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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Debbie Inouye

Looking outside and seeing the 3-foot snow drifts up against my back fence, it is hard to believe it is spring and the riding season is upon us. It looks to be a very good riding year with some new rides and some old reliable rides. We are starting the year off with the annual Polar Bear ride and then the Easter Basket give away. That is always a fun time and goes to a good cause.

Steve and I joined the club eight years ago and I can remember being so excited. I wanted to go on every ride that year. We did make most of them and had a good time. The ride routes and the people in the club were so fun I couldn't wait for the next year.

We have seen a lot of members come and go since then. We have lost several members this year mostly due to them moving out of state. We will miss them a lot. They are a very important part of the club as is each and every member. We have also lost a few that I feel were within our control. Let's not forget why this club was started in the first place.....

to ride with companions and have a good time. Along the way feelings have been stepped on and bruised and we have lost more members. I hope that we can get back to the where we can all ride together again and welcome new members and embrace our old members.

I hope to see all of our members taking advantage of the rides this year. There is some beautiful scenery in this state and I think our ride captains have chosen some of the best.

Let's go ride and have fun.

Debbie

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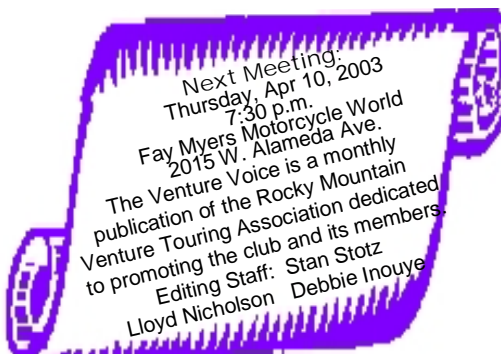
Submitted by: Jim Krebs

As you may have seen on TV, Fay Myers had a second round of bad luck. The snow piled up 5 feet high and on Wednesday night (March 19th), with no one in the store, the entire East half of the showroom roof collapsed under the weight of the snow.

A total of 163 motorcycles suffered damage ranging from a minor scratch, to being flattened like a mosquito.

But fear not. We're a tough bunch at 9700 E. Arapahoe Road, and we are already back up and running. We will have exactly half of our showroom space for a few weeks, but we still have plenty of inventory in stock and ready to build. Both the Parts and Accessories Department and the Service Departments were unaffected. There will be a new entry at the South end of the building for the Accessories Department while we rebuild the damaged half of the showroom.

The insurance adjusters will determine what happens to the bikes. We probably



Minutes

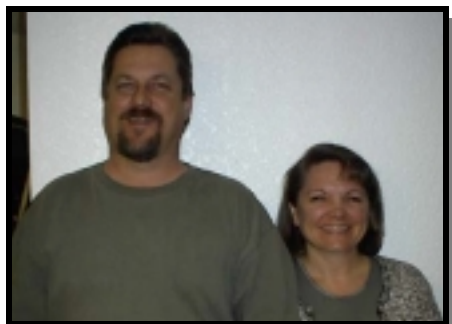
RMVTA Minutes – March 13, 2003

Submitted by Sandi Redford – Gypsy

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by President John Redford. Guests present were Mike and Sue, (didn't hear their last name), who met up with Stan last year and heard about RMVTA. They ride a blue 2000 SE Goldwing. Also present was Rich, a friend of Diane & Bill Lloyd. I didn't hear his last name, or what he rides, either. This might be a good time to ask people to keep the chatter down during the meeting. It's been very difficult to take good notes during the meeting because I can't hear. And no it's not age. If I can hear John, I'm not hard of hearing. If we could keep the side conversations down to a minimum during the meeting, it would be very much appreciated, and not just by me, I'm sure.



March meeting guest Rich



March meeting guests Mike & Sue!

Committee Reports:

Secretaries: Motion to accept February minutes by Virgil Kipers, seconded by Crane Smiley. Nice to see Crane at the meeting.

Treasurer: Debbie Inouye reported that there is \$3,633.47 in savings, and \$751.78 in checking, for a total of \$4,385.25.

Activities: Janet had nothing new to report.

Ancillaries: Bill hasn't heard from anyone.

Awards: No report, Jeanie Hoedel absent.

Finance: No report, Jonna is done for the year.

Historical: Floyd asked that anyone with RMVTA related photos please sent them to him.

