



We had a great time at the February meeting.  
Hope to see you all at the March meeting where we will be handing out the 2004 Ride Books

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**Officers Speak**

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie  
Secretary – 2004

Finally logged some miles on a bike today (February 22). It wasn't exactly warm, but it was warm enough. This cold, snowy weather has got to go! And it will pretty soon, and our 2004 riding season will be underway. I for one can hardly wait.

The Ride Committee (all except me) have been working very hard to gather the information for over thirty rides this year. We got a bit of a late start, but things are coming together pretty well. Just one more meeting to proof read everything, and the ride book can go to the printer. We all know how undependable those pesky printers are, but we'll put whatever pressure is needed to get the books done in time for the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

So, if you want one of those highly sought after chronologies of the fantastic year ahead, you'll have to meet two requirements – 1) be a member in good standing (that means paid your dues),

and 2) be at the March meeting to get your book. Oh, if you must miss the March meeting, you can pick it up at a later one, but why wait!? After all, we start the season following Tom Shumaker's Harley on the Spring Polar Bear Ride on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

On another front, this is the perfect time of year to attract new members to our club. As soon as the weather does start to get better, we all start to think about riding our bikes. If you meet a fellow rider casually, or know of someone who rides, invite them to a meeting or a ride. Then, of course make them feel welcome when they come. Just think of all the enduring friendships of yours that have begun in the RMVTA. Let's start more of those friendships.

Ride alert, far & safe,  
"Wing Commander"

**RMVTA Meeting Place Update**

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

Jim Krebs from Fay Myers sent me the following email updating us on the progress of our new meeting place. He sent this Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Since I could not have said it any better, Jim's message is quoted as follows:

*"As for the meeting room, it's still coming along nicely. I can say for sure it will be ready in April. There's still a chance it will be ready by the 11<sup>th</sup> (March), but you're probably wise in leaving the old store as your option. They are dry walling up there right now. All of the rough-in is done, all of the glass is in, and they have insulated. The elevator is going in this week and should be finished today. They still have to do the staircase though, and they are doing the other two first. One is almost completed though. We will be moving over to the 'new' half of the showroom next week, (the floor is done, most of the ceiling is done and lights are all in, they are taping a painting this weekend. So next*

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**Minutes**

**RMVTA Meeting Minutes**

February 12, 2004

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President, Stan Stotz. Guests present included Steve Benko, a co-worker of Stan Stotz's, as well as Leon Siefken, who joined our ranks at the meeting.

**Reports:**

**Secretary:** The Secretary's report of the January, 2004 meeting was accepted without corrections.

**Treasurer:** Floyd reported \$2,027.85 in checking and \$1,441.50 in savings for a total of \$3,469.35

**Committee Reports:**

**Activities:** Ron Nardiello & Joyce Hindman have agreed to co-chair the committee, but have not had time to plan any activities, and thus have no report.

**Awards:** No report

**Finance:** Janet Stotz outlined the 2004 proposed budget. The budget was briefly discussed and passed without changes by vote.

**Historical:** No report this month.

**Member Relations:** Linda and Jerry Hatfield sadly reported the death of George Barrett's mother in Kansas. A card was sent from the club.

**Membership:** Sherri Barrett is working on membership cards. She reminded everyone that dues must be paid by the March meeting to receive a ride book.

**Newsletter:** Floyd noted that the Venture Voice is a bit short on content. He encouraged everyone to send him as much input as possible. As usual, the deadline for items is the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Website:** Brett Barrett has finalized the website. Members may post to the site anytime. Pictures from the member appreciation party are on the site now.

**Ride:** Bill Gillespie outlined the 2004 ride schedule. Most dates have been filled. Cliff Eudy reported a clean bill of health from his doctor. He was concerned in January about some possible lung problems, but the doc said he is just fine. Great news, Cliff.

Kudos to John & Sandi Redford for the great member appreciation party at Red & Jerry's. Most agreed it was the best food in years.

We will probably still meet at the Alameda location in March, but the new meeting room at Fay Myers on Arapahoe Road is coming along well.

