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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

Here it is June already. With the rapid pace that time comes and goes, one wonders if there is going to be enough free time to enjoy the fruits of life.

Brenda and I often talk about how lucky we are to have good health and a comfortable life style, yet we continually push ourselves into an over done mode of labor without giving thought of what might take place tomorrow. Everyone that we know seems to be doing the same thing. Each and everyone of us should take a some moments a day thinking of ways to come up with some "me" times and "together" times for ourselves. This sounds simple but is very difficult to accomplish.

We all know that old saying, "why put off until tomorrow what can be done today". Just maybe it does-

n't need to be done today. This is the time of year we should be grouping up, sharing experiences and fun times together and doing the things we all have in common, riding motorcycles.

With the winter behind us and the riding season under way, I have noticed a large quantity of logged in participating members for the past rides. Hope that this trend continues as there are many more wonderful scheduled rides posted in the ride book. Please attend as many as you can. Large groups indicate support to the ride captains and ride committee for the

many, many hours of effort they spent trying to put another great year of riding events together.

"Dagwood"

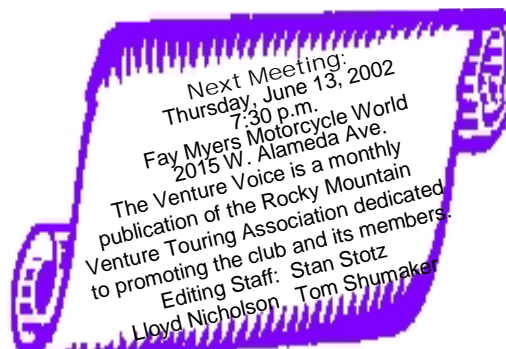
BIKE DOWN, BIKE DOWN!

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

I write this and intend it to be construed in a constructive way. We can never be to careful and aware out there.

Linda and I were the Tail Riders on the Memorial Day Tour of Moab, Utah ride. It was wet pavement conditions as we were passing through Colorado Springs but nothing any more than we all have dealt with time and time again. We were in the right track of the in-

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Special Notice:

This is a reminder that we are meeting at our old clubhouse at Fay Myers at 2015 West Alameda Avenue. See you there Thursday, June 13th.

Minutes of RMVTA meeting,
May 9, 2002
Submitted by: Sandi Redford, "Gypsy"

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by our illustrious President, Bill Nielson.

Guests at the meeting included Dale McCarger, (hope I spelled that right), who rides a 1982 Honda Goldwing. It is brown and gold, a classic. Danny Rodriguez, who had joined us on a ride or two, rides a 2000 Honda Shadow Arrow, didn't catch the color. Also present was one of our new members Dan Frase, Nancy's brother, who is in the market for a bike. Dan just moved here from Arkansas, and has started up a new business with Nancy. Good luck to them.

Also visiting was Daddy Rabbit. Good to see him amidst us again.

There was a slight commotion while the guests were introducing themselves. Seems Brenda had lost her tickets. If that's all she gets away with losing, she's doing well.

In Gail's absence, Sandi moved to accept the minutes from the April meeting, seconded by Jeannie. Minutes accepted.

Committee reports:

Activities: Steve Inouye reported that he is trying to put together a send off for Wayne and Ruth Adams, who are moving to Washington State to help care for Ruth's sister. A bar-b-que at Bill and Jonna's is the plan.

Ancillaries: No report

Awards: Jeannie brought in the awards from the Membership Appreciation Party, but was not able to give them out, as the recipients were absent. She did present a thank you to Mitch Munson for his work as co-chair on the ride committee last year. Jeannie also asked that everyone contact her with ideas for awards as the year goes along, rather than waiting for the end of the year, and trying to rack your brains to remember what took place.

Historical: Floyd asked that whoever took pictures at the Spring Highway Cleanup, please forward them to him.

Member Relations: Crane said everything is going just swell.

Membership: Robin stated that we have members, and that they are all caught up with dues.

Newsletter: Stan reminded everyone to have articles in to him by the 23rd.

Webmaster: Stan stated that the info for Ken's ride should be on the web. Wet-N-Wild info should be on there very soon as well.

50/50: Brenda, in her quiet way, reminded everyone to buy tickets. Hope she found them.

After the break we moved on to the ride committee.

Past Rides: Spring Highway Cleanup w/ Ron Nardiello: There were 19 bikes for the cleanup, and after the work was done, Ron, yes Ron, led a ride to Colorado Springs where we had lunch. Ron was not at the meeting to

present the Golden Horse-shoe Award, so hopefully he will be available at the next meeting to do so.

Sponsor's Ride w/Bill Nielson: Everyone met for breakfast at the Eggception in Aurora. Then off to the sponsors. First was Vickrey Motorsports, then Aurora Honda. From there we went to Sun Enterprises for their open house, celebrating the new Harley Store, and a bar-b-que lunch. We then rode to RPM Motorsports and Grand Prix Motorsports. The ride ended up with 8 bikes at the final stop, the new Fay Meyers superstore.

