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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Robin Reynolds

Memorable Last Lines

“What can I say? I watch a lot of movies”

- “The Tribe has spoken” – Survivor the TV Series
- “Yep, the Griswald’s are back” – European Vacation
- “May the Force be with you” – Star Wars
- “I’ll never let go Jack” – The Titanic
- “Hasta La Vista, Baby” – Terminator 2
- “Frankly Scarlet, I don’t give a damn” – Gone with the Wind
- “Welcome to the new world” – A Knight’s Tale
- “Always the bridesmaid, never the bride” – Jewel of the Nile
- “They fought like warrior poets, they fought like Scotsmen” – Braveheart
- “All I can remember is the 7 of us always together” – St. Elmo’s Fire
- “The epitaph simply read, “Pals”” – Young Guns
- “Awesome dude, totally awesome!” – Fast Times at Ridgemont High
- “Smile you son-of-a-@#**!” – Jaws
- “Sleep well long liners, may you rest easy in fair winds and calm seas” – The Perfect Storm
- “Later Dudes and Dudettes and Aloha!!!!” Robin Reynolds

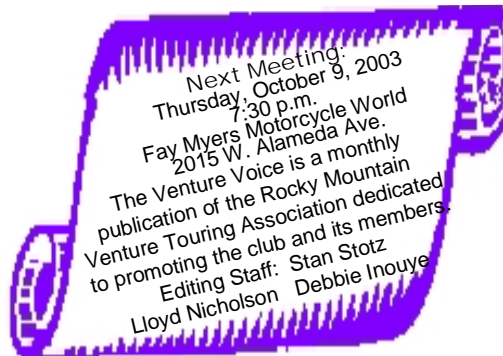
Tigger”

Bake Sale – October Meeting

Submitted by: Sandi Redford

It’s that time of year again! The IRMVTA Annual Bake Sale is probably one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year. There’s always lots of baked goods and crafts to be auctioned off, and Steve Inouye has agreed to be our auctioneer again this year. Steve always makes the evening lots of fun. Steve and his group of “Vanna White types” will be showing off the goodies. No silly, I mean like cookies and pies and stuff! Please plan on showing your support of RMVTA by bringing some yummy baked goods and crafts to the October 9th meeting. Make sure you break into the kitty, too, so you can buy something decadent and most certainly not diet! Homemade or store bought, we don’t care! Just be there!

“Gypsy”



Condolences

We were sorry to hear that Floyd Thorne’s mother passed away on September 22, 2003. We want to convey our heart-felt condolences to Floyd and his family.



Ride Sign-In Sheets

Submitted by: Sandi Redford

I’d like to remind everyone that, as the ride year comes to a close, I need to get the ride sign in sheets from all the ride captains for past rides. For those of you who have not yet turned yours in, please bring them with you to the October meeting. Certainly you’ll be there for the Annual RMVTA Bake Sale! In the event you just can’t make it, if you could have another member bring it in for you, or just plain old snail mail would work. Thank you.

“Gypsy”



Minutes

RMVTA Minutes – September 11, 2003
Submitted by Sandi Redford – Gypsy

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President John Redford.

Visitors included Kyndra and Jenny Covington. Kyndra is John's and my granddaughter, and Jenny is our daughter-in-law. They have just moved out here from Texas and will be staying with us. Now I have two kids in the house!

Committee Reports:

Secretary's: Motion to accept August minutes by John Redford, seconded by Cliff Eudy.

Treasurer: Debbie Inouye was absent, but had given me the report. There is \$3,140.12 in savings, and \$45.87 in checking, for a total of \$3,185.99.

Activities: No report. Janet & Chris absent.

Ancillaries: Bill Nielson had nothing to report.

Awards: No report, Jeanie Hoedel absent. I would like to remind everyone for Jeanie to let her, or any one of the officers know of any stories Jeanie might be able to use for the awards this year.

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

Historical: No report. Floyd Thorne was absent.

Member Relations: Crane absent, no report. Robin Reynolds reported that Dave Menges had surgery on Wednesday. Of course, the big guy chose not to share the fact with his friends that he was even scheduled for surgery.

