



Gearing Up for the Annual "1000 in 24" Colorado Freewheelers Ride

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**Officers Speak**

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

Where has this summer gone? It seems like our riding season has just begun and we only have 7 rides left for the season. We have had some of the best ride participation by RMVTA members and guests since I joined the club in 1996. The ride captains have gone out of their way to plan interesting rides that appeal to most of our members. Thanks to all of you who have planned the rides and also members and friends who supported them.

This month we vote on some changes to our constitution and bylaws. Please take a look at the article in this newsletter summarizing the proposed changes. The marked-up copy of the proposed changes is on the web site under "Bylaws".

We have done a few new things this year that have proved to be popular. The May through September Dinner Rides have been fun and kind of break the week up. They have been well attended and we have heard lots of positive feedback about them. Some of our members

want to continue them through the winter months. Let's discuss this at the September meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Another new thing we have been doing this year is teaming up with the Colorado Freewheelers for a few of the rides. This has been an excellent opportunity to make new friends and acquaintances. Their riding style is similar to ours and I think we all feel comfortable with that. Thanks to Pat McCombs for being an excellent ambassador for the Colorado Freewheelers and a first-year RMVTA member.

Don't forget that the Labor Day Ride (To Hell and Back Ride) has been canceled. Richard & Susan Keuthe are moving to Texas and won't be able to lead the ride.

We are also looking for volunteers to man a booth at Sun Honda from 9:00 to 4:00 on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>. George Barrett and Floyd Thorne are heading this up. If you can volunteer a couple hours, that would be great. We will also discuss this at the September meeting.

We have our three members who have

volunteered their houses for the Progressive Dinner Ride on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The start/finish order hasn't been set as of yet but the places will be (in order of volunteering) Stella Stein and Lloyd Nicholson in Monument, Bill and Dena Nielson in Broomfield and Debbi Farnum and Bill Torrence in Golden.

Don't forget the annual bake sale during the October meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>. This is our big fund raiser for the year so it would be nice to get maximum participation.

Congratulations to Brett Barrett for turning 16 and completing the 1,000 in 24 Rally all in the same week. I need to check with Frank Heinzl (1,000 in 24 Coordinator) and see if this might be a record young age to complete the 1,000 in 24. He did an outstanding job riding this ride and I never heard a discouraging word from him during the ride. I was proud to ride with you Brett!

I hope to see everybody at the meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

"Steamer" ""

Next Meeting: **Thursday, September 9, 2004 7:30 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 9700 E. Arapahoe Road.**

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## Minutes

### RMVTA Meeting Minutes August 12, 2004

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:39 by President, Stan Stotz. There were 16 faithful members in attendance, and no visitors. Vice-President, George Barrett was absent from the meeting once again this month. (*I, for one, can certainly identify with the rigors and time constraints associated with self employment.*) Hence, I was invited to sit in the big chair up front in his absence. I declined the offer, indicating that two months in a row in the seat of power was too much, even for me.

#### Officer's Reports:

**Secretary:** The Secretary's report of the July meeting was accepted without corrections. Seven for seven folks.

**Treasurer:** Floyd reported \$454.20 in checking and \$2,869.14 in savings for a total of \$3,323.34.

Diane Lloyd outlined the recent trip taken by her and her driver, Bill, entitled "North to Alaska" or "How to spend an entire month just six inches apart." She had lots of pictures to share of their adventure that included the Hatfields here and there. They spotted at least twenty Grizzly bears in Denali National Park. Their trip covered a total of 8,038 miles.

Tom Schumaker and Floyd Thorne made the trek to the Black Hills M/C Classic in Sturgis. They were having a wonderful time until they stopped alongside the road, off the pavement to consult a map the first night they were there. A car had stopped on the 2-lane road next to them to make a left turn. A rider on a Harley apparently wasn't aware the car had stopped, and swerved to the right to avoid the car, hitting Floyd's bike in the rear. There was extensive damage to both bikes, but fortunately no injuries. Floyd's Gold Wing was still ride-able, but the Harley was not.

#### Committee Reports:

**Activities:** Ron reported that another Rockies game may be planned for September. He and Joyce are also working on setting up a mansion tour in Leadville.

**Awards:** No report.

**Historical:** Floyd said he is still hoping to find something historical.

**Member Relations:** Jerry & Linda have been gone, but haven't heard of anything needing their attention.

**Membership:** Sherri told the group that we still had some members.

**Newsletter:** As usual, the deadline for items is the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Website:** Brett has added five new photo groups to the web site.

