

# The Venture Voice



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You just never know where you will end up with this club....! Sorry Richard, we only had bail for Sarah.



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Wishing all a  
safe and fun  
4th of July!

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## Officer's Speak

Submitted by: Gloria "Mini G" Messier—Secretary

### Mini G's Back Seat View:

I spent a lot of time in my back seat during the months of May and June. Watching, learning, and taking in the beautiful sites while traveling to Michigan, Canada, New York and Niagara Falls.

Did I have any adventurous moments? Well let me tell you how it was!

Riding on the Badger (Michigan Ferry) – Watching the unloading of semi-trucks, tour buses, hundreds of cars, trucks, motorcycles and pets. My eyes were as big as saucers, now it was our turn to board and as we're driving onto the Ferry I do remember asking Richard "Do you think there's room for us?" The crew said the waves were not bad that day only 3-4 feet. I tell you there was a lot of rocking and rolling with just those little waves. Playing Bingo for 4 hours was not the highlight of the day for the guys, however they were winners. Richard won for having the worse card in the group; Bill did well with the straight line Bingo. We gals benefited from

their good nature participation in the game, we have some nice souvenirs. I didn't play due to having a problem seeing the cards after taking 2 Dramamine.

Going over the Mackinae Bridge - Wow don't look down, that's a lot of water and the only gear I didn't have with me was a life jacket. I have been across the Golden Gate Bridge and now the Mackinae Bridge and the height continue to be a bit scary for me on the bike. Mackinae Island – I loved this place! No cars allowed, just bicycles and horses. Spending the day riding in a buggy driven by horses was a nice break. BUT, we had some spunky horses and they kept trying to take us back to the barn. Thank goodness motorcycles don't smell like those horses did. I had never been to Michigan so I was surprised with the beauty of the areas we stopped in.

Canada was ok. Watching folks put cream in their tea, not their coffee, seemed so wrong. Aye!! Oh yes, don't ask for pepper you might just have the waitress throw it at you. Thank goodness I didn't ask for salt too. I could have had two black eyes.

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## Persons of fun we should know:



*BARB & DON*

Member #'s: 693 + 659

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 14, 2011  
 7:00 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 9700  
 E. Arapahoe Road.

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# ROCKY MOUNTAIN VENTURE TOURING ASSOCIATION

## June 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by: Debbie "Little Bit" Maynard, Treasurer

President Floyd Thorne called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. We had four visitors who became members tonight: Eric "Rip" Ripoll & Sarah Nichols ride a 2010 Gold Wing, of which they can't agree on the color (he says brown, she says gray, and Honda says Dark Grey Metallic). Rich & Ann Brock ride a 2010 Royal Star Yamaha Venture and we thought it best not to get into a color discussion with them. Welcome to our new members!!!

### Officer's Reports

**Secretary:** The minutes as submitted by Gloria "Mini G" Messier from last month were approved by all.

**Treasurer:** Debbie Maynard reported \$1,944.06 in Checking and \$636.67 in Savings for a grand total of \$2,580.73.

**Committee Reports** (with educational commentary provided by Paul.)

**Activities:** None scheduled at this time.

**Awards:** Don't forget to take notes of those funny incidents that we can nominate for the Missing Link and/or to acknowledge at the MAP (Member Appreciation Party).

**Finance:** Is done for the year.

**Historical:** "Mr. T" is still collectin' stuff; and in answer to Lloyd's query, he is happy to announce that they do not need to move into a larger garage...yet.

**Member Relations:** Stella provided the following updates:

Ruthie Lane is undergoing another hip surgery on June 13.

Stan had surgery on his hand due to his run-in with a pop-sicle (Strawberry).

Bonnie Junker is off to North Dakota to be with Bob.

Stan shared that former member Carrie Todd walked away from a bike accident that could have been very serious especially since she was not wearing a helmet.