Floyd is still working on the new Missing Link trophy. The award will be given only during riding season and only for good reason(s).

Big thanks to all the club's sponsors that make the ride book possible. The new sponsors include: Home Computer Rescue, Coyote Motorsports, and BMW of Denver. Almost all previous sponsors renewed and will have ads in the ride book. Please thank them and support them whenever you can.

Sherri Barrett requests that all ride captains make sure that the ride sign-up sheets get to her in a timely manner. She will be keeping track of the new points system for member awards, and needs the sheets to keep the tally.

**50/50:** Jerry Hatfield won 3<sup>rd</sup> for \$8.00; Stan got 2<sup>nd</sup> for \$12.00; and because new members always win, Leon Siefken was the big winner of twenty bucks.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn, and so it was at 8:29.

If all this sounds right, I am Bill Gillespie. If not, I am Stan Stotz.



*("Meeting place" continued from page 1) week the existing half of the showroom will be demolished and the new floor and ceiling installed." Jim Krebs, Fay Myers, 2-27-04*

The March 11 meeting will be at the old Fay Myers location at 2015 W. Alameda Ave. This should be our last meeting at the old location. We are looking forward to our new home at the new Fay Myers facility at 9700 E. Arapahoe Road, Greenwood Village, CO for the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

"Steamer"



**Diane Lloyd (50/50 diva) is at it again giving money away, as usual, at the February meeting.**

**UPCOMING RIDES:**

Sprint Polar Bear XIII Ride  
Saturday March 20

Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

The 2004 ride season is approaching us at a fast rate of speed. Before you know it, it will be time for the Spring Polar Bear Ride. As usual the route will have to be determined at the last minute because of the ever-changing weather at this time of year. The ride will go somewhere regardless of the temperature. Please come prepared for the current weather conditions. The ride will not go if it is snowing or if the roads are icy.

The ride will meet @ the Hop's Restaurant parking lot, 1 block west of I-25 on the north side of 104<sup>th</sup> behind Gunther Toodies. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. and leave at 8:45 a.m. If you are planning to go, please contact me by Wednesday March 17 either by email or phone with a name and a number that I can reach you at early on Saturday March 20 just in case the ride has to cancel ( due to weather only). My phone # is (303) 659-2231, the e-mail is tandb4@comcast.net.

If you know of friends or guests that would like to ride with us, please invite them along. I am looking forward to a large turn out

"Dagwood"

**Sponsor Appreciation Ride**  
Saturday April 24

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

This ride is our annual thank you ride for all our valued sponsors. We visit all our motorcycle dealer sponsors in one day and shop 'til we drop. This year will be extra fun because we are having a poker run included in our ride. First-place prize is \$100.00 cash, Second-place prize if \$50.00 and we will have drawings for gift certificates furnished by our sponsors. In order to be eligible for the prizes, you must be at the meeting place at the brand new Grand Prix Motorsports on 3105 W. County Line Road (just north of Santa Fe) at 8:45 a.m. to draw your first card. We will also distribute route maps there and let you know of the specials at each sponsor they are presenting. We will enter Grand Prix at 9:00 a.m. sharp and spend 25 minutes at each sponsor (excluding ride time). Since Aurora Honda is purchasing lunch, we will spend 1 hour and 15 minutes there.

If you are up to eating breakfast before the ride, several of us plan to meet at the Village Inn on the southwest quadrant of C-470 and Broadway (about 1/2 mile south of C-470 on the right) at about 7:30 a.m. We will leave for the new Grand Prix Motorsports facility at about 8:30 a.m. We encourage everybody to come out for this ride and support our sponsors. There is a good chance you will have a great day and maybe even win some money and prizes.

"Steamer"



**Guest Steve Benko at the February meeting. There is a rumor he and his lovely wife Connie may be joining RMVTA next month. Welcome.**

**BMW of Denver Grand Opening**

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

On April 8, 2004 (Thursday night), BMW of Denver will have a gala Open House at their new facility at 2910 So. Havana in Aurora. The festivities start at 6:30 p.m. and go late into the evening. Gordon Callbeck, Centre Manager, told me that they are expecting a large crowd. He will be unveiling the all new 2005 BMW K1200LT complete with an electric-powered center stand and many new innovations. He will also be unveiling the new 2005 R1200GS Dual Sport model. There will be prizes and a BMW trivia contest.

