



Ron Nardiello gives Daniella and Jerry Henn directions for the Not-So-Plain Zig Zag

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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Robin Reynolds

I have heard so many negative remarks and comments about the club in the past few months that I have decided that it's my turn to "get on" my soap box, or maybe that should be my "milk crate" since I work in a grocery store.

In my eyes, RMVTA is alive and kicking from the Executive Board members, through the Board of Directors, not stopping at the committee chair people and members and right on down to that last member who only shows up once every "blue moon". Every one of the above-mentioned categories of members, be it what you are or what category you fall into, is an important "link" in this chain we call a club.

True, membership has fallen off a tad; ride participation is a little on the down side from what it used to be. People need to breathe every now and then, take a few steps back and "fluff their feathers" in other directions. Sometimes they come back, sometimes they don't. Past members who have "let us go" to go on to seek other horizons need to be set free. We all need new frontiers.

We need to look ahead (as a club) and see our own horizons and frontiers; this club has produced some very special ac-

quaintances and lifetime friendships for J.R. and myself. We look at everyone as a part of our "extended family" in one way or another. We have members from all walks of life, various varieties of professions and extensive skill and knowledge backgrounds that are all over the board. But you know, one thing erases all these differences and that is the common joy each and everyone of us shares when we are out there on the open roads, highways and bi-ways on our motorcycles. Everyone seems to be on the same page as the next person and communicating on the same level. Nothing else seems to matter.

You are vital to this club, no matter who you are, how much or how little you contribute. You are all the "links" on our "horizon" and the "frontiers" of our club and in the words of Freddie Mercury: "You're my best Friends."

T.T.F.N.
 "Tigger"

Guest Speaker for June Meeting

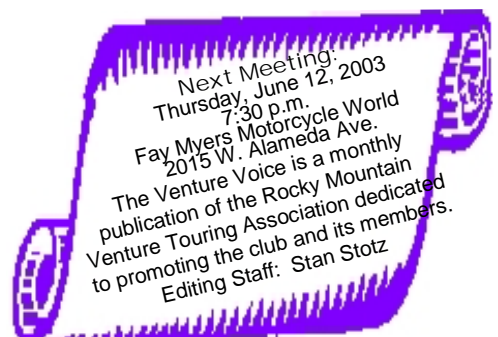
Submitted by: Bill Gillespie

George Barnes, winner of the 1999 Iron Butt Rally, will be giving a presentation at the June 12th RMVTA

meeting. The presentation will cover his 2001 quest to repeat his 1999 victory, and will include computer graphics and slides. I have seen this program recently and will tell you it is professional, entertaining, and informative.

Run in odd numbered years, the Iron Butt Rally is an eleven-day "Lap of America" with top endurance riders seeking bonus locations both near to and far from the most direct route. George has set IBR mileage records on both of the last two rallies - both in excess of 13,000 miles in the 11 days. The 2001 Iron Butt was like no other before. To quote George, "What day is this, and how did I end up in Alaska?!" Be sure and don't miss this one!

"Wing Commander



Next Meeting:
 Thursday, June 12, 2003
 7:30 p.m.
 Fay Myers Motorcycle World
 2015 W. Alameda Ave.
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Minutes

RMVTA Minutes – May 8, 2003
Submitted by Sandi Redford – Gypsy

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President John Redford. George Barrett, who was a guest at our last meeting, is now a fellow RMVTA member. Welcome George.

Committee Reports:

Secretary: There is a correction to the minutes of last month. The nomination of Dave Menges for the Missing Link at the April meeting was made by Nancy Frase, and not by John Redford. My apologies to John and Dave. Motion to accept April's minutes with the correction by Floyd Thorne, seconded by Debbie Inouye.

Treasurer: Debbie Inouye reported that there is \$3,137.69 savings, and \$205.65 in checking, for a total of \$3,343.34.

Activities: Janet & Chris absent.

Ancillaries: Bill & Jonna had nothing to report.

Awards: No report, Jeanie Hoedel absent.

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

Historical: Floyd had nothing to report, and requested he be sent any pictures from the rides.