Member Relations: Crane reported that, as far as he knows, all is well.

Membership: Steve reported that he would be passing out membership cards and ride books during the break.

Newsletter & Web: Stan reminded everyone that articles, etc. are due for the newsletter by the 23rd of the month. He also asked that ride captains turn in a short blurb on upcoming rides to him. Stan also said he's got more pictures on the website.

50/50: Floyd Thorne, in Linda's absence, reminded everyone to buy tickets. Floyd also explained the 50/50 to guests.

Ride Committee: Bill announced that we would go over the ride book after they were passed out during the break.

Old Business: Virgil explained the ERC, and asked about any further interest. Contact Virgil if you know of anyone who might be interested, as he needs more entries to be able to do this.

New Business: John Redford reported that Sun Enterprises, one of our sponsors, is having a ride on July 12th. This is the same day as our Moonlight Ride, but you could easily participate in both if you are interested. Details are a little sketchy, and John will get further information, but basically the ride is to help raise funds to send underprivileged students, who have managed to maintain excellent grades, to a camp set up by the Denver Police Academy. They teach these kids basic skills that will help them later in life. This helps foster good relations between the police and the community, teaches kids respect for the law, and shows them that there are other options in life than where they are now. The ride meets at 9am, last bike out at 11am, and ends up in Firestone where there will be food, music, and lots of camaraderie. The cost is \$20.00 and is going to a good cause.

John also reported that due to Fay Meyers deciding to sell the old building we are now using for our meetings, we will need to find another place. Fay Meyers has offered to let us use a meet-

ing room at Arapahoe Bowl, just behind their new building. This location would not be as centrally located as where we are now, and is just an option. As far as he knows, we are OK for April's meeting, but that could change if a sale goes through between now and then, so we really need to find something soon. John would appreciate any suggestions, so let him know if you think of somewhere we could meet. The Senior Citizens Center we used after the fire was also suggested and was a very nice place to meet. If anyone is aware of another Community Center type place that is a little more central, contact John and let him know. As of the time I was typing up these notes, we had not heard from anyone, and the suggestions for the golf courses made at the meeting did not pan out. Keep in mind, if no one speaks up, they can't complain about where we end up.

Steve Inouye brought up the suggestion of changing member's membership numbers to be more consecutive. Numbers would be reassigned by the oldest members, (no not in age), and no one would receive lower numbers than someone who had been a member longer. Basically, no one would lose their place. The suggestion was made because we are up to six hundred something in member numbers, but only sixty something members. There was a short discussion, and after being soundly thrashed, Steve withdrew the suggestion. I'm not sure people really heard him out. He was just trying to make it easier to keep up with membership, and since very few people in the club have handled membership, I'm not sure anyone really understood the problems Steve is facing.

Ride Committee (cont):

Past Rides: None so far.

Future Rides:

Spring Polar Bear Ride: Bill Gillespie says the ride will be around 250 miles, and is headed for Westcliffe. Weather is expected to be warm, but bring cold weather gear, just in case.

Have-A-Heart Ride: Dave Menges passed the bucket to collect cash and candy for the upcoming basket assembly. The basket assembly is scheduled for April 5th, and everyone is welcome to come and help. Debbie Inouye found sleeves to put the baskets in this year, so this should be a real time saver. The baskets will be handed out on April the 12th, where Jerry will play Easter Bunny. Details are in the ride book, and a ride to Bruce's in Severance is scheduled for afterward

ERC Class: Virgil Kipers reported that the class is now being held on the 23rd, instead of the 22nd. The class is \$65.00 for one person, \$70.00 for two, due to insurance added for a passenger. Virgil mentioned again that a trike class is being developed. Virgil is in need of more people for this class, so if you are interested, or know of anyone who might be, contact him.

We went on to discuss the ride book, which since we were discussing every single ride, I stuck with the few coming up and quit taking notes. Future rides will be discussed on a per month basis at each meeting, unless certain rides require reservations, etc. that need to be discussed sooner.

Missing Link Award: John Redford was nominated for saying the Sun Enterprises ride was April 12th, instead of July 12th. Talk about grasping at straws. We really need to start the riding season, so we can start getting some good missing link nominations.

