



Dianne Lloyd, Linda Hatfield and Linda Thorne are "looking good" at the 2002 RMVTA Christmas Party

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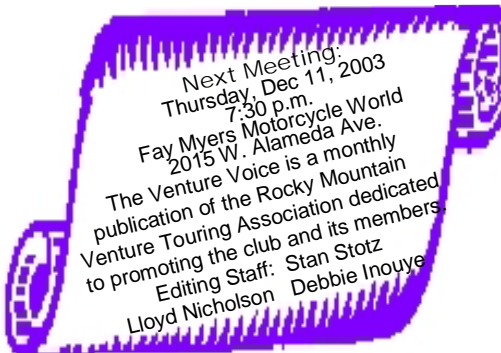
Submitted by:
 John E. Redford,
 President

As this riding season comes to an end, I want to say thanks to my fellow members of the Executive Committee. This has been a real experience for me, and I could not have done it without Robin, Debbie, and Sandi helping to support me along the way. I want to say thanks also to everyone who headed up various committees. Without your help, RMVTA would be just another bike club. Our members truly make our club one of the best. I know there have been a lot of questions and whispers as to the future of RMVTA, but I think once everyone gets over their funk, or whatever you want to call it, RMVTA will be strong once again.

This has been a very difficult riding season for Sandi and me. There have been too many things going wrong all at once, and then to top it all off, wrecking my bike. This has made for a long disap-

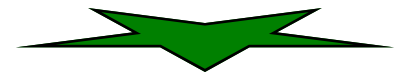
pointing summer. Then again, I have this "project" to look forward to. I'll be working all winter to put her back together again, and making her good as new, if not better. She's getting quite the facelift. And I always feel better when I know how the work is being done, and who's doing it. I want to say thanks to J.R. Reynolds, for his offer of help putting my bike back together. You've been a very good friend.

Thanks to all who supported us this past year, you know who you are, and I hope you know you are appreciated. Best of



luck to Stan Stotz and his crew as they take the reigns, and continue to move RMVTA forward.

"Reddog"



RMVTA Christmas Party

December 13, 2003, 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

The RMVTA Christmas Party is being held at the Highland Hills Country Club on December 13th. The social hour (cash bar) starts at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Highland Hills Country Club at 9650 Sheridan, Westminster.

We will again have the traditional "White Elephant Gift Exchange". Bring your favorite white elephant and have fun with it.

The cost is \$20.00 per person and res-

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ervations are required. Email your intentions to Janet Wohlford mrdocfox@aol.com and also send a check to her at

Janet Wohlford
10044 W. Lake Drive
Littleton, CO 80127

Make the check payable to Janet Wohlford. We hope to see you all at the party. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.



Membership Appreciation Party

January 24, 2004

Submitted by: Sandi Redford

For the RMVTA Executive Committee

Mark your calendars for the RMVTA Membership Appreciation Party! It is scheduled for Saturday January 24th. Cocktail hour is at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 7:00 p.m. Plan to meet us at Red & Jerry's located at Oxford and South Santa Fe Ave.

Red & Jerry's is a great place to have fun, blow off some steam, and just get crazy! What a great way to start the New Year, right? Especially after this past one year. Red & Jerry's has a great arcade, a nice bar, and an indoor smoking area. We will have a private room for our party and buffet. There is no theme this year, as we didn't think anyone would be interested in dressing in costume, and then going out into the arcade or bar area. Guess we'll just have to be ourselves! Oh my Stars, what have we done?

Please RSVP to any of the Executive Committee members, or e-mail Sandi at sandi.redford@emersonprocess.com, as our home computer is down at this time. A reply is needed as soon as possible in order to give Red & Jerry's a head count. Hope to see everyone there, enjoying the camaraderie and friendship we've come to expect from RMVTA.

"Gypsy"



Minutes

RMVTA Minutes – November 13, 2003
Submitted by Sandi Redford – Gypsy

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President John Redford.

Linda Thorne's brother, Tim Brungardt, was a guest at the meeting this evening. Welcome Tim.

Committee Reports:

Secretary's: Motion to accept October minutes by Robin Reynolds and seconded by John Redford.

Treasurer: No report, Debbie Inouye was absent.