Member Relations: Crane absent, no report.

Membership: Steve had nothing to report.

Newsletter & Web: Stan absent, no report.

50/50: Linda announced that everyone had already bought tickets.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business: John Redford passed around some flyers he had received. One was from Greg Franks, who had information on a trailer from Classic Trailers. It is a very nice lightweight, (120lb), aluminum trailer with 13.9 cu ft of storage space and a load capacity of about 350 lbs. Scott, the owner of Clas-

sic Trailer, is offering RMVTA members a free tire (no rim) with purchase of trailer. The trailer sells for \$1,399.00. Anyone interested can contact Greg at 303-420-7900, and he can help get you set up.

The other flyer was from Sun Harley-Davidson. They have invited RMVTA members to participate in the First Annual Poker Run to Benefit Colorado State Patrol Youth Academy. The run is open to all kinds of bikes, takes place on Saturday July 12, and meets at Sun Harley-Davidson. Sign up from 9 a.m. – 11am, last bike out at 11am, and cost is \$20.00 per person. The run ends at Pete's Place in Frederick where there will be a live band, a pig roast, a 50/50 drawing, silent auction, and all kinds of fun biker stuff. If you've ever considered supporting a great cause, this one certainly qualifies.

Larry Gutt mentioned that the CB shop at Johnson's Corner was having an open house / celebration the weekend following the meeting. Hope a few of us made it out there.

Robin Reynolds had a suggestion regarding the Missing Link award, since we always end up struggling to find reasons to nominate someone. Perhaps we could do the award only during the riding season, since the award was initially intended to point out those mistakes, when riders just aren't thinking clearly, that happened during the course of riding, and providing there was no injury to anyone. There was further discussion by the members present regarding hard feelings by recipients of the award, even though no one ever intended to hurt anyone, and the fact that it just isn't fun or funny anymore. As Dave Menges put it in the newsletter, "it was an idea whose time had passed". A motion was made by me to do away with the Missing Link Award altogether. After a vote, the motion was carried by most of the members present.

Ride Committee:

Past Rides:

Spring Polar Bear Ride / March 15: Bill Gillespie said they had a nice ride to Westcliffe, had lunch, and took the scenic route back. They considered changing the name of the ride to the Koala

Bear Ride, it was so warm. There were 4-5 bikes from Chapter C Freewheelers, and clocked in 321 miles.

Two-Up ERC / March 23: The ride was delayed, due to the storm, and Virgil Kipers will try and integrate interested parties into other classes.

Have-A-Heart Basket Distribution / April 12: Dave reported there were 10 bikes, and 18 people on hand for the distribution of Easter Baskets. Debbie from Have-A-Heart had coffee and donuts for us, and we had a couple of news stations show up to interview Dave, and a local newspaper as well. Dave thanked everyone who helped with this project, and he also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bunny.

Spring Highway Cleanup / April 13: Ron Nardiello reported there was very decent weather for the cleanup and they took a nice ride up to Woodland Park for lunch.

Sponsor Appreciation Ride / April 26: John Redford reported a decent turn out for the Sponsor Ride. We got to see the decorating job Mother Nature did at Fay Meyers, Aurora Honda had a very nice drawing just for RMVTA, and Sun Enterprises supplied lunch for us.

Not-So-Plain Zig Zag Plains Ride / May 4: Jerry Henn was not present to tell us about this ride, but John and I were on it and it was a very pleasant, very leisurely ride. We stopped for lunch at Giuseppe's in Colorado Springs, which was very good, and I think we had a micro second of sprinkles at one point, but that was all.

Future Rides:

Swettsville Zoo Ride / May 10: Steve Inouye said he would be keeping an eye on the weather for this ride. As it turned out, we got snow, and the ride did not go.

Bill Nielson gave us the details for the Old West Ride. It will be going to Canon City, and then to Buckskin Joe's. After playing around there for a while, the ride will head to South Park, (the real one), in Fairplay.

Missing Link Award: See explanation in the May minutes.