**Ride:** Reports were given on Lunch with The Laughing Ladies (7/11), Ride to Slide (7/17), July Dinner Ride (7/22), Snowy Range Romp (7/25), The Don Council Memorial Ride (7/30-8/1), and Low & Slow (8/8). They were all good rides and much fun was had. If you missed them, it was certainly your loss.

**Old Business:** Extra ride books were made available to the membership for use as a recruiting tool for new members. If you need more books, contact Stan.

The Board of Directors met recently and proposed some changes, additions, and deletions to the bylaws. The recommendations were discussed. All members should review the proposed changes on the web site, and votes will be taken in September.

**Missing Link:** I remembered to bring the award to the meeting to avoid the automatic vote of retention. Stan was the unanimous winner for missing a turn on the Snowy Range Romp and riding all the way to Cheyenne instead of taking the shorter, and planned route to Fort Collins. The group waited so long for him in Laramie that he caught up with them north of Denver on I-25.

50/50: Linda Thorne got 3<sup>rd</sup> for \$5.40. Jerry Hatfield got 2<sup>nd</sup> for \$8.10. Jerry Hatfield also won the jackpot in an obvious fix for \$13.50. He drew his own ticket!

The meeting was adjourned sometime that evening. I'm really not sure of the exact time because I forgot to write it down.

Submitted by Secretary Bill Gillespie

### Ride Cancellation Notice To Hell and Back Ride Labor Day weekend

September 5-6, 2004 Richard and Susan Keuthe are moving to Texas so they won't be able to lead this ride over Labor Day weekend. Be sure to take this off you calendar. Happy Labor Day!

"Steamer"

### 1,000-in-24

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

August 21, 2004 brought another Colorado Freewheelers 1000-in-24 event. We were told earlier in the week that there were 81 bikes signed up and something like 88 total participants. It was the largest group in the history of the event.

As many of you know, my new GL1800 Gold Wing was involved in a rear end crash a couple of weeks ago in Sturgis. In the early days of the week it looked more and more like I would miss this year's event. I was so looking forward to it but I still did not have any wheels. Mine is torn down in the shop at Fay Myers Motorcycle World awaiting approval from the insurance carrier of the young fellow who hit me. After that happens they will order parts and we anticipate seven to ten days for their delivery. Then there will be a few days to reassemble her and get her back ready for the road.

There are several people in the club (RMVTA) that I must thank for their very hard work and dedication to locate a rental unit enabling me to ride this year's event. George Barrett was the largest (no pun intended) contributor to that over all effort. Bill Gillespie also stepped in and helped locate a unit. It was a 2004 refrigerator white GL1800 unit located at Cruise America. They have eight units in a fleet of Gold Wings that they rent in the summer months if you ever find yourself in need or just want to ride one to see if it might be a possible upgrade unit in your future. They also sell these units used if you have any interest get in touch with me.

We had a very good trip led by George and his GPS unit. There were a total of five of us in our little group. We rode the planned route in reverse. This worked out very well we all thought. It

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## RMVTA Constitution and Bylaws Proposed Changes Submitted by: Stan Stotz

We had a recent joint Executive Committee and RMVTA Board Meeting in early August. We reviewed these changes at the August meeting and we had hard copies available. The following summarized the changes:

- a). Article II, Section 1.C: Delet Honorary Membership and re number D and E. Nobody could come up with a good reason to keep it.  
**Concur \_\_\_ Non-Concur \_\_\_.**
- b). Article III, Section 1.B: Added "If the President serves 2 successive terms, he/she shall appoint the board chair from any of the current board members, since he she is not allowed to be President and board chair at the same time."  
**Concur \_\_\_ Non-Concur \_\_\_.**
- c). Article IV, Section 1.A: Added "The President may also have other club members in good standing assist with dealing with sponsors."  
**Concur \_\_\_ Non-Concur \_\_\_.**
- d). Article IV, Section IV.D: Deleted "These checks must be co-signed by another of the club officers."  
**Concur \_\_\_ Non-Concur \_\_\_.**
- e). Article VI, Section III: Changes the required 4 Board Meetings per year to 2 meetings per year with required reporting dates to the membership at the February and September meetings. Many people think that 4 meetings are excessive.  
**Concur \_\_\_ Non-Concur \_\_\_.**
- f). Article VII, Section 1: Requires the board to conduct an annual review of the bylaws during the first Board Meeting of the year.  
**Concur \_\_\_ Non-Concur \_\_\_.**
- g). Article VIII, Section II: Added: "Since banks do not support two signature checks any more, the President shall review expenditures and revenue streams at least quarterly. At least two Executive Committee members must be a thorized signatories on the checking and savings accounts."  
**Concur \_\_\_ Non-Concur \_\_\_.**

