

Some of the RMVTA members running in the 1000 in 24 – some people not pictured include Ken Kenaston, Ray Feasel, Bill Gillespie and Mark Bolles



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## Officers Speak

### The President Speaks

Well, I did it! The 1000 In 24. A ride that I always wanted to do, but never did - till now. It was different going on a ride without Jonna - as 90% of the riding on the Goldwing is 2-up. We had temperature swings from 34 degrees, to 101 degrees! Leaving the house around 12:30 in the morning so we could meet our 2:00 am departure was not very exciting to me. I had fun though, and hopefully will do it again next year.

On the ride, as I'm sure most of you have heard by now, Ken Kenaston had a mishap. Ken is (as of this writing) in the hospital at Grand Junction. Any cards should be mailed to Ken and Joyce's home address. Here is to a speedy recovery Ken!

This year, RMVTA rides have slowed down somewhat. I feel there are a number of reasons for that. The drought has caused our region of the states to go on water alert. The lakes drying up as the summer rolls on (I still don't know if our boat that we bought last fall floats yet). The fires that are ruining our beautiful Colorado (it will grow back - slowly). Personal lives taking hold and the activi-

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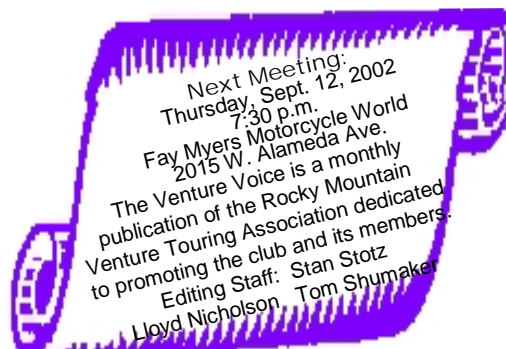
Ken & Joyce Kenaston in a recent photo op on the Moab Ride

## Ken Kenaston Accident

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

As most of you know, Ken Kenaston was riding the Colorado Free-wheelers 1000 in 24 Ride on Saturday, August 17th. About 550 miles into the ride just north of the Flaming Gorge Reservoir, UT (around 1:00 p.m.) Ken came around a corner and started down a short hill and saw a large truck ahead of him traveling at a slow rate of speed. Since there was no oncoming traffic and passing was allowed, he passed the truck. What was not visible was a minivan immediately in front of the truck. This minivan made a left-hand turn onto an obscure road (you couldn't see the road to the left from Ken's vantage point). Ken had a truck on his right, a rock wall to his left, and a minivan making a left-hand turn in front of him and we are speculating that there was a possibility that he was accelerating as he passed the truck. He applied massive braking and almost made it except that he thinks he may have hit a slick spot on the road because his Goldwing turned sideways and "high sided" him (pitched him off the bike in a forward motion). When the bike came to rest it was on top of Ken.

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Next Meeting:  
Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002  
7:30 p.m.

Fay Myers Motorcycle World  
2015 W. Alameda Ave.

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Ken is in the Intensive Care Unit at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction. I have been emailing updates on Ken whenever I get them. Call me at 303-690-4133 if you have questions or don't have email (or I do not have your email address). St. Mary's has provided Joyce a room across the street from the hospital and she will stay there as long as she needs to. Their daughter Nadene with 3 grandkids visited Ken this past weekend.

Mark Bolles and I drove up to Flaming Gorge and picked up Ken's Goldwing on Tuesday, August 20th. The bike is drivable but has many damaged parts. You haven't lived until you have driven a Goldwing onto the bed of a Ford F-250 diesel truck! That was my first and last time. I have Ken's bike safe in my garage for now until Joyce and Ken decide what they want to do with it. Thanks Mark for the assistance.

Many of our club members have been keeping Ken in their thoughts and prayers. I saw him for a few minutes Sunday and I told him that we were all hoping for a 100% recovery. Since he had a respirator installed, he couldn't talk but he wrote on a piece of paper that he was hoping for at least a 96% recovery. Joyce says that he has not lost his sense of humor even though he is very weak and is hurting pretty badly.

Get well soon "Daddy Rabbit"!!! We need you to lead us in Polar Bear Rides.

"Steamer"



Stan Stotz and Mark Bolles picking up Ken Kenaston's damaged bike from the Flaming Gorge Lodge impound lot

Past Rides

Durango Tango Ride

August 3-4, 2002

Submitted by:

Dale McCargar & Arliss Webster

Editor's note: This ride was cancelled for a variety of reasons. Dale and Arliss went on and did the ride. The following is their account of the ride:

Hey! This ride went off as scheduled. It was captained by Dale McCargar and my tail rider was Arliss Webster. We left at 6:40 a.m. from the parking lot at the Village Inn on Ken Caryl and C-470. There was 1 bike and 2 riders. We had a great time cruising through the mountains over Kenosha Pass and stopped for coffee in Buena Vista at 10:00 a.m. and on to Poncha Springs where we swung west and had lunch in Gunnison.

We then rode along the Blue Mesa reservoir, which was very low, and took in a view of the area, very breathtaking. We took a bit of a side trip up to Black Canyon of the Gunnison and its spectacular views. We then headed south to Durango. We rode through Ouray, over Red Mountain pass, passed by Silverton, then over the Million Dollar Highway and arrived in Durango around 8:00 p.m. We secured a room at the Super 8 Motel.