50/50 Drawing: Linda Thorne stated that

\$65.00 total was collected, with \$34.00 going to the club, and the other \$31.00 distributed as follows:

1st	\$16.00	Diane Lloyd
2nd	\$ 9.00	Larry Gutt
3rd	\$ 6.00	George Barrett

Doesn't it always seem like the new guy wins?

A motion was made to close the meeting by Sandi Redford, and seconded by Steve. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Update on Wayne Adams

Assembled Notes & Emails From Robin Reynolds

Wayne had a mild heart attack on Saturday, May 10th. His angiogram on May 22nd revealed the requirement for at least 7 stints, and some of them in arteries very close to the heart. The cath board reviewed the angiogram and decided that open heart surgery would be less risky than doing the angioplasty and stints, so he is scheduled for open heart surgery with four bypasses for May 30th at St. Vincent's in Portland, OR (near Beaverton).

We are awaiting a call to tell us and when he needs to be at the hospital, although the surgeon (Dr. Saffitt) said he would need to be at the hospital Thursday afternoon. Wayne is home again, but is supposed to be a couch potato until after the bypasses. He will be in ICU for one day after the surgery, and home in 4-5 days. Complete recovery should be in 6 weeks.

Update on Vaughn Richards

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

The Tuesday, May 27th Rocky Mountain News had a story about Vaughn Richard being shot. As many of you know, Vaughn was a long-time member and heavy supporter of the RMVTA. I am reprinting the Rocky Mountain News article below for your information.

Thanks to Ron Nardiello for finding the article and bringing it to our attention. Bill Gillespie called the hospital tonight (5-28) to see how Vaughn was doing. They told him that Vaughn was still in "serious" condition and that he could not

talk on the phone. Call me if you want Internet links to the articles.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS ARTICLE, May 27, 2003

Jefferson County
Shooting victim ID'd
husband hospitalized

The woman found dead in her home Sunday night by Jefferson County law enforcement officers was identified Monday as Rebecca Richards, 44.

She apparently shot herself.

Earlier in the evening, her husband, Vaughn Richards, 59, was taken to the hospital with gunshot wounds after neighbors called officials to the home in the 5300 block of Coors Street. He was in serious condition Monday night at St. Anthony Hospital Central.

Neighbor Rhonda Glover, 39, said the Richards were private people who kept to themselves.

"It was kind of a shock to us," she said. "You wouldn't expect it here. It's very much a family neighborhood."

Further update: (May 30)

I talked to Crane a few minutes ago and he said that he just saw Vaughn Richards. He is out of intensive care but still pretty groggy. He said that Vaughn recognized him and that he can receive visitors on a limited basis.

UPCOMING RIDES

Aluminum Butt Ride
Saturday, June 21, 2003
Submitted by: Cliff Eudy

If you like fast and hard riding and getting up early, you are going to live this annual ride. This is the 10th annual ride and I welcome you all to attend. We meet at 4:45 a.m. at the Target parking lot at Arapahoe and I-25 and leave at 5:00.

"Pipe Bender"

1st Annual RMVTA Memorial Ride
Bear Tooth Pass Tour
Submitted by: Floyd & Linda Thorne

I would like to remind you of a couple

of upcoming rides that you will need to plan ahead for.

First, we have our "1st Annual RMVTA Memorial Ride" coming up on June 28, 2003. This is, if you will recall or if you refer back to the February, 2003 Newsletter, a new ride planned as an annual activity to reflect and remember our fallen brothers and sisters in the club. This is an activity that will incorporate a motorcycle ride coupled with an eating activity. We will be going to Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch for a "Steak Ride." The fee for this will be \$48.00 per person. We will need to get a firm head count probably by no later than June 20, 2003. I know that this may seem like a lot but would like to see a large turnout as a memorial tribute to our members that have left us prematurely.

Secondly, we have the "Bear Tooth Pass Tour" that leaves on July 3, 2003 and makes our way to Cody, WY for the night. We will watch the parade on the morning of the 4th of July and then travel to Laurel, MT by way of the "Chief Joseph Scenic By-Way" and then "Bear Tooth Pass" both of which make up some of our country's most beautiful motorcycling routes.