Membership: Steve Inouye was absent but asked me to let everyone know to have any changes for the membership list in by Friday after the meeting.

Newsletter & Web: Stan reminded everyone to have their stuff in by the 23rd. Stan also stressed the importance of getting a short blurb for the newsletter both before and after a ride. This helps to remind everyone that a ride is coming up, and lets everyone who didn't go on the ride hear about how much fun they missed. Stan works very hard for us on

the newsletter, and he shouldn't have to beg and plead with everyone to take care of this very important detail.

50/50: Linda Thorne was absent, but Stan Stotz stepped up and handled the 50/50 for us. Thanks Stan!

Old Business: There was some discussion about the upcoming Membership Appreciation Party. Due to the fact that our funds are way down, we may have to rethink the "usual" party, and find something that won't be as costly as what we've done in the past. A lot will depend on how the turnout for the bake sale will be in October. Right now our funds are down about \$1,700.00 from this same time last year. There's not much chance that the bake sale will make up that difference, and bring in what it normally would. The biggest issues we're facing are low turnout at the meetings, less 50/50 income, and very few new members. Bill Gillespie brought up the idea of a membership drive, which might not be a bad idea.

New Business: John Redford wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming Bake Sale at the October meeting. We're really counting on a good turnout. This is always a fun meeting, especially with Steve the Auctioneer helping us out.

The October meeting is also when contenders for the upcoming Officer's election are announced. If anyone is interested in running for office or would like to nominate someone, let Bill Nielson know. There will be an absentee ballot posted in the October newsletter for anyone who won't be able to make it to the November meeting for the elections.

The Progressive Dinner Ride is coming up as well. Three people have stepped up to offer their hospitality for this ride, so we will be combining the appetizer and salad part of the ride at Sherry Spickards, then go to the main course at Bill and Diane Lloyd's, and then to dessert at Floyd and Linda Thorne's. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the October meeting to get an idea of what type of items (i.e. salad, dessert, etc.) people will be bringing. If you can't make the meeting, but plan to do the ride, please let John Redford or myself know what you plan to bring. John's e-mail address is j.redford@comcast.net, and mine is

sandi.redford@emersonprocess.com. John is also asking if anyone would be willing to lead this ride for him, since our bike will not be ready in time. Please let him know if you would be willing to lead this ride for him.

Ride Committee:

Past Rides:

Aug 9 - Black Rim Route - Richard Kuethe - Larry Gutt was on this ride, and said it was a very nice ride. His daughter went along with him, and they totaled about 521 miles. Stan Stotz was also on the ride. They stopped along the way for pictures, and then had lunch at the A&W in Gunnison.

Aug 17 - Wild Fire Ride - Mike Dunlap - Mike was not at the meeting, so there was no report on this ride.

Aug 15-17 - Durango Tour - Dale McCargar - Dale was not at the meeting, so there was no report on this ride.

Aug 23 - 24 - Jerry and Linda Hatfield - Jerry and Linda were not at the meeting, but John Redford had talked to Jerry. He said they had a lot of fun on this ride. No mention of how many bikes / people went.

Aug 30 - Sept 1 - Sad Monkey Ride - Cliff reported he was very sad that the Sad Monkey Ride had to be cancelled.

Sept 6 - Mt Princeton Hot Springs Ride - Gary Hoedel - Jeanie and Gary were not at the meeting, so there was no report. Stan Stotz tells us he saw some pictures from the ride, so we know it went.

Future Rides:

Sept 13 - A Fun Day in the Mountains Before the S*** Hits - Larry Gutt - Larry thought he might have to rethink the route on this ride, since the weather was forecast to get an early snow. Ugh! That four letter word!

Sept 21 - Fall Color Ride - Floyd Thorne - Cliff said he had given some ideas to Floyd of where to go. I think he meant the ride.

Sept 27 - Shining Lunch Ride - Paul Dible - Paul was not at the meeting, but this ride is scheduled to go to Estes Park. Lunch will be at the Stanley Hotel, (hence the name), then possibly over

Trail Ride, if it's still open.

