



Snowy Range Romp Ride, Lake Marie

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## Officer's Speak

Submitted by Bob "Vaderwing" Junker, Secretary

### "I AM DETROIT DIESEL!"

I had the opportunity last year to visit Detroit, MI. One of the manufacturers that we deal with at work offered to fly us (my boss & I) to Detroit. First, they would provide us full-access tickets to the Sprint Cup race at Michigan International Speedway. Next, on Monday, we would tour the Detroit Diesel engine plant. Monday afternoon, we would fly to North Carolina for a Tuesday-tour of the Freightliner truck assembly plant. Finally, we would fly home on Tuesday evening. We'll focus here on Monday's tour.

We got up on Monday morning and headed to the Detroit Diesel engine plant. A truly huge facility conducting research & development & engine manufacture for a broad array of diesel engines. Upon arrival, we were ushered into a conference room to meet our tour guide. She bustled into the room and introduced herself: "My name is Judy Rogers and *I am Detroit Diesel*". My left brain, quick to judge, categorized this

introduction as arrogance. My right brain took the time to listen to her explanation of this introduction.

Judy had been with the company for over twenty years. She started out on the assembly floor, made her way up through the ranks and been promoted into R & D, then into hospitality. She had seen many transitions in management but had been most influenced by the ownership of Detroit Diesel by Roger Penske. It was his leadership model that encouraged employees to claim ownership of the company, thereby ownership of it's products & their quality. This model believed that employees who claim ownership also have increased pride in the company and the products they produce, infusing quality into every phase of manufacture.

As the tour progressed, I was very intrigued by Judy. Her entire attitude demonstrated pride and concern for every aspect of the company. Every day, she asked herself a number of questions:

What can I do to improve the way I do my job today?

What can I do to improve my co-workers day?

What can I do to improve our company's image?

What can I do to improve the quality of our product?

The other employees were infused with the same sense of pride and ownership. If I was going to spend the money to buy a diesel engine, it would be a Detroit Diesel. I am convinced that every individual in that company took pride in every aspect of building an engine.

So, how does this correlate to the RMVTA? Let's take the questions and modify them slightly:

What can I do to improve our club today?

What can I do to enhance a co-rider's experience today?

What can I do to improve our club's image?

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**Next Meeting:** Thursday, Aug., 13, 2009  
 7:00 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World  
 9700 E. Arapahoe Road.

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## Minutes RMVTA Meeting

July 9, 2009

Submitted by:

Debbie "Little Bit" Maynard, Vice Prez

President Richard Bush called the meeting to order around 7:00 p.m. We had no visitors. I officially reported Bob to be a slacker for not setting up a stand-in secretary. I officially withdraw this statement based on facts that came to my attention two weeks later.

### Officer's Reports

**Secretary:** Minutes were approved by general membership.

### Treasurer:

Sherris sent figures to Richard. We have \$1,699.48 in Checking and \$636.53 in Savings for a total of \$2,336.01.

### Committee Reports

#### Membership:

Bill N., Sam & Richard filled the group in on their trip out west complete with flat tires, burnt out headlights and a sick horse. Tom Shumaker has a new Harley Davidson Ultra Classic in the color of RED. Discussion ensued and it was determined that Red is Right and Right is Red. To seal the deal, Bill & Dena rode in on their new RED Triumph Rocket III. Connie noted that together their two bikes look like ketchup and mustard. Ha ha, hey is anybody hungry?

#### Activities:

Just get out and ride.

#### Historical:

Floyd said this is "Yesterday's News" although he is getting memorabilia and pictures from the rides he has not been on.

#### Member Relations:

Stella reports that we have 2 new members bringing our year-to-date membership dues to \$1,170. Ruthie had surgery to remove a cancerous growth and this went well.

#### Newsletter:

Paul reports that the newsletter continues to get published but we were two pages short this last month. Keep those articles coming and remember the deadline is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

#### Webmaster/Website:

No updates.

### Past Rides

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Reflection:

Floyd reported that they had a small group but a wonderful time in Lake City. They also found a great new dinner stop that we may revisit in the future.

#### Gateway Ride:

Sam didn't lead this but he set it up and everyone had a great time at the Auto Museum and the resort.

#### June "Mystery" Dinner Ride:

This really turned out to be a mystery as the weather didn't allow the group to visit the original location which is home to the "Best French Fries West of Coney Island." South members dined at Big Bill's NY Pizza and the Northerners met someplace closer to home.

