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Secretary - Sandi Redford
Treasurer - Jonna Wright

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President - Stan Stotz
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Member - Jerry Hatfield
Member - Ron Nardiello
Member - Wayne Adams

Officers Speak...

Submitted by: Jonna Wright

Well it's that time of year again. You know that time when you hear the bike calling from the garage, but your too busy going to all the holiday parties to ride it.

We've had a great year under Steve's leadership and I just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to Steve, John and Sandi. It was great being part of such a great group. (Although I must admit it seems kinda weird handing off the Treasurer duties to myself.) Also, THANK YOU to rest of the club, after all we wouldn't be here if it weren't for you.

There have been some truly amazing rides this year, I am sad that those days are coming to a close, just like the year. I hope that a lot of you have been thinking about a ride or rides that you would either like to lead or just put together for next year so we can have just as much fun next year.



President Elect Bill Nielson takes a look at the job before him...



And wonders if he bit off more than he can chew. We have confidence that if he can handle this hamburger, our club is in good hands.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and try to remember that we have a tremendous amount to be thankful for.

(Please check out page 5 for a special poem submitted by Jonna.)

Meeting Minutes November 8, 2001

Submitted by: Sandi Redford

Meeting called to order by Steve Inouye at 7:28. Just a bit early, don't you think? Of course he had to hit the gavel a couple of times to get everyone's attention. Absolutely no control!

Visitors: Dwayne McMahon was visiting with us this evening. Seems he met a group of RMVTA riders at Brown's campground. Said they were totally out of control, so he just had to come see what we are all about. Must be a masochist!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept October minutes as posted by Linda, seconded by Karen.

Treasurer Report: Jonna reports there is \$3,625.89 in savings, and \$2,530.67 in checking. Jonna also reported that the official grand total for the bake sale was \$1,301.50. Party time!!!

Activities: Floyd handed out a flyer regarding the Christmas party. It will be held at Garcia's, 5050 S Syracuse St, on Friday December 14. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7pm. The cost of dinner is \$21.00 per person, and needs to be to Floyd by Nov 30 so he can give the restaurant a count. Pick out something fun for the White Elephant gift exchange, and remember, no whining if you get a lump of coal!

Ancillaries: John reported that the company we were having ancillaries done through had closed without notice, and absconded with our disc.

The cost of having a new one done was put to a vote, the vote carried.

Awards: Jeannie absent.

Finance: Karen did her thing for the year and has nothing to report.

Historical: Kathy had no report. Please get pictures to her if you have any to include.

Member Relations: Crane was absent, no report.

Membership: Robin had no report

Newsletter: Stan asked that if you have any articles, to send them to him. Just a reminder that the cutoff for the newsletter is the 23rd of each month. Items are to be sent to Stan Stotz, at stanstotz@home.com.

Webmaster: Stan tells us everything is under control.

50/50: Ruth says buy, buy, buy!

OLD BUSINESS:

Presidential nominee Bill Nielson chose not to give a speech. Rumor has it our soon-to-be president sleeps with the Treasurer! Hands were raised to elect Bill Nielson and the Northsiders as officers for 2002. A show of hands was unanimous, Bill and his group won!!! Stan moved to close the voting, seconded by John.

We then went on to vote for board members. There are openings for two 2-year terms. The nominees are Debbie Inouye, Jan Johnson, and Sandi Redford. The two ladies voted in were Debbie Inouye and Sandi Redford.

Karen moved to accept the proposed changes to the by-laws,

and was seconded by Sandi. A show of hands was unanimous.

Stan brought in the CD's he put together with pictures for the last two years. The discs contain 3,157 pictures and the last 30 newsletters, and the cost is \$10.00. Proceeds will go to the club to support our web site. You do such good work Stan!!!

We got another visitor of sorts at break. Rick Griggs came in to say hi, and then bye to everyone. He was leaving the following day for his new home in Venice, FL. I am so jealous.



New Board Members for the year 2002 - Debbie Inouye and Sandi Redford. Sandi and Debbie have both served as the Club Secretary in past years.

Ride Committee:

Past rides

October 13 - Fall Highway Cleanup. Ron reported there were 8 bikes, and 15 people. It was a very breezy day, enough so that it blew over Larry's Goldwing. Ron explained the Golden Horseshoe award to visitors, and new members. The award for this cleanup went to Chip Long for finding various Harley parts. That wasn't good enough though. Chip had to put a story together about all these parts, so the Harley riders in the group made sure Chip got a loud cheer to win his lovely award. Other items of honorable mention were instructions on how to care for your new tattoo, a bail of hay (yes, the whole bale), instructions to a party at Joannie's, a Sturgis bandana, etc. Tom and

Floyd went off on a ride after cleanup over roller coaster road, up to Garden of the Gods, and into Woodland Park.

October 14 - Progressive Dinner Ride. Bill reported there were 17 bikes, 6 cars, and lots of good food. Bill mentioned Kim and Sherry's rec room, seemed he was quite taken by the home theatre. Said the whole day was lots of fun.