Oct 3-6 - Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and Taos Ride - Nancy Frase - Nancy was not at the meeting, but Robin Reynolds plans on going, and tells us rooms are to be released 9/22, so get your reservations in. Info is in the ride book.

Oct 11 - Fall Highway Cleanup - Ron Nardiello - Ron will be sharing his Bake Sale purchases at the usual meeting place before the cleanup. Weather permitting, there will be a ride afterward.

Oct 19 - Progressive Dinner Ride - John Redford - Plan on meeting at the Holiday Inn parking lot on 120th and I-25. Meet at 9:45 a.m. and leaving at 10:00 a.m. In the event of inclement weather, feel free to bring four wheels instead of two!

Motorcycling Stories of Interest: Bill Gillespie told us he and Becky just did the Three Flags Ride. He said it went from Tijuana to Canada, and they had a great time. Various stops along the way were Alice's Restaurant and Monterrey in California. Grants Pass and Bend, Oregon, where they were barely able to escape a huge fire going on up there. They took some real narrow roads over Mt St Helen's, up through Mt Rainier National Park, and then up into Canada. They had a little trouble getting into Canada, but no problem getting back into the states. They'll just let anybody in here, won't they? Bill also told us a humorous story about a getting to the border ahead of his friends, and telling the border patrol that one of them was carrying a gun. Needless to say they weren't very happy with Bill when they "finally" caught up with him in the US. Those Canadians have no sense of humor!

50/50 Drawing: Stan Stotz reported there was \$44.00 total collected, with \$22.00 going to the club, and the other \$22.00 distributed as follows:

1st	\$ 10.00	Bill Nielson
2nd	\$ 7.00	J.R. Reynolds
3rd	\$ 5.00	Diane Lloyd

A motion was made to close the meeting by Sandi Redford, and seconded by Robin Reynolds. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

UPCOMING RIDES:

Progressive Dinner Ride
Submitted by: John Redford

We will be meeting at the Holiday Inn at I-25 and 120th on Oct 19. We will be meeting at 9:45 a.m. and heading to the first stop at 10 a.m. Please make sure your bike is full, and your tummy is empty, before the ride. The first stop will be at the home of Sherry Spickard. We are combining appetizers and salads at this stop. Feel free to bring breakfast items as well. Baked goods are always welcome! The second stop will be at Bill and Diane Lloyd's home. Here we will partake of main course and side dishes. Last, but certainly not least, we will indulge in scrumptious desserts at Floyd and Linda Thorne's house.

This event is always a great opportunity to visit with fellow RMVTA members, without the rushing from point A, to point B, to point C, of our usual rides. Please plan on spending a nice relaxing day with good friends and good food.

"Reddog"



PAST RIDES:

Wildfire Ride
Submitted by: Donna Dunlap

The ride on August 17 was a great ride, nothing really special to say, just a nice easy-going ride. There were 4 bikes and 5 people: Mike Dunlap; Paul Nez; Chip Long; Jerry Hatfield and Linda Hatfield.

Bent's Fort Ride
Submitted by: Jerry & Linda Hatfield

The attack on Bent's Fort Aug. 23 & 24 was handled by 1 2-wheeler, 1 3-wheeler and 1 4-wheeler. A total of 9 wheels, divided by 4 people equals 2 1/4 wheels per person. Try that for a real balancing act.

The weather was great, the pool was great (except for the snake that joined us), the food was great, and the company was great. Thanks Anne & Chip. Anne has her own "handle" well earned "Tail Gunner".

A small side trip in Pueblo to the South Colorado State College. The main flag pole at S.C.S.C. is also the Southeast Asia

Memorial. It honors the young men of Southern Colorado that lost their lives in S E. Asia. That flag pole was an idea, and project, of a young Jaycee named Jerry Hatfield. Never Forget and Ride On.

Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Ride
Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

It was a cool and wet morning when we met on September 6th. There was a bit of confusion as to just which Park and Ride we were to meet at but it all worked out all right. I (Mr. "T") went to the Park and Ride at I-70 and Morrison Road. At 7:50 I realized that I must be at the wrong location and proceeded to the Morrison Road and C-470 Park and Ride. This proved to be the designated spot.



Lloyd Nicholson discusses Mt Princeton Ride with ride leaders Gary & Jeannie Hoedel

After having a Krispy Cream or two with our Ride Leaders Gary and Jeanie Hoedel, there were three bikes and a total of four folks headed out. Some of us were already in rain gear others put it on later. We were in light rain off and on as we made our way to Fairplay for our first comfort stop.

We were met there by two additional riders that had gone to the wrong Park and Ride just as I had done. But anyway, we now had five bikes and six people. It was a good little group. We continued on our way to the Mt. Princeton Hot Springs. None of us chose to take a dip in the very pretty water but vowed to return another time and take it in. We had a very good lunch there and quite a number of photos taken.

Then we went on our way home. We passed through Buena Vista, Leadville and then it was time to stop in Silverthorne at the Dairy Queen for an ice

cream. From there we all decided to make our way over Loveland Pass rather than getting back on to I-70 again just yet. That was a good choice. Cool but very pretty.

Then we were back on I-70 again and "headed into Dodge" as they say. It had been a very good day with a GREAT ride and good company as usual. We were all home by late afternoon and glad that we had challenged the weather once more. It never really did rain all that hard and when it was not raining the rain gear was comfortable anyway.

Thanks to Gary and Jeanie for a very nice day.

"Mr. T"

Fall Color Ride 2003

Submitted by: Floyd and Linda Thorne

Let me start out by thanking the fellows that gladly stepped to serve as Ride Leader and Tail Riders without asking. That is always a concern. Secondly let me express a GREAT BIG THANKS to all who showed up to make it such a great day.



Fall colors and fine motorcycles are a great mix!

We had a large representation from the RMVTA. which was really good to see. But there were several guests invited by others which made for a very large group. I think the thing that I came away with from the whole experience was the energy that could be felt by all. Everyone was having a good time of it, at least I felt so.

It was by far one of the best rides that I have ever led and I believe one of the best rides that I have ever been on. The scenery was extraordinary even for a Colorado Fall day. Oh yes, the colors

could have been more in their prime but, when we plan these rides in December through February it's difficult to know just when the Prime weekend will be.

The pace was strong in the morning allowing everyone I believe to ruffle their feathers if they wanted to. The lunch was GREAT. The afternoon was a bit slower paced because the traffic coming down through the Poudre Canyon was typically large in volume and slow in pace.



Dale McCargar and Arliss Webster ham it up for the cameras on the Fall Color Ride

There were a total of 21 bikes and 30 people to take part in this years Fall Color Ride. The morning started out cool, ok so it was darn cold, going over Berthoud Pass anyway. Then it warmed up to the point in the afternoon that we could hardly wait to start shedding clothes. But there was not a single cloud in our Colorado Blue sky the whole day long. We could not have hoped for more.

Again, if I could reflect on the electricity or energy that I felt throughout the day, you know it's been a long time since we have had that kind of feelings on a ride, at a meeting or at one of our social gatherings. I believe that what I was feeling Saturday was the feelings that signed me up in the first place. We can get that back I am sure. It's just going to take each and every one of us to want to.

Invite a new guest or two or three to each meeting and or ride. Let them see the kind of fun that we have. They may not join the RMVTA but if they have fun along the way the energy they bring pumps all of us up.

I encourage each and every one of you to

be safe in all that you do and have fun doing it. Each of us is only here on this Earth for a certain time period so make the best of it. May God Bless and keep you and yours.

Mr. "T" and Mrs. "T"



SPOTLIGHT ON SPONSORS

RPM MOTORSPORTS
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Owner: Jim Blumenthal

Jim Blumenthal purchased the assets of Lakewood Honda in November 2000. At that time Jim let the employees decide on a new name for the dealership. The employees decided to name the dealership "RPM Motorsports." Jim not only owns RPM Motorsports but he owns a company by the name of Trailer Source. He established a business by the name of "Dementia LLC" which is the parent company of RPM Motorsports and Trailor source. If that doesn't keep him busy enough how about his property development company, "Skitzo." I see a pattern in the names of his businesses. Can anyone recommend a good therapist?