In Laurel, MT their claim to fame is the BIGGEST and BEST fireworks display in all of the BIG SKY State - Montana. I have not seen it but we are going to check it out.

This trip has a pretty good day ride on the front and back but should really be a pretty relaxing 4th of July other than that. I look forward to having a good crowd on this one too. We will need to have our room reservations in at the Skyline Motor Inn for July 3rd and July 5th in Cody by June 1st, 2003. The phone number there is (307) 587-4201.

You will need to get your reservations in to the Super 8 in Laurel, MT for July 4th by June 15th. The number there is (406) 628-8888.

If you need any more information regarding these two rides look in your ride books, on the WEB Site, or get in touch with me. Ride safe and have FUN.

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

PAST RIDES

Zig Zag Ride – May 4

Submitted by: Jerry & Daniella Henn

We had a nice ride down to Kiowa and on down to the Springs where we had lunch at Giuseppe's. We came back on scenic roads and ended up having ice cream at the Cold Stone Creamery (yummy). It was a fun day with great attendance. A good time was had by all.

Jerry & Daniella

Old West Ride – May 18:

Submitted by: Nancy Frase

Well, the Old West Ride got a last minute face lift . . . it still went to the west; however, the "old" part got modified a bit . . . the two people who took part in the ride were definitely young!!!

After a solid breakfast, Art Valdez and I decided to take a ride that was much shorter than the planned ride. We breezed through Bergan Park, then over Highway 103 past Echo Lake and past the entrance to Mt. Evans. Then, we zipped around Idaho Springs and zig-zagged through Clear Creek Canyon before separating ways near Golden. It was a beautiful day for riding, and I am very glad we got some awesome riding done!!! Thanks for being good company, Art!!

"Little Shaver"

Utah Loop Ride – May 24-26

Submitted by: Nancy Frase

The Utah Loop Ride over Memorial Day weekend was an absolute delight of a trip!! We had seven people on five bikes (Nancy Frase, Diane & Bill Lloyd, Lloyd Nicholson, Paul Nez, Gino Pezzella and Janay Skeels).



The "Loop Gang"

We experienced snowy mountain peaks, rolling red hills, winding green rivers, deep peaceful valleys, stark desert formations and deep resounding canyons. The weather was absolutely delightful, at least until Bill mentioned the "R" word and then tried to blame the subsequent rain showers on the ride captain!! It didn't work, we all knew the truth!! At least he didn't blame Diane!!

The first half of our trip was spent in the Vernal and Flaming Gorge areas. Then, Gino and Janay took off on their own adventure at the mid-point of the trip while the rest of us continued on to the Green River (Utah) near Moab. Everyone got along well, and we only lost our tail rider (Lloyd) once in Vernal. I learned that Paul is one heck of a rider... he tackled those switchbacks north of Vernal flawlessly!



Ready for the Flaming Gorge Dam "tour".

I appreciate the cooperative spirit of the trip attendees, you all made it a very memorable trip!!

"Little Shaver"



SPOTLIGHT ON SPONSORS

OPTICAL GALLERY
16741 E. Iliff Avenue
Aurora, Colorado 80013
(303) 337-5924

Optical Gallery is an independent family-owned business. It has been a retail optical business for 21 years. Glen Peabody has owned the Optical Gallery for the past 17 years. Glen has lived in Aurora, CO for the past 53 years. Glen and his wife, Vickie, have been married for 32 years. Vickie works for the Aurora School District as a paraprofessional and has for the past 27 years. She currently works at Sable Elementary School. Glen and Vickie have two children and five

grandchildren. Their daughter, Jody, is 32 years old and she has three daughters. Their son, Brian, is 27 years old and has one son and one daughter. The grandchildren range from age 1 year old to 12 years old.

Glen and Vickie enjoy motorcycle riding. They have a Honda ST1100. They also enjoy scuba diving. Glen and Vickie go to Cozomel quite a bit. They enjoy going to Bon Aire off the coast of Venezuela and ABC Islands to go diving.

