



RMVTA new members Michelle, Bruce, Jamie & Brian at the Steamboat Balloon Rodeo

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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne
 Vice President

Sheesh, I don't know where to begin and or what to write about this time. Yes, I know that you all can't believe this, nor can I.

I know that the riding season is rapidly eroding away. I know that we seemed to have gone from the very early spring, cool and often times cold weather right into the HOT dog days of Summer.

We have had lots of fun and some really GREAT rides thus far and I know that there are still several more rides to go before we taper down so I don't want to mentally put everyone out to pasture just yet. We have had a really good RMVTA year so far and I have every reason that we will continue on this pace for a few more months. There are too many individuals to thank for this success but, each one of you that have been actively involved should take a percentage of the gratitude. For this we on the Executive committee say a BIG THANK YOU.

We have recruited some really good members recently that sparked a new level of fun and excitement into the club. We just need to be better in this area. Each and every one of us should constantly try to promote the club and get people to come to one of our meetings and or join us on some of the rides. This will prove to be the life blood of the organization. It is also where the new up and coming leadership will surface from.

We are coming into the time of year also where it's time already to start looking towards the upcoming year as far as leadership and ride activities planning are concerned. I encourage you to be thinking about stepping up to volunteer and do your part on the executive committee and or other committees.

We would also like to get a real jump on the rides and activities planning for next year so if you have any ride ideas that you would like to lead or just suggest it will really help to alleviate some of the stress and anxiety around the holidays time period of putting the ride book together for next year.

In the mean time ride safely and have FUN.

Mr. "T"



Steamboat Balloon Rodeo

Feed Us and We Will Come

Floyd Thorne, Vice President

This seemed to be the theme echoing around the meeting room July 14, 2005. I know that this is not totally the case but I sure want to thank everyone for contributing to and taking part in these activities where all the extra effort and work goes into them.

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Next Meeting: **Thursday, August 11, 2005 7:30 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 9700 E. Arapahoe Road.**

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Minutes

RMVTA Meeting Minutes

RMVTA Meeting
July 14, 2005

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President, George Barrett. The secretary held things up for a few minutes, as he had to go downstairs to get his notebook and then borrow a pen from George.

A plethora of visitors graced the meeting. Bruce & Michelle Vinson along with Ron Kucharski joined the club tonight. John & Gloria Swenson are still checking us out, as this is John's third meeting. Jamie Roberson apparently decided we weren't her cup of tea, as she left before the break. And finally Jamie Melies' daughter Tamaryn, who just turned sweet 16 was also present.

George compiled a slide show of selected pictures from all the people who sent him their files. The presentation was about 15 minutes and was very nicely done.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: The minutes for both May and June were approved.

Treasurer: Sherri reported \$775.94 in checking and \$2,073.51 in savings for a total of \$2,849.45.

Committee Reports:

Activities: The Activities Committee was inactive tonight.

Ancillaries: Stella received the larger sample sizes she had requested. They included black denim jackets and motorcycle vests. There's a song in there somewhere, but maybe I'm just the fool of highway 101.

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

Member Relations: The members had no relations tonight.

Membership: Sherri reported five new members!

Newsletter: The deadline for input is the 23rd. Stan needs teaser write-ups on upcoming rides.

Website: Brett reported "hits" in June were about 9,000. Lots of new pictures up just in the last few days.

Rides: In the category of ride recaps, the people on the *Telluride or Bust Ride* didn't spend much time in Telluride because it was raining there. They returned to their motel in Ridgeway for the night. Overall, it was said to have been a very nice ride. The *Aluminum Butt Ride* a big group this year. Cliff relinquished the lead to Floyd due to his absence of a CB. Most riders logged somewhere around 750 miles for the day which included an impromptu visit to the "Moving Wall," a half-sized replica of the Viet Nam Veterans Wall in Washington, DC. The Moving Wall was set up in Rifle. The *June Dinner Ride* was led by Pat & Donna McCombs. A few hearty souls braved the weather for the ride to the Bear Creek Inn in Kitteredge. The title of *The Over the River and Through the Woods Sing-a-Long Ride* was unfortunately longer than the ride. There must have just been too many other things going on that day. According to Floyd, the *Memorial Ride* to Steamboat Springs was "a very nice and colorful ride, and the balloons were great." George said he must have been on a different ride with Bruce Vinson.

