



Scenic pulloff on Wolf Creek Pass (US160 south side)  
Photo by Lloyd Nicholson (Durango Tour)

### Officers Speak

Submitted by: Sandi Redford

Has this past riding season totally sucked for everyone else as much as it has for me? I'm taking Astronomy 101 this semester. Maybe I'll find out if the planets are misaligned or something. Perhaps too many sunspots exploding, messing with the earth's magnetic field. I think I'll start wearing an amulet made from a fallen meteor to ward off evil spirits.

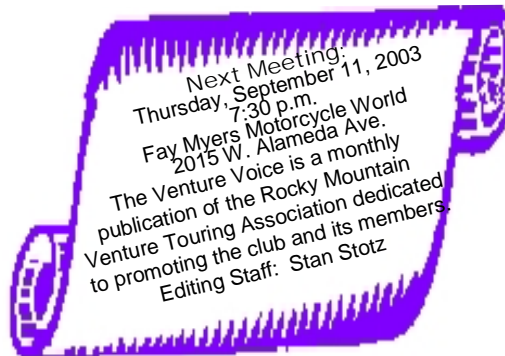
In my last Officer's Speak, I talked about how things had not been going well in my life, but how riding is such therapy for me. As many know, John had an accident on his way to Sturgis, and well, now there goes the therapist for the rest of the season. Being the eternal optimist, I continue to look for the silver lining. The bike is a mess and won't be ready until the snow is ready to fly, but I am so thankful that John was OK. Chrome and paint can be replaced, but we all know John is one of a kind. I would be lost without my bestest friend. He has been there for me through all the rough spots, and I thank him for it, especially when he's been going through a lot of his own.

I'm sure one day I will look back on this past year and laugh at how easily the stress of unexpected events can invade our lives. Of course, it will probably be one of those strange, deep, suppressed hysteria type of laughs, where people

look at you, start backing away very slowly, and wonder what funny farm you escaped from, but it beats crawling up into a little ball and sucking your thumb! Thankfully I have some very good friends in RMVTA who have done a lot to help keep me from reaching that point. As this will be my last Officer's Speak, I want to say thank you. Thank you, good friends, for the hugs, the shoulder to cry on, and the pep talks. I could not have gotten through this last year without all the support.

Looking at that silver lining, I realize we will start out the next riding season with practically a brand new bike, with shiny new chrome, and glossy new paint. I think I'll just consider that as a sign that my life is going to be shiny, glossy, and new as well.

"Gypsy"



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### A Tribute to Friendship

Submitted by: Robin Reynolds

Over the years in the RMVTA, J.R. and I have met many wonderful people, some of whom have developed into very special friendships. Unconditionally, no hesitation involved or no questions asked, two of these very special friends have stepped up to the plate to help us out in a couple of situations that have arisen this summer. Even at their own loss and expense. I won't state names but you know who you are?

From the bottom of my heart; without the fellowship and wonderful people of RMVTA, we would have never met you and had not known the truly rare and special friends you have become. We love you both with all our hearts and will forever cherish and hold dear the friendship that has continued to grow and blossom between us. You are our "Search Lights" in the deepest dark of night.

"Tigger"

### Attention RMVTA Sponsors

Submitted by: Robin Reynolds

It seems that we have left-over 2003 bars for the Sponsor's plaques. If you did not receive yours yet for 2003, please contact Robin Reynolds at (303) 288-7401 and I will get them to you ASAP. Thanks.

"Tigger"

## Minutes

August 14, 2003

Submitted by Sandi Redford – Gypsy

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President John Redford.

Kerri with RPM (Race Promotions) was here to tell us about Cyclefest. This is a 3 day event which will have taken place by the time the newsletter goes out. This is a local rally being held at Copper Mountain Aug 22-24. RPM also promotes races such as Laguna Seca Superbike Races.

Lloyd Nicholson was back amongst us as well. Welcome back Lloyd.

### Committee Reports:

**Secretary:** Motion to accept May minutes by Cliff Eudy, seconded by Debbie Inouye.

**Treasurer:** Debbie Inouye reported \$3,140.12 in savings, and \$239.18 in checking, for a total of \$3,379.30.

**Activities:** No report. Janet & Chris absent.

**Ancillaries:** No report. Bill Nielson and Jonna Wright absent.

**Awards:** No report, Jeanie Hoedel absent.

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

**Historical:** Floyd Thorne reported not much going on, and please send ride pictures if you got them.

**Member Relations:** Crane absent, no report. Robin Reynolds reported that she had seen Ruth and Wayne Adams, and they are doing very well.

**Membership:** No report. Steve Inouye reported that the next meeting is the deadline to submit changes to him for the membership list.