Paul shared the story of Bob Junker's encounter with a pot hole while we were visiting and riding with him in North Dakota.

**Newsletter:** Paul thanked everyone for getting pictures and articles in for the newsletter. Deadline is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

**Webmaster:** Paul reported that we had 2,014 visits in May with the most popular pages being the Newsletter and the Photos page with 1,300 hits.

**Website:** Steve Benko brought to the club's attention that the 2011 Budget is not on the website yet. Paul will take care of that since Stan is the One-Handed Man.

### Past Rides

**Spring Highway Clean-up:** Both dates cancelled due to bad conditions; we will try again this fall.

**29<sup>th</sup> Atwood Early Rod Run Ride:** Many opted to make this a day ride and met Michael & Tina Turner at the site where some interesting 'vehicles' were seen by all.

**May Dinner Ride:** The Big Mac Attacked Cinzetti's with the

Thorne's and Benko's.

**Great Sand Dunes Adventure:** Cancelled due to too many folks traveling on other adventures.

**Dinner and a Ball Game Ride:** Winner of the 2010 *Favorite Ride Award*, this year was equally popular with 33 attendee's. (Note: Special thanks to Bill & Becky Gillespie for making Paul's birthday a very special one complete with spankings by Becky ("I don't know what came over me!"), birthday cake, and a nearly harmonious rendition of *Happy Birthday*.)

### Future Rides

**Pine Creek Cookhouse Day Ride (Saturday, June 11):** As seen on Colorado Getaways.

**Cliff Eudy Memorial Aluminum Butt Ride (Saturday, June 18):** This route will be the one that Cliff had planned for us and Brian Boberick will look into taking a small vial of his ashes along to honor him. Cliff had always said he wanted his ashes to be spread over Wolf Creek Pass so this will be done on a future ride with Nedra.

**June Dinner Ride (Thursday, June 23):** Steve's being pretty quiet about the location but will probably tell you if you ask.

**Tell you Ride to Telluride (Sat/Sun, June 25-26):** The group will stay in Ridgeway to avoid the tourist hotel rates and Floyd's just hoping for a dry ride as he's never been to Telluride when it hasn't been raining. Better remember your slickers!

**Colorado Rockies Loop (Saturday, July 2):** Floyd thought Tom Shumaker was leading this ride but the book says differently. Rest assured, someone will surely lead us on this loop.

**Shake, Rattle & Roll (Sunday, July 10):** This is the same route as the Twist and Shout ride from past years. Never getting further than 35 miles or so from Denver, this is perfect for the busy biker who might not have the entire day to devote to twisties.

**Rib Tickler Ride date is: 7/16 Saturday**

### Old Business

**Nedra Eudy's Deck:** The demolition is scheduled for July 9 and the rebuild is scheduled for July 23 and 24. The more volunteers the better. Please contact Richard or Floyd if you are able to help with this.

**Benevolent Fund:** Proceeds will be divided equally between the RMVTA and the Colorado Freewheelers and this will be done soon.

### New Business

Floyd brought his old copy of "The Gold Book" for anyone interested in having a national listing of Gold Wing Dealers.

Paul brought pictures of the 2012 Wing and utilizes "the lizard" as a reference to remember that it is built in Komoto. Not sure how he remembers the lizard...

Floyd thanked Brian *Broderson* for bringing treats to tonight's meeting which was met with many guffaws. He rationalized that Brian and Sherrie are joined at the helmet so why not use a combination of their names? Surely this was a "Floydian" slip. Paul offered that a better combination would be "BS". Regardless, thanks to 'BS' for bringing the treats tonight! Steve Benko volunteered to bring treats next month.

## Missing Link

We're pretty sure some funny things have happened on our past rides but no one can remember anything funnier than Floyd's "Floydian" Slip earlier this evening. "Mr. T" won the Missing Link. He reinforced this honor by trying to adjourn the meeting before holding the 50/50 raffle.