Activities: Janet Wolford reported that when she called Hyland Golf Club, they had lost the reservation for the Christmas Party. She was to check it out the next morning. Tentatively, the party is scheduled for December 13th at Hyland Golf Club located at 92nd and Sheridan in Westminster. Details will be in the newsletter.

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: Floyd reported nothing new, and reminded all to send pictures if you have them.

Member Relations: Crane absent, no report.

Membership: No report, Steve Inouye was absent.

Newsletter & Web: Stan reminded everyone to have their stuff in by the 23rd.

50/50: Linda Thorne said she hoped everyone had bought tickets.

Old Business: John Redford reported that the Membership Appreciation Party will be held at Red & Jerry's, located at Oxford and South Santa Fe. Details will be in the newsletter.

New Business: The annual vote took place for next year's RMVTA officers.

Stan Stotz was voted in as President with 20 votes. There was one write in vote for Floyd Thorne. George Barrett will be Stan's vice president, Floyd Thorne treasurer, and Bill Gillespie secretary. Good luck in the coming year guys!

Members elected for the board were Cliff Eudy for another year, Lloyd Nicholson for two years, and Sherry Barrett for one year.

All of the changes to the bylaws passed.

Stan is looking for members to chair the various committees. If you're interested in helping support the club, let Stan know.

Ride Committee:

Past Rides:

The Fall Highway Cleanup was cancelled due to road construction in the area.

Progressive Dinner Ride - October 19 - Floyd Thorne - Floyd stepped up to the plate once again to lead a ride for the currently bike-less John Redford. Floyd said they had a good day, very nice weather, but he thought participation could have been better. There were 15-16 people in attendance. The ride started out to Sherry Spickard's house for appetizers and salads. Floyd said Sherry's house looks like something out of House and Garden. They then went on to Bill and Diane Lloyd's for the main course, a very pleasant stop according to Floyd. Like Sherry, Bill and Diane have offered their hospitality for a Progressive Dinner Ride before. Thank you very much! The last stop, which was for dessert, was at Floyd and Linda Thorne's house. Floyd said everyone seemed to have a very nice time. He also thought three stops, instead of the usual four, worked out better. They weren't as rushed as they had been in the past, and made for a nice relaxing day.

Future Rides:

Nov 16 - Fall Polar Bear Ride - Tom Shumaker found his way back to Fay Meyers and has volunteered to lead this ride for John Redford. Thank you Tom. As usual, plan for any kind of weather.

Motorcycling Stories of Interest: We had fun trying to figure out the dates of

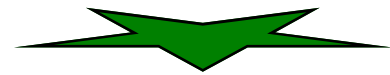
past and future rides, since Bill Nielson was using the 2002 ride book.

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

1st	\$ 16.00	George Barrett
2nd	\$ 9.00	Paul Nez
3rd	\$ 6.00	Jim Wolford (It pays to show up now and then)

A motion was made to close the meeting by Sandi Redford, seconded by John Redford.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



2004 Executive Committee Announced

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

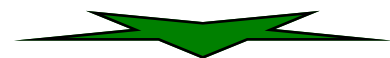
I am happy to announce the 2004 Executive Committee as follows:

President - Stan Stotz
 Vice President – George Barrett
 Secretary – Bill Gillespie
 Treasurer – Floyd Thorne

The upcoming 2004 ride year should be a great one. Be thinking about rides for 2004 and we will do everything possible to make this year the best year ever.

Merry Christmas.

“Steamer”



New RMVTA Web Site

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

We have had great success with our web site <http://www.rmvta.com> for the past 4 years. It has been handy to members and officers to access the current meeting minutes, newsletters (current and past), current ride book information, bulletins, current bylaws, photo galleries (from rides and events) and for sale items. In the past, the service has cost us in the neighborhood of \$20.00 per month for our 100 megabyte package (which we are about to grow out of). The RMVTA.COM domain name costs us another \$35.00 per year.

Our new Vice President elect George Barrett and his son Brett came up with a solution which will increase our ISP (Internet Service Provider) package to 500 megabytes and cost us around \$5.00

per month plus our domain name costing us \$6.95 per year. Brett is also a real “computer whiz” and has consented to develop a whole new presence for the RMVTA web site and maintain it. He is doing a superb job and it will be a step up in our search for technological excellence.

