

Steve turns over the gavel to Bill at the December Meeting



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### Officers Speak

Submitted by: Bill Nielson  
Incoming President

### 2001 in the Rear-View Mirror

Submitted by: Steve Inouye  
Outgoing President

I'm sitting here reminiscing about the riding season for 2001. Another bike riding season has come and gone. Gezzz, another "year" has flown by. I'm sure this is just another year for a lot of the RMVTA "ole timers", but it really means a lot to me. The reason is, a little over 3 years ago, I did not know I would be riding a motorcycle, much less being in a bike club. When Jonna and I decided to buy a touring bike, it was bought just to see if it was something that we both could enjoy together. Needless to say, 3 years and 3 touring bikes later, we found what we were looking for - and then some!

RMVTA has brought many days of enjoyment to us. Going on the rides, being with very good friends, helping each other out - This keeps this club together and going strong. The participation in the club has its moments, and maybe a little bit of arm twisting when it comes time for "volunteers" for the different committees, but you know, the end result is hardly ever a mistake. RMVTA'ers

step forward to do what it takes. Next time you see them - say thanks. It is worthwhile.

I want to thank all of you for your support in advance for this coming year. The officers and the committees will work hard for you to make this a club for all to enjoy. But, remember this, it takes "all" of the members to make it even better. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings and the upcoming events.

In conclusion, I wish everyone a good and safe holiday.

"Rumble Buck"



*December Meeting  
Changing of the Guard  
December 22, 2001*



Of course my first recollection, WHAT IN THE HECK AM I GETTING MYSELF INTO!! Little did I know just how much fun and what a rewarding experience I was in for. And before I get started let me thank my first lady Debbie, and Bill Nielson for their input into this article.

Not more than a second or two after accepting the gavel it was on to the ride schedule, sponsors money, go to the Member Appreciation Party, and running our first solo meeting. What, January is gone already, I just learned how to print up an agenda and now it's February. Everyone's anxious for the new ride season, where's the new ride book, still at the printers, will it be ready for the March meeting? Well let's do the Polar Bear Ride first. The two up ERC was last week, sure wish we could have been there. " Dave Menges called and left a message for you," Deb said. How much wrap does he need for the baskets, 300 baskets this year, is he nuts? Man,

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look at the smiles on all those kids faces. Jerry is a natural in that costume. Limon Loop ride, Bill says it's his first time to the Genoa Tower Museum, many old artifacts to see, fun just trying to identify some of them. Thanks for breakfast Ron and Joyce, now let's work this off cleaning up the highway. Stuff, stuff, and more stuff, and then we bought some stuff during the sponsors ride, one end of town to the other buying stuff, next thing you know Brenda's leading us to see stuff in historical Governors mansions. Don't step in the "bats stuff" in the Carlsbad Caverns, oh, too late, well at least Bill and Jonna represented our club on this GWTA ride. Before you know it 2 eager groups of us were on our way to Vegas, through Zion, sure why not, what do ya mean I passed the exit, great that means I'll probably get that stupid award for this one. Great National Park, neat tunnel, now lets go gamble, lose some in Mesquite, the rest in Vegas. Boy, a bunch of us really looked ridiculous in those jesters hats at the TOURNAMENT OF KINGS dinner show, go-carts, ya, ya, let's go play on the go-carts, gee is Bill gonna fit in that little thing, well at least nobody flipped one over, and hey, the girls got to drive for a change. Then it was time for a swim, oh, and a very cold shower, no I mean a REALLY cold shower at pool side, oh my god Johns going blind, ( inside joke, you had to be there.) The Montrose Z-Bar Chuck wagon dinner in Montrose and then it was follow Brenda again, boy from the heat and the dust of Nevada to the clear blue wide open skies of Wyoming, Kendrick Mansion, Sheridan Inn, and the Bradford Brinton near Big Horn. Man, we missed the Aluminum Butt Ride in there somewhere, but Walden was a callin' and we couldn't miss that old Coffee Pot's lunch. Though it wasn't an official club ride some went to Wing Ding, more wings than you can shake a stick at, every color, chrome you didn't even know existed and some really cool air brushing too. Man, it's July already and time is going by so fast it's making my head spin, or maybe it's being on this Royal Gorge bridge that's makin' it spin, hey nobody told me this thing sways so much, ok, get a grip Steve, calm down. Bill says, "Cruising a relaxed ride in western Colorado is always fun, like the

