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Officers Speak

Submitted by: George Barrett, President

I can't believe that the riding season is already drawing to a close. We have several good rides left, but you can just feel it in the air. It is coming to a close for this year. A lot of us will continue to ride when we can during the off months, but it just won't be the same as having something on the calendar to do.

Calendar...speaking of that, I would like to remind all of you, that we should start putting the rides together for next year. If there is a ride that you have not done in a while, or something you would like to go do, please either put it together or just jot down the idea on a piece of something and let myself, Floyd, Stan, Lloyd or someone know about it so we can fit it into next year's season. Something else everyone should start looking at, is stepping up to a committee and helping out next year to put on a good program and try to top the last couple of years. I can not speak to anything prior, as I was not around. I think the last two years, the club has taken big steps in the right direction to improve the overall

excitement and electricity in the club and I for one would sure like to see it continue.

I really enjoy all your company and wish there was more things we could come up with to do during the week to have more interaction with you. That is why we need your input on ride ideas, meeting ideas, get-togethers, what ever you might think of that we could spend a little quality time with each other. This group seems to really enjoy food, so I hope that we can incorporate a lot more of the pot luck type meetings next year. The few food events we had this last year were a big success. I surely don't mind putting on the apron and hat to cook up a bunch of burgers and dogs for you guys. The club will only be as good as how much time you invest in it. It is very hard to have a few people do a lot of the work, as they burn out fast. But, if we could get a large number of you to do a little bit, it would turn out to be a huge success. I know a lot of you folks have been around for a number of years, and you feel like you have done your part. I would like you to reconsider since the rest of us are possibly missing

out on your good ideas and we would like your help keeping this club running. Please consider getting more involved in the running of the club this next year. We will all benefit from your help.

"KMART"

Blue Light Special

By now you will probably be aware that a lot of us will be gone for the September Meeting. Brian Graves has stepped up to the plate and has volunteered to take over the reins for the September Meeting. Please attend the meeting and give Brian as much support as possible and reassure him he is doing a good thing taking up the slack of those that are off playing. Thanks again Brian for all your help. The other thing I would like to start reminding you folks about is the October Meeting.....This will be our **Annual Bake Sale**, which will raise the majority of the funds for our Membership Appreciation Party which we will have the first of next year. If we are going to have a "Chinaman's chance in hell" of having as good a party as we

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Next Meeting: **Thursday, Sept 8, 2005 7:30 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 9700 E. Arapahoe Road.**
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Minutes

RMVTA Meeting Minutes
RMVTA Meeting
August 11, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Vice President, Floyd Thorne. Our President, George Barrett was suffering from the effects of pain medication taken on an empty stomach to counteract a toothache. A grown man should know better, but we hope George is feeling better soon.

Yet another plethora of visitors graced our meeting. Debbie & Paul Maynard who ride a Voyager, found us by the website. Sam Ashley told the group there is a Gold Wing in his future. Kelly Jerome was a guest of Leon Seifken. Brian Boberick and Jon Lofsted from the FreeWheelers were also present.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: The July minutes were approved for unknown reasons.

Treasurer: Sherri reported \$752.29 in checking and \$2,175.29 in savings for a total of \$2,927.58.

Committee Reports:

Activities: The Activities Committee was absent. No, wait. The Activities Committee was only late. The report of the committee actually occurred between Newsletter and Website. However, it is placed here for reasons of consistency. At any rate Ron Nardiello has 20 tickets for the Rockies game on September 20th. Contact Ron if you would like tickets.

Ancillaries: Stella checked into getting pins for individual rides, or at least annual rides. There was some discussion and the idea was tabled for now. Brian Graves said he could get shirts made in various styles. An order of thirty-six shirts would be needed for best pricing.

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

It is noted that new member, Bruce Vinson made a quick exit from the meeting at this point. An explanation will be required.

Member Relations: Jerry and Linda reported that Sherry Spickard, the daughter of Gary & Jeannie Hoedel, experi-

enced the sudden death of her fiancé recently. FreeWheelers member Char Young passed away on August 10th. She is survived by her husband Rex. Cards will be sent to Sherry and Rex.

Membership: George may have been AWOL, but Sherri Barrett was there, and made it very clear to all the visitors that she was the one to see about club membership.

Newsletter: Lloyd said the deadline for input of the 23rd will be strictly enforced this month due some of the newsletter staff leaving for the 3-Flags Classic. I know his comments have forced me into a late night.