And now for the upcoming rides: The Formal Dinner Ride has been cancelled and replaced by the *Maroon Bells Ride* on Sunday, 7/17. The *Steak Ride* will be 7/22 - 7/24 with stops in Pagosa Springs and Grand Junction. The *July Dinner Ride* will be 7/28 led by Stan and Janet. Then Stan will take us *Twisting and Shouting* on 7/30. Vaughn Richards will lead the *Multi-Passes Ride* on 8/7. Bill and Diane Lloyd need a head count for their *Camping Ride* on 8/27 & 8/28. George reports there are still just a couple of rooms left in Albuquerque for the *Balloon Fiesta Ride* in October.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: Aurora Honda will have a giant American flag as a backdrop for photos of you and your bike on 7/23. A small print will be free, and others and larger prints will be available for purchase.

Bill and Dena are back from their trip to Americade via Michigan and Canada.

They also visited Niagara Falls and the Amish country of Pennsylvania. Bill didn't seem to have much good to say about eastern Canada. They logged 4,750 GPS miles with a total of about 30 minutes of rain.

The Lloyds and the Hatfields went to the Grand Canyon, Bryce National Park, and Navajo Bridge in New Mexico.

We were then treated to a video and slide show of the Canyonlands trip by Daniella and Jerry Henn. They were in Europe, but George had the DVD they made.

Missing Link: Nominations included Bruce Vinson for his portrayal of Pee Wee Herman in Steamboat, Brett Barrett for going on a ride without his wallet (or any money), Brian Graves for sitting on a rock in Arches National Park with his pants down, and Dick Bush for trying to get into the fire room downstairs to attend the meeting. If you are reading this and you don't know any of these people, we're really not as perverted and stupid as it appears. Even though he was not a member at the time, Bruce won the award by a head.

50/50: There was \$108 (\$54 each way) in the lotto pool tonight. John Swenson won third place money of \$11. Vaughn Richards got second place of \$16. And then, in yet another slight of hand trick, Vaughn drew his own ticket for the jackpot of \$27.

Brian Graves had given a sales demonstration earlier on XM radios, and had several XM caps to give away by drawing.

The meeting was adjourned sometime that same evening.

"Wing Commander"



("Feed Us" Continued from page 1)

We had a good crowd and the meeting was generally more relaxed. Everyone was able to belly up to the table and ingest the burgers and hot dogs that were once again prepared for us by Chef George. To say nothing of the various salads and desserts brought by the membership in attendance.

George once again had some slide show and video entertainment for us from previous rides. This is a nice addition to the meeting format. It lets the membership in attendance see the fun, beautiful scenery and fellowship that they missed out on by not being able to be there. It also allows those that did attend to reflect on the good times that they had.

We also had the opportunity to see the existing and new things that are offered by XM Radio from our new, good friend Brian Graves. Brian works for XM and if there is anything that you might want or need to get into, or enhance, your Satellite radio experience Brian can help you out.

Again, I say thank you to all our membership. YOU, each and every one of us, make the RMVTA what it is that we all enjoy about club involvement. I thank you for your participation in the rides that have been planned, for your participation in the social related activities and your attendance at meetings. Collectively all of these things coming together are what makes club involvement what it is that drew us together and keep us returning.

Mr. "T"

Real Signs
At an Optometrist's Office
"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

Past Rides:

Maroon Bells Ride

Submitted by: Karen & Bill Lindquist

We would like to thank first of all George Barrett for personally inviting us to go on the Maroon Bells ride and most of all Floyd and Linda Thorne for leading a most enjoyable ride.

From the time we met at Sofa Mart to the time we entered Aspen, it was just too much fun. It is always great to see

old faces and even greater to meet new people. Cliff always provides such entertainment and his antics are a hoot.

It was probably one of the most relaxing rides we had ever been on, just out there enjoying nature and riding.

This was our first time to see Maroon Bells and I personally was just overwhelmed at the beauty. Colorado never lets me down. The hike to the falls was hot but a wonderful experience; okay, we didn't quite make it clear to the falls; but almost.

