



You make the rides, you get the prize (no, we didn't have a Miss America Contest at the MAP...but we could have)

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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Brian Graves, President

I would like to thank George and Floyd for all they did last year and for putting on a GREAT M.A.P. Party. It seemed to me that everybody had a great time and great food. Great job guys.

I also would like to say, "congrats to Sherri Barrett for winning the XM SKYFI and the life-time membership. Great job Sherri.

Now on to our club....I would like to say, you guys are great. We had a great meeting last month. We had a lot of members show up and the meeting was a success. Yes the Shirts did come in and man did I get the stuff for it taking so long. I believe we can go on the record and say I am glad that is over.

Know that the MAP is over we can start really looking at the ride book and the sponsors so we can get it done in a timely matter. If any of you have a ride or are thinking of putting a ride together please let us know and we can help you if needed. I would ask that if you have a ride this year to please get the ride form in ASAP so we may also put it the ride book without any delays.

I am really looking forward to the rides

this year and I hope all of you can make most of them so we can have a great ride season this year.

I would like to thank Larry Gutt for saying he would be my VP and what a job he did in the last meeting. I know that we have a big pair of shoes to fill but I believe we can get it done and with all your support we will. Thank you.

"Jumpstart"



Membership Appreciation Party Postscript

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

On January 21st we had our annual Membership Appreciation Party at our clubhouse at Fay Myers. For our new members, this is our annual awards banquet/party. We never have a charge for it and it is a time that many of our active members come and have a ball.

This year was a really great party. Our outgoing Executive Committee hosted the event and George, Sherri, Bill and Floyd (plus many more) outdid themselves in planning a great party with great food catered by Famous Dave's BBQ and all the trimmings to include a great cake. The program was light-

hearted and fun. We also had a great slideshow put together by Brett Barrett which is one of the best I have ever seen...great job Brett. We also had a couple motorcycle daredevil movies and all around fun. Thanks Brian for all the "freebies" you handed out as door prizes. We really appreciated that.

As the outgoing Board President, I want to take this opportunity to thank George, Sherri, Floyd and Bill for the superb ride year they oversaw. I would also like to thank all the Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs for all your hard work. The club thrives on volunteers and that is you, the membership. Anytime you volunteer or show up for an RMVTA event, everybody benefits from your involvement. I also want to thank the current Executive Committee with Brian at the helm. We will do everything to support you this year and make it the best year yet (although this may be a BIG challenge!) "Steamer"

Next Meeting: **Thursday, Feb 9, 2006 7:30 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 9700 E. Arapahoe Road.**

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Minutes

RMVTA Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2006

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie, Secretary

Virgin President, Brian Graves called the first meeting of his administration to order at 7:29 p.m. Not to imply that Brian is a... that is to say... um well, Brian is a new, first time President. Anyway, the lone visitor was James Pasono, who rides a '94 Gold Wing SE.

Brian gave a recap of the New Years Eve party held at Jamie's and his house. He also noted that on Christmas day he had asked the fetching Jamie to become his wife. The real story is that she accepted the invitation. Group congratulations to them both! They indicated that a simple wedding is in order, and the money saved on the ceremony will be spent on the honeymoon. May their marriage be as long-lasting as Floyd and Linda Thorne's, who celebrate their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary tonight.

Stan Stotz noted that he had graduated from physical therapy on his recent knee replacement. It must be gratifying to finally have that diploma.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: The December minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer: Sherri reported \$857.70 in checking and \$2,176.92 in savings for a total of \$3,034.62. Four sponsors have paid their fees so far.

Committee Reports: New Vice-President, Larry Gutt presiding.

Activities: No report from Ron or Joyce, but Brian said there is still availability on the Ski Train to Winter Park for the tubing trip on January 28th. Fees for the snowmobile outing on February 11th must be paid to Brian by the end of January. The cost will be \$105 for a half-day trip with Brian as the guide.

Awards: Keep track of your special nominations for fun awards throughout the year. Give your nominations to a member of the officer's group. The awards will be presented at the Member Appreciation Party next January.

Finance: Brian & George will have a report to include a proposed budget in February.

Historical: Floyd made the standard plea for input. Cliff Eudy has an original poster from the Jim White Poker Run.

Member Relations: Steve & Connie Benko have taken over this committee after a fine job by Jerry & Linda Hatfield. If you know of a member who is ill or has had a family death or emergency, please contact Steve or Connie so they can send the proper correspondence.