Future Rides:

May 11 - Glen Eyrie Castle Ride - Brenda Shumaker: The ride meets at the Target parking lot on I-25 and Arapahoe at 10:30 a.m. Come early for breakfast at Gunther Toody's, if you'd like.

May 19 - Cabela's - Mitch Munson: Mitch says we'll do this in the reverse of how we usually do it. Guess that means the wind will be blowing from the opposite side of the bike. Meet at the Ramada at 104th and I-25. The ride leaves at 8 a.m. sharp, as this is a 400-mile ride.

May 25-27 - Moab Ride - Ken Kenaston: The ride meets at the Sofa Mart parking lot at 6th and Kipling at 7:45 a.m., and leaves at 8 a.m. Motel reservation info is on the web. Time permitting, there may be a slight detour to the Four Corners.

June 1 - President's Animal House Ride - Bill Nielson:

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This ride is to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs, so wear your walking shoes. Bill will get the pricing for admittance and put it in the newsletter.

June 8-9: To-Hell-You-Ride - Tim Hawkins: This is always a favorite ride. Tim was absent, and in his place, Ken tells us if there are at least 6 couples, there will be a stop for a hand of odometer poker. The prize is your motel room paid for the night.

June 15-17 - Dodge City Ride - Tom Shumaker: Tom tells us all the info is on the web, and that rooms will be turned loose on June 4th, so get your reservations in.

June 20-21 - Wet-N-Wild - Dave Menges: Mitch tells us everything is posted on the web.

June 29 - Cherokee Ranch Ride - Brenda Shumaker: If you plan on going on this ride, Brenda needs your money by May 20th. There are no refunds once she sends it in. The cost is \$12.00 per person.

New business:

Jeannie Hoedel brought in a flag, with the RMVTA logo. She wondered if there was any interest in them. There was. Floyd had also found a place to do them. They were double sided, and went for \$5.86 ea, but there was a 100 minimum. Jeannie will continue to do some checking.

Unfinished business:

Steve Inouye stated he has reserved some camping spaces for the Somethin'

Fishy Ride, so let him know if you're interested. Steve also wanted to let everyone know that this is a 4-day ride, but if you want to come up for just part of it, that is fine too.

Missing Link nominations:

Floyd was nominated for nominating Chip for getting a bolt through his tire. Floyd was given the "Stealth" award, a temporary award, until the new one is completed. John Redford has run into some production problems, but is doing his best.

50/50: The take was \$106.00, with \$53.00 going to the club, and the rest split as follows:

1st prize: \$26.00 Chip Long
2nd prize: \$16.00 Tom Shumaker (but guess who pocketed it)
3rd prize: \$11.00 Bill Gillespie

Before closing, Tom Shumaker wished all the ladies a Happy Mother's Day. What a guy!

Motion was made to close the meeting by Steve Inouye, and seconded by Janet.

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side lane. Lloyd Nicholson was just in front of us and running in the left track next to a concrete barrier dividing the north and south bound lanes of traffic.

To the best of my recollection, as I was watching things in front and all around us, I happened to see Lloyd's front tire take a hard left turn that in turn sent him plunging into the concrete barrier, front end of the motorcycle first. Plastic was flying all over the place. Lloyd, carried by the momentum of the impact went like a rag doll down into the well created by the bike against the barrier. As soon as the bike hit the barrier it bounced back and to the right and landed on it's right side in the lane of traffic.

We had all gotten stopped, as we were not going more than 5 to 7 miles per hour because the traffic was typical for Colorado Springs it seems these days. Stop and go, you got the picture. There was a fellow in a larger pickup that was behind us that stopped and put his flashers on which gave us safety to take care of our situation. We all have tremendous gratitude for him to say the least.

Several of us ran up there and assisted in getting Lloyd up and about and then standing the bike up. Lloyd had gotten a pretty good scratch on his helmet, and abrasions on his leather jacket, chaps and left glove. What is there

Condolences

Tom Shumaker's father passed away Tuesday (5/28) evening in California. We want to send Tom & Brenda our deepest sympathy and keep our thoughts and prayers with them.

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to be said about proper riding gear? At any rate other than being very shaken and rattled, as any of us would be, he was none the worse for wear. We all got mounted up and continued on our stop and go journey through town. Everyone regained their composure, including Lloyd, as we made our way south.

I, nor Lloyd for that matter, don't know what happened or why. Like I said, we were on wet surfaces. There could have been an oil slick there but we don't know. Lloyd could have lost his concentration momentarily and when he realized it he grabbed too much front brake. Who really knows. The moral of this story is that Lloyd was not hurt (other than his pride) and it sure could have been a whole lot worse than it was. The bike was pretty damaged in terms of dollars no doubt but it can be repaired or replaced.

Floyd and Linda Thorne
Mr. And Mrs. "T"

An "Afterword"

Submitted by:
Lloyd Nicholson

Floyd wrote the above article at my request as he had the best view of all of us of the entire sequence, including me. Stan thought it should be included in the newsletter as there may be something to be learned here. I heartily agree.