If you want to vote absentee, just make a copy of the above and place on an X on whether you agree (concur) or disagree (non-concur). Mail it to the RMVTA PO Box at least 3 days prior to the September meeting if you want your vote to count. We will have ballots at the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting if you plan to attend.

"Steamer"



Mr "T"'s rented wing for the 1000 in 24

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was pretty cold in the early morning hours going over Berthoud Pass but that was only temporary. We had one slight miss-calculation on the capacity or should I say the expectations of Brett's Wing. He ran out of gas before we made the summit of Rabbit Ears Pass. That cost us about an hour and an additional 52 miles or so but no harm done.

We came upon an accident scene about 16 miles west of Steamboat Springs where another 1,000 participant that was leading a group of five was down after hitting a deer broadside. The deer perished at the scene and we heard later that the ride leader had broken 10 ribs and was in the Steamboat hospital. This is never a good thing to hear but a fact of life for those riding in the early mornings and late evenings through the wild habitat of our four legged friends.

The day was cool for the most part and for much of the route if we were not actively riding in rain we were riding on wet roads where the rain had previously past. We also spent a couple hundred miles in rain gear which along with keeping us dry kept the cool temps at bay.

We had a good trip and would like to thank the Colorado Freewheelers for planning and putting it together. Our hats are off to the person and or persons who planned the route too. It was very scenic and offered lots of twisties throughout the day. May we all live to

ride again another day and perhaps another 1,000-in-24.

Good friends and good fun.

Mr. "T"



Seen at the August dinner ride

### August Dinner Ride August 26<sup>th</sup>

Submitted by: Floyd & Linda Thorne

In the later afternoon it looked as though it was going to be a beautiful evening. At about the time we were assembling for our 6:30 p.m. departure the winds came up and the temperatures started dropping. But, after some encouraging words that it would not rain we saddled up and headed to our destination.

There were a total of eight bikes and 13 hungry riders that headed north on I-25 to pick up I-76 and then dropping off on US 85 headed for the Double Tree Restaurant and Lounge in Platteville, CO. We arrived there about 7:15 p.m. after running into a few sprinkles. Do sprinkles count as rain?

We were all treated to very good food which is very typical of the Double Tree and very good service. I think that everyone tied on the feed bag pretty good and the prices were all found to be in agreement with everyone. There was some rain during the meal but had stopped by the time we left the restaurant. We dried off the seats and we were headed back south towards our homes by the 9:00 p.m. hour getting everyone home by 10:00 p.m. or so I would imagine.

Linda and I would like to thank everyone that joined us for the evening and hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did. If you did not make it, you missed a good time and some very tasty down home country food. If you are ever out and about stop in there and give them a try.

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We hope to see you out next time.

Mr. "T" and Mrs. "T"



### Spotlight on Sponsors

#### COYOTE MOTORSPORTS

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Submitted by: Debbi Farnum

David Wagner owns Coyote Motorsports. He has a partner, Brian Root, who helps him run the business. David Wagner has an extensive background working in the Motorcycle Sales business. He has managed dealerships such as Twin Peaks Powersports, Boulder Yamaha, Denver Yamaha, and Colorado Powersports. David was the district Sales Manager for the Yamaha Corporation for 5 years. He was born in Colorado and has been residing in the Boulder/Longmont area. He opened his own business one and a half years ago, Coyote Motorsports. His business is easily located right off of I-25 and 58th Avenue. He told me Coyote Motorsports is a full line Yamaha dealership. He has a full service department, parts department, and accessories. You will find Yamaha brand motorcycles, ATVs, snow mobiles, dirt bikes, scooters, play bikes and generators at Coyote Motorsports. David told me that Coyote Motorsports is the only 5-Star Yamaha dealership on the Front Range.