We hope to officially have it fully operational by January 1, 2004. The new web site will have a slight name change. Our new domain name will be <http://www.rmvta.org> instead of <http://www.rmvta.com>. We will keep the old web site and domain name running concurrently with the new one and will eventually redirect all old site accesses to the new site.

Some of the enhancements will include photo galleries with thumbnail sketches which will go to full size when you click on them. We will also have a calendar system which will contain all the rides in a monthly format but will give you all the ride book information when you press the event on the calendar. This calendar will replace the web site ride book.

If any of you have suggestions, please send them to me and we will see if we can incorporate them. Contact me if you have any questions on the new site. If you want to see how we are progressing on the new site, feel free to log on to our “work in progress” at <http://www.rmvta.org>. Remember, we are “under construction” and you will be looking at a draft of our future web presence.

Thank you George and Brett Barrett for your outstanding contribution!

“Steamer”

FALL POLAR BEAR RIDE

Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

On a very cool Sunday morning 7 bikes, 1 car, 10 well-prepared souls left our meeting place and headed east to Highway 83 and then south toward Colorado Springs. As we passed through Parker, the temperature on the bank building read 39 degrees. When we arrived at I-25 we headed South to Highway 115, then through Penrose and onto the Trails End Cafe in Florence for a late breakfast or early lunch. By the time we left Florence the Temperature was 55 degrees. Onward to Canon City then north on Highway 9 to Hartsel. By this time the temperature had dropped to 40 degrees again. Over Wilkerson Pass into Woodland Park and north on I-25. We made a turn at exit 161 to make one final stop for ice-cream at Palmer Lake. What's a ride without ice-cream? From here we went north on Hwy 105 to Sedalia, up Happy Canyon Dr. and back onto I-25 north to Denver. We did manage to use the interstate less than 50 miles for a 315 ± mile trip.

Great company, good food and ice-cream, very low traffic, and excellent weather. Thank You to all who were able to make this ride a good one.

“Dagwood”

2003 Fall Polar Bear Ride.

Well, it was on November 16, 2003, and a beautiful day really, for a Fall Polar Bear Ride. It was scheduled to be cool and dry and for a change their predictions were correct.

This brings another organized riding season to an end for the Rocky Mountain Venture Touring Association. Linda and I personally, have been on some very good rides and have had some really good times seeing and visiting some very new and interesting places this year. This I think is what really keeps me interested in the club aside from the fact that I really enjoy riding. I know that if we were not involved in a club such as the RMVTA we would certainly never have seen as much of Colorado as we have.

There will no doubt come a day when we can not get out and enjoy the outdoors the way we do now. I suppose that I



The awesome “white elephant” gift table

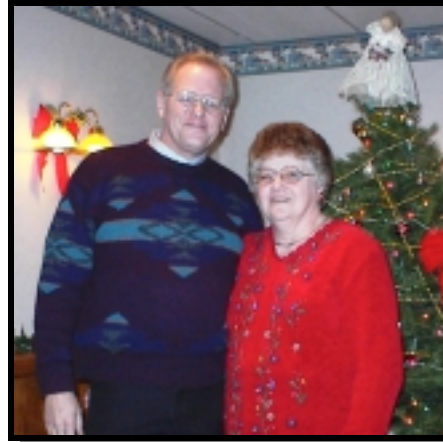
will, or should, look forward to those days when they get here (hopefully not too soon.) But, in the mean time, we are going to enjoy this sport of motorcycle riding as long as we can. I keep saying we, at least I certainly hope that Linda continues to enjoy it as least partly to the extent that I do. We have grown very close over the years by being able to share these times and experience so many wonderful things together.

On this day, there were seven bikes and one four wheeler with a total of 10 people. There was even one daring female (not my Linda today though) that rode with us. We would like to thank her for her company. No one said that these Polar Bear Rides were supposed to be an all male activity it just historically has worked out that way.

Our route was chosen and led by Tom Shumaker. It sure was so good to have him back out and riding with us again. As usual, it was a very good day. The lunch in Florence, CO met everyone's nutritional needs very satisfactorily. The route proved to have its share of good twisty roads and we were also fortunate that the traffic volume was low. Everyone stayed in cold weather gear all day long but we all had a good time of it.

I would hope that if you are going to ride on your own or with others this late fall, winter and early spring that you be careful and enjoy yourselves to the fullest. One day each of our lights is going to go out and I hope that you can look back and say that you did it just the way you wanted.

