

The Venture Voice

Karen Lindquist and Janet Stotz admire the scenery on top of Bear Tooth Pass on the way back from the CanAm Rally

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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Sandi Redford

The riding season is well under way, and although we have not been able to participate as much as we'd like, I hope everyone is enjoying the great season our ride committee worked very hard to put together for us. The schedule this year has had some wonderful rides, and many more to come.

Not being able to ride as much this year, I've been thinking a lot about what motorcycling means to me. I've always considered motorcycling a great pastime to get together with friends and enjoy each other's company. It's always a good excuse to go for food, ice cream, to a rally, or whatever. I've always considered it a big part of my life, but why?

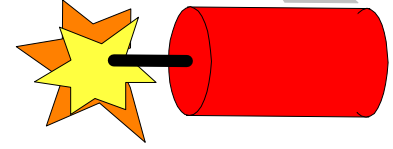
Spending less time on the bike, it has dawned on me, that there is a lot more to this pastime than meets the eye. I have realized that getting out for a nice long ride is my therapy. It is my Prozac. It gives me peace of mind. When I see the beautiful scenery that Mother Nature has provided, whether it is in Colorado or wherever, I know that there is still hope. Hope for what depends on what is going on in life at the time, but rest assured, it is there. I'd go into more detail, but I think I hear my therapist calling.....
"Gypsy"

Update on Wayne Adams

As many of you know, Wayne Adams had heart surgery recently. The following paragraph was taken from an email from Ruth Adams to Robin Reynolds. Thanks for the update Ruth and Wayne...we wish you a speedy and full recovery.

He (Wayne) was breaking records at the hospital for getting out of ICU for cardiac patients (16 hours after surgery he walked to his regular room), then he got to come home on Tuesday after not getting out of surgery until 7:30 pm Friday. He almost got to come home on Monday, but his heart went into atrial fibrillation, so they wanted to keep him for 24 hours after they got it under control. He's totally bored since he can't do anything, like lifting, driving, pushing or

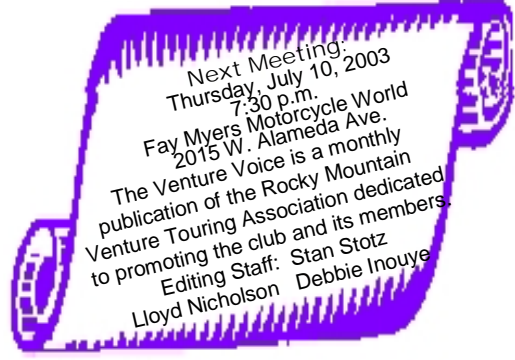
pulling, but we do walk 1 mile every morning, and will steadily increase that to 4 miles, changing to bicycling for an hour a day after he gets released to drive. We will be attending nutrition classes before long, so we can learn how to stay healthy, with him on no salt, low fat, and low sugar. He has high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and is borderline diabetic. Big changes in our lives from no medications to several now.



Poker Run For Colorado State Patrol Youth Academy

July 12, 2003 @ 9:00 a.m.
Submitted by: Stan Stotz

Charlie Rakes from Sun Enterprises wants to remind you to be sure to come out and support the Colorado State Patrol Youth Academy on July 12th. The poker run starts at 9:00 a.m. from Sun Enterprises at 8877 N. Washington St, Thornton, CO. That is the same day as the Moonlight Ride so you have plenty of time to take a nap between rides. There will be a 2 to 3 hour ride. The ride will be followed up



Minutes

RMVTA Minutes – June 12, 2003
Submitted by Sandi Redford – Gypsy

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President John Redford.

Guests for the evening included 18 members of Chapter C Free Wheelers. They were at the meeting to support George Barnes who gave a presentation on the Iron Butt Rally. Welcome to all of you.

Committee Reports:

Secretary: Motion to accept May minutes by John Redford, seconded by Bill Nielson.

Treasurer: Debbie Inouye reported that there is \$3,139.07 in savings, and \$225.95 in checking, for a total of \$3,365.02.

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: No report, Floyd absent.

Member Relations: Crane absent, no report.

Membership: Steve asked that if anyone had any changes to the membership list, to let him know.

Newsletter & Web: Stan was absent, but called me, and asked to have everyone get there stuff to him on time so he could take care of it when he got back in town.