Optical Gallery sells frames, lenses, and contact lens. They will do pre operative and post operative care for Lasic surgery. They have an optometrist on staff and they can have a pair of glasses ready for you in 1 to 2 days. Glen feels that you get more personal attention at Optical Gallery and they pay more attention to detail. Optical Gallery is located at the northwest corner of Iliff and Buckley in Aurora. So, if you are thinking of getting contact lens or glasses, think of going to Optical Gallery and supporting our sponsor.



JR, Sandi and John loading carbos for the Sponsor Ride. John led the ride.

Aurora Honda
200 Potomac Road
Aurora, Colorado 80012
(303) 341-7200

Wayne and Judy Laing have owned Aurora Honda since 1965. Wayne was born in Eads, CO and grew up in Greeley, CO. Wayne and Judy met in High School in Greeley, CO. They both attended the University of Colorado.

Wayne received a degree in Industrial Technology. Wayne had always been good working on motorcycles. While Wayne was attending High School in Greeley, Colorado he was repairing the motorcycles for the Greeley Police De-

partment. He has other talents as well. When he was 16 years old he helped his father build the house that they lived in. After graduating from the University of Northern Colorado Wayne started working for the Harley Dealership in Greeley, Colorado. Wayne and Judy then moved to Seattle, WA and New York. Wayne would work at the motorcycle dealerships and Judy worked as a stewardess for Pan Am Airlines. They moved back to Colorado in 1965 and bought Aurora Honda. The dealership was originally on East Colfax and they moved to their present location in 1974.

Wayne and Judy have five children and four grandchildren. The oldest, Taya, lives in Colorado and has one son. Their second child, Rod, is married and has a son and a daughter. The next son, Tom is also married and has a son. Tom teaches motorcycle repair at the vocational school in Aurora. You will see Tom helps out at Aurora Honda in the summers. Their next son, Tim, is single and is the front end manager at Aurora Honda running the sales and parts departments. Tim's dog, Calvin, comes to work with Tim and is a well known fixture at Aurora Honda. In fact, Tim feels that Calvin is responsible for bringing back a lot of their regular customers. Wayne and Judy's youngest son, Ken, is also working at Aurora Honda doing the set up work.

As you can see Aurora Honda is not only a family owned business but a family run business. You will see Wayne at the dealership doing the books and assembling motorcycles. Aurora Honda deals only with Hondas. Tim tells me that they feel its better to focus on one brand and deal with that one brand well. Tim is proud of the fact that most of the customers are repeat customers and he knows most of them by name. The sales department employees are paid on salary and not on commission. Aurora Honda is open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment. I am sure that Aurora Honda will be glad to have you as a customer and you can see Calvin. Please support our sponsors.



Hanging with the sponsors during the Sponsor Ride. Aurora Honda had a great prize drawing.



Bill, Stan & John hold court in the Sun Enterprises parking lot after shopping and eating...yum.



Mark & Larry shop for bikes at Colorado Motorsports.

FOR SALE

1999 883 Custom Harley Sportster - Bored to 1200 - You've heard it, now you can own it! Thunderbolt Buell Top End Engine - "Fast, loud & sporty looking" \$8,500.00 Call J.R. at (303) 288-7401 (Lovingly customized by the tender hands of "Reddog")

1993 Honda ST1100 Sport Touring - Candy Apple Red - excellent condition - 41,000 miles - extras include luggage rack, passenger backrest, tall windshield, service manual and newer tires - \$5,400.00. Call Larry at (303)

2002 Honda Goldwing GL1800 - Orange - 800 miles - new in December 2002 - no options - \$14,200.00 - Call Jack Anderson at (970) 669-7944

1996 Honda ST1100, ABS2/linked braking system, MR Accessories shelf, Clearview +4" windshield + stock shield, rear luggage rack, MEZ4 tires, 58,000 miles. A well cared for bike, \$6,995.00 to a club member. Call Bill Gillespie, 303-781-0032 or

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 dlm2247@earthlink.net

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 - Call Mike or Donna at (303) 816-0159

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

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is June 23, 2003

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, June 12, 2003
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