Sunday we slept in and left Durango around 10:00 a.m. As we rode along U.S. 160 just west of Pagosa Springs we could see where a forest fire had claimed a part of the hillside to the South. We stopped at the overlook on Wolf Creek pass and took some spectacular photos looking down the canyon. There was some construction on the pass and it was a little muddy, but we didn't have any difficulty. We had a quick lunch in Del Norte and left for Denver.

We almost encountered some rain near Poncha Pass, but by the time we stopped and put our rain gear on, we just had wet roads. As we continued towards Denver we really did encounter quite a bit of rain from Bailey to Wadsworth, and then it was only cloudy. All in all, we had a very good trip, and only wished more would have come along to enjoy a great Colorado getaway trip.

Dale & Arliss

Trail Ridge Ride

Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

On Aug.11, 2002, there were 8 bikes and 11 people who were able to take this very cool and very hot ride. We changed the route a little bit. Instead of going over Trail Ridge, we went west out of Granby to Co. 125 and then north to Walden for a late breakfast. Even though the Coffee Pot has changed hands, the service and food was great.

From Walden we rode Poudre Canyon to Ted's place, then south to Denver via Fort Collins. Temperatures Ranged from a cool 39 to a hot 97. There was no rain and everyone was home safe and sound by mid afternoon.

"Dagwood"

Editor's comments on the Trail Ridge Ride:

Dagwood left out the most exciting part of the ride. We stopped in Granby at the 7-11 for a break to from the cold weather. Right before we got there (only about 1 minute) the local Sheriff arrested a woman in a white Camry at the 7-11, handcuffed her (behind her back) and placed her in the Sheriff's Ford Explorer SUV (front seat...also the engine was running). Somehow, she was able to wrangle under the steering wheel and get the Sheriff's SUV in gear. She sped 60 mph through Granby and was doing fine until the highway turned at the edge of town. An oncoming VW Jetta driver saw this Sheriff SUV crossing the road aimed at him and could not see anybody in the SUV. The Jetta driver swerved and the SUV hit the rear door of his car and tore the back half of the car off and deposited it approximately 150 feet from the rest of his car. The SUV rolled 3 times and threw the hands-cuffed driver from the SUV. The Jetta driver had minor injuries and the SUV driver was in pretty bad shape while still handcuffed (behind her back). Anyway, we watched the Flight for Life helicopter come in and pick up the handcuffed "Sunday driver".

We were all thankful that we did not arrive a couple minutes sooner because our group would have been in the middle of

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this bizarre incident. There is a pretty good chance that the RMVTA guardian angels were working overtime that morning.

"Steamer"



The Trail Ridge group waits for the Flight for Life chopper to pick up the handcuffed police car thief

Moonlight Ride

Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

The moderate group of 6 bikes and 11 people left the meeting place in a leisure style, a few minutes late but who's keeping track? Anyway, that was error number 1, Error number 2, I turned 1 exit too soon from Hwy. 85 and found us on a gravel road, 1 mile west and turned around to go back to Highway 85 and north to Highway. 60. Approaching Greeley on Highway. 34 I couldn't remember whether to take 8th St. or 11th St., decided on 8th and finally got us to the Dairy Queen at the corner of 8th and 17th. From there, out Highway 34 we went. When we arrived at the intersection of Highways. 34, 39, and 52, screw up number 3. I took the high road and we had to go to Fort Morgan exit. We all fueled up and headed back to Highway 52, rode through Prospect Valley and back to I-76 and home.

All in all, we did get to see the moon for a large part of the ride and I guess that's what it's all about. I guess this makes up for the error-free Trail Ridge Ride. Don't know if I should be at the next meeting or not...oh well, what the heck, it's all in fun and we will be there.

"Dagwood"

Upcoming Rides

Utah Loop Ride Cancellation

August 31 through September 2, 2002

Nancy Frase checked the hotel reservations for this ride and nobody had signed up for the ride. As a result, she is canceling the ride. Refer any questions to Nancy.

Mystery Ride

September 8, 2002

Submitted by: Bill Nielson

OK - Same as last year, we will meet at the Sofa Mart, 6th & Kipling, 7:45 a.m., Saturday, September 8th. Next question - Where are we going??? I have to tell you something - This is one nice thing about the Mystery Ride - No one knows! Heck, so how much planning has to go into it? Could be very little, or maybe a lot. You guys know me - I'm "Mr. Low Budget". It will be fun - So come on out and let's go for a "little" ride. The ride should be completed by 2:00 p.m.. By the way, my phone number has changed from what is in the Ride Book. I can be reached at 303-907-4778.

See you there!

Rumble Buck

Day at the Races Ride

September 14, 2002

Submitted by: Dave Menges

This is an update for the Day at the Races Ride. I hope to see as many as possible show up for this ride. We will meet at the RTD Park and Ride at east 44th and Ward Road Saturday, September 14th at 8.45 a.m. We will leave at 9:00 a.m. and do an easy 130-mile ride and end up in Erie at the Colorado National Speedway for the last race of the season. This ride should be a blast.

I would like to get a count at the meeting of all those planning to attend. If you are not able to go to the meeting please let me know by September 14th if you are planning to go. If enough people, go we may even save a buck on the ticket prices. Hey its their rules not mine. Hope to see ya there.

"Redneck"

Fall Color Ride

September 21, 2002

No Ride Captain's report on this ride

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1999 ST1100, black, 18,000 miles, K&N air filter, tank bra, jel-seat pad, great condition. \$8,700.00 OBO (Blue Book \$8,900.00). Call Mitch at (303) 470-6384 for more information.

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

No Ambition

Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.

Twins

A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

Don't forget our annual bake sale fundraiser during the October 10th meeting.



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