50/50: Bill Nielson filled in for Floyd and Linda this evening. His message was to buy, buy, buy.

Old Business: Bill Nielson and Jonna Wright told us of a room at the church that GWRRA uses. It is located at 68th and Carr in Arvada and is available on the third Thursday. They only charge \$7.50 per hour, and we need to let them know soon, before the room is gone. Gino wondered why we don't have the meetings at a buffet like we used to, and John Redford explained that we end up being tied to having dinner there, or charged for the room if everyone doesn't

eat there. Steve Inouye brought up the Looking Good restaurant that was suggested, but in discussion with them, they required that everyone at the meeting would have to eat there, period.

New Business: Frank Heinzl with Chapter C passed out fliers on the 1000 in 24 that Chapter C sponsors, and the Annual Ladies Run.

We had a very nice presentation by George Barnes, who was the winner of the Iron Butt Rally in 1999. The rally is held every other year, and odd number years. His presentation was about his attempted repeat performance in 2001. George was a great story teller, and had some great pictures to go along with them. The lights were turned out during the presentation, so I was not able to take notes during it. Besides, I wanted to enjoy the presentation too. After the presentation, a collection was taken for George to help towards expenses for the next rally, which will be held in 2005.

Ride Committee:

Past Rides:

May 18 - Old West Ride - Nancy Frase. Nancy stepped in to take this ride, and reported that it was just her and Art Valdez. Nancy said it was a very nice ride.

May 24-26 - Utah Loop Ride - Nancy Frase. Nancy said this ride consisted of 7 young and gorgeous people on 5 bikes. The weather was great, and all were had by a good time.

May 31 - Semi Scenic Nut Run - Gary Hoedel. Gary was not at the meeting but those who went on the ride said it was a lot of fun. A little cool and misty to start with, but turned out to be a beautiful day. After the ride, a few of us stopped by for a long overdue visit with Dagwood and Blondie.

June 7 - T.B.D. Ride - Art Valdez. Art was not at the meeting, so we were not able to find out if the ride went or not. It was snowing at our house that morning, so we slept in.

Future Rides:

June 14 - Pikes Peak or Bust - David and Cari Todd. David and Cari were not at the meeting, but not having heard any different, we assume the ride was going

as planned.

June 21 - Aluminum Butt - Cliff Eudy. Cliff says this will be a sun up to sun down ride, and plan for any kind of weather. Ride total will be 725 miles.

June 28 - 1st Annual RMVTA Memorial Ride - Floyd Thorne. Floyd said the details for the ride is in the June newsletter. The fee for dinner and such that evening is \$48.00 per person.

July 3-6 - Bear Tooth Pass Tour - Floyd Thorne. Floyd said he hopes you got your reservations in, as all the rooms were gone. This should be a beautiful ride.

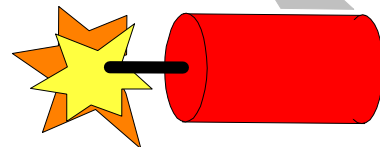
July 12 - Moonlight Ride - Bill Gillespie. Bill says plans are still on for breakfast in Taos, after the moonlight ride, if anyone is up for it.

50/50 Drawing: Bill Nielson and Jonna Wright counted out the dollar bills, and said there was \$75.00 total collected, with \$38.00 going to the club, and the other \$37.00 distributed as follows:

1st	\$ 20.00	Michael Finnerly
2nd	\$ 10.00	Bill Nielson
3rd	\$ 7.00	Jerry Hatfield

It pays to be a guest at our meetings!

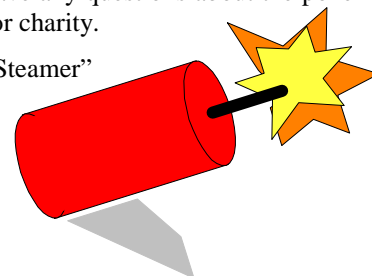
A motion was made to close the meeting by Debbie Inouye, and seconded by Cliff Eudy. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



("Poker Run" continued from page 1)
with food and entertainment if you choose to participate.

I hope to see as many of you there as possible at both events on July 12th. It should be a fun day and night. Call Charlie Rakes at (303) 287-7566 if you have any questions about the poker run for charity.