Website: Brett reported "hits" in July were down by about 2,000.

Rides: As for ride recaps, the *Memorial Ride* to the balloon festival in Steamboat Springs saw great weather, beautiful scenery, and of course lots of hot air balloons. Stella Nicholson was even recruited as crew to help inflate one the balloons. Stella, I know from experience that you must "crew" on at least six flights before you are eligible for a ride. I say "at least" because I have crewed on that many flights, and have never had a ride. The *Maroon Bells Ride* that Floyd organized due to a ride cancellation ended up a long day. The group visited the "Bells" by mandatory bus ride from Aspen Highlands and hiked around the lake in fine weather. Then they proceeded to Glenwood Springs for a leisurely dinner in hopes that the traffic on I-70 east of Silverthorne would thin out by the time they got there. Hope was all it was. Brian said they did get to make a new friend, having a nice visit with a State Trooper. The *Men's Steak Ride* was a fine weekend, but most attendees complained of a poor quality steak on Friday night. This scribe's steak on the other hand, was flavorful and tender, cooked just the way I like it. Now, one of three explanations is at hand; 1) I just got a good one, 2) I had enough adult beverages that I just thought it was good, 3) I don't know a good steak from a bad one. Speaking of food, (great segue, eh?) the *July Dinner Ride* was led by Stan & Janet to the Whipple Tree in Bergan Park. The evening weather was pleasant and we all sat on the patio. Mexican was the fare, and the food and

times were both good. Then, on Saturday Stan took a group twisting & shouting in some canyons of the front range with a breakfast stop in Nederland. Brian Graves and Brett Barrett both initiated their new bikes on the *Twist & Shout Ride*. Vaughn & Betty Richards took us on a *Multi-Pass Ride* with a lunch stop at the Bucksnot Saloon in beautiful downtown Sphinx Park. It's actually a couple of miles up a dirt road from Pine. We ran a bit behind schedule most of the day, and lunch took longer than expected, so the portion of the ride going over Wilkerson Pass was eliminated. The ride still logged well over 300 miles. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

And now for the upcoming rides: Brett Barrett's *Brad Garrett Run*, (try saying that three times, fast) on August 14, according to Brett will be a "nice, easy ride" to Miramont Castle in Manitou Springs. That visit will be followed by a picnic in Garden of the Gods. Floyd & Linda Thorne's *August Dinner Ride* will be on the 25th. *The Camping Ride*, organized by Bill & Diane Lloyd will be August 27-28 to Mosca, CO. Saturday night dinner and breakfast Sunday morning will be prepared for us by the "Campground Lady". If you're not into camping, let not your heart be troubled. There are some five-star accommodations available, including 2 rooms in the host's home, 1 cabin, 1 motorhome and a camping trailer. The cabins, motorhome and trailer are all near the porta-potties. A campfire Saturday night is guaranteed. The *Black Hills Ride* will be hosted by Bill & Dena Nielson over Labor Day Weekend. Home away from home will be the Gold Country Inn in Deadwood. There is always plenty of good ridin' in the Black Hills, and gambling too! Bob Norton of the FreeWheelers will once again take the group on a *Moonlight Ride* on 9/17.

Old Business: Pat McCombs had t-shirts made for those members going on the 3-Flags. All were canary yellow except Becky's, which was pink. I put this here not because it's really old business, but there was no old business noted, and I didn't want that category to be blank two months in a row.

New Business: Due to most officers being on the 3-Flags at the time of the September meeting, some volunteers are needed. Brian & Jamie, among others will pull the duty. Somebody please remember to take notes.

Brian Boberick will be riding the Iron Butt Rally beginning on August 22nd. Floyd made a motion that was passed by the membership to sponsor Brian's assault of the 11-day, 11,000 mile ride in the amount of \$200. Brian will no doubt be goaded until he joins the club.

Missing Link: Brian Graves nominated Jamie for not plugging in her intercom cord. He was very upset that the intercom didn't work on his brand new bike. Jamie wasn't feeling well, and was sitting in the truck outside. Since she was the only nomination, we can only suspect that Brian will be in serious trouble.

50/50: There was \$80 (\$40 each way) in the lotto pool tonight. Dick Bush won third place money of \$8. In what is rapidly becoming a trend, Dick then drew his own ticket for second place money of \$12. Chip Long hit all six numbers for a whopping twenty bucks.