#### Ice Cream Dream:

Sam gave the run-down on the best ice cream shops in and around Denver. Our 1<sup>st</sup> stop was Louis's Sweet Shop in Empire and our 2<sup>nd</sup> stop was Haagen Daz in Boulder where we watched a show of jugglers on Pearl Street. One juggler was *very* enthralled with Debbie Ritz and when the time came for an audience volunteer he called out for, "the girl in the chaps!" but she was nowhere to be found. Most everyone finished up at Bonnie Brea. All noted how ironic it was that Bill N. didn't have the stomach to complete 3 ice cream stops and how we should nominate him for the Missing Link. Hal and Karen's son Daniel was very excited about this trip and he is the newest RMVTA recruiter, telling everyone he meets that, "*We go for Ice Cream!*"

#### Snowy Range Romp II:

There was a good turnout of 8 bikes and 11 people for the Snowy Range Romp and it was noted that just a few weeks ago this range was covered in snow and Lake Marie was frozen. Floyd brought a near life-sized picture to prove it. Apparently, Tom Shumaker asked Richard to keep him dry and comfortable on this ride. Yes, this request came from Mr. Polar Bear himself!

### Future Rides

Please see the website or Ride Book for details on these upcoming rides. Hope to see you there!

Steamboat Hot Air Balloon Festival, July 11-12; Come Play in the Canyon, July 17-19; July Dinner Ride, July 23; 6<sup>th</sup> Annual President's Picnic Ride, August 1: This year we will picnic at Manitou Lake Picnic Ground, located between 5 and 10 miles north of Woodland Park, CO. There is a \$5 per vehicle National Picnic Ground fee. Please RSVP by July 26 via email to Richard at [bushre@yahoo.com](mailto:bushre@yahoo.com) or phone Debbie at 720-472-4924.

Kit Carson Carousel Ride, August 2; Moonlight Ride, August 8.



"Yes, I am going to eat all of this!"

### New Business

It's not too early to think about the Progressive Dinner Ride. This is scheduled for September 13 so we'll have a better chance at good weather. Brian will be hosting breakfast and we need a location for the dinner/desert portion which will be combined this year to allow for more riding time. Please see Richard or Debbie if you're interested in hosting.

We took a break for ICE CREAM! graciously provided by Steve & Connie. Gloria will bring treats for the August meeting.

### Missing Link

There was really just one nomination but Little Bit got nominated just so there

would be something to vote on. My nomination was for not bringing the 50/50 can – pretty lame if you ask me. The real nomination was Paul for riding behind another guy on his bike. I would use the derogatory name but this is a family newsletter. We're sure there are pictures and video forthcoming. In all the laughter and hilarity we forgot to nominate Bill for the missed Ice Cream stop but there's always next month I suppose. No vote was held, the Maynard's took home the award by unanimous acclamation.

### 50/50

\$65 was collected with \$33 going to members and \$32 going to the club. Bill G. won \$7, Dena won \$10, and Karen won \$16. To mess with Floyd, Paul said the Snowy Range pictures he brought in were to be raffled off. Bill N. went with this and the winners were Stella for the poster-size and Bill N. for the life-sized one. Congrats to our winners and thanks to Floyd.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



### WILD WEST HISTORY TOUR

June 6-7, 2009

Submitted by Lyle "Wild Lyle" Welsh

It was a fun trip back into the past. Saturday morning before departure the sun was out the morning coffee or snacks were plentiful, but where was Lyle? Fear not. Even though I was about 15 minutes late, I proudly accept the missing link award because with the maintenance work I had to do and installing the fairing there was no way I was going without it. As it turned out, it came in handy on Sunday. We had some last minute changes in the group. Hal & Karen Schwartz couldn't make it but Bob & Bonnie Junker took their place. Ron Nardiello came along to join Dave Howe, Paul & Debbie Maynard, Brian Graves & Cyndee Miller. In keeping with the wild west trail drive theme, I was riding 'point'. I asked Paul to ride 'drag' which immediately spawned

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What can I do to make the experience more fondly memorable?

All of us do very well as a club. I truly am proud, and have written in this column, of the way we take care of each other. I thoroughly enjoy the time we spend together and look forward to every event I am able to attend.

It is my goal to take it up a notch. I intend to represent this club in such a way that anyone who sees us will want to be us. I will be an ambassador to other riders to encourage them to join us. I will work on getting to know each of you better and understanding what motivates you to be a part of this club. If I see you & think you are not having a good time, I will ask why and try to help. I will make every individual in this club think they are the most important person at that moment.