"Steamer"



UPCOMING RIDES

**Ride Book Correction
President's Mystery Ride
Update and Change**

**New Date Saturday July 19, 2003
Submitted by Reddog - John Redford**

Due to what was planned for the Mystery Ride not being available on Sunday, we will have to change the ride to Saturday July 19th, instead of Sunday the 20th. I hope this doesn't cause any problems for anyone. Plan on a nice relaxing day, taking in the sites of wherever it is we end up. Want a hint? Well, we'll either be going north, south, east, or west. Does that narrow it down for you? No? Well, sorry, that's the best I can do for now. Hope to see you all there.

"Reddog"

Trail Ridge Ride
Sunday July 27, 2003
Submitted by: Dale McCargar

This is a note remind you all to join us for the Trail Ridge Ride on Sunday July 27th. We are meeting at the Park & Ride at I-70 and Ward Road. Check the Ride Book or the Internet for the route information. We are looking forward to seeing you all for a fun day ride.

Dale McCargar

Pioneer Village Ride
August 1-3, 2003

Submitted by: Ron & Carole Vincent

Ron and Carole Vincent will be leading a ride August 1-3 to Pioneer Village in Minden, Nebraska. Approximate mileage from Denver to Minden via Hwy. 34 is 350 miles. The village displays many items showing the progression of history from old to new such as cars, motorcycles, and bikes, china and toys; craftsmen at work; a general store; a steam-powered carousel; and many more items. Village brochures will be available at the July meeting. Admission rates are \$8.50 per person. Those interested should contact Pioneer Village Motel by July 15 at (800) 445-4447 and refer to the 10 rooms being held under RMVTA. Room rates include one pass to the village: \$35/room with one occupant, \$40/room with double occupancy; and \$4 for each additional occupant per room. The hotel and restaurant are right next to the village which is pleasantly set in the shade

of a grove of tall trees. There is also a campground adjacent to village. Please call the motel for campsite prices.

**Ride Book Correction
Wildfire Ride Meeting Place Change
Sunday, August 17, 2003**

Submitted by Mike & Donna Dunlap

The meeting place for the Wildfire Ride has been changed to the Le Peep Restaurant ((303) 816-0159) at 1260 Bergen Parkway in Evergreen, CO. If you want to join us for breakfast at Le Peeps for breakfast, show up around 7:00 p.m. to get ready for the 7:45 a.m. meeting time and 8:00 a.m. leave time. Make sure to have a full tank before leaving. Call Mike at (303) 816-0159 if you have any questions about the ride.

Attack on Bent's Fort Ride
August 23-24, 2003

Submitted by: Jerry & Linda Hatfield

We have the hotel reservations made for this ride and the information follows:

10 rooms at Bent's Fort Inn (3 smoking & 7 non-smoking)
Phone #s (800) 508-1234 or 719-456-0011
2 people \$57.00 for 1 bed, \$67.00 for 2 beds. Free hot breakfast!
AARP & AAA discounts = \$51.30 + tax
Reservation cutoff August 1, 2003
Small charges for Bent's Fort, Kit Carson Museum and Boggsville

We are out traveling across the US for the next few weeks.

Jerry & Linda Hatfield

Sad Monkey Ride
August 30 -September 1
(Labor Day Weekend)

Motel 6 Amarillo, Texas dates Aug. 30 and 31. Phone 806-355-6554 . The price of a room is 35.99 per night plus tax . I have 10 rooms blocked in my name or RMVTA so please make reservations as soon as possible. Thanks
Cliff (pipebender) Eudy

PAST RIDES

Pikes Peak or Bust Ride
Saturday June 14, 2003

Submitted by: David and Cari Todd

Well, we made it to Pikes Peak and beyond and no one busted. If you missed this ride you missed a lot of gorgeous scenery. The mountains still had a lot of snow on them, which gave all of us a vista filled with beauty.



Cari & David Todd and Doug & Carol enjoy a cup of "Joe" on the Pikes Peak or Bust Ride

The roads were good and the company was great. We had lunch in Fairplay at a very small bar/restaurant. The service was slow but the food was extremely good. One of the persons in the group took time to upgrade his wardrobe and bought a new glove in Fairplay, and I know that several of you will want one just like it once you've seen it.