**Newsletter & Web:** Stan reminded everyone to have their stuff in by the 23rd. Stan also tells us that "stuff" will be normal next month. He also stated that August 17th is the 1st anniversary since Ken Kenaston's accident. He said he, Bill Gillespie and Joyce and family were going to the site of his accident for a memorial.

**50/50:** Linda said they have tickets, and we all better buy some!

**Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

**New Business:** John Redford told the club about the accident he had when he and J.R. Reynolds were on their way to Sturgis. They got within 30 miles of Sturgis when John came around a blind corner to find several bikes stopped in the middle of the road. Unable to go around or to stop in time, he hit one of the bikes. John was bruised and banged up but doing much better now. The bike is not in as good a shape.

### Ride Committee:

#### Past Rides:

July 19 - President's Mystery Ride - John Redford - John tells us there were 4 bikes, 5 people on this ride. After a trip around Mt Evans and across Squaw Pass, they stopped at Van Briggie Pottery in Colorado Spring. After that was lunch in Old Colorado City at the Meadow Muffin. It really was much better than it sounds. Great place for burgers and chili.

July 27 - Trail Ridge Ride - Dale McCargar - Stan said this was a great ride. They hit major rain in Estes Park. Stan said this was Dale McCargar's first time leading a ride, and he did a great job.

Aug 1-3 - Pioneer Village Ride - Ron and Carol Vincent - This ride was cancelled.

Aug 9 - Black Rim Route - Richard Kuehe - Stan said there were 3 bikes and they went about 600 miles. They got home around 7p.m., and had a great ride with some beautiful scenery.

#### Future Rides:

Aug 17 - Wild Fire Ride - Mike Dunlap - The meeting place has changed to Le Peeps in Evergreen. Everything else to remain as listed on the web and in the newsletter.

Aug 15-17 - Durango Tour - Dale McCargar - Dale was not at the meeting, but details are on the web.

Aug 23 - 24 - Jerry and Linda Hatfield - Jerry and Linda tell us info is on the web for this ride.

Aug 30 - Sept 1 - Sad Monkey Ride - Cliff was a very Sad Monkey and was very disappointed that there has been no interest shown in his ride, and a lot of the club rides this year. He told us he would probably be canceling the ride, unless someone called in for reservations by the following weekend.

Sept 6 - Mt Princeton Hot Springs Ride - Gary Hoedel - Jeannie and Gary were not at the meeting. We assume it is still a go.

Sept 13 - A Fun Day in the Mountains Before the S\*\*\* Hits - Larry Gutt - Larry said this ride will be going somewhere in the mountains.

**50/50 Drawing:** Bill Nielson reported there was \$80.00 total collected, with \$40.00 going to the club, and the other \$40.00 distributed as follows:

1st	\$ 18.00	Debbie Inouye
2nd	\$ 11.00	Ron Nardiello
3rd	\$ 7.00	Paul Nez

A motion was made to close the meeting by Cliff Eudy, and seconded by John Redford. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m

### "Bushed" in Pueblo

An Unofficial RMVTA Club Ride

Submitted by: Robin Reynolds

After a long-anticipated wait to collect on my April Birthday present from my wonderful husband, July 25 – 27th we headed south to the metropolis of Pueblo and Pikes Peak International Speedway and the NASCAR Busch Series Races. Along the way we were joined by 7 of our very special "extended" family members from RMVTA.

Enduring 100+ degree heat at the race-track and one hum-dinger of a rain shower the guys had to ride through didn't seem to dampen the good time that everyone seemed to be having. Two fun-filled days at PPIR and the Busch Races has got to be one of the best times I can remember in a long time.

The company was the greatest, the races were way beyond "cool" and I had the time of my life. Best birthday present I have ever received.

Thanks to the Inouyes, Redfords, Bill and

Jonna and Dave Menges for sharing in this with J.R. and myself and making my "day" at the races all that much more enjoyable.

My next big wish...to get to the NAS-CAR Winston Cup Races! We know who to cheer on don't we Dave?? There is no "2" or "4" on the car!

"Tigger"

#### PAST RIDES

##### Durango Tour

August 15-17

Ride Captain: Dale McCargar

Submitted by: Lloyd Nicholson

Another great RMVTA ride. In my opinion, Dale's riding style is outstanding, especially for a group format. Plenty of stops for sight seeing and a very comfortable pace. Thanks Dale.

There were 4 bikes and one 4-wheeler on the ride. Weather was near perfect and traffic light (mostly). The tour highlights were beautiful scenery of course, good company, and some good meals. (So what's new?). First day's destination was Montrose with a side ride into The Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument.

Dinner that evening was at the Backwoods Inn for a really delicious overfilling meal.



Mitch, Maggie, Dale, Arliss, & Art at one of many overlooks down into the Black Canyon, and Gunnison River.