West Slope Tour, or the Ouray Mountain Cookout Tour. Now that's relaxin' at it's finest. But nothing lasts forever and soon it's up, down, over, and around on the eleven passes ride in one day no less, another first for Bill and Jonna. After a cool "Moonlight Ride" and a bright and "Snowy Range Tour" it's that gambling itch again and Deadwood's the place to scratch at lady luck. By the way, do fruit flies bite like mosquitoes? Guess ya have to ask Jonna bout that one. Gettin' high on winning ain't nothing like being high on Trail Ridge Road, a popular ride for everyone that lives on the front range, good weather made this ride notable, unlike the Dipsy Doodle Ride in the rain, what rain? Leave early, get caught up in traffic in the middle of a rain storm, get wet, no really wet, like soaked to the bone wet, but the rest of the trip was a dream, dipping between NM and CO, and after dipping your doodle how about "Twist and Turn," that name says it all, lean to the left, lean to the right, now stand up, sit down.

Go on the Fall Color Ride!! Why the leaves were as bright a yellow and someone's Gold Wing I saw. Who's wing you ask, well that's no mystery, not like the "Mystery Ride" that is, why some folks is still scratchin' their head about that one, and who's idea was it to have those cards, they find em on the side of the darn highway at the Fall Highway Cleanup or something? October! You're kidding, time to fatten up for the winter on the Progressive Dinner Ride, but before hibernating for the winter, we gotta take that Fall Polar Bear Ride, what a mix of weather that was, from sunny skies and 60 degrees to rain mixed with snow and down to the 30's, now that's cool!! What do you mean I have to give up the gavel, my reign of terror is over already, well we gotta have a Christmas party first, gee, it's been a year already, well, , ok, , I'll step aside, , but I'm goin' out with a bang, just wait till ya see the Member Appreciation Party we're planning, it's going to knock your Mardi Gras



Steve, Jonna, Sandi & John

socks off.....January 12th. 2002. at the Westminster Elks, 6:00pm. And a really special thanks to John, Sandi, and Jonna, my partners in crime, aka, Exec.Comm. ok, enough with the tears already, somebody get me a Kleenex!!!!!!!!!!!!

"Grasshopper"

#### Minutes of December 13, 2001 RMVTA Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Steve Inouye at 7:29 p.m.

**Visitors:** Ron Higgs, who rode with us in 1998 to Flaming Gorge. Our group stood out in his mind because someone told him on that trip that if he'd take Viagra it'd make his hair stand up. That'd be quite a feat, since he has very little hair!

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to accept November minutes as written by Wayne Adams, seconded by Floyd Thorn.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jonna reports there is \$3,627.46 in savings and \$2,675.06 in checking.

**Activities:** Floyd Thorn expects 30 people at the Christmas party at Garcia's on Friday, December 14. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 followed by the always exciting white elephant gift exchange.

**Ancillaries:** None

**Awards:** Jeannie absent, but Tom Schumaker says she needs help with suggestions for awards. Please give her a call.

**Finance:** None

**Historical:** No report by Kathy

**Member Relations:** No report, Crane absent

**Membership:** Time to pay your dues for 2002. Robin is ready to take your money.

**Newsletter:** Deadline for articles and/or  
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pictures is 23rd of month. Thanks to Stan for accepting this challenge again next year.

Items are to be sent to Stan Stotz at stan-stotz@attbi.com

**Webmaster:** There are lots of new pictures in the photo gallery. First draft of ride schedule is on the web. Four photo CDs are left at \$10.00 each.

**50/50:** Buy, buy, buy. Think PARTY!

**Ride Committee:** Mitch Munson absent, but John Redford asked for a volunteer to take his place as co-chairman for next year. His schedule is not going to allow him to participate.

**Past Rides:** Ken Kenaston declared we finally got not a semi-polar bear, not a black, brown or grizzly bear, but a REAL Polar Bear Ride. Weather "cooperated" by providing cold, rain, and snow. Ken enjoyed quite a ride because someone stole the electronics from his helmet!

**Upcoming Rides:** None

**Old Business:** Membership Appreciation Party will be at the Westminster Elks Club, January 12, 2002. Begin thinking about your costume with a Mardi Gras theme! Menu will include roast beef, chicken and a variety of veggies and desserts. There will be a cash bar, but the club will provide soft drinks. Please commit to Steve Inouye by New Year's Day.

**New Business:** Steve did a semi-sincere fond farewell for his group of officers and said he was compiling a year-end review for the next newsletter. He said he'd turn the meeting over to the new executive committee after break.