Coffee in Dillon (instead of ice cream) allowed us time to reenergize towards the end of the ride. (Caffeine instead of sugar.)

Yes, we know the Harleys are loud but they all were considerate enough to allow the rest to start their bikes first to ensure they were started, and the others (non-Harleys) were more than willing to ride behind the Harleys to pick up any pieces that may have fallen off.

All in all it was a great ride. Remember, Live to Ride but Ride to Live. Two wheels rubber side down.

David and Cari Todd :+)

Aluminum Butt Ride
June 21, 2003

Submitted by: Cloiff Eudy

We went for an 800 mile ride over the hiways and byways of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico and had a wonderful time with 3 other bikes and 4 people. We left at 5:00 am and got back at 8:30 pm. no rain and plenty of sunshine. Too bad for all of you that couldn't make it.

Cliff (pipebender) Eudy

My First Aluminum Butt Ride
 June 21, 2003
 Submitted by: Brett Barrett

Well, before I share some comments about my first Aluminum-Butt Ride, I'm sure you would like to know a little information about myself. My name is Brett Barrett and I am the oldest son of George Barrett at 15 years of age. I am looking at getting into riding and I like to go on small rides with my dad, but I have never done anything above 250 miles. Well, that all changed this month with the coming of the Aluminum-Butt.

The Aluminum-Butt is an all-day ride, usually between 700 and 850 miles long. This year to sum it up we went south on I-25 to Walsenburg. Then west to Alamosa and then south to Antonito, we continued past Antonito to Chama, NM. Then south on US-84 to US-64 then from US-64 on east to Raton, NM. Then north on I-25 back to home, and man oh man. They say that a picture is worth a thousand words and even a picture couldn't do what I had just ridden justice. It was just so awesome, there is no other way to experience the amount of scenery, speed, tight turns, and loop de loops. This truly was a 10-ticket ride. It's an experience nobody could capture on paper. You will just have to join us next year.



George & Brett Barrett enjoy lunch

I also want to extend recognition to the fine men that accompanied my dad and me on this awesome ride. A big Thank You Tom Shumaker, Floyd Thorne, and Cliff Eudy. Cliff Eudy was our ride captain for the day and I would like to extend special thanks to him for planning it and allowing us to go on this awesome ride with him, and as always my dad George Barrett for dragging me around. I had a blast and I hope to see you next year!

Brett

1st Annual RMVTA Memorial Ride
 June 28, 2003
 Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

It was June 28, 2003 and all had the opportunity to sleep in a bit if that was their choosing as this one did not leave until 11:00 am. Or, you had the opportunity to get up and get a few of those Honey Do items on your (or your wife's) list before you took off.



Joyce Kenaston, daughter Nadene and grand kids meet members of the 1st Annual Memorial Ride led by the Thornes

We meet at the Ward Road Park and Ride (after my earlier mistake of saying that it was at Kipling) about 10:30 a.m. Joyce Kenaston, her daughter Nadene and three of Joyce's beautiful Grandchildren joined us there. We had a very nice visit with them and Joyce was so very appreciative that we assembled this particular ride as a way of memorializing Ken and the other members of the club.



RMVTA members pay their respects at the mobile Viet Nam Veterans Memorial

From there we took off and just a few miles south of Rollinsville, CO we stopped at the "Traveling Vietnam Wall." The whole atmosphere was full of emotions as people that were Veterans and many who were not were totally taken back by the sheer numbers of men

and women's name on the wall. There are close to 59,000 names there. It made me think back on the beautiful and very emotional funeral arrangements that I, and few others, attended for Ray Feasel. The timing could not have been more perfect to include this rare opportunity into our own Memorial Ride.

From there, we and three or four dozen Harley riders, rode north towards Estes Park. They turned off a few miles before at Redmond and headed towards Lyons. We continued on and we to Estes Park. There we opted to pass the Stanley Hotel and pick up the old Fall River Road down to Drake and on the Berthoud where we all stuffed ourselves on some of the best fried chicken that I have eaten in a long, long time. From there we all headed our respective ways home.

The weather could have not been any nicer. The roads were a real twisty treat. The traffic could have been whole lot lighter to really enjoy the twisty route but you can't always have everything I guess. The fellowship and meal to cap off the day were wonderful.

