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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Richard Bush,
President

Wow, here we are at the end of another year. Time sure flies when you are having so much fun.

We had some exciting meetings and rides. We solved a few things and have a few left to solve. We had a bunch of great rides and I hope everyone had as much fun as I did. The ride committee and the ride leaders did a wonderful job setting up and leading all of the rides.

I want to thank the fantastic people who served with me and all of the help they provided. I especially want to thank Debbie, our Vice President, who not only help organize and run the meetings, but also helped me through some of the difficult issues that arose during the year. At this writing, Debbie is busy completing plans

for the Christmas Party and helping organize the MAP.

As we get into the season of making wish lists and New Year resolutions, I have a list for the Club. I wish all the best for the new officers. We have a great club and a lot of expertise in many fields. I hope that every member will get behind and support the new officers 100%. If you see an issue that needs the officer's attention, bring it to them in a kind and supportive way. Bring some proposed solutions too. I wish that the ride committee receives a bunch of ideas for rides and a bunch of ride leaders to go with them.

Finally, I wish everyone in the club a clear road full of twisties, sunshine and warmth and that you all arrive at your destination healthy, with a smile on your face and good friends to share your

experiences.

I'm looking forward to another fantastic riding year and to seeing all of you at next year's meetings and rides.

Thanks "prez" Richard for a Great Year!!



Happy Holidays.
"Kickstand"

Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009
7:00 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World
9700 E. Arapahoe Road.

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Minutes RMVTA Meeting

November 12, 2009

Submitted by:

Bob "Vaderwing" Junker, Secretary

President Richard Bush called the meeting to order at 1904 (late again). We welcome our new member, Tom Tannenbaum. He rides a Harley Electraglide.

Secretary's Report: Stan made the motion to approve the October minutes. Linda seconded; everyone agreed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sherry is absent, but Little Bit has the numbers:

Checking:	\$2,026.49
Savings:	\$636.55
Total:	\$2,663.04

Fun Stuff: Janet & Stan Stotz went on a cruise to Mexico. They are scheduled to go on another cruise to Alaska next year.

Floyd and Linda helped Becky and Bill with their annual Veteran's Breakfast on the 7th. Several RMVTA'ers attended, including yours truly. This year, there was a photographic presentation of a return trip to France by a D-Day participant in celebration of the sixty-fifth anniversary of the invasion.

Committee reports:

*We do not yet have a replacement for Activities Coordinator, the position being vacated by Sam at the end of the year. The person in this position will set up activities, outside of rides, for the club to get together during the inclement weather season.

Past activities have included movies, bowling, snow-tubing and a trip to view ice sculptures. Anyone interested, please contact one of the club Officers or Board Members.

*Historical: "I got lots of stuff & I really intend to do something with it someday." Floyd Thorne, Historical Chairman.

*Member Relations:

Ruthie "Pepper" Lane is recovering nicely from hip replacement surgery.

Bonnie's mother is doing okay aside from the increasing pain levels.

Sherry's mother is going into hospice in Texas (hence her absence tonight).

Paul had a cyst removed from his hand. He's healing nicely.

Bill is in a boot cast and walking on his repaired foot. He does have to revert to crutches occasionally, but, overall, he's doing well.

*Membership: Brian Graves has brought us John Orloff ('95 Harley) and Tom Tannenbaum ('09 Electraglide). Welcome to both!

*Ride: We would like additional ride leaders for 2010. Please See Brian or Floyd.

*Fall Highway Cleanup Ride: The Golden Horseshoe goes to Little Bit, who found evidence of Lorena Bobbit's presence. Ask her for details.

Kudos to Ron Nardiello. Ron has

organized and led the cleanup rides for 16 years. He is stepping down this year, but will continue to carry on the tradition of breakfast at his home for the spring cleanup participants. Brian Graves will assume the responsibility for setting up and leading the cleanup rides going forward. Thanks to Brian for stepping up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve brought forward the current proposals for the website: To replicate the current website in simplified language, the cost is \$1500. To replicate the same functionality with maintenance, the cost is \$1000 plus \$100/month maintenance. Both options require 50% down/50% upon completion. Discussion ensued.

The issue is tabled while seeking additional bids. We will revisit at the next meeting.

Steve brought forward the board's recommendation that we raise the dues from \$30 for a family to \$50. Discussion ensued. Steve made the motion to approve, I seconded. The club voted and the motion failed. Dues will remain the same.

Polar Bear run is still tentatively on. Watch the weather for updates.

Christmas party: Debbie has set up Red & Jerry's at 1730 on December 13 for the party. Discussion ensued. Debbie will search for other options, although time is running out.

Election of Officers: The candidates are Bill Nielson (president) teamed with Brian Graves (vice-president) and Floyd Thorne

(president) teamed with Paul Maynard (vice-president). Both candidates for President were afforded the opportunity to say a few words. The balloting was done on paper. I collected the ballots and handed them off to Steve Benko for counting.