Second day's destination was Durango with a stop in Silverton in time for the arrival of the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Train. Mitch, the narrow gauge nut, couldn't stay away.



Mitch letting the engineer know how to run a train.



Lloyd Nicholson checks out the Durango Silverton steam engine

Day 3 for the ride home, Dale chose the route over Wolf Creek Pass with a stop at a scenic overlook on the south side of the pass (see front page photo). There was no way I was going to be out on that prominence.

The only major traffic we encountered was from Johnson Village on into Denver on US285, which was completely normal and expected.

"Packrat"

#### UPCOMING RIDES:

##### Sad Monkey Ride

August 30 – September 1

Cliff Eudy sent me a note that this ride has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

##### Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Ride

Saturday September 6

Gary told me that the cost of the hot springs is \$8.00 and \$5.00 for seniors (over 62). This should be a good ride.

#### A Fun Day in the Mountains

##### Before the S\*\*\* Hits

Saturday September 13

Larry says that this is going to be a great ride. Larry also has a brand new back tire (he almost made it home).

#### Fall Color Ride

– New Ride Leader Needed –

Sunday September 21

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

Steve Inouye called me and said that since he is not riding anymore, he needs somebody to lead the Fall Color Ride on Sunday, September 21st. Call him to volunteer or the ride will need to be cancelled.

"Steamer"

#### SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

Submitted by: Debbie Farnum

George and Sherri Barrett

George is an "Okie" from Guymom, OK. Sherri grew up in Dearborn, MI. George moved to Colorado in 1977. Sherri moved to Colorado in 1982. They both ended up working at Auto Rescue Service. They met in 1987 when George was the towing manager and Sherri was a dispatcher. George and Sherri were married in 1988. Since then George was working for General Motors working on cars and computers. George and Sherri started their own business three and a half years ago. They own "Computer Rescue." Their business is a one-stop shop. They sell, service and repair computers. Their business is doing well. You can find their business in the yellow pages.

George and Sherri have two sons. Brett is 15 years old and Adam is 13 years old. When I asked George about hobbies that they have he of course said motorcycling. They currently own a 2001 1800 Goldwing. They have spent the last 15 years raising children. They joined RMVTA to have the opportunity to get out more and ride. It will give them a chance to talk to adults.

**SPOTLIGHT ON SPONSORS**

Submitted by: Debbie Farnum

Vickery Motorsports  
2231 S. Parker Road  
Denver, Colorado 80231  
Phone # (303) 755-4387

Bill and Shari Vickery own Vickery Motorsports. They have been sponsors and members of RMVTA for many years. They started Vickery Motorsports in 1971. They have been in their current location for 23 years.

Bill and Shari are the classic story of high school sweethearts lasting it out though the years. They have been married for the past 39 years. Bill and Shari both enjoy riding dirt bikes and street bikes. Shari has several 125cc and 250cc Bonneville Salt Flats speed records. As far as Bill knows no one has beaten his Bonneville 750 land speed record. Bill has raced everything except super speedway. Their son, Doug, is the manager of the parts department. Doug races motorcycles on the MRA circuit.

Vickery Motorsports carries many brands of motorcycles, ATVs, and snowmobiles. They have Yamaha motorcycles, Kawasaki motorcycles, Polaris ATVs and snowmobiles, and Ski Doo snowmobiles. RMVTA members get a 10% discount on parts and accessories so sign up now and avoid the rush. You can find out about upcoming specials at Vickery Motorsports on their Internet site, <http://www.vickerymotorsports.com> or e-mail them at [vickerymotorsports@hotmail.com](mailto:vickerymotorsports@hotmail.com).

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Sun Enterprises is owned by J.R. Simmerman and Ronald Lang. J.R. Simmerman grew up in Denver, CO and now resides in Oregon. Ronald Lang moved to Colorado from Wisconsin when he was just a teenager. Ronald currently resides in Denver with his wife. Ronald is the General Manager for Sun Enterprises and Dave Waggoner is the operations manager for Sun Enterprises. As of the year 2000 Sun Enterprises is the larg-

est Honda motorcycle shop east of California. Sun Enterprises is also one of the top Kawasaki dealerships in the United States. Sun Enterprises has the oldest Harley sales agreement in Denver. Sun Enterprises expanded last year and now the Sun Harley Davidson Store covers approximately 36,000 square feet and is accessible from Washington Street as well as Pearl Street. They have a large selection of Harley Parts, accessories, Harley collectables, and Harley apparel.

Sun Enterprises has over 100 employees. Sun Enterprises incorporated in 1971 and moved to their present location. They sell Honda, Kawasaki, Polaris, and Buell brands. They are also one of the top 5 or 6 dealers in Honda power equipment. That would include such things as generators, lawn mowers, snow blowers, and outboard motors. Sun Enterprises has Auto/Motorcycle insurance available to purchase on site.