Jim is a native of Colorado and was born in the Denver area. Jim and his wife, Chandra, have four children. Their daughter, Jennifer, is 15 years old and is a sophomore at Ralston Valley High School. Jennifer has been active racing dragsters and currently spends a lot of time showing their Friesian horses. They have two sons, Chase, is 7 years old, and Jordan is 2 years old. Their youngest child is a daughter, Camryn, who is nine months old. Now if the businesses don't keep Jim busy enough I am sure the children do.

RPM Motorsports has 33 employees. They sell Honda motorcycles. They also sell Suzuki motorcycles, ATV's, and scooters. They sell Bombardier Sea Doos and Ski Doos. RPM Motorsports is open all year long 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. RPM Motorsports has gotten some service recognition awards. They received the Platinum Certified

award for Bombardier. They have received the "Honda Quality" award. Dealer News has listed RPM Motorsports as one of the top 100 dealerships in the nation. The general manager for RPM is Jack Starr. Jack worked for Lakewood Honda from 1985 to 1997. He came back to work for Jim at RPM Motorsports in April 2001. Jack is also a native of Colorado. He is married to Jeanine and they have a three year old son, Jarrett. They are expecting their second child in April 2004.

I was told that Jim enjoys sponsoring RMVTA and that we are a great group of people. Well he got that right. I am sure that Jim and Jack would love to see you at RPM Motorsports. Let's support our sponsors.



Art Valdez fulfills his life-long dream in successfully turning himself into a human Chiapet.

The Amazing Claude

It was opening night at the Orpheum and The Amazing Claude was topping the bill. People came from miles around to see the famed hypnotist do his stuff.

As Claude took to the stage, he announced, "Unlike most stage hypnotists who invite two or three people up onto the stage to be put into a trance, I intend to hypnotize each and every member of this audience."

The excitement was almost electric as Claude withdrew a beautiful antique pocket watch from his coat.

"I want you each to keep your eye on this antique watch. It's a very special watch. It has been in my family for six generations."

Then he began to swing the watch gently back and forth while quietly chanting, "Watch the watch, watch the watch, watch the watch ..."

The crowd became mesmerized as the

FOR SALE

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

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

1996 Honda ST1100 (Price just reduced), 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, \$6,500.00 to a club member. Call Bill Gillespie, 303-781-0032 or 303-758-8804.

Free to good home: Standard windshield for 1500 Goldwing. (Came off of 1990 Aspencade, probably OEM). Contact Mark (303) 744-1759

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

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

watch swayed back and forth, light gleaming off its polished surface. Hundreds of pairs of eyes followed the swaying watch, until suddenly it slipped from the hypnotist's fingers and fell to the floor, breaking into a hundred pieces.

"Shit!" said the hypnotist.

... It took three weeks to clean up the theater.

"SALE OF THE CENTURY"

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 floor boards. New rear tire, new rear brakes and recent oil and filter change. Accessories added on, clear Tulsa style windshield, passenger radio and CB rear plugging and controls, bike is wired for external handheld CB mic and will include mic, also wired for electric vest for passenger and will include medium size women's electric vest, custom Hondaline seat with driver backrest, and outdoor temp gauge. Just over \$1600 in chrome added on including luggage rack, trunk handle, sidebag guards and lighting accents. And speaking of lighting, there is over \$2000 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 Honda's "Wing Ding" National rally in Billings Montana. 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 men's xxl full face helmet and one women's med full face helmet, both equipped with headphones and mics, as well as one xxl men's open face helmet, one pair of men's chaps and a pair of women's 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 \$8995 or best offer, and can be reached at 303-274-2472, ask for Steve.

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is October 23, 2003

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, October 9, 2003
 7:30 p.m.
 Fay Myers Motorcycle World
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