50/50 Drawing: Floyd Thorne explained the drawing to new members. He stated that \$100.00 total was collected, with \$50.00 going to the club, and the other \$50.00 distributed as follows:

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| 1st | \$25.00 | Jerry Hatfield |
| 2nd | \$15.00 | Dale McCargar |
| 3rd | \$10.00 | Diane Lloyd |

After a long meeting going over the new ride book, a motion was finally made to close the meeting by Steve Inouye, and seconded by Cliff Eudy. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.



Scenic stop on the Spring Polar Bear XI Ride

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won't have many of them to sell as damaged units.

Please come on down. We are ready to serve you!

The Gang at Fay Myers Motorcycle World

RMVTA 50/50 Program

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

I just thought that I would take this opportunity to remind our new members and some of our members of a longer period (rather than saying our older members) what the 50/50 drawing is all about held each month at the monthly meeting.

When you look at the club and realize that it is a not-for-profit organization, this does not mean that it does not have an operating expense as well. Let's first look at the ways in which the club brings in revenue, we have our Sponsors that pay to place an advertisement in the Ride Book. The expenses basically cover the cost of the publication of the Ride Book.

Then we have our individual and couples dues that we all pay annually. This is a very nominal amount really and we hope that they can remain this way. But, these revenues might, to a large extent go to the one and only charitable project that the Club supports. That would be the "Have a Heart Project." Here we assemble Easter baskets for disadvantaged children for Easter. There are also numerous donations of time and money to make this the success that it has been ever since its inception.

Then we have the Annual Bake and Craft Sale. Many folks donate considerably more than others here. Some bring several Bake goods to be auctioned off. Others bring several Craft items and or baked goods too. I have seen others bring nothing to contribute and I have witnessed these folks not purchasing anything either. There is message here I think, someplace.

Beyond that we have the 50/50 drawing that is held each meeting night. Here 50 percent of the proceeds collected go to the Club and the other 50 percent distributed that evening in the way of prizes.

The moral of this would be that we all need to support the 50/50 program each meeting night because other than our dues it's the only way that we can support the club financially. We all enjoy the Annual Membership Apparition

Party held each January which, by far is the largest annual expenditure the Club has. But, it too continues to be more and more expensive.

I guess that we would just have to consider the options. Do you support in the 50/50 program each month and the Bake Sale annually, do you support an increase in dues, or do you support a fee being charged at some point to attend the Membership Appreciation Party. I suppose that it is for each one of us to decide. There is no FREE LUNCH.

I cordially ask you to accept this in the constructive light that it was submitted for the good of all.

"Mr. T"



Bikes in Westcliffe

Easter Basket Update

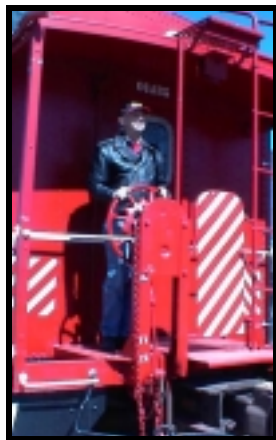
Submitted by: Dave Menges

Thanks to all of you that attended the March meeting and donated to the Easter Baskets for the Have a Heart Project. We passed a hat and collected \$49.00 and had about 35 lbs of candy donated. Thanks to all of you who helped by donating to the cause.

By the time this goes to press we will have assembled some 250 Easter baskets thanks to all that could help. It is really an easy way for us to give back to the less fortunate and heck it makes a whole lot of kids very happy. If you would like to help with the handing out of the baskets, and show off your bike to a lot of young future bikers, we will meet Saturday April 12th at the K-Mart at I-70 and Federal at 7:45 a.m. we will leave there at 8:00 am and go to the Have a Heart Project building (at approx. 73rd and Lowell). We will hand out baskets until 10:00 a.m. when we will head out for a leisurely ride up to Bruce's in Severance for some native seafood (rocky mountain oysters). They serve other good

things as well!! From there we will go our own way home. Thanks to everyone for their donations as well as time spent making this happen again for 250 less-fortunate kids. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (303) 940-9607.

"Redneck"



**Bill, this is not a 767...
All Aboard**

Polar Bear Ride Re-cap

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie

Some Polar Bear Ride! It was as warm as some summer days. There was some chatter on the CB to come up with a new name. I thought

about Koala Bear Ride. Then someone came up with Daddy Rabbit Ride, and that was the best one of all. Thanks Ken, for the great weather. He's got some pull now, you know. While it may be fun to ride when it's cold, I think it's even more fun to ride when it's a bit warmer.