Membership: This is Sherri's favorite time of year. Dues are due. She is also the "keeper of the points," and a discussion was held about the points system for annual awards. It was decided to keep the system the same for 2006.

Newsletter: The deadline for submissions is, as always, the 23rd to Stan. Debbie Farnum has been very busy for some time, and has been unable to compose member or sponsor profiles. Anyone willing to fill that void should contact Stan.

Website: Brett reported the web site is now being operated from the club "dish" and Home Computer Rescue server. Members will soon be able to upload pictures to the site.

Rides: The Ride Committee is on track with the 2006 ride schedule. Final schedule should be available on the web site sometime in February, and books distributed at the March meeting. Those who are leading a ride this year should have their ride worksheets to Stan within the next couple of weeks. Sherri says, "No dues, no book."

Old Business: Brian noted that the delay in getting the embroidered shirts is due to the vast array of colors chosen. It seems most everyone wanted something different, and it's driving the embroiderer nuts. Apparently, he didn't realize what he was getting himself into. They will be done, it's just taking longer than first thought.

Stan brought it to our attention that in his absence in November we had violated the Constitution when we failed to elect a new Board of Directors member. After a grilling that made the Sam Alito hearings seem like a Tupperware party, Cliff Eudy was confirmed as a new 2-year member. He will join fellow members Dena Nielson, Brett Barrett, Richard

Bush, and of course, Chief Justice, George Barrett to form the "RMVTA Supreme Court" if you will.

New Business: Brian has secured a new Sky-Fi radio complete with lifetime subscription from XM Radio to be raffled off at the Member Appreciation Party. Tickets will be \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

A discussion of a slogan for 2006 ensued. Sherri did some research to come up with several slogans from the past. In 1996, the tag line was "Riding for Kicks in '96." A suggestion was made to simply add "Still" to the beginning of that one. Others were mentioned, but most can't be printed here without violating some rule of good taste.

Brian asked if he could move the postal box to the post office right up the street from the clubhouse. A motion to do so was made by Cliff and passed.

Missing Link: Retired until spring.

50/50: Pat McCombs won 3rd place for \$13. Connie Benko got 2nd for \$25, and Jerry Hatfield got the jackpot of \$38. How much is a new CB for a Harley?

Brian Graves brought several door prizes including stock show tickets, Rockies collectables, and hats, bags and shirts from XM and Sirius Satellite Radio services. It was during this mega giveaway that the alarm sounded in the main part of Fay Myers. Since the alarm wasn't in the clubhouse area, we weren't too concerned, but did want to get out before the Cops got there. That turned out to be an easy task, as they still hadn't arrived a half-hour later.

The meeting was adjourned somewhere around 9:00 p.m.

"Wing Commander"

CELEBRATIONS:

February Birthdays:

1st - Nancy Siefken
11th - Suzanne Sanborn
11th - George Barrett
18th - J.R. Reynolds
20th - Brenda Shumaker
23rd - Vaughn Richards
26th - Chip Long

February Anniversaries:

25th - Leon & Nancy Siefken
26th - Bill & Diane Lloyd



Our 2006 Executive Committee Vice President Larry Gutt, Secretary Bill Gillespie, Treasurer Sherri Barrett and Brian Graves President (and all-around good guy)

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Do You Know COLORADO MOTORCYCLING LAWS?

Submitted by: Pat McCombs

If for some reason, you were to be questioned on Colorado State Motorcycling Laws, how would you as a rider come out on those questions? I am not sure a lot of Colorado Motorcyclists would fair very well. Although many dealers try to provide there new customers, and first time riders with the information, how many of them read up on such laws? I have always thought that motorcycle clubs should cover their states motorcycling laws at least once a year in their club meetings. Can't say the clubs I have been in have ever done that. If it has been awhile since you have brushed up on Colorado State Motorcycling Laws, maybe for some of you this will be of some help.