Bill thanked the past executive committee for a great year and introduced the new officers and committee chairmen as follows:

- President Bill Nielson
- Vice President Tom Schumaker
- Secretary Gail Hawkins
- Treasurer Jonna Wright (again!)
- Activities Steve and Debbie Inouye
- Ancillaries Need Volunteer



(not pictured Joyce Hindman)

- Awards Jeannie Hoedel
- Finance Karen Burgus
- Historical Floyd Thorne
- Member Relations Crane Smiley
- Membership Robin Reynolds and Debbie Farnum
- Newsletter Stan Stotz, Lloyd Nicholson and Shumakers (for help with mailing)
- Web Masters Stan Stotz and Tim Hawkins
- Rides Mitch Munson and new volunteer

Robin Reynolds announced that a friend would be coming to the next meeting to discuss ancillaries and our current logo. Jim Casey offered to do "special" bikes rather than the standard logo. We'll get bids from both before proceeding.

The Ride Committee has met and has a preliminary schedule with several open dates to fill. They are open to suggestions and even if you don't want to lead, they'd appreciate new ideas for rides. If you want to lead, but don't know where you want to go, please pick a date and fill in the ride later. The schedule is on the web site. Sponsor deadline has been moved to January 31 in order to give the ride committee more information with which to budget.

Bill Nielson invited anyone interested to

tag along with him and Jonna as they go around Lake Michigan on the way to Wing Ding in July.

Bill Gillespie invited all to participate in a New Year's Day ride, meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Inn at C470 and Broadway.

**Missing Link:** Nominations for the missing link were as follows:

1. Tom Schumaker for missing 3 different turns on the Polar Bear Ride
2. Ken Kenaston for not having communication gear in order to lead his own ride

The "award" went to Ken, who said he'd leave it on the highway in Wyoming or put a sheep on it and give it to Stan.

**50/50:**

Ruth reported they collected \$96.00, with \$48.00 going to the club. The winners were:

- 1st Place: Stan Stotz \$24.00
- 2nd Place: Tim Hawkin \$15.00
- 3rd Place: Linda Beach \$9.00

A motion was made to close the meeting by Wayne Adams and seconded by Tim Hawkins. Meeting adjourned at 8:45, with Bill Nielson extending an invitation to everyone to meet for dessert after the meeting.

**RMVTA Christmas Party**

Submitted by:  
Floyd and Linda Thorne



Floyd keeps the ball rolling during the gift exchange

Well, here it is Friday December 14, 2001 and the Annual R.M.V. T.A. Christmas Party is all planned and we are ready. Wouldn't you know it

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though the traffic is a bigger mess than usual even for a Friday Night. As we were headed south I finally decided to bail out of southbound I-25 at Colorado Boulevard and head south. We wound our way around and finally made it to Garcia's Mexican Restaurant, our destination for the evenings festivities.

There were refreshments and appetizers had by all and the time was getting near to begin. "The stockings were all hung as they say." After some kind words being said to thank our Lord for the food, fellowship and many miles of safe travel over the past year, and the hope of his continued watching over us we were now ready to dig in. We all partook of what many and I thought was a very good Mexican food buffet.

Once everyone had his or her fill of food



Debbie gets one of the REALLY good gifts

too surprised that we don't see that little gem in years to come.

The party was planned this year on the south end of town for the benefit of our many members that live on that end of the world so we hope that they all appreciated that. At any rate, I thought that the evening went very well. Linda and I certainly had a good time and several others mentioned that they did also.



Sandi scores a vintage Gold Book - soon to be a collector's item

Lloyd, and probably a couple others that I am not remembering right now). If you just want to plan a ride and don't want to lead it, we will find a ride leader for you.

We will be asking you again for ride submissions at the January Meeting so put your thinking caps on.

"Steamer"

**Membership Appreciation Party**

January 12, 2001

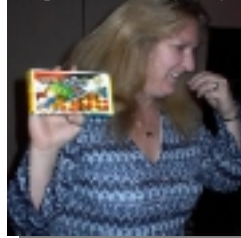
Submitted by: Steve Inouye

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 midnight 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.

Strip Checkers anybody?



Katherine trying to keep a straight face

Linda and I would like to thank the 31 individuals that made their way out to join us for this activity. I know that this time of year we are all tugged in many different directions and its not always possible to be at all places all the time. We hope that you can join us next year, the more the merrier. It's always a good time.

Hope you had a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. "T" and Mrs. "T"

**Ride Committee Report**

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

We have some breaking news. Dave Menges has volunteered to be the Ride Committee Co-Chair for this year. Thanks Dave for coming through in the clutch.