We had 13 bikes and 17 people, including several from the Colorado FreeWheelers. Thanks to all the FreeWheelers for helping us kick off our ride schedule. Our route took us the back way to Colorado Springs, and ultimately to the Wet Mountain Valley via CO-115 and CO-67 for a lunch stop in Westcliffe. Found a nice place there called Karen's Cafe, and they accommodated us well in shifts.

After lunch we headed back north to US-50 and CO-9. We took an interesting route near Cripple Creek and wound up in Florissant for a fuel stop. A left turn at Woodland Park and we were back on CO-67 up to Deckers. From there it was CR-126 (one of my favorites) to Pine Junction and US-285 home.

We covered a little more than 300 miles for the day on a very scenic route, if I do say so myself. And what a beautiful day

it was. Then just a couple of days later we found ourselves in the midst of the worst snowstorm in over 90 years. Go figure!

"Wing Commander"



Great view on our Spring Polar Bear Ride lunch stop in Westcliffe, CO

Growing vs.. Dying

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

I have heard it said something like "if you're not growing then you're dying." This could be applied to many things in life I suppose but with regards to the Rocky Mountain Venture Touring Association it might mean that our club is getting stagnant. I don't mean that in a negative way by any stretch either.

We all have our individual friends and ride partners that we like to ride with and that's good. But, by the same token if we don't introduce the RMVTA to others and allow them to join us and share in our fun then we might be considered stagnant. We have many long time and shorter time existing members with ideas as to how things should be within the club and that will always be the case. But, it is healthy to have new people join and bring new ideas and interests in.

I am not suggesting that we become an international club by other standards but, due to natural attrition that takes place and or active members moving to other parts of the country, our numbers have grown smaller. This will have an impact on our annual dues revenue but more importantly I believe on the over all energy level within the club.

I hear stories told of the days when we used to have eighteen and twenty bikes showing up for rides. I don't know that I have seen anywhere near that many on but one or two rides in my tenure with the club. That is a lot of work and coordination for a Ride Captain to plan for meals and what not but it's also a lot of

fun too.

If each member, or member couple, recruited one new rider or rider couple each year on average our club would double each year, minus the attrition of course. This may not be feasible, or even possible but, I guess the point I want to make is: are you sharing the good news about the RMVTA with those that you come in contact with? Just food for thought.

"Mr. T"



Colorado State Patrol Youth Program Event

July 12, 2003 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by: David Waggoner
Sun Enterprises, Inc.

Greetings from Sun!

Sun Enterprises is sponsoring (talk about role reversal) a "poker run" July 12, 2003 to benefit the Colorado State Patrol Youth Academy.

Poker Run registrations: 9:00 a.m.
2 – 3 hour ride
Food, entertainment
11:00 a – 1:00 p.m.

The Academy is a privately funded, relatively new program the State Patrol is developing based on a greatly successful model in Oklahoma. The young adults solicited for the Academy are NOT the people we too often read of in the newspaper – the Academy is designed for "good kids" and I suppose ideally, the young men and women curious about law enforcement careers. The summer program takes the young person through the modified rigors of the State Patrol academy and allows them to experience the patrolman's gig. We believe this is a great match for our industry and hope you will join us July 12 at Sun, 9:00 a.m. – great support for the "run" just might allow 100% funding for the Academy for '03.

Wishing You the Best

David Waggoner
Sun Enterprises, Inc.

Editor's Note: Let's try to set some time aside to help Sun Enterprises sponsor this great cause. They are always there for us and I think it would be a good idea

for us to be there for them and the kids. It will be a good warm-up for the Moonlight Ride later that evening. Hope to see you there.



**Note from the Colorado Freewheelers
Joint Polar Bear Ride**

Submitted by: Pat McCombs

What a great weekend for riding. As Ride Chairman for the Colorado Freewheelers, I would like to thank the RMVTA M/C for having us on there ride Saturday, March 15th. We covered 302 miles and saw some wonderful country. Bill Gillespie had laid out a very nice route. It was a lot of fun mixing the two clubs together. Look forward to doing this again. On a personal note it was good to see Cliff Eudy again. I think he has ridden about all of our 1000/24 events.