Without going into lengthy details, the front wheel locked immediately when the front brake was applied, bike went left and over,

angling into the concrete center barrier. I was not aware, until talking with Floyd, that I had hit the barrier. Thought I had only hit the road surface. With the groups help, the bike was righted, pieces cleaned up, and on our way all within 5 minutes or so.

Be aware, it can happen to anyone at any time. It had to be my mistake as I was the only one involved but weather and conditions were definitely a factor. I was lucky enough to suffer not so much as a scratch and continue the Moab ride.

Bike damage estimate at this time is approximately \$3600-\$4000 parts and labor. Bodily damage = 0. Bike is serviceable and will be ridden and, hopefully, repaired soon.

Take care all.

Lloyd, "Packrat"



Upcoming Rides

President's Animal House Ride

Date: June 1st
Submitted by: Bill Nielson

Meet: 7:45 a.m. @ 6th & Kipling at the Sofa Mart parking lot.

The ride to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is outlined in the RMVTA Ride Book and on the RMVTA web site. Admission is \$10.00 for age 12 and over. There is a group discount with 15 or more people. We will plan on eating lunch at the zoo, and then head back home around 2:00 p.m.
See ya all there -

"Rumble Buck"

"To-Hell-You-Ride"

Motel Information
June 8-9, 2002
Submitted by: Tim Hawkins

Here is the motel information for my ride.

Anasazi Motor Inn
640 S. Broadway
Cortez, CO 81321
1-970-565-3773

8 rooms on hold:
Two Queen beds \$60.00
One Queen bed \$52.00
Just ask for the type of room you want, both available.

Rooms reserved under Tim Hawkins or RMVTA

Must release rooms by May 24, 2002 Friday

"Cookie Monster"

Dodge City Tour

June 15,16,17, 2002
Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

This should be a fun-filled ride. There are choices of activities and many historic western things to see. I must release any rooms not filled by June 5, 2002. All reservation information is listed in the ride book. If you have difficulties securing a reservation, please let me know. Call 303-659-2231 or email dagwood29@msn.com if you have any questions.

"Dagwood"

Utah Loop Pre-Ride

Submitted by: Nancy Frase

I am pre-riding the Utah Loop ride on June 22-24 (Sat, Sun, Mon). If anyone would like to join me, let me know by call me at (303) 926-1591 or email me at NF122867@aol.com. I will be staying at the same ho-

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tels as listed in the book for the official Labor Day ride.

"Little Shaver"

Cherokee Ranch Tour

June 29, 2002

Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

This has been a very difficult ride For Blondie to put together. Some of the monies had to be returned because the Ranch stopped her from making more than 24 reservations. (Very, very disappointing) but they control the number. As of early week, they had called Blondie and wanted to limit her number to 16, however, she was successful in obtaining 24. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. If you have to cancel, please notify Blondie, for there are several members that would like to take your place.

"Dagwood"

Past Rides

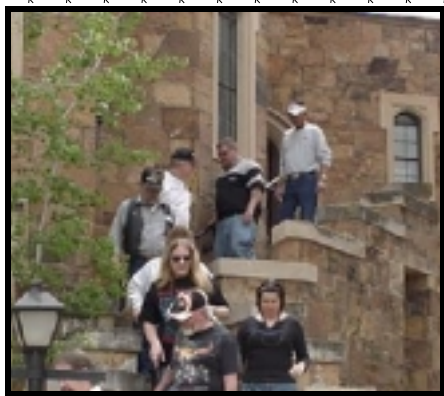
Glen Eyrie Castle Ride

May 11, 2002

Submitted by Brenda & Tom Shumaker

Thank you for the large attendance. We had 11 bikes, 1 car and 22 members turn out for this ride. The furnishings and interior of this castle were a site for sore eyes. The landscape, for this time of year, was in great shape. After touring the Castle, we rode through Garden of Gods and headed for the D.Q. in Castle Rock. By this time we were experiencing some light rain. Guess what? I didn't run any red lights. Had a wonderful time.

"Blondie & Dagwood"



Glen Eyrie Castle Stairway



Mandatory DQ stop rounding out the Glen Eyrie ride



Floyd Thorne gets the "not so vertual" Missing Link Award.

For Sale:

Seat for 1996 Honda Goldwing - \$40.00. Call Mike or Donna at (303) 816-0159.

1994 red two-tone Goldwing SE. Bike is in excellent shape and has 23,400 miles. The bike has tons of extras. Price is \$10,000 or best offer. Call Gary (former RMVTA President) or Marilyn Hart at (303) 841-0231

Business Ethics

There was a tradesman, a painter called Jock, who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often would thin down paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the Baptist Church decided to do a big restoration job on the painting of one of their biggest buildings. Jock put in a bid, and because his price was so low, he got the job. And so he set to erecting the scaffolds and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine. Well, Jock was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, and the sky opened, the rain poured down, washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Jock clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint. Jock was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got on his knees and cried: "Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?" And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke... "Repaint! Repaint! and thin no more!"

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is June 20, 2002

Due to vacation schedules, please have your newsletter articles to Stan Stotz no later than June 20th. Send articles to Stan at stanstotz@attbi.com.

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, June 13, 2002
 7:30 p.m.
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