



Spring Highway Clean-Up Ride, Captain Ron shows off his new cruiser

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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie

I don't mean to jump on my soap box, but I would like to address a couple of topics that come to mind because of recent events...

Be Prepared for Any Weather: I initiated the new Gold Wing properly on Saturday. The morning of the Sponsor's Appreciation Ride dawned cold, but clear. It was in the upper 30's when I left the house, and I was looking forward to a nice little ride around town. The weather forecast called for some rain turning to snow Saturday night, but since I would be back home by about 3:00 p. m., I wasn't too concerned. Aurora Honda, Vickery and Denver BMW were visited without undue discomfort. Most members in fact were very comfortable, in their CARS and TRUCKS! High-fives to George, Sherri and Brett Barrett as well as Dale McCarger who braved the cold temperatures with me.

By the time we got to Fay Myers about 11:00 a.m. the temperature had dropped about ten degrees. After stops at Grand Prix and RPM we headed north to Colo-

rado Powersports and Sun Honda/Harley. We rode through snow showers on the way up, but it wasn't that bad. I had packed an extra jacket and my Aerostich pants just in case, and at CPS I donned everything I had. The snow was a little heavier getting over to Sun, and now it was sticking to the windshield. As I left Sun it had almost stopped snowing, and I thought I was home free. Well, the front must have been moving south, because from about Alameda and I-25 all the way to Hampden and home it was a virtual white-out. Up the slippery, muddy alley, in the garage, and home!

Now, notice that I didn't call any of the members who rode in their cages any derogatory names here. That's because there is a fine line between brave and stupid. I had learned my lesson to be prepared a long time ago. I had the extra jacket, winter gloves, and over pants. I hope you don't have to learn the same lesson the hard way.

Only Inexperienced Riders have Accidents: Ask Cliff Eudy if that's a true statement or not. We were all very sorry to hear about Cliff's accident near

Kiowa last week, but at the same time relieved that he wasn't more seriously hurt. Cliff is no inexperienced rider, folks. It is no exaggeration to say that he has hundreds of thousands of miles in the saddle. I had been riding for over twenty-five years when I had a very serious accident in New Mexico in 1993. If you think you're too experienced to make a mistake, or become the victim of someone else's, think again. It can happen to anyone, anytime.

Unfortunately, the Experienced Rider Course planned for May 1st had to be rescheduled because of weather. And the new date falls on the same day as our picnic ride. Bob Norton fully understands that most if not all RMVTA members that signed up for the ERC will not be able to make it on May 14th. I have already asked Bob to put me in another class as soon as it fits my schedule. I urge you to do the same.

"Wing Commander"

Next Meeting: **Thursday, May 12, 2005 7:30 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 9700 E. Arapahoe Road.**

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Minutes

RMVTA Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2005

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President, George Barrett. We were a bit late because the Secretary couldn't find a pen that worked. No apparent visitors were present, or if there were I didn't notice.

Vaughn Richards is recovering well from his knee surgery, as Betty and he rode their Gold Wing a couple of weeks ago for the first time since Vaughn's surgery. In the category of family birthdays milestones were reached as Dena Nielson's stepfather and Stan Stotz's father both celebrated their 90th birthdays.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: I donned my meanest look and asked if anyone had any corrections or additions to the minutes of the March meeting. Wisely, no one spoke up.

Treasurer: Sherri reported \$907.70 in checking and \$2,073.51 in savings for a total of \$2,981.21. She also noted that all sponsors have paid for the year.

Committee Reports:

Activities: Ron outlined train-bound murder mystery in Leadville titled "Murder on the Leadville Express." The cost includes an overnight stay and would be in the area of \$300/person. Those interested should contact Ron or Joyce.

Ancillaries: Stella apparently found the definition of "ancillaries." She showed samples of denim vests in blue and black, and a black denim jacket. Stan modeled the blue vest, but would need a pair of "gentleman's chains." Orders were taken for several items.

Awards: Keep track of your special nominations for fun awards throughout the year. Give your nominations to a member of the officer's group.

Historical: Floyd still needs pictures and/or memorabilia from ride destinations and club activities.