If there were any negatives on the whole day it would have been the participation. The club as a group decided that it was a good idea to have a Memorial Ride to remember our fallen brothers and sisters in the club. I planned this route and activity at the Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch to employ all of the things that this club enjoys, i.e. riding and easting. I got NO response regarding the Sylvan Dale activity so we went to plan "B." This was fine by me as I am sure that at \$48.00 per person that was a little steep for many.

But, then to only have a total of four bikes, one of which was Linda and I, and a total of six people show up on what I expected to be one of the strongest supported rides of the season was very disappointing to say the least. It sure makes planning rides difficult especially if there activities associated with them that require commitments and deposits. Just food for thought for all to consider I guess.

You missed a GREAT DAY, GREAT RIDE, GREAT MEAL, GREAT FELLOWSHIP and a wonderful opportunity to remember and memorialize our fallen brothers and sisters.

Unofficial Ride – CanAm Rally,
Osoyoos, B.C.

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

On Friday the 13th of June, Bill and Karen Lindquist and Janet and I left out for Boise, ID to hook up with Karen and Steve Burgus and then onward to the CanAm Rally in Osoyoos, British Columbia. It was really good to hook with Karen and Steve and stay in their new home (complete with 4-car garage). The night before we left, Karen and Steve invited several other CanAm attendees over for a BBQ and get-acquainted session.



Lindquist, Burgus & Stotz families at Glacier National Park!

Monday the 16th we left Boise for Osoyoos with a total of 9 bikes. Our first road followed the longest stretch of white water I have ever seen and was a great motorcycle road. We spent the night in Sanpointe, ID and got to the rally on Tuesday the 17th. We spent 4 nights in Osoyoos in a lakeside resort on the lake and had a great time. We also rode an historic train (complete with robbery) which was fun. On Saturday the 21st we headed off for Golden, B.C. going through the Canadian Glacier National Park. Even though the rain was heavy, the scenery was unreal. The next morning we got up and had a short ride to breakfast at the Chateau Lake Louise in Bampf National Park (you all need to do this sometime...it was great)! After many photo ops, we headed to Glacier National Park for a 3-night stay in a great 5-bedroom house close to the West Gate of Glacier.

After touring Glacier, we spent 2 nights in Missoula, MT at Janet's sister's home and did a day ride on June 26th (my birthday and our anniversary) down US 12 into Idaho. About 10

miles out of Missoula on top of Lolo Pass, we saw untold acres of purple wildflowers that only grow there and were discovered by Lewis and Clark. We also picnicked in an unspoiled old-growth cedar grove. We were the only people there and the whole thing was absolutely spectacular.

We parted ways with Karen and Steve in Missoula and came on home after a great 16-day ride that we will never forget.

"Steamer"

FOR SALE

1987 Yamaha Virago 1100 with less than 3,000 miles - like new condition - has not been ridden during the past 3 years. Asking \$2,900.00. Call Clay at (303) 341-9346 or email at cathy.wells.7777@att.net. Bike is in Aurora, CO.

2002 Honda Goldwing GL1800 - Orange - 800 miles - new in December 2002 - no options - \$14,200.00 - Call Jack Anderson at (970) 669-7944 (Office) or (970) 669-7423

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

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

A bear walks into a bar in Billings, Montana and sits down. He bangs on the bar with his paw and demands a beer.

The bartender approaches and says, "We don't serve beer to bears in bars in Billings." The bear, becoming angry, demands again that he be served a beer.

The bartender tells him again, more forcefully, "We don't serve beer to belligerent bears in bars in Billings."

The bear, very angry now, says, "If you don't serve me a beer, I'm going to eat that lady sitting at the end of the bar."

The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve beer to belligerent, bully bears in bars in Billings."

The bear goes to the end of the bar, and, as promised, eats the woman.

He comes back to his seat and again demands a beer.

The bartender states, "Sorry, we don't serve beer to belligerent, bully bears in bars in Billings who are on drugs."

The bear says, "I'm NOT on drugs."

The bartender says, "You are now."

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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

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) 690-9517

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 303-758-8804.

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Next Meeting:
 Thursday, July 10, 2003
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