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(303) 424- 2971

F & H Auto Upholstery was started in 1975 by Don Franks and his best friend, Kerry Heaner. Don started the business with Kerry right after he got out of high school. Greg Franks went into partnership with his brother, Don Franks, in 1980 after Kerry left the business. Greg and Don have been running the business together since 1980. They are natives of Wheat Ridge so it is no surprise that their business is located in Wheat Ridge.

Don is married to Laura and they have a daughter, Lacyjo, who is 13 years old. They have a German Shepherd dog for Lacyjo to play with. Greg is single and he enjoys golfing, motorcycles, and radio-controlled airplanes or helicopters. Greg used to go to the radio controlled airfield by Indiana Street until development moved the field further west. The field is now near Highway 93 near Alpine Rock.

When riding season starts and you realize that your motorcycle seat just doesn't seem as comfortable as it did last season remember F&H Auto Upholstery will be more that happy to shape it so you will

have the most comfortable ride. F&H Auto Upholstery will also be there for your other upholstery needs such as car seats, household furniture, and commercial furniture such as office furniture and bar stools.

Don and Greg also own a business, Best Way Sweeping, Inc. phone number (303) 420-7900. They do commercial sweeping for parking lots. They sweep the parking lots for Safeway, King Soopers, and apartment complexes.



Trail Ridge stop – Art, Larry, Dale & Mark  
(photo by Stan Stotz)



Ride leader Richard Kuethe taking a break  
with Larry Gutt & daughter Tina (Stan  
Stotz not pictured)

**The Mounds of Dirt Life Dishes Out**

One day a farmer's donkey fell into an abandoned well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway, so it just wasn't worth it to try to retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They each grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. Realizing what was happening, the donkey at first cried and wailed horribly. Then, a few shovels full later, he quieted down completely. The farmer peered down into the well,

and was astounded by what he saw. With every shovel full of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up on the new layer of dirt. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, it would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off, to the shock and astonishment of all the neighbors! Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to not let it bury you, but to shake it off and take a step up.

Also, the donkey later kicked the hell out of the guy that tried to bury him. Which brings me to another moral for this story: When you try to cover your ass, it always comes back and gets you.

#### FOR SALE

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.

1982 Honda Goldwing 1100 Aspen-cade, 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

1995 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup, 84,000 miles, Beautiful shape, great paint and body, Chrome Super Sport (factory) wheels, Sharp, Asking \$5,995.00. Call Stan at (303) 690-4133 or email at stanstotz@comcast.net.



1992 Cadillac Sedan Deville, has 134,000 miles and still runs great. Leather seats, AM-FM Cassette player, front split seat with power adjustment for both sides, power everything, good tires. Asking \$3,000, Kelly blue book has it listed for \$3,100. Phone 303-431-1085

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

1993 Honda ST1100 (Price just reduced) Sport Touring - Candy Apple Red - excellent condition - 41,000 miles - extras include luggage rack, passenger backrest, tall windshield, service manual and newer tires - \$4,600.00. Call Larry at (303) 690-9517

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96' GOLDWING GL1500SE, two tone Teal and Forest green. 40500 mi, very good condition, always garaged. Came with am/fm radio, cassette player, four-speaker stereo, CB radio and intercom system with voice-activated microphone and headsets along with auto volume control and mute. Also came with on-board air compressor, toe warmers and adjustable passenger floorboards. New rear tire, new rear brakes and recent oil and filter change. Accessories added on, clear Tulsa style windshield, passenger radio and CB rear pluggin and controls, bike is wired for external hand held CB mic and will include mic, also wired for electric vest for passenger and will include medium size womens electric vest, custom Hondaline seat with driver backrest, and outdoor temp gauge. Just over \$1,600 in chrome added on including luggage rack, trunk handle, sidebag guards and lighting accents. And speaking of lighting, there is over \$2,000 worth of 12 volt and neon lighting, all color coordinated with the bike. Bike was the 2nd place winner of the 2000 Boogie Lights Competition at Hondas "Wing Ding" National rally in Billings, MT. Have also added on the trunk top and bottom spoilers and color-coordinated air wings on the front faring, two extra stock seats valued at over \$500 each, and one set of custom-made free flowing exhaust pipes. The bike is equipped and ready for touring and to help get you ready I am including 1 mens xxl full face helmet and one womens med full face helmet, both equipped with headphones and mics, as well as one xxl mens open face helmet, one pair of mens chaps and a pair of womens chaps. Last but not least a 1996' manufactures shop manual valued at \$75 for those who like to do their own maintenance and repair. The owners manual has been kept up to date with all the scheduled maintenance work that has been done since the bike was new. For all of the above I am asking \$8,995 or best offer, and can be reached at 303-274-2472, ask for Steve.

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is September 23, 2003

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