancy Frase

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (\$66/person to Nancy by Sep 1 for train ride and lunch). The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR is one of the last two remnants of a railroad empire that began shortly after the end of the Civil War. In 1871 General William H. Palmer began construction of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, with the intention of creating a railroad from Denver, through Santa Fe, to El Paso and Mexico City. In an 1870 letter to his fiancée, Queen, Mellen, he wrote: "I had a dream last evening . . . I thought how fine it would be to have a little railroad a few hundred miles long..."

In building his "happy little railroad", General Palmer chose to lay the rails three feet apart at a time when a distance of slightly less than five feet was becoming the standard in North America and Europe. Financed primarily by British investors, the railroad began building south along the Front Range of the Rockies, creating towns like Colorado Springs and Pueblo as it grew. In 1876 Palmer's railroad changed its aim from Mexico to the silver mines of southwestern Colorado, reaching Silverton via Cumbres Pass and Durango in 1882. This diversion cost the D&RG its goal of reaching

El Paso. While Palmer was building the "San Juan Extension", another railroad built on the only available route south. Palmer then turned his eyes westward, and built his "narrow gauge" railroad west to Salt Lake City.

But even as his crews continued to lay narrow gauge trackage, it was becoming necessary in some places to lay a third rail to accommodate "standard gauge" traffic. Eventually most of the Denver & Rio Grande was converted to standard gauge, though some sections continued to carry both standard gauge and narrow gauge trains as late as 1968. After 1955, only one section of narrow gauge trackage remained: from Antonito, Colorado, through Chama to Durango and Silverton, Colorado, and Farmington, New Mexico. Kept in business hauling crude oil from Chama to Alamosa and natural gas pipe to Farmington, the line finally shut down in 1968. Only the tourist trains from Durango to Silverton continued to run. In 1970, the states of Colorado and New Mexico purchased the Antonito - Chama section and created the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. This is the 64-mile section that we will be traveling by train (return trip by bus). This train-bus trip is an all day trip, which we will be making on Saturday.

To start our trip on Friday, we will be meeting at the Target at I-25 & Arapahoe at 8:45am (with full gas tanks and ready to ride) to leave at 9:00am. We will ride south on highways 85/87, 160, 285, and 17. There will be a brief detour to the Great Sand Dunes National Monument on the way to Antonito, CO. The park entrance fee is \$3/bike. We will be staying both nights at campgrounds near Antonito, staying in either cabins or

rental RV's that have two bedrooms each, full kitchens, and all linens provided. There are also tent sites available, with clean showers provided.

The cabins/RV's will run around \$30-40 per night for two people in one bedroom (one double or two twin beds), and the tent sites will run around \$10-15 per night for two people. We have use of a recreation room with indoor picnic tables and cooking facilities, so we will all chip in some money for groceries, prepare many of the meals ourselves, and serve the meals family-style. This will cut our lodging/food costs to about 1/3 of our original plans. Please make reservations through Nancy, as she will be arranging the lodging based upon whom can room together.

On Saturday, we will ride the train to Chama and return via bus. On the dry run ride, we discovered the cost of the train ride has increased significantly. It is now \$58 per person (good thing the lodging will now be cheaper!) During the train ride, we will stop in the town of Osier for lunch. Your choices will be to either bring your own brown bag lunch, or to eat at the Richardson's Food Court for \$8 per person.

Before we return on Sunday, we will ride the section of Highway 17 that runs next to the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad, and over Highway 84, making a large loop over two breathtaking mountain passes. We will come back through Alamosa, then basically follow the same route that we took coming down on



RMVTA members on top of the world on the Trail Ridge Ride.

Friday, minus the detour to the Sand Dunes.

Since we will need to make advance reservations, please have your train ride fee and lunch money (\$66) to Nancy by September 1st. We will collect the money due for the campground lodging and groceries on Friday night, at the campground, as we will not know the final amount until that time. To contact Nancy, please call (303)926-1591 or e-mail her at NF122867@aol.com

**Progressive Dinner Ride
October 8, 2000
Ride Captain: Stan Stotz**

We have four volunteers to host the Progressive Dinner Ride...appetizers at Tom ("Skeeter") and Diane Olsen's home close to Lincoln and Quebec, salads at Bill and Diane Lloyd's home in the Ken Caryl area, main course at Nancy Frase's home in Louisville, and dessert at Tom and Brenda Shumaker's home in rural Brighton.