Upcoming Rides:

Nov 18 - Fall Polar Bear. Can you believe this is the last ride of the season already? Ken plans to lead the ride, but Tom is on standby just in case. Ride meets at I-25 and Arapahoe, Target parking lot, at 8:45am.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill thanked everyone for the experience he's had as the Ride Committee co-chair this year. Mitch told Bill he's been a great mentor this past year, and that he may never be as tall as Bill (who is?), but at least he'll never talk like him. At least he hopes not. Mitch asked that you let him know if you have any ideas for rides, or would be interested in joining the ride committee.

Steve announced that he talked with the people from Fay Meyers and they confirmed we have the meeting room, same time, same day, for next year.

Steve announced a slight change for the Membership Appreciation Party. Seems the Elks Lodge didn't have us on the schedule. We will still have it at the Elks lodge, but it will be on January the 12th, instead of the 19th. We will still have Klassy K the DJ, and she has some wicked ideas for our Mardi Gras theme. That's scary.

Welcome to Dwayne McMahon and his wife Kathleen as new members.

50/50:

Ruth reported they collected \$135.00, with \$ 67.50 going to the club. And the winners were:

1st place Chris	\$ 33.50
2nd place Diane	\$ 20.00
3rd place Karen	\$ 14.00

Missing Link:

Nominations for the missing link award were as follows:

1. Floyd for misspelling "Christmase" and "ususal" on his flyer for the party.
2. Dave Menges for spilling his coke, having everyone pitch in to help clean it up, and then spilling it again!!!

Missing link went to Dave. Couldn't let him get away with being such a klutz, now could we?

Motion was made to close the meeting by Cliff, and seconded by Sandi.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. I think that makes up for such a late night due to the bake sale last month..

Special Announcement RMVTA Photo CDs

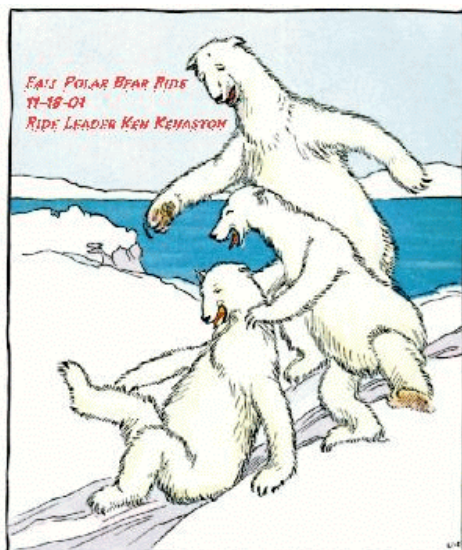
Submitted by: Stan Stotz

We still have 7 CD-ROMs with all the digital pictures for 2000 and 2001 plus the past 30 newsletters. The CDs cost \$10.00 each and all the proceeds go directly to supporting the RMVTA web site. They will be available at the December meeting on a "first come first served basis". You can

reserve one by calling or sending an email.

"Steamer"

Happenings



Fall Polar Bear Ride

November 18, 2001

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne, jr.

Well, another formal RMVTA riding season comes to a close once again with our Annual Fall Polar Bear Ride. We were all very pleased to see Ken Kenaston show up after work has taken him to Cheyenne, WY for nearly all summer and thus we have not seen him at meetings and on any of the other rides for some time.

Ken had taken a trip on his Wing earlier this summer and locked his helmet on the back of the bike to go into a restaurant to get a bite to eat. When he returned he found that someone had stolen the sound system (microphone and speakers) out of his helmet. I guess that this is a word of caution for all of us. If you don't have room to lock them inside then take them inside with you.

Anyway, we want to thank Tom Shumaker for once again stepping up to the plate for the good of all concerned.

He actually led the ride with Ken riding right behind giving hand signals as to where to go. This year we have had ride leaders lead from the back of the pack to now this. Oh well, we found our way and everyone had a GREAT time.

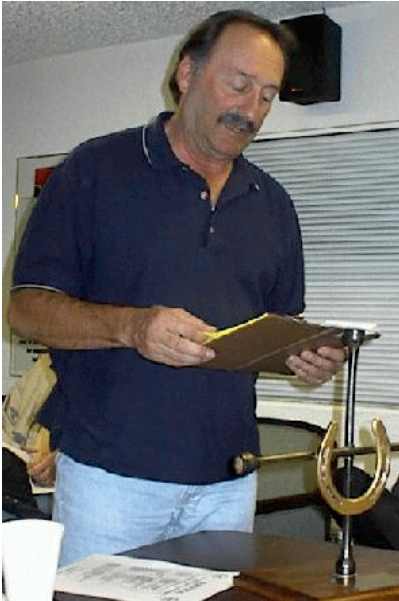
We started out with 10 bikes and 12 hardy souls. One bike dropped out shortly after departure to head back home. Two bailed out later in the trip when the weather took a turn for wet (but then cleared up shortly thereafter). The balance continued on to our lunch destination in Florence, CO. From there the trip on the way home managed to a lot wetter and whiter as we got north of Colorado Springs. The temperatures that had started the day in the low 40s, climbed to the low 60s for a brief period about lunch time, and then plummeted to the low 30s by the time we all made it home safe and sound.