ROAD MOTORCYCLES:

- Safety Helmet** = Not Required
- State Funded Rider Education** = Available to all eligible applicants
- Eye Protection** = Required by law
- Daytime Use of Headlight** = Not required by law. Modulating headlight permitted
- Passenger Seat** = Required if carrying a passenger
- Passenger Footrest** = Required if carrying a passenger
- Passenger Age Restriction** = None
- Helmet Speakers** = No restrictions
- Headphones** = Prohibited Except Helmets with Speakers
- Periodic Safety Inspection** = Required by law - random
- Mirror Left** = Required by law
- Mirror Right** = Not required by law
- Brakes** = Required on one wheel
- Handlebar Height** = Not Specified in any Colorado Motorcycling Laws

- Passenger Handhold** = Not Required
- Radar Detector** = No Restriction
- Turn Signals** = Not Required
- Speedometer/Odometer** = Not Required
- Muffler** = Required
- Maximum Sound Level** = Maximum allowable A-weighted sound levels based on measurements taken at a distance of 50 feet from center lane of travel, local authorities may adopt the following. 1. Manufactured before January 1st 1973 88 dba at 35 mph or less. 90 dba at 35 to 55 mph. 2. Manufactured after January 1st 1973 86dba at 35 mph or less. 90 dba at 35 to 55 mph.

- Powers of Local Authorities.**
- State Insurance Requirements** = Compulsory Liability (Minimum Limits = 25/50/15)
- Rider Education Waiver** = Skill & Knowledge Test
- Motorcycle Endorsement Required On Colorado License** = Yes
- Accept Motorcycle Endorsements From Other States** = Yes
- Motorcycles Operating Two Abreast In same Lane** = Yes. 42-4-1503- Operating motorcycles on roadways laned for traffic. All motorcycles are entitled to full use of a traffic lane, and no motor vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any motorcycle of the full use of a traffic lane. This subsection (1) shall not apply to motorcycles operated two abreast in a single lane.
- Lane Splitting** = 42-4-1503. Operating motorcycles on roadways laned for traffic. (2) The operator of a motorcycle shall not overtake or pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken. (3) No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

I hope this is some type of help, for anyone that is not aware of Laws that are required for Colorado Motorcyclists. Ride safe out there this year, and enjoy the sport.

"Thumper"

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What's a 1%?

Submitted by: Pat McCombs

There was a time in my life, back in 1960, when I thought being a 1% Biker would be quite a life style. Most of the 1% Bikers I knew where either World

War II vets or had returned home from Viet Nam to face what was to be known as "The Ugly American" who did not understand, or give a damn about what they went through in Nam. You had to live the "Sixties" to really understand the "Sixties". It was a very different time, and you could write articles tell the cows come home, and a lot of folks could still not wrap their arms around it.

A lot of returning Veterans, had no support groups as they do today, and no place that they felt safe for support. As a result, to feel safe, and have people they knew they could trust, they migrated to motorcycle gangs all over the United States. Here they could relate to others of their kind, get out their frustrations and tell the rest of the world they could "Go Straight to Hell". They were the lost society that nobody wanted to be around anyway. But, like everything else, even this image has done a 360 degree turn around in the last forty plus years. No longer is it a safe house for Veterans, but has been turn into some very unlawful activities through out the land. Outlaw 1% Biker Gangs are coming back strong again in this country, and are spreading like wild fire all through the European countries.

I was researching a bunch of "Old Motorcycle Archives" the other day on the net, and came across The Aliens MC Nomad Motorcycle Club out of New York. Now understand, they have been around since 1964, have over 500 members in the New York area, and some 200 Chapters around the world. Are they bigger than the Hell's Angels? That I am not sure on, but they are very big. Some of their out clubs spread though out Europe have names like Flame Eyes, Bad Seven, Skull Riders, Zombies, Black Label Society, Brothers of the Third Wheel, Black Souls, Sisters of Darkness, and the list goes on and on. All are 1% branches of the Aliens MC Nomad Club.

Some of their mission statements, come right to the point. "WE ARE AN OLD CLUB WITH OLD VALUES" "This club is **NOT** interested in selling drugs, guns or any other illegal Bullshit, It is about **Riding, Brotherhood, Trust** and **Respect** as it once was." "We are the Real Deal" "WE SUPPORT THE OLD

WAYS OF WHAT THIS CLUB WAS FOUNDED ON" "WE GIVE RESPECT TO THOSE WHO SHOW US RESPECT" And it goes on and on, and that is just the tip of the "Old Iceberg" as they say.

Today, for what ever reason I get very nervous around 1% Motorcycle Clubs. Maybe it is because I have gotten older, and know a lot of the life styles they live. Do all 1% Bikers make me uneasy? No, not all, and I will explain.