All of his service technicians have been to the Yamaha Technician School. David told me that his business philosophy is to have the best customer service after someone has bought a motorcycle from him. He stated that they are not just there for the sale price. They allow their customer to have full service. He has been known to pick up a customer whose bike has broken down on a Sunday and tow the motorcycle to the shop.

David stated, "we go the extra mile." David enjoys hunting, fishing and traveling internationally. He has recently been to Italy, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Manila and Bali. David is also reported as being good looking. So let's all help support this good looking guys business and drop by his shop.

### Spotlight on Officers

Stan Stotz, President  
"Steamer"

Submitted by: Debbi Farnum

Stan Stotz was born in Tolstoy, South Dakota and grew up there. He tells me that he and Janet own a home in Tolstoy and about half the town has his last name. Stan got a job working for the Air Force Financial Management Department and moved to Montgomery, Alabama. That is where he befriended a nice red-headed girl that knew both he and Janet. Neither Stan nor Janet were interested in being "set up" but they didn't want to disappoint their friend (she never took "no" for an answer). Stan's wife, Janet was an Army Brat (Yea! Army Brats) born in Heidelberg, Germany. She grew up living in a lot of places (Tolstoy, SD just wasn't one of the places) namely Indianapolis, Washington D.C., Montgomery, Alabama, Hawaii, and the Presidio in the San Francisco area. Stan and Janet met in December 1981. Janet was working in the Personnel Department Baptist Hospital. Shortly after meeting Janet, Stan was transferred to Hawaii with a promotion (oh darn). Stan asked Janet for a special birthday present that next year, her hand in marriage. They were married in June 26, 1982. Janet got a job working in the accounting office at Hickman Air Force Base. During Stan's first few months in Hawaii he spent most of his pay checks on the phone bills. Stan and Janet moved to Colorado in 1984. Janet had a job waiting for her at the Lowry Air Force Base Accounting Office in the accounting department.

After all the Military Department Finance Centers were consolidated in 1991, they both worked for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). Stan retired in March 2002 and is now back working there as a contrac-

tor (after an 18-month wonderful vacation). He started contracting with them in November 2003 and is still working there as a budget analyst.

Stan enjoys riding his motorcycles. He told me that he rode in the 1,000 in 24 ride this year. Stan told me that Janet enjoys reading and "hanging out with me on the motorcycle". Stan has a 2003 Red Honda Goldwing, a 2004 Yamaha FJR1300, and a 2004 Yamaha WR450F Enduro Bike. They live in Centennial, Colorado with their two cats Merckie and Max.

Stan and Janet joined RMVTA in 1996. Stan has been very active in the club ever since. He has been active on the ride committee and has been doing the newsletter since 1999. Lloyd Nicholson has been working with him on the newsletter. Stan started the RMVTA web site in 1999. He has now turned over the web page to Bret Barrett to run. Stan was president of RMVTA in 2000 and is your current President. Let Stan know how much we appreciate all his dedication to RMVTA.



### The Pastors Ass

A Pastor wanted to raise money for his church and on being told that there was a fortune in horse racing, decided to purchase one and enter it in the races. However at the local auction, the going price for a horse was so high that he ended up buying a donkey instead. He figured since he had it, he might as well go ahead and enter it in the races. To his surprise, the donkey came in third. The next day the local paper carried this headline: PASTOR'S ASS SHOWS

The pastor was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in the race again, and this time it won. The local paper read: PASTOR'S ASS OUT FRONT. The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the pastor not to enter the donkey in another race. The next day, the local paper read: BISHOP SCRATCHES PASTOR'S ASS

This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the Pastor to get rid of the donkey. The Pastor decided to give it to a nun in a nearby convent. The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline the next day: NUN HAS BEST ASS IN TOWN. The Bishop fainted. He informed the nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey, so she sold it to a farmer for ten dollars.

The next day the paper read: NUN SELLS ASS FOR \$10.00. This was to much for the bishop, so he ordered the nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild.

The next day the headlines read: NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE.

The bishop was Buried the next day.

Sturgis 2004 - Photos by Mark Bolles



**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 \$2,800, Kelly blue book has it listed for \$3,100. Phone 303-431-1085

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, \$6,500.00 to a club member. Call Bill Gillespie, 303-781-0032 or 303-758-8804.

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



If Women Ruled the World #3

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is September 23, 2004



If Women Ruled the World #4

**Next Meeting:**  
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