Now it's time to be focusing on the formal riding season for next year. If you want to lead a ride, or if you have a GREAT idea for a ride destination please let it be known to the ride committee as they are starting to focus



"Daddy Rabbit" & "Renegade" discuss nuclear fusion on the Polar Bear Ride. Yeah Right!

on the ride program for 2002. It was a GREAT ride and Ken finally got his "POLAR BEAR RIDE" after several seasons of mild temperatures in the past. Glad everyone made it home safe and sound. Hope you enjoyed the day as much as I did.



Ron Nardiello prepares to pass on the coveted Golden Horseshoe Award to Chip Long for finding the most unusual item on the Fall Cleanup Ride.

Up-n-Coming

Annual Christmas Party

December 14 2001

Submitted by: Floyd & Linda Thorne

Well, here we are once again about to have our Annual Christmas Party. As was stated in the News Letter last month it is going to be held Friday evening December 14, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. for cocktails and dinner at 7:00 p.m. It's going to be at Garcia's Mexican Restaurant at 5050 South Syracuse Street which is just east of I-25 and half a block north of Belleview Avenue. The

cost for this activity is \$21.00 per person and I asked for it to be paid by November 30, 2001. But, if for whatever reason, you were not able to pay by then, let me know and I am sure we can get you in.

We will be having our usual "White Elephant" gift exchange that is always a lot of fun so come ready for that. You never know what treasures you might come home with.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

"Mr. & Mrs. T"

Membership Appreciation Party

January 12, 2001

Submitted by: Steve Inouye

Hi everyone. Here is a reminder for the Member Appreciation Party. The date is set for January 12, 2002. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and music and dancing till mid-night provided by "Klassy K the D.J."

Remember, the party and dinner are free to members in good standing and this year's theme is "Mardi Gras" so dress accordingly.

Please call Steve or Debbie Inouye at 303-274-2472 ASAP to confirm your party count so that we can make sure there is plenty of food to go around. See ya there.

"Grasshopper"

About Our Members

Submitted by Stan Stotz

Goodbye to Joe & Dale Ellison

Joe Ellison wrote me a short note the other day and informed me that they had



Welcome to new member Dwayne McMahon. We look forward to seeing more of Dwayne and wife Kathleen at club functions.

moved to Music City, USA (Nashville, TN). Joe promised to keep a close eye on us on our web site to keep up on the RMVTA happenings. He also said if any of us get to Nashville, they might even take to the "Grand Ol Opre e e e e e!!!" Good Luck and best wishes Joe & Dale.

"Steamer"

Dates to Remember

December Birthdays

7th Ken Kenaston
 10th Joyce Kenaston
 11th Jeannie Hoedel
 11th Debbie Inouye
 19th Dave Menges
 23rd Jan Johnson
 28th Nancy Frase
 30th Bill Hysom

December Anniversaries

15th Mitch & Sue Munson
 15th Lloyd & Ruth Nicholson
 16th Ken & Joyce Kenaston
 22nd Crane & Katherine Smiley



Former RMVTA President Rick Griggs stopped in to say good-bye. Rick left for his new home in Florida the morning after the club meeting. Good Luck Rick.

For Sale:

Like new full-face Shoei helmet, size XL, color pearl white. Cost new \$275 will sell for \$100 or best offer. Call Steve Inouye at 303-274-2472 or email at stdebino1@home.com.

Handy Bike Lift including 2 - 12" side extensions, 1 - 13" front extension, and bike vice. This is the same lift used at all the bike shops. Paid \$1,100.00, asking \$800.00 firm. Call John Redford, "Reddog" at 303-429-5409 if you or anyone you know is interested.

**Happy Holidays Everyone
from the
Newsletter Staff!**



Outgoing officers, John Redford and Steve Inouye. Thanks Guys, you did a great job!

**The Deadline for the
Next Newsletter is
December 23rd.**

Night Before Christmas 2001

Submitted by Jonna Wright

The following is poem that is so fitting this year. Please take your time and read it, share it and remember that this is the time of year for giving more than we receive.

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney with presents to give
And to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
A sobering thought came to my mind.

For this house was different, so dark and so dreary
The home of a soldier, now I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone
Curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured a United States Soldier.

Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world, the children would play,
And grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas Day.

They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.

The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
My life is my God, my country, my Corps."

The soldier rolled over and soon drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours, so silent and still,
And we both shivered from the cold evening chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark night,
This guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
Whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure."

One look at my watch, and I knew he was right,
"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

This poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan.
He requests that this message be shared with as many people
as possible.

"Rumble Bunny".

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Thursday, December 13, 2001
7:30 PM
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