I am a member of the Rocky Mountain Venture Touring Association. ***I am the RMVTA!***

Are you?



laughter and zingers such as "Did you bring your costume for that?"

We left from I-76 & Bromley Lane. In about 20 to 30 miles it became overcast and grey looking for a few miles which was an omen for the future but soon we were basking in the sunshine again. We changed the route a little and pulled off I-76 and took a detour through Otis, Colorado so Bob could pick up 'Precious' who was staying with her mother, who had been in the hospital. We missed the section of I-76 where you witness the mystery of the moving town but, there is always next year. The detour afforded us a little 2 lane close-up look at agri-business in all its greenery.

Just outside of Julesburg next to the interstate we could see Rustlers Hide-out. The remnants of the stone building marked the site where cattle rustlers in

the late 1800's would hide the cattle in the adjacent cave and use the site as a stronghold from the sheriff. We stopped at the Oregon Trail marker along U.S. Highway 30 at what they called California Hill. This is where the settlers came up from the South Platte River heading toward the North Platte River in panhandle Nebraska.

In the Ogallala area there are Pony Express and Oregon Trail markers. We visited Boot Hill Cemetery which is the final resting place for some of the early residents, including Rattle Snake Ed Worley, shot to death over a poker game dispute. Nowadays, they're more civilized, they send lawyers after you. We went north to Lake McConaughy and saw the big pond. We then crossed over Kinsley Dam on the way to Keystone. The dual church in the little town of Keystone was something special. It was built in about 1909 and is the only known church in these parts that has one end for Catholics and the other end for Protestants. It is the only known church that received a papal dispensation to do so.

After check-in and a short pit-stop at the motel we hurried over to Front Street to beat the rain, light hail and some local flooded streets but our spirits weren't dampened. The Wood Gallery and Museum was already closed so we did the usual tourist thing in the gift shop and the history museum. The next show after the rain & hail was the shoot-out in front of the Crystal Palace Saloon. There's nothing like a little gun play and a couple of 'dead' cowpokes lying in the mud to build the appetite of the tourists. We wished the hombres peaceful pastures and had a tasty dinner at the restaurant.

The Crystal Palace Review is where things got pretty wild. The sarsaparilla & kick-a-poo joy juice was flowing and the singin' and dancin' was on loose reins. Of course, the highlight to the show is when we discovered we had been consorting with a low down four-flushin', no-count desperado sidekick accused of shooting some poor innocent cowboy. I don't want to spread any

rumors so I'll just say his initials were:  
Paul Maynard.

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With Rope around his neck, Paul cheats death again!

After being pointed out by an eye witness, given a quick 'fair public' trial, and preparing the noose they accidentally swore him in along with the others little cowpokes on stage as a Deputy Marshal. Since they couldn't hang a "Deputy Marshal", he dodged the hangman's noose. It just goes to show, ya gotta be careful who you ride with on the trail.

Sunday morning greeted us with overcast skies, weather forecasts more sobering than Boot Hill, and chilly temperatures. We headed north and went along the north side of Lake McConaughy to the Ash Hollow State Park. After a quick tour of the displays in the museum it was decided we didn't have the same determination as the pioneers of the past so we headed south to I-80 and then to I-76. The trip back was a lot wetter for some than others, with trying to dodge the severe weather and tornados. Bob, Bonnie and Dave headed south at Sterling. Brian, Cyndee and Ron headed south after lunch at the Pepper Pod in Hudson.



And "Marshal" Paul, Debbie and I took it back home around the north and west side of Denver.

We again missed the section of I-76 where you witness the mystery of the moving town and some of the other historic points of interest, some even older than me. Oh well, as most of the Denver professional sports teams say, wait till next year.

## Snowy Range Romp II or III

Submitted by: Richard "Kickstand" Bush, President

The day started off cloudy and cool. 8 bikes and 11 riders and passengers met at 120<sup>th</sup> and I-25 for a day of riding and scenery. We had a surprise when Tom Shumaker showed up on a new ride. He had a new HD (hum) but did get the color right (red). It is a great looking bike and we know Tom is enjoying it.

We left the meeting place close to the appointed time and headed to Ft. Collins. The skies cleared by the time we started up Poudre Canyon. Traffic was not bad and the ride over Cameron Pass was pretty short but a little cool, 54 degrees.