Member Relations: Jerry said he has heard "nothing from nobody, nowhere no-how."

Membership: Sherri has a hit list, and is currently looking for a few people. You know who you are.

Newsletter: There has been good input as of late. As usual, the deadline for input to the newsletter is the 23rd. Please contribute articles and pictures.

Website: Brett reported March "hits" were down a little at 8,608. He continues to fine tune the site.

Ride: Stan recapped the ride (singular) so far, the Spring Polar Bear Ride. George said, "better yet, let's show the video." His video said it all – snow on Cameron Pass was several feet deep, and at the top it was twenty-eight degrees! A true Polar Bear Ride.

Ron previewed the Spring Highway Clean-Up Ride on April 17th. A pancake breakfast will be served at Ron & Joyce's beginning at 8:00 a.m. As for the April Dinner Ride, he said they would come up with something between now and then.

George talked about the Sponsor Appreciation Ride on April 30th. We'll start at Aurora Honda, have lunch at RPM, and finish up at Sun. He also reminded us of the ERC course on May 1st.

The President's Picnic Ride on May 14th will end up at the Lake of the Rockies in Monument again this year.

Old Business: May will be the last snail-mail newsletter for those who have not paid dues for 2005.

E-mails were received from Doug and Joann Fry (*White Knight & Ramblin' Rose*) checking in with the club, as well as from Automotive MD's thanking us for the profile in last month's newsletter.

New Business: Floyd and Linda brought a plethora (the big word for the month) of items that should be included in a good first aid kit. Floyd said all bikes should be equipped with a kit of some kind. The club will pursue making up some kits the members could buy economically.

Missing Link: Floyd Thorne has been keeping the award safe and sound all winter. April was to be the first awarding of the Missing Link for the season. I

for one was on the edge of my seat to see who would be nominated and, most of all who would become the first Missing Link of 2005. I was filled with anticipation as the night of the April meeting approached. I kept thinking, "What could I have done in the past month or so to become the keeper of that damned thing!" Well, what a relief it was to find out that Floyd had forgotten to bring it to the meeting. It was a no-brainer folks, Floyd won in a landslide and will most likely remember to bring it in May.

50/50: Leon Siefken won third place money of \$10. Bill Nielson then won second place for \$14. Linda Hatfield got the jackpot of \$24.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:51.

May's Blue Light Special

Submitted by: George Barrett, Prez

The riding and activity season is getting ready to kick off and get real busy. If you haven't looked at your ride books lately, or looked at the schedule on the website, I would suggest you do so. By the time you get this blurb in the newsletter, the first dinner ride of the year will probably be over with. The sponsor appreciation ride might also have come and gone. Hope you made it. The ERC rider training course will be on May 14. Of course we don't officially schedule on Mothers Day, But someone feel free to come up with an impromptu ride and give us all a call. Our monthly meeting will be on the 12th of course. And all remember to bring your favorite desert to share with the group. The 2nd annual Presidents Picnic Ride will be on May 14th Saturday, at the Lake of the Rockies Resort in Monument. I hope you all can make the ride and then the picnic after. I will be cooking again this year, and Janet is still around for the beans..... Remember Janet??? Floyd will lead the ride as my family will head down early and get things ready. If someone would like to help, we will not turn you down. Please let me know by the next meeting if you will be able to attend, and how many from your family will be coming so we can have plenty of food for

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you.....RIGHT JANET!!!!

Dogs & Burgs Potatoes Salad Chips **JANET'S BEANS** cookies and drinks are on the menu so far. Just bring yourself and have a great time. Horseshoes, Frisbee golf, miniature golf are just some of the things they have for us at the resort. On Sunday the 15th of May, Bob Norton is leading a bunch of folks up to Cabela's for some kind of shopping spree. Ride to the races is coming up on the 22nd, so let us know if you're going so we can get tickets early to reserve our private parking spot down at PPIR. Then Mr. Gillespie will have a dinner ride on the 26th. Look for this to be a short one as he is leading the Canyon Lands Ride the next day. Becky says he's a little cranky if he doesn't get his beauty rest. I personally think he should give it up!! It isn't helping Bill..... If you get all that done, then we can move into June..... Sleep, Ride, Eat..... REPEAT.