Sunday was another good turn out. We had 13 bikes & 15 people. Thanks to Bob Norton for laying out the route. We had a little bit of all types of riding, and covered 211 miles. Thanks to one and all who have been turning out for the winter rides.

“Thumper”



Spotlight on Officers

Robin Reynolds
Vice President

Robin was born in Tucson, Arizona and grew up in Aurora, Colorado. She is employed at King Soopers at 84th and Pecos, as the Head Clerk. She met J.R. at King Soopers while they were both working at King Soopers 23 year ago. J. R. is the Produce Manager at the same King Soopers.

Robin and J.R. have been together for 18 years and married for almost 13 years. They will celebrate their 13th wedding anniversary in May 2003. J.R. had two children from his previous marriage. Jonathan is 23 years old and also works at King Soopers. Sherry is 20 years old and works fro Wal-Mart and attends Front Range Community College. Sherry just made Robin and J.R. grandparents on 2/25/03. She gave birth to Larysa May Reynolds, (5 pounds 8

ounces, 20 inches long). Robin describes her as tiny and cute.

Robin and J.R. have two salt water fish aquariums and one fresh water fish aquarium. They also have 2 dogs, Cody and Ginger, 5 male cats (neutered), and a land turtle. Robin tells me that the cats are fat and lazy.

J.R. rides a purple 1995 Goldwing called "Purple Haze". The trailer that matches is "Purple Haze 2".

They like to travel. Robin says, "anywhere, I don't care, beaches, I just like going." Robin was membership chairman for RMVTA for 3 years and is now Vice President. Let's thank her for her dedication to the club.



Quote of the day

"You know the world is going crazy when the best rapper is a white guy, the best golfer is a black guy, the Swiss hold the Americas cup, France is accusing the U.S. of arrogance and Germany doesn't want to go to war."

FOR SALE

1996 Honda ST1100, ABS2/linked braking system, PIAA driving lights with Ron Major mounts, MR Accessories shelf, Clearview + 4" windshield + stock shield, rear luggage rack, MEZ4 tires, 58,000 miles. A well cared for bike, \$6,995 to a club member. Call Bill Gillespie, 303-781-0032 or 303-758-8804.

RED 1998 Honda CBR600 F3, \$3,800.00 o.b.o. 6,200 actual miles. Adult owned and is in new condition. Always garaged and runs great. New battery... Must Sell. Call Jason - Cell: (303) 564-7252, Home: (303) 422-2192

Helmets: 1) Shoei Z-11 – medium – full face – pearl white with Goldwing intercom speakers, etc. – bought last summer – paid \$450.00 2) HJC open face – Goldwing intercom speakers, etc. – purple – make offer for either or both – (303) 816-0159

"Life is tough. It's tougher if you're stupid".....

Police in Radnor, Pennsylvania, interrogated a suspect by placing a metal colander on his head and connecting it with wires to a photocopy machine. The message "He's lying" was placed in the copier, and police pressed the copy button each time they thought the suspect wasn't telling the truth. Believing the "lie detector" was working, the suspect confessed.

Bike Dolly: This handy article is for those who are "space challenged" in their garage. Simply ride your bike onto the 9-caster dolly, put the kick stand down, and easily move the whole thing into any corner of your garage. Then just roll it out and ride the bike off. Made of heavy gauge steel, and will stand up for tight storage when not in use. Individual cost: \$395.00 plus freight. With a group purchase of five or more, we can get them for \$295.00 plus minimal (around \$25) freight. Contact Bill Gillespie, 303-781-0032.

1982 Honda Goldwing 1100 Aspencade, 2-tone brown and gold, CB, am/fm stereo cassette, intercom. The bike has 57,000 miles on it and the engine has about 12,500 miles on it...replaced in June 2002. Runs great, looks good and is in very good condition. Asking \$2,950, tele: 303-431-1085, or e-mail dalemccargar@aol.com

Five-gallon auxiliary fuel cell for GL-1500. Takes up about half the trunk. Price of tank and all accessories needed to install the whole system \$400.00. Installed complete: \$500.00. This is the new cell from Ken Kenaston's bike. All funds will go to his family. Call Bill Gillespie, 303-781-0032.

Seat for 1996 Honda Goldwing – make offer. Call Mike or Donna at (303) 816-0159.

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is April 23, 2003

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, April 10, 2003
 7:30 p.m.
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