Floyd claimed he didn't know where exactly Maroon Bells was but he sure did fool me. Picnicking by the stream was just perfect and we didn't even get kicked off of the bus going back to our motorcycles; although we did get some looks.

And then on to Glenwood for a fine dinner of Mexican food; which was Floyd's suggestion and a great one. Leaving Glenwood in a hurry because it looked as if Storm King Mountain was on fire and guess it must not have been, it was never on the news. The ride to Georgetown was uneventful and no traffic, imagine how smug we were all feeling and then a big slow down, too many cars and not enough road. I am thinking that Brian may get the award for the dirt road but then we were all stupid enough to follow him!

We did eventually make it to Denver and when we hit the city George became our leader onto Aurora. Again a big thanks to Floyd for a ride well done.

"Roadkill" and "Wingwalker"

Real Signs
In a Podiatrist's office:
"Time wounds all heels."

Maroon Bells Ride

Submitted by: Floyd and Linda Thorne

It was on Saturday morning July 17, 2005 that nine bikes and a total of 16 people assembled at the Sofa Mart parking lot near 6th Avenue and Kipling. It looked as though it was going to be a beautiful day and all of us were looking forward to gaining altitude to escape the Denver HEAT even if only for a little while.

The first leg of our journey took us up I-70 to Copper Mountain and then to Lead-

ville for a gas and 10-100 stop before heading on over Independence Pass. On top of the pass we made our usual stop for photos and take in the clean fresh air for a little while.

From there we dropped down into and through Aspen to the round-a-bout on the west side of town and then up the hill again to the Aspen Highlands. It was there that we met the bus to take us on up the Maroon Valley where we had a picnic lunch to nourish our bodies and take in as much of the natural beauty of the area to meet the needs of our minds and souls.

Linda and I had never been to the Bells before nor had several others in our group so it was a real treat for all of us to see and take our own photos of one of the most photographed landmarks certainly in Colorado and the Nation as a whole. If you have never been there you really don't know what you are missing.

On this day we could not have asked for a nicer day weather-wise. The Colorado sky was so pretty and blue and with all the moisture in the mountains the wild flowers and grasses were in their peak photogenic form. It was hotter than blazes from Aspen down to Glenwood Springs. We stopped in Glenwood Springs and had Mexican food for dinner.

I was in hopes that by our stopping for dinner that the traffic would be less as we neared Idaho Springs. The other thing was to allow it to cool down a bit before heading over the top and into the Denver area and home. Well, at least the cooling off part worked out as planned but the traffic was still stop and go as we neared Idaho Springs. We bailed off the Interstate and took frontage roads to get us to the center of town and then we got back on the Interstate for the final sprint into town.

Linda and I would like to thank those that joined us on our day ride to see the Maroon Bells. I think that the general feelings were that we should plan to return to the area one day soon. We all had a good time and the scenery was far better in person that all the numerous pictures I had seen of the area.

We'll do it again one day for sure. Mr. "T" and Mrs. "T"

July Dinner Ride

Submitted by: Stan & Janet Stotz

On Thursday July 28th a nice sized group headed off for a nice ride through the mountains above Morrison, taking twisty roads through Kittridge, Evergreen and Bergen Park and ended up at the Whippletree Restaurant. The weather was perfect as we sat outside with mountain views enjoying great food and most of all great company.

Everything went smoothly and most of us went back home on the freeway after the traffic died down. Janet and I would like to thank all of you for coming out and having a great time with us. We might have to try this again some time!

"Steamer" & "Princess"



Diners enjoy the fresh air and views at the July Dinner Ride

Twist & Shout Run

Submitted by: Stan & Janet Stotz

Just 2 short days after the August Dinner Ride we headed out early in the morning up Golden Gate Canyon and on to Nederland for breakfast at the historic Pioneer Inn. We had a hearty breakfast and went back down Coal Creek Canyon but unfortunately (or fortunately??) we missed the nude sunbather who we have seen more than once on this ride. Since Clear Creek Canyon was closed due to a rock slide, we rode over Lookout Mountain and on up to Idaho Springs. I-70 was a parking lot so Brian Graves suggested that we take the access road and that got us there much sooner. Good choice Brian



Pete Master joined us on the Twist & Shout Run. Mystery question..."Whose new ST13 00 is that by his left side?"