Floyd Thorne
Mr. "T"



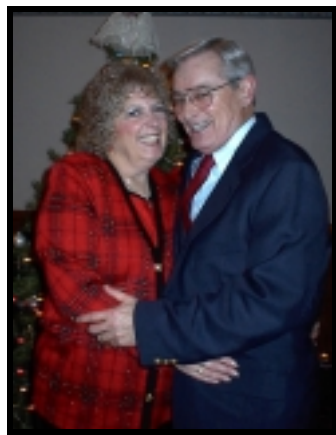
Floyd and Linda Thorne enjoying the Christmas spirit



Chip & Ann Long having way too much fun



Bill & Becky hold each other up



Linda & Jerry Hatfield... Jerry, where is that other hand?



"Naughty Santa" was one of the prized white elephant gifts

Subject:

How do stupid people get through life?

Recently, when I went to McDonald's I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets. "We don't have half dozen nuggets," said the teenager at the counter. "You don't?" I replied. "We only have six, nine, or twelve," was the reply. "So, I can't order a half-dozen nuggets, but I can order six?" "That's right." So, I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets.

The paragraph above doesn't amaze me because of what happened a couple of months ago. I was checking out at the local Foodland with just a few items and the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of those "Dividers" that they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed. After the girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the "Divider" looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it. Not finding the bar code she said to me "Do you know how much this is?" and I said to her "I've changed my mind, I don't think I'll buy that today." She said "OK" and I paid her for the things and left. She had no clue to what had just happened.....

A lady at work was seen putting a credit card into her floppy drive and pulling it out very quickly. When inquired as to what she was doing, she said she was shopping on the Internet and they kept asking for a credit card number, so she was using the ATM" thingy.

I recently saw a distraught young lady weeping beside her car. Do you need some help? " I asked. She replied, "I knew I should have replaced the battery to this remote door unlocker. Now I can't get into my car. Do you think they (pointing to a distant convenient store) would have a battery to fit this?" "Hmmm, I dunno. Do you have an alarm too?" I asked. "No, just this remote thingy," she answered, handing it and the car keys to me. As I took the key and manually unlocked the door, I replied, "Why don't you drive over there and check about the batteries. It's a long walk."

Several years ago, we had an Intern who was none too swift. One day she was typing and turned to a secretary and said, "I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?" "Just use copier machine paper," the secretary told her. With that, the intern took her last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier and proceeded to make five "blank" copies.

I was in a car dealership a while ago, when a large motor home was towed into the garage. The front of the vehicle was in dire need of repair and the whole thing generally looked like an extra in Twister. I asked the manager what had happened. He told me that the driver had set the "cruise control" and then went in the back to make a sandwich.

IDIOTS AT WORK... Sign in a gas station: Coke -- 49 cents. Two for a dollar.

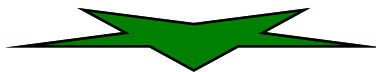
IDIOTS & COMPUTERS... My neighbor works in the operations department in the central office of a large bank. Employees in the field call him when they have problems with their computers. One night he got a call

from a woman in one of the branch banks who had this question: "I've got smoke coming from the back of my terminal. Do you guys have a fire downtown?"

IDIOTS ARE EASY TO PLEASE: I was sitting in my science class, when the teacher commented that the next day would be the shortest day of the year. My lab partner became visibly excited, cheering and clapping. I explained to her that the amount of daylight changes, not the actual amount of time. Needless to say, she was very disappointed.

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

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



A young ventriloquist is touring the clubs and one night he's doing a show in a small town in Arkansas. With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through his usual dumb blonde jokes when a blonde woman in the 4th row stands on her chair. She starts shouting: "I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes. What makes you think you can stereotype women that way? What does the color of a person's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's guys like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community and from reaching our full potential as a person. Because you and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes, but women in general ... and all in the name of humor!" The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to apologize, and the blonde yells, "You stay out of this, mister! I'm talking to that little twit sitting on your knee!"

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

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.

NOTICE:

ALL K-MARTS WILL BE CLOSED IN IRAQ.

THEY WILL BE REPLACED WITH TARGETS

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is January 23, 2004

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, December 11, 2003
 7:30 p.m.
 Fay Myers Motorcycle World
 2015 W. Alameda Ave.

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