There will be a band playing live on the premises along with great food catered by Helga's German Restaurant and drink. Pioneer Land Rover next door will also be sharing their facilities to accommodate everybody. There will also be vendors on site like Tucker Rocky and BG Showing and giving away things that you need or maybe didn't even know you needed.

If you are coming and want to partake of the food, please RSVP by email to Tracey at [tmccoy@pioneercentres.com](mailto:tmccoy@pioneercentres.com) so he will have an idea of how much food to order. If you don't plan to eat but want to show up, just come on over and have a great time.

BMW of Denver is a brand new sponsor with RMVTA this year and it would be nice if we came by and celebrated their Open House with them. Hope to see you there.

"Steamer"



**New member Leon Siefken joined at the February meeting. He rides a Venture. Welcome Leon.**

**Ride Committee Update**

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

Well, we got the 2004 Ride Book off to Bill "Wing Commander" Gillespie for printing. Lloyd Nicholson, as usual, did a GREAT job putting it all together in desk top publishing. I want to give a special thanks to all the Ride Committee members for all their contributions. George Barrett and Bill Gillespie headed up the committee and did an outstanding job. The rest of the Ride Committee volunteers included Floyd Thorne, Cliff Eudy, Lloyd Nicholson, Pat "Thumper" McCombs, Mark Bolles and yours truly all pitched in and hosted most of 30 rides.

I think you all will love the ride schedule this year. It is a bit different and includes some joint rides with the Colorado Freewheelers. We look forward to a large membership participation in all the rides this summer. Remember, the ride season officially starts March 20<sup>th</sup> with the Polar Bear XIII Ride led by Tom Shumaker.

"Steamer"



**Paul & Diane Dible attended the February meeting. Paul got a new job so we should be seeing more of the Dibbles this year**

**2004 Sponsors**

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

We want to welcome all but one of our old sponsors back and also introduce 3 new sponsors. Our new sponsors include Coyote Motorsports at 58<sup>th</sup> & I-25. They are a new Yamaha dealer and are a double page sponsor. Welcome aboard Coyote. BMW of Denver on South Havana is also a new sponsor. We look forward to having BMW back

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into the fold again. We hope you get a chance to attend their party on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Last, but not least, George Barrett (our Vice President) is sponsoring us this year with his Home Computer Rescue computer business. George does a great job with computers. Be sure to call him if you have any computer problems.

We also welcome back the following sponsors in alphabetical order: Aurora Honda, Colorado Powersports, F&H Upholstery, Fay Myers Motorcycle World, Grand Prix Motorsports, Inc., Highlands Ranch Vision Center (Mitch & Sue Munson), The Optical Gallery (Glen Peabody), Re/Max Alliance (Ron Nardello), RPM Motorsports, LLC, Sun Enterprises, Inc. and Vickery Motorsports, Inc.

Thanks again sponsors for your great support. We look forward to a great year together.

"Steamer"



**GREAT BIG THANK YOU**

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

I would like to thank Brad Dietrich, Production Manager at CW Elaborations, Inc. for a beautiful Powder Coating job on our new "Missing Ling" trophy to be introduced soon. It is made out of 1/8" soft steel and Brad said that he would give me a good price. I dropped it by one afternoon and they called me the next afternoon to inform me that it was done. When I went to pick it up and asked how much I owed him he said "Nothing but just take a few cards and let people know about us". So, in keeping with that, I would like to inform everyone or anyone that you might know that CW Elaborations as the place to get your Painting and Powder Coating done. They surely treated me right and the quality of the work was just what I had envisioned. Look forward to the NEW IMPROVED "MISSING LINK" award coming to a meeting soon.