Hungry diners at the Pioneer Inn in Nederland

We went up to Echo Lake for a photo-op and on down Squaw Pass to Evergreen. Cliff Eudy suggested that we take his favorite road from Evergreen to Turkey Creek Canyon...I think it was called Little Cub Road (or something like that). What a great road Cliff. That earned Cliff free ice cream at the Dairy Queen



Lloyd & Stella enjoying tail-riding chores at the Twist & Shout Run

when the ride ended. We took a couple more roads over a pass and canyon and ended up eating ice cream around 2:00. The whole route was nothing but twisty roads through beautiful mountainous Colorado. Thanks Lloyd for doing an outstanding job keeping the group together in your tail rider position. The large turnout of RMVTA members and guests seemed to enjoy the day.

"Steamer" & "Princess"



Fun on the Twist & Shout Run...nice bike

Are You Ready?

Submitted by: Pat "Thumper" McCombs

In the last two months, we have talked about some tips that might work on making us all better riders. We covered the "First-Time Passenger," the "Long-Time Passenger," and some basics for long-time riders of the sport of motorcycling. Now we are in the time of year with lots of miles ahead of us, major trips planned out, and can't wait to get those miles under us. It is also a time if you have not planned well, can turn a wonderful motorcycle trip into your worst nightmare. Believe when I tell you this, because in the last forty-five years of riding, I have more than likely made it into the record books for bone head decisions made on long motorcycle trips. The good thing is I have gotten a wealth of information from those mistakes, and it has made my motorcycling a much more enjoyable experience.

I cannot think of anything better than getting ready to head out for a week, or two weeks, with nothing but road under me and my trusted Iron Horse. But the question, are we ready for the adventure? Maybe yes...maybe no. A day ride is one thing, and a two week trip is a whole new ball game. Here are some tips, and I hope you find them useful, as they have served me well over the years.

Know Your Limitations & Be Realistic: If your normal ride is in the area of two to three hundred miles, don't lay out a two week trip that calls for two solid weeks of 600 to 800 mile days. Motorcycling should be fun, not something you should have to endure. Days when you have 200 to 300 miles of nothing but twisties, and it's 95 degree's out, believe me, that motel or camp ground will really look good to you. If you want to do the long distance thing, and enjoy it, work up to it.

God Rested on the Seventh Day, So Should You: Six hard days, will wear the best down. Step away from the Iron Horse for a day. Do a non-riding day. Plan something to enjoy on your off day.

Dehydration Can Get You, Be Aware!
 Long hot hours on the road, too much sun, lots of wind, you're thirsty, you're head is aching, and the old stomach is sending you signals you have never felt before. Yep, its dehydration and it is not fun to go through. Chug down water or fruit drinks every chance you get. It is very important to keep your fluid levels up. Coffee - tea - soft drinks will not cut it.

Poor & Fuzzy Thinking is a Good Warning Sign: Are you making the right decisions? Are simple decisions hard? Things like should we stop for gas? Is it time to take a break? Can we make our planned stop? These can all be caused by a number of things. No Sleep, Fatigue, Dehydration. If this is going on, STOP and identify the problem.

Make Use of that Rest Stop: No one is expected to stop at every rest stop, but there are times to make good use of them. Take a break, take a walk, stretch those legs, and move around. Stay limber, and get the blood flowing.

Untested Gear, Don't Start the Trip with it: New boots - New seat - New riding suit - and the list could go on. Don't start a long trip with anything you have not tested or broken in.

My hope for this three-part series was to maybe make the sport of Tour Motorcycling a little more enjoyable for folks who have not ridden a lot of miles. I hope in some small way it has helped. Enjoy the road.

"Thumper"



Looks like Vaughn is READY to ride!

Don't forget to check for your free brace of 50-50 tickets at the next meeting. Look for your membership number in this issue.



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"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country," --Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC.

"That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it," ---A congressional candidate in Texas.

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it." --Al Gore, Vice President

"I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix." --Dan Quayle

"If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure." --Bill Clinton, President

We are ready for an unforeseen event that may or may not occur." --Al Gore, VP

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