Ride It Like You Stole It.....

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UPCOMING RIDES

Canyonlands Ride, May 27-30

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie

The Memorial weekend ride has apparently drawn quite a crowd. The ten rooms at the Sage Motel in Moab have been spoken for. Since I forgot to reserve one for myself, Becky and I will be staying across the street at the Moab Valley Inn. It's a little more money, but they have rooms. The numbers there are 435-259-4419 or 800-831-6622. The motels in Monticello and Hotchkiss still seem to have rooms available. The numbers for those are in the ride book or on the web page calendar listing. At any rate, if you want to come along and haven't made some room arrangements yet, you better hurry or have a good tent.

We are planning some activities to spark your interest during the rides Friday and Sunday. Friday's fun will include gambling with cards, but keep it quiet. We wouldn't want the law to find out. As for Sunday, we haven't finalized that yet, but I'm sure we'll think of something.

Maybe Becky & I will leave Moab at 4:00 a.m. and leave a trail of lime markings for you to follow, or something.

The weekend should be great fun with good friends. And the more, the merrier.

"Wing Commander"



Ride to the Races May 22, 2005

Submitted by: Richard Bush

I'm really looking forward to leading my first ride. I have picked a route that will take us off the beaten path and should get us to the races in time for the first race. As of this writing, I have not received a schedule. I will check with the track and see if I can get one before our next meeting.

As you may know, we are headed to the AMA Super Bike Races at PPIR (Pikes Peak International Raceway) near Fountain, CO. I have attended the races several times in the past and have had a great time. It is amazing how they get those bikes around that track. I have ridden the route once this year and I am sure I can find my way. Thanks George for printing the route from your GPS.



Word's out now why Dick Bush enjoys the Hooters (oops Super Bike Races) so well

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Target store at I-25 and Arapahoe Road at 8:00 a.m. for a great day of riding and racing.

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PAST RIDES

RMVTA Spring Highway Cleanup
 April 17, 2005

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for coming out to be a part of this very worth while activity that the club has been involved with for 12 years. Ever since 1994 with the weather permitting you, the membership, has come out twice a year, once in the Spring and then again in the Fall to clean up a two-mile stretch of one of our highways that we all enjoy riding and looking at as we zoom by.



Pancake & sausage breakfast at Ron & Joyce's before the Spring Highway Clean-Up Ride

We had a VERY GOOD turnout this spring for the cleanup. This makes it a lot easier on everyone with a larger group. We had a total of 13 bikes, 2 cars, and 21 individuals come out and enjoy the day. We were also warmly greeted at Ron Nardiello and Joyce Hindman's lovely home for breakfast sausage and pancakes along with juice and coffee. For that and their continued participation and support we are very grateful.



Bill Gillespie's granddaughter Chay enjoying breakfast at Ron & Joyce's

It's so nice to see that there are people like us and other organizations that care enough about our state and it's scenery to take the time to pick up the trash that other less caring individuals discard out their windows and from the backs of trucks. I wish we did not have to do it at all but we can not seem to get people to care enough to stop the discarding so, we continue to do our part to clean up after them. We should all be very proud of ourselves and our efforts.

After getting things cleaned up the bikers all headed to Colorado Springs for a very good lunch at Giuseppe's Old Depot Restaurant. We all managed to tie on the "feed bag" in fine fashion, as we always do. From there it appeared that the weather might be changing towards the damp side so most of the group, choose to beat feet pretty much straight home on I-25 north.

There were five bikes and six individuals that opted to head back through Colorado Springs to Woodland Park and Deckers back to Denver, where the weather seemed to be changing. Down low on the plains we were greeted with very nice weather in the mountains. There was a bit of sand and gravel on the roads in places where we expected but it was not bad at all.

Again, my thanks to all whom participated and came out to join us for the day. It was very evident that lots of people are as excited about getting the riding season under way as much as we are. Be safe out there and we look forward to seeing as many of you as your schedules will permit.