Once again I failed to note the time of adjournment, so your guess is as good as mine.

Submitted by Secretary, Bill Gillespie



(*"Blue Light"* Continued from page 1) had last year, it will take everyone's help in bringing some baked goods and your wallets the night of the meeting.

We will do our best to have an auctioneer again this year, as everyone seemed to respond to the one we had last year with great enthusiasm. Please remem-

ber to put your ideas on a sheet of paper and start thinking about how you can help the RMVTA continue to grow in a positive direction for 2006. I have had a blast being the President for 2005, and will be around for many years to come. I will be sure to have some good ideas for the ride committee for next year, but we will need many more.

"KMART"

Newsletter Blog

Submitted by: George Barrett

With most of the officers of the club being gone on the Three Flags this year, we will be mailing out the newsletter from different points along our route. If you believe your postmark on your newsletter is unique, PLEASE bring it with you to the October Meeting and see if you might get a prize????



"KMART"

PAST RIDES:

My First Attempt at Being a Ride Leader on the "Brad Garrett" Run

Submitted by: Brett Barrett

I led my first run August 14th and had a nice little loop out in the mountains. We took 285 south to CR-77 and took that down to US-24 and went east to Manitou Springs. We had planned to have a nice picnic lunch out in the Garden of the Gods, but when we got down there it was raining. We managed to snake inside a subway thanks to the nice folks down there and eat lunch. We went over and visited the Miramont Castle. It was a neat little castle and just one of those things where you could say you've been there. We went back up through Deckers and back on in to Denver. I'll have to say I enjoyed being a ride leader and would do it again.

Overall it was a very nice day.....(once

we got started...I'll save this story for the Missing Link Award!)

"Clutch"

ICE - In Case of Emergency

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

I was watching the evening news this afternoon and seen a piece that seemed to make a lot of sense to me. Apparently this started over in Europe some time ago regarding the programming of an emergency contact in your cell phone.

An excerpt taken from a web site www.icecontact.com it states that eight out of 10 British people carry no next of kin details. Yet 80% carry a mobile phone, most of whom have it on them all the time.

There is no simpler way of letting the emergency services know who to contact should you be involved in an accident than by using ICE. Standing for In Case of Emergency, ICE will allow ambulance crews and police officers to quickly contact a nominated person who can be informed of the incident.

Type the acronym ICE followed by a contact name (for example, ICE - mum or ICE - David) into the address book of your mobile phone

Save their phone number

Tell your ICE contact that you have nominated them

In my case I programmed ICE - Linda and also ICE - Patrick. This happens to be my wife as most of you know and Patrick is my son. These are people that I, and or in the event that both Linda I were on the bike in an accident together, would want contacted. I have my home number programmed as well as my son's numbers but a stranger looking at my contact list would not know them from all the other contacts found there. By setting them in a special grouping if you will (i.e. ICE) they would know those to be first of kin folks that I or we would want contacted.

None of us ever plan on having an acci-

dent but then isn't that the definition of an accident, an unplanned event. This seemed like something so very simple to just program this information into the cell phone that most of us have either on us, or in the tail trunks of the bikes. If we all did this, then in the event of the unthinkable event happening, your loved ones could be notified as soon as possible. It could make all the difference in the world. It's certainly food for thought.

Mr. "T" and Mrs. "T"



New member Ron Kucharski on top of the World

First Time as Leader

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to Brett Barrett for his ride called the "Brad Garrett Run." This was Brett's first time as a ride leader and all in all he did a very good job.

It started out a little rough as Brett missed a turn that he fully intended to make and then things fell apart there mentally for him for a while. To add to the confusion he was getting verbal communications from lots of folks (myself included) that may or may not have helped. Brett was also using his new CB Radio that was very recently installed and he may not have totally had that all debugged.

Once we got him back on track the way that he had mentally intended to go he settled down and did a very good job leading his first ride. I think that Brett will be the first to tell you that it is not necessarily as easy as many of you might think. He, like many of us, have ridden in the various groups lots of miles within the group and or even in some cases serving as a tail rider for brief times.

It takes on a whole new flavor if you are out there in front and have the group as a

whole as your responsibility. I know that for my sake, and I have led numerous rides myself over the years, that whenever I wake up the morning of the ride (assuming that I was able to get any kind of decent sleep the night before) I have butterflies in my stomach for the early hours and or in some cases until I get the group headed back to their respective homes in the metro area afterwards.