The ride dates are filling up fast. We still have some great weekends left. If you have a ride you want to lead or plan, contact Mitch Munson, Dave Menges, or the other Ride Committee Members (Tom, Karen, Steve, Bill, Jonna, Stan,



Social hour at the Christmas Party

we are now ready to start the "White Elephant Gift" exchange. This has always been the highlight of the Christmas party with the RMVTA. This was to be no different. It started out pretty calm as apparently several people could not find the really "good" (with tongue in cheek) gifts of the past. Then the party started to take on a form of parties in years past. Once Bill, our new President opened up an adult pacifier the party really took on a different character. It was all in good fun and everyone seemed to enjoy it all. Except Tom and Brenda Shumaker who ended up with the pacifier and could not get rid of it. They too took it all in stride and made the best of it. I would not be

**"MUGSHOTS" SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS**

Submitted by: Debbie Farnum

Dwayne McMahan

Kathleen McMahan

Dwayne is originally from Waco, Texas. He has lived in Colorado since 1976. He has been married to Kathleen for the past 12 years. They met at Riverside Baptist Church after he had moved to Colorado. Kathleen has a daughter who is 23 years old. Dwayne is self-employed and has been for the past 12 to 13 years. He owns an appliance repair business as well as a carpet cleaning business. Kathleen is employed by Consolidated Freightways. They both enjoy the outdoors. Some of Dwayne's hobbies include playing softball, golfing, and bowling. They have two cats at home. They own a 1995 Goldwing. They ran into some members of RMVTA at Brown's campground near Buena Vista. That got them interested in joining RMVTA.

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**Ronald Higgs  
Shirley Higgs**

Ronald is originally from Wichita, Kansas which he affectionately refers to "Siberia." He was transferred to Colo-



New member Ronald Higgs

rado in 1962 and really loves Colorado. He transferred to Colorado in 1962 while he was working for Metro Life Insurance Company. In 1963 he started his own insurance company. He retired from working his Insurance Company in 1990 and started a vending business. Ronald tells me that he is about ready to retire his vending business as well. He met Shirley after he had moved to Colorado through one of his tennis friends. Shirley is a native of Colorado. Shirley has been employed as an executive secretary for the past 18 years. One of his insurance customers was Gary Meyers from Fey Meyers Motorcycle dealership. Gary Meyers sold him his first motorcycle in 1982 or 1983. He bought a Honda 750 Saber and that is what he took Shirley out on their second date. They have had a lot of wonderful years raising children. Ronald tells me that they are now enjoying their "empty nest" years. They have been married 18 years and have seven children between the two of them. They have 10 grandchildren. All of the children reside here in Colorado except one of Shirley's son's, Nick. Nick lives in New York and is acting. You can see him playing the lead in Grease, "Roger," when the show comes to town. Their hobbies include traveling. They especially enjoy Cruises. Ronald tells me that his hobby is his motorcycle. After the Honda 750 Shirley suggested that a Goldwing might be more comfortable for them. Ronald has owned 4 Goldwings throughout the years. He currently rides a 2001 Kawasaki Nomad 1500. He has been riding for 20 years

and deals through Gary Meyer. He told me that he even sold motorcycles for Gary Meyer one year. He went on a RMVTA ride in 1999 when the club went to Dinosaur and the Flaming Royal Gorge for three days. He is looking forward to going on rides with the club again. He was told that if he took Viagra his hair would stand up. (he tells me that he is bald) I guess they are right when they tell him that he doesn't have to worry about helmet hair.

Let's greet the McMahan's and the Higgs and welcome them as members of RMVTA

**SPOTLIGHT ON SPONSORS**

Submitted by: Debbie Farnum

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want to know if you are a dissatisfied customer. If there is a problem they really want to know. Grand Prix's web site is <http://grandprixmotorsports.com>. Their e-mail address is [info@grandprixmotorsports.com](mailto:info@grandprixmotorsports.com). You can call them at (303) 761-2471.

**HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED?**

Submitted by: Lloyd Nicholson

The various RMVTA committees are composed of members just like you. Like you, they all do their best to make our club functions of value to the membership in general. To do that they depend on input via volunteers or printed articles or ideas or etc., you get the gist. These committees are kind of like a savings institution in that if you don't put something in, you can't get much out. If you are satisfied with the results of the committees' work then they have done their job well. If not, and you have not volunteered something to them, then they have done their job as well as possible. Remember, it's never too late to volunteer, either your services or your knowledge or your ideas/suggestions (or all the above). Please contact any of the club officers or board members.

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is January 23, 2002

**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@attbi.com](mailto:stdebino1@attbi.com).



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Next Meeting:  
 Thursday, January 10, 2002  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Fay Myers Motorcycle World  
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