All the homes are well spaced so we should have time to enjoy the ride between the homes. This is also a great ride to get to know your fellow club members better.

We will meet at the Target parking lot on the Southeast corner of I-25 and Arapahoe Road. Be there by 8:45 AM with a full tank of gas and we plan to leave at 9:00 AM. Also, be sure to bring an appetite.

Other Upcoming Events...

The following rides are scheduled for the upcoming months, however, no previews from the ride captains were submitted. Please refer to the web site or your ride book for further details.

A Trip to South Park

Date: September 10
Ride Captain: Jerry & Linda Hatfield
Meeting Time: 7:45 AM
Meeting Place: 6th & Kipling (Sofa Mart Parking Lot)
Information: (303) 989-3450

Moonlight Ride

Date: September 16
Ride Captain: Steve Inouye
Meeting Time & Place: Information not available
Information: (303) 274-2472

Fall Color Ride

Date: September 23
Ride Captain: Gary Hoedel
Meeting Time: 7:45 AM
Meeting Place: I-70 & Ward Road (Park & Ride)
Information: (303) 567-4361

Reddog's Northern New Mexico Challenge

Date: October 12-15
Ride Captain: John Redford
Meeting Time: 5:45 AM
Meeting Place: I-25 & Arapahoe (Target Parking Lot)
Information: (303) 429-5409

Ride Committee Co-Chairs For 2001 Submitted by Stan Stotz

This year we did an experiment with having Ride Committee Co-Chairs (Steve Burgus and Bill Nielson). This arrangement worked out extremely well.

Our newly revised constitution states that the President must pick a new ride captain for the following year by the October Meeting. Putting these 2 things together seemed to make a lot of sense. We decided to make the Ride Committee appointment a 2-year commitment. The first year of the appointment, the Co-Chair would learn under the tutelage of the second year Co-Chair and would become the primary Co-Chair the next year. To start this off, Bill Nielson has agreed to stay on for his second year as the Senior Co-Chair and Mitch Munson will start his 2-year duty in October. These 2 Ride Committee Co-Chairs will do a great job putting together a great ride schedule.

The reason we are starting out our ride captain job early is so that they can plan and coordinate the rides as early as possible so we can get a quality ride book in our members hands in a timely manner. I challenge you to get a ride (or 2) turned in as early as possible to ensure that you get the dates you desire.

I further want to encourage any new members to be a ride captain for your first time. I recommend that new ride captains start out with a day ride. I guarantee you that you will enjoy it immensely. If you don't know how to go about planning a ride, but want to, contact any veteran club member and we will be glad to assist you.

Membership Appreciation Party Submitted by Stan Stotz

The Membership Appreciation Party will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2000 at the Westminster Elk's Club. This is the same facility we had the party at last year but we were able to upgrade to the large ballroom at no extra cost.

Our Executive Committee is still working on a theme for this extravaganza. Set this date aside on your calendar because we want you all to be able to attend. As usual, there is no charge for this party but you must make a reservation. We will be sending out more information when we get closer to the party date as far as start time and the theme.

"Klasy K the DJ" has been retained to spin the records and get everybody involved in the fun. We will also have our infamous award presentations. Make sure that you give Virgil and Nancy Kipers your award ideas. If they are not available, you can give submit your award picks to any of the Executive Committee members.



Tom Schumaker presents Stan Stotz with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the web site.