In the early Sixties when I was working two jobs, one of my jobs was that of a bouncer at a friend of mine's place called The Exodus at 17th & Lincoln street. This is where John Denver & Judy Collins got their starts. I guess I am really dating myself now. Anyway one of the regulars, was a fellow named Hunter S. Thompson. Now Hunter was a little off the wall, and when they say the "Sixties" were good to him they were right on with him. I don't think I ever saw him, when he was not pulling on a joint. Hunter's dream was to write the "Great American Novel", and I guess in some ways he might have done that as the years went on. He was fascinated by "Motorcycle Gangs". In 1965, Hunter would write a book entitled *Hell's Angels, The Strange and Terrible saga of the Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs*. They gave him a lot of trust, and over a very short span of years, he misused the trust of the Angels, and would almost cost him his life. Sonny Barger, who has run the Hell's Angels for years, would touch on this in his book *Hell's Angel The Life and Times of Sonny Barger and the Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club*.

In 1961 to 1965 I rode with a group out of North Denver, called the Brother's Fast. We all rode Triumphs, Norton's, and BSA's. Today the club which was founded in 1958, are now your local Hell's Angels Chapter and they all ride Harleys. Interesting how things change. One of these days, will have to continue on with this, as there are a number of 1% Bikers you could trust with your mother. That is a story for another day.

"Thumper"
Member # 600



Great job on the M.A.P. Party cake

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS:

Brett Barrett
Membership Bio's
January 25, 2006

I volunteered to write a few members' bios for the Venture Voice and in doing so I figured I ought to start out with myself first. I'm currently 17 years old and a senior at Gateway High School though I only go to Gateway for one class a day. I head up to the Community College of Aurora and take 2 classes up there and then I head to Pickens Technical School and take some classes dealing with electronics and computers. In doing so I've gotten a pretty good head start and by the time I graduate high school I'll be 2/3 done with an Associates in Applied Science.

I've lived here in Colorado my entire life and as far as I'm concerned this is one of the best places to live. Where else can you breathe the fresh Rocky Mountain air and see those majestic mountains in the distance. Majestic mountains that not only look great, but ride great too! I love to take my Honda ST1300 up into the mountains and just forget about life. When I'm on a twisty road it's just me, my motorcycle, my riding buddies, and the road ahead. Nothing more and nothing less.

I do a lot of riding in my spare time but when I'm not off riding, I'm at home messing around with my computer learning as much as I can about it. What can I say I'm a computer nerd I guess. In the future I'm planning on working with my dad in the Home Computer Rescue business, but if that doesn't work out for any reason, I'll go back to school and finish out my bachelors degree Well now that you've heard all about me its time to hear all about you.

"Clutch"

If it's FREE it's advice.
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The guys got "mugged" at the M.A.P....these are many of our top riders!



Jerry & Linda get a high-tech communication device for their Harley...a genuine Harley 2-can & wire phone



Sherri Barrett and Brett Barrett receive recognition for most points...dig the new plaque



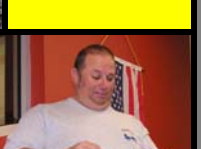
Bruce Vinson and wife Michelle enjoy an award he got that "kinda grows on you"



Sherri Barrett wins the 2nd Annual President's Award for outstanding service to the RMVTA...Thanks Sherri!



Paul & Debbie Maynard get an award for their first ride with the RMVTA



George receives a special tool in case his bike and trailer ever get stuck in the sand again



Newly weds Leon and Nancy receive the



Scenic view from the ski train on the Tubing Activity



Brett, Stella and Lloyd enjoying the train ride to

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room when he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." With that, his wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer



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This is Not the Tubing Hill



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George, great halter top!

GROWING OLDER ...
A very elderly gentleman, (mid nineties) very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel smelling slightly of a good after shave, presenting a well looked after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady, (mid eighties). The gentleman walks over, sits alongside of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"



Brian Boberick and Pat McCombs at the January Meeting

A cardiologist died and was given an elaborate funeral. A huge 7-foot wide heart covered in flowers stood behind the casket during the service. Following the eulogy, the heart opened, and the casket rolled inside. The heart then closed, sealing the doctor in the beautiful heart forever. At that point, one of the mourners burst into laughter. When everyone stared at him, he said, "I'm sorry, I was just thinking of my own funeral. I'm a gynecologist." That's when the proctologist fainted.

Member Notice
Look for your membership number in this issue. If you find it, see the 50-50 ticket sellers at the next meeting for your free brace of 50-50 tickets. Don't forget to check .

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is February 23, 2006



President Brian and Vice-President Larry hold court at the January Membership Meeting



Larry conducts the meeting for the first time. Great job Larry!

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