Mr. "T"

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS:

Paul and Diane Dible
 "Easy Money" and "ToJo"
 Submitted by: Debbie Farnum Torrence

Paul and Diane are both natives of Colorado. They were both born here but raised elsewhere in Colorado. Paul was raised in Rexford, Colorado and Diane was raised in Brighton, Colorado. They met in 1989 or 1990 when they were both working for NW Transportation.

Paul was a mechanic for NW Transportation and Diane worked in the accounting department.

Paul and Diane were married in 1993. Diane has a daughter, Keli, who is 19 years old attending CSU. Paul currently works for the City of Denver. He works as a mechanic for the Denver Fire Department. Diane is currently working for Flatirons Construction. They specialize in bridges and roadwork. She works in their accounting department. Paul and Diane have one pet, a cat.

When I asked about the CB handles Diane said that there is no specific significance for Paul's CB handle "Easy Money" they just made it up. Her CB handle, "Tojo," is a name that she has been called since she attended Brighton High School. When I asked about hobbies Paul stated that they have "way too many." They enjoy dirt bike riding and traveling. Diane enjoys photography. They both currently shoot in a trap league. Paul and Diane ride a 1997 Honda Goldwing. They have been members of RMVTA since sometime around 1995. They were introduced to RMVTA through Tom and Ann Hudson. They got Gary and Jeannie Hoedel to join the club and Dave Menges. He worked at NW Transportation with Gary Hoedel and Dave Menges.



Shop till you drop on the Sponsor Appreciation Ride



A rare photo of Floyd & Linda Thorne taken with their camera



"Oh yeah? Silver is the fastest color!"



Serious shoppers



Our newest RMVTA members Brian & Jamie model their new jackets purchased on the Sponsor Appreciation Ride



Larry & Diana shop for economical transportation



Breakfast at Sam's # 3 before the Sponsor Appreciation Ride...watch out for that great green chili



RPM Motorsports put on a grand luncheon. Thanks Charlie Rakes



George & Sherri in the snow on the Sponsor Appreciation Ride



Ron Nardiello gets everybody ready for the Spring Highway Clean-Up



Daniela gets lots of last-minute instruction before she blasts off on Stan's FJR1300



Looking like rain, Ron puts on his shower cap to protect his "do"

"With the high rate of attacks on women in secluded parking lots, especially during evening hours, the Minneapolis City Council has established a "Women Only" parking lot at the Mall of America. Even the parking lot attendants are exclusively female so that a comfortable and safe environment is created for patrons."



First picture available of this world's-first women-only parking lot in Minnesota."

A woman calls her boss one morning and tells him that she is staying home because she is not feeling well.

"What's the matter?" he asks...
"I have a case of anal glaucoma," she says in a weak voice.
"What the hell is anal glaucoma?"
"I can't see my ass coming into work today."

POLICE ARTIST SKETCH OF ROBBERY SUSPECT



50-50 Lottery

Don't forget to check this issue for your membership number. Come to the May meeting and claim your brace of 50-50 tickets.



For Sale:

2004 Yamaha FJR1300 Sport Touring Bike. The bike has 3,600 miles and is in perfect condition (not 1 scratch or blemish). Options include a matching Yamaha top trunk, professionally installed & tuned J&M CB/Intercom/Weather Radio, Electronics Shelf (for GPS, radar detector, MP3 player, etc.), throttle lock and oversized windscreen. All bags are detachable and become luggage with a handle. The bike has 145 horsepower and 92 ft. lbs. of torque. The windscreen has an electric up & down adjustment which you can set on the fly. Asking \$10,995.00 obo. Call Stan at home at (303) 690-4133 or office (303) 676-3230. Email address is stanstotz@comcast.net.

1999 Honda Goldwing SE. Silver/Grey – Approx. 50k miles, new alternator, floorboards, highway pegs, highway lights, 6-disc CD changer and receiver hitch. Comes with a color-matched Escapade cargo trailer. Price for both motorcycle and trailer \$10,000.00. If interested, call Rhonda at (303) 877-0347.

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.

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is May 23, 2005

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, May 12, 2005
 7:30 p.m.
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