We arrived in Walden and after fueling the bikes, we found some fuel for us at the River Rock Café. We timed that pretty good as we avoided the lunch crowd and had an enjoyable lunch. It looked like we were leaving Walden at the right time since a very dark rain cloud was building over the town. Tom

told me my job was to keep everyone warm and dry for the rest of the day. I did pretty well at that, more later.

We headed up Colorado 125 into Wyoming, through Encampment and on to Lake Marie. On the way we found some wet roads and eventually stopped to put on the rain gear. As you can expect, by the time we finished fighting with the rain gear, the skies cleared. We did keep the gear on which made the ride a little more comfortable. It was pretty cool up there with a lot of snow in the trees and on the path to the lake.

Leaving Lake Marie, we headed to Laramie for a little fuel and on toward home. We did get a pretty good shower south of Laramie and we were glad that we had left the rain gear on. The shower was short lived and it was clear and sunny the rest of the way home. Traffic was a little slow between Loveland and north of Longmont. It cleared and we moved along pretty well.

I was somewhat surprised with the turnout since we were at the end of a long holiday weekend. We had a great group and I hope everyone enjoyed the ride. I enjoyed leading and we did see some great country. Thanks to all for making the ride a fantastic ending to the weekend.

(front cover picture was from this ride.)

## July Dinner Ride

Submitted by Stella "Wrong Way" Nicholson

The July Dinner Ride was planned by the Nicholson Team to be a "ride back in time" to the fifties. We decided to take everyone to Rosie's Diner in Monument. This is where the happy days of the all American diner are back.

As their promo says and I quote ...."Humbly birthed in 1946 as the Silver Dollar Diner of Little Ferry, New

Jersey, Rosie's Diner earned national acclaim and took on its current name in 1971, when the Bounty paper towels "quicker picker upper" TV commercial made the diner and waitress Rosie (a.k.a. the late actress Nancy Walker) household icons. Since then, Rosie's Diner has been featured in more than 100 TV commercials, five movies, numerous TV specials and magazine ads. It is now one of the most photographed buildings in the country. Now with an established diner in Monument, Colorado, Rosie's continues to be a national dining destination and proven emerging restaurant concept serving great food in a fun and friendly atmosphere."



There were 18 of us that ventured down to Monument. I got a chance to meet three new people too. Lyle Welch brought his son Nick along, and Cyndee Miller brought her son Michael along. Steve and Connie also brought their darling grand-daughter Sydney along. With lots of conversation and good food, we all had a great time. I believe there was some rumor going around by Hal about the weather but I am not sure what that was all about since he drove a car instead of his bike? LOL.

This Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Rosie's will have a car and motorcycle show right here in Monument. The proceeds will go to local charities. They are always helping the local community.

If you have never been to a Rosie's Diner they have a wonderful menu for all ages and breakfast is served 24 hours a day.

Stay cool Daddy-O. See you at the next dinner ride.



**"Tidbits"**

Submitted by: Stella "Wrong Way" Nicholson

Since we have been having such unusual weather with the rain coming so often, I thought I would talk some weather facts. Each year Colorado receives:

- 300 days of sunshine
- more than 300 inches of snow at the mountain resorts
- 16.5 inches of precipitation (8 down low and 23 up high)
- 33 percent humidity

**First snow in September (though it usually snows somewhere in the state every month, except maybe August)**  
**Summer average for Denver in August is 85 for a high and 56 for the low. So we should look forward to some very nice riding weather.**

The following people have BIRTHDAYS in August:

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|----------------|---------|
| Billie Berube  | Aug. 1  |
| Larry Gutt     | Aug. 12 |
| Paul Coriell   | Aug. 12 |
| Karen Schwartz | Aug. 12 |
| Brett Barrett  | Aug. 16 |
| Nedra Eudy     | Aug. 17 |
| Donn Daniels   | Aug. 21 |
| Debbie Ritz    | Aug. 25 |
| Linda Thorne   | Aug. 25 |



ANNIVERSARYS:

Jerry and Daniela Henn Aug. 18

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!**



**For Sale:**



2 -2008 49cc scooters for sale. Price is \$850.00 each or \$1600 for both. They do not require license plates or ins. Engine is 49cc, 4 stroke, 100 mpg, 1.25 gal tank. One has a new carb on it and one has a new battery. Both have less than 100 miles driven. Both have original title and owners manual and took kit. Ready to ride now as the weather gets warmer and the price of gas goes up!

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(see Feb's newsletter for all the details about this motorcycle.)

**The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is: August 23, 2009.**

**Next Meeting:**  
 Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009  
 7:00 p.m.  
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