Yes, I know that each and every one of us rides our own machines and it's our individual responsibilities to look out for ourselves. But, when you are the Ride Leader you can't help but assume a certain amount of responsibility for the whole group.

The point that is to be made here is that until you have had the opportunity to serve as a Ride Leader yourself, try to be understanding and considerate of that person leading this ride for you. They have put a great deal of thought and planning into this activity to make it as safe and much fun as possible for all of us. When you have served as a Ride Leader yourself you will no doubt have a better appreciation for this and be more understanding and considerate on each and every group ride thereafter.

I heard talk that Brett was a "shoo in" for the Missing Link Award. I will be the first to say that this would be a bad thing, in my opinion. I know that it's difficult to get people to volunteer to lead a ride. It's difficult to get people to suggest a ride idea. I have seen experienced Ride Leaders (and yes me too) make a wrong turn and take us on an adventure or sight seeing side trip and that may be worthy of recognition but that's entirely different. Give credit where credit is due. Brett did a very good job and we will want him to volunteer again.

Mr. "T"



Bill Lloyd spreads joy every meeting night with 50/50



Larry Gutt & grandson enjoying the view and the ride



Big stories were told at the Buck Snort Saloon



Vaughn Richards leads a great Multi Passes Ride



August Dinner Ride fun



Dena & Bill at the August Dinner Ride



Our friend Brian Boberick sets off on his 1st Iron Butt Rally (7th place - leg 1)

Why parents drink!

The boss of a big company needed to call one of his employees about an urgent problem with one of the main computers. He dialed the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper.

"Hello."
 "Is your daddy home?" he asked.
 "Yes," whispered the small voice.
 "May I talk with him?"
 The child whispered, "No."
 Surprised, and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, "Is your Mummy there?"
 "Yes."
 "May I talk with her?"
 Again the small voice whispered, "No."
 Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked, "Is anybody else there?"
 "Yes," whispered the child, "a policeman."
 Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the Boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman?"
 "No, he's busy", whispered the child.
 "Busy doing what?"
 "Talking to Daddy and Mummy and the fireman," came the whispered answer.
 Growing concerned and even worried as he heard what sounded like a helicopter through the ear piece on the phone the boss asked, "What is that noise?"
 "A hello-copper" answered the whispering voice.

"What is going on there?" asked the boss, now truly alarmed. In an awed whispering voice the child answered, "The search team just landed the hello-copper."
 Alarmed, concerned, and even more than just a little frustrated the boss asked, "What are they searching for?"
 Still whispering, the young voice replied along with a muffled giggle,
 "me"

Real Signs

Sign over a Gynecologist's Office:
 "Dr. Jones, at your cervix."
 At a Proctologist's door
 "To expedite your visit please back in."
 On a Plastic Surgeon's Office door:
 "Hello. Can we pick your nose?"
 On a Maternity Room door:
 "Push. Push. Push."

In a Veterinarian's waiting room:
 "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

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For Sale:

21 foot Pace America enclosed toy-hauler trailer. Toy-hauler just in time for Sturgis!!! Would also make a great work trailer: 7,000 lb weight capacity, 2 air conditioning units, wired for electrical - 110 or 240, Fluorescent lighting installed, tongue-and-groove flooring. Asking \$4,950.00. Contact John Redford @ 303-903-3395.

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, \$6,200.00 to a club member. Call Bill Gillespie, 303-781-0032 or 303-758-8804.

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is September 20, 2005

In the front yard of a Funeral Home:
 "Drive carefully. We'll wait."
 In a Restaurant window:
 "Don't stand there and be hungry, Come on in and get fed up."
 At a Propane Filling Station,
 "Tank heaven for little grills."
 At the Electric Company:
 "We would be delighted if you send in your payment. However, if you don't, you will be."
 On a Fence:
 "Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive."
 In a Nonsmoking Area:
 "If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

1992 Honda ST 1100. Looks like new. candy red, color, 52,000 Miles, heated grips extra luggage, backrest. \$2,495 or best. Excellent! Call Bill Torrence @ (303) 279-0391.

2004 Yamaha FJR1300 Sport Touring Bike. The bike has 4,500 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. Price just reduced to \$9,995.00 OBO. Call Stan at home at (303) 690-4133 or office (303) 676-3230. Email address is stanstotz@comcast.net.

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

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