Mr. "T"

**Paul Harvey Riddle:**

When asked this riddle, 80% of kindergarten kids got the answer, compared to 17% of Stanford University seniors. Here's the riddle: "What is greater than God, more evil than the devil, the poor have it, the rich need it, and if you eat it, you'll die?"

If you can't answer this simple riddle, look for answer on our new <http://www.rmvta.org> web site. If you can't find it, send me an email at [stanstotz@comcast.net](mailto:stanstotz@comcast.net).

**A Speedy Story**

A police officer pulls over a speeding car. The officer says, "I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir." The driver says, "Gee, officer, I had it on cruise control at 60, perhaps your radar needs calibrating." Not looking up from her knitting the wife says sweetly from the passenger seat, "Now don't be silly, dear, you know that this car doesn't have cruise control." As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, "Can't you keep your mouth shut for once?" The wife smiles demurely and says, "You should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did." As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, "Darn it, woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?!" The officer frowns and says, "And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That 's an automatic \$75 fine." The driver says, "Yeah, well, you see officer, I had it on, but took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket." The wife says, "Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving." And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket the driver turns to his wife and barks, "FOR THE LAST TIME WOMAN, WHY DON'T YOU SHUT UP?!" The officer looks over at the woman and asks, "Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am?"

"Oh, heavens no, officer. Only when he's been drinking."



**Parking Ticket**

I went downtown the other day. I was only in there for about 5 minutes. When I came out there was a city cop writing out a parking ticket. I went up to him and said, "Come on, buddy, how about giving a senior a break?" He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. I called him a Nazi. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires. So I called him a piece of horse manure. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket This went on for about 20 minutes. the more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote. I didn't give a flip. My car was parked around the corner. I try to have a little fun each day. It's important at my age.

**Why Men Are Happier**

Your last name stays put.  
 The garage is all yours.  
 Wedding plans take care of themselves.  
 Chocolate is just another snack.  
 You can be president.  
 You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.  
 You can NO T wear a shirt to a water park.  
 Car mechanics tell you the truth.  
 The world is your urinal.  
 You never have to drive to another gas station because "this one's just too icky."  
 You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.  
 Same work, more pay.  
 Wrinkles add character.  
 Wedding dress - \$5000; tux rental - \$100.  
 People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.

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The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected.  
 New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.  
 One mood, ALL the time.  
 Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.  
 You know stuff about tanks.  
 A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.  
 You can open all your own jars.  
 You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.  
 If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.  
 Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack.  
 Three pairs of shoes are more than enough. (one black pair, two sports)  
 You almost never have strap problems in public.  
 You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.  
 Everything on your face stays its original color.  
 The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.  
 You only have to shave your face and neck.  
 You can play with toys all your life.  
 Your belly usually hides your big hips.  
 One wallet and one pair of shoes, one color, all seasons.  
 You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.

**For Sale:**

**1995 1200 Harley Davidson Sportster**, black, new windshield, forward controls, new 4.2 Gallon stretch tank, new bobbed rear fender, after-market tail light and turn indicators, leather saddle bags, low miles (20,350). Screaming Eagle air filter & pipes. \$7,800 negotiable. Call David @ (303) 252-8585 email cari.todd@dfas.mil

**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

You can "do" your nails with a pocket knife.  
 You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache.  
 You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives, on December 24, in 45 minutes.  
**No wonder men are happier!**

**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

**1996 Honda ST1100 (Price just reduced)** ABS2/linked braking system, MR Accessories shelf, Clear-view + 4" windshield + stock shield, rear luggage rack, MEZA 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.

**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

**NOTE:**  
 All former **ATTBI.COM** E-mail addresses have been changed to **COMCAST.NET**  
 I am still receiving e-mail addressed to **mrpackrat@attbi.com**. Sometime this year the **ATTBI.COM** address will **NOT** be forwarded by Comcast.  
 Avoid future confusion. Please check your address book and change any **ATTBI.COM** to **COMCAST.NET**  
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**If Women Ruled The World**

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is Mar 23, 2004

Next Meeting:  
 Thursday, March 11, 2004  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Fay Myers Motorcycle World  
 2015 W. Alameda Ave.

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