Web Site Updates Submitted by Stan Stotz

At last, I have updated the RMVTA web site - <http://www.rmvta.com/photos/index.html> with several new photo galleries. Sorry it took so long but it seems like my summer has been a little busy. I have also changed the photo gallery format to include a separate web page for links to the 1999 photo galleries. There are some great photos out there so please enjoy and see what you might have missed or relive the good times that you had on our fun rides. The recent updates include:

- Christmas Party
- Membership Appreciation Party
- Have a Heart Project (4)
- Membership Directory updates
- Spring Polar Bear Ride
- 2-Up ERC
- Spring Highway Clean-Up
- Sponsor Ride
- Mystery Ride
- Cabela's Ride (2)
- Taos (AGAIN!) (2)
- Walden Callin' (2)

I still have photos for photo galleries to post for:

- Five-State Ride
- Flying "W" BBQ and Show
- Bishop's Castle Ride
- Cripple Creek Camp out
- President's Ride
- Hanging Lake Ride
- Trail Ridge Ride

I plan to get the rest of the photo galleries up within the next 2 weeks. If anybody has any suggestions for catchy captions to go under any of the photos, please let me know and I will be happy to put them in. I know there are some great word smiths out there.

And Now... A Word For our Sponsor

Submitted by: Lori Rieger

Canteen Refreshment Services

Canteen Refreshment Services is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Compass Group, an English based Company. They have sponsored the RMVTA for the past two years.

RMVTA's very own, Jim Wohlford has worked for Canteen Refreshment Services for 27 years. For the last 6 of those years, Jim has headed up the companies Office Coffee program and the Commissary Program for Inmates in the State of Colorado.

Thank you CRS for your continued support of the RMVTA!

Dates to Remember

Birthdays

September

- 4 John McKibbon
- 6 Dylan Rieger
- 7 Steve Burgus
- 11 Merle Bollier
- 12 Evan Johnson
- 13 Wayne Adams
- 27 Karen Burgus

Anniversaries

September

- 3 Jim & Janet Wohlford



Si Señor! Dave really liked that last Margarita.

You Are Invited... To a 1st Birthday Party!

It's hard to believe it but we will be celebrating Dylan's first Birthday this month and it just wouldn't be the same without you (and of course your motorcycle). Please join our family to celebrate Dylan's big day!

When: September 9th

Time: 2:00 pm

Where: Holy Love Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall (1 block north of Quincy on Chambers in Aurora)

Was there a problem with your newsletter delivery? We want to know. If you do not receive your newsletter by the Monday preceding the meeting, please let us know. Remember if you don't tell us we'll think it is being delivered and no changes will be made. Send any address corrections and/or articles to loririeger@quixnet.net or call me at (303) 699-1693.

For Sale:

Honda Magna V45 - Only 1,700.00. Good looking cruiser style bike. Full size leather saddle bags included. Great for short runs or for riding around the city or as a starter bike. If your are a little crazy (like me...) You can ride it on longer journeys as well. I have actually earned 2 "Iron Butt" awards on this bike and have ridden into Utah, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. It is very dependable and has NEVER left me stranded anywhere. Contact Mark at 303-369-5844

1998 Gold Wing SE and Matching Bushtec Trailer - Moving. Must Sell. 19,500 miles, never down. New Michelin Gold Standard Radial Tires, saddlebag



Steve Inouye relives his adventure at Echo Lake where he spotted a rare Gold Wing.

side lights and electrical connection running lights up front, air deflectors and two Shoeii full face helmets - XL and S outfitted-/J&M speakers and Microphones. For really long rides, included is a sheepskin seat cover and Markland backrest for the pilot. The trailer is a Bushtec Genesis w/ all of the options included and custom painted to match the Bike. Bushtec also installed the hitch and light harness. \$16,000.00 takes everything! For more information or to answer questions, please call 303-569-0150 and ask for Vince or leave a message. I'll return your call at my first convenience

Two J&M intercom systems for 3/4 helmets that fit the 89 Venture for sale. The driver headset is a two piece patch cord and the passenger set is a one piece patch cord. Both are only 4 months old, selling due to sold Venture and will not fit other motorcycles. I'm asking \$100.00 each for them and would like to sell them in pairs. Questions or concerns contact Keith at:

(757) 221-0263 (Williamsburg, V A) o r e - m a i l a t KANDKCRAFT95@peoplepc.com

The Deadline for the next newsletter is October 1st, 2000

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NEXT MEETING:
September 21st, 2000
7:30 PM
Fay Myers Motorcycle World
2015 W. Alameda Avenue, Denver