In conjunction with the absentee ballots, the count showed Floyd Thorne and Paul Maynard as the winners. Additionally, Bill Nielson graciously offered to serve on the Board of Directors for a two-year term.

Additional officers: Gloria has agreed to be the Secretary next year. Debbie will assume the duties of Treasurer. Richard made the motion to approve, Stella seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Snacks for the December meeting: Gloria volunteered.

Missing Link nominations:

- Karen for forgetting to bring the award.
- Gloria for forgetting tonight's snacks.

Me (Bob) for making Gloria think she had forgotten snacks when she really hadn't.



Vanderwing taking the Award again, again, again...

I won!!! Personally, I think it's a conspiracy. That's three times this year!

(Vanderwing, some folks are just attracted to certain things!)

Fifty-Fifty:

- \$103 collected.
- \$10 for third to Linda.
- \$15 for second to Lloyd.
- \$26 for first to Richard.

Thanks to our sponsor Aurora Honda for donating four tire gages. The winners were Sonny, Linda, Hal and Steve.

Paul made the motion to adjourn, Stan seconded.

People ask us why we ride a motorcycle.

For those who have experienced the joy, no explanation is necessary; for those who have not, no explanation is possible.

I'd rather be riding my motorcycle and thinking about God, than sitting in church thinking about my motorcycle.

We split at 2029.



Our Gents Never looked so Good!!!



Things My Motorcycle Taught Me:

Submitted by: Don "Orange Bear" McKee

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear-view mirror.

Four wheels move the body; two wheels move the soul.

Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.

Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 60 mph!

You start the game of life with a full pot o' luck and an empty pot o' experience. The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.

If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.

Midnight bugs taste just as bad as Noon time bugs.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.

Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.

Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of gas before you can think straight.

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.

Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.

Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.

A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.

Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived... and still rides. (I have)

Young riders pick a destination and go. Old riders pick a direction and go.

A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.

Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.

Always back your bike into the curb and sit where you can see it.

There are drunk riders and there are old riders, but there are not many old, drunk riders.

Ride to work. Work to ride.

Whatever it is, it's better in the wind.

Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway - it's an attitude.

When you look down the road, it seems to never end - but you better believe it does!

Winter is Nature's way of telling you to test the electric's. (heated clothing)

Keep your bike in good repair. Motorcycle boots are not all that comfortable for walking.

People are like motorcycles: each is customized a bit differently.

Sometimes, the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.

When you're riding lead, don't spit.

A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 a.m. to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.

Catching a yellow jacket bee in your shirt @ 70 mph can double

your vocabulary.

There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.

Everyone crashes. Some get back on, some don't... and some can't.

If you can't get it going with bungee cords and duct tape, it's serious.

If you ride like there's no tomorrow, there may not be.

The best modifications cannot be seen from the outside.

Always replace the cheapest parts first.

You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.

Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.

Keep the paint up, and the rubber down!

There are two types of people in this world, people who ride motorcycles and people who wish they could ride.

RIDE EM IF YOU GOT EM !!!
(in the military, it was...
"Smoke 'em if ya got 'em.")





~Christmas Party News ~

Sunday, December 13 at 5:30p

The votes are in! By an overwhelming majority, we will celebrate at:

Saltgrass Steak House
8931 North Yates Street (Near 92nd and Sheridan)
Westminster, CO 80031
(303) 429-4300

\$23 per person which includes tax and tip (payable by December 10 - Make checks out to RMVTA)

We need to have a count to the restaurant by December 11. Bring your money to the meeting on December 10 or mail it to me at my home (see member info for the address).

As is our tradition, we will have another rousing White Elephant Gift Exchange so don't forget your wackiest, "anything goes" gift. This is always an amusing part of our celebration!

Hope to see you there!

Debbie "Little Bit" Maynard
Vice Prez & Treasurer in Training

P.S. They'll take our orders at the table but here's a reminder of the menu:

Choice of one:
-Pat's Ribeye Certified Angus - Beef Steak (10 oz)
-Filet Mignon K Bob - skewered with Red Pepper, Poblano

Pepper, onion, mushrooms
-Marinated & Grilled Chicken Breast - (10 oz)
-Grilled Fresh Salmon - North Atlantic Fillet
-Chicken Fried Steak - (Lunch cut) topped with cream gravy

Choice of one:
Garlic Mashed Potatoes, French Fries, Sautéed Veggies or Baked Potato

Price includes a soft drink. Cocktails and desserts are extra.



"Tidbits"

Submitted by Stella "Wrong Way" Nicholson



May you all have a wonderful holiday with friends and family!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Have a safe and warm New Year with those you love. Be safe and we can all look forward to the new ride season soon!

Birthday Goodies

The following people have BIRTHDAYS in December:

- Brenda Tenenbaum Dec. 3
Diane Lloyd Dec. 5
Cherry Walker Dec. 9
Joyce Kenaston Dec. 10
Dale McCarger Dec. 25
Dena Nielson Dec. 28
Richard Bush Dec. 31
Brian Boberick Dec. 31

There are no ANNIVERSARYS:



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

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009
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