## 50/50

Deb R. collected \$45. \$23 for the club and the winnings went to: Paul for 3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$4), Floyd for 2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$7), and Stan for 1<sup>st</sup> place (\$11).

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. without dispute.



## Incentive Point Leaders

Submitted by Debbie "Little Bit" Maynard

The race for incentive points is ON! As of the June Dinner Ride, the top five earners of Total Points are:

### RIDERS:

Floyd Thorne - 40 points  
Brian Boberick - 28 points  
Richard Bush - 27 points  
Paul Maynard - 25 points  
Steve Benko - 22 points  
Bill Gillespie - 22 points

### PASSENGERS:

Sherrie Broderson - 25 points  
Gloria Messier - 20 points  
Deb Maynard - 19 points  
Linda Thorne - 18 points  
Janice Moore - 9 points

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## Cliff Eudy Memorial Aluminum Butt Ride

Well, another Aluminum Butt Ride is in the record books. This is the first of many more to come I am sure of the Aluminum Butt rides that has since been renamed the "Cliff Eudy Memorial Aluminum Butt Ride." Our good friend Cliff had led the Aluminum Butt Ride for many years before he left us here earlier this year.

We were at the departure location near the Sofa Mart Parking area at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Kipling streets early in the morning on Saturday June 18, 2011. Nedra Eudy met us there to bid us fare-

well and a safe journey. It was wonderful to see her out and about. I had offered Nedra the opportunity to occupy the back seat for the day, but she graciously declined because it would have been her first ride of the season and she did not think that she could do the 700+/- miles for her first outing of the season.

We were seven bikes and eight people and ready for a big loop of Colorado when we departed at the 5:00 a.m. hour. We were made up of one female rider, and three Colorado Free Wheeler riders and three RMVTA riders and one RMVTA passenger. We headed out west and we encountered some really cold temperatures over the Vail Pass area that also had rain and sleet mixed in. But, we were cruising and just kept going until we got to west Glenwood Springs for our first gas stop and to get warmed up a little bit.

Then it was time to get back on the road where we were headed to Fruita, CO for breakfast at "Statvin Arvin's." Food was good and timely as we were all ready for it. From Fruita, the route that Cliff had planned for us took us north to Rangely, Meeker and then Steamboat Springs. As we entered into Steamboat it was very apparent that we should get back into the heavier clothes and possibly even the rain gear.

Some went and had a Subway sandwich and others just had a Cold Stone Ice Cream before going back out to the bikes. As we left the dry interior of the food stop it began to rain and it continued to do so for a good little while. Some put on a rain layer of clothes and others just heavier stuff. We waited for twenty or thirty minutes and it let up a little bit. So, we decided that we should continue. As we neared the south end of Steamboat it had all but stopped raining but the roads were wet off and on much of the rest of the afternoon.

We headed to from Steamboat to Walden and then south towards Winter Park then I-70 and back into the metro area. Most of us were home safe and sound before the sun had set and we all had 700 miles plus or minus on the odometers. The rest of the afternoon was dry all be it cooler.

Brian Boberick and Sherrie Broderson led our group on the day and with the route that Cliff had put together before his passing we all had a very good day in spite of the weather challenges. Cliff was no doubt in our presents throughout the day in spirit and looking over us. Thanks to all the participants for joining us. I am sure that we will plan and execute many more of the years in Cliff's honor.

Floyd Thorne  
President, RMVTA





# “Tidbits”

by “Wrong Way” Nicholson

## GARDEN SNAKES CAN BE DANGEROUS...

Snakes also known as Garter Snakes (*Thamnophis sirtalis*) can be dangerous.



Yes, grass snakes, not rattle-snakes. Here's why. A couple in Sweetwater, Texas, had a lot of potted plants. During a recent cold spell, the wife was bringing a lot of them indoors to protect them from a possible freeze.

It turned out that a little green garden grass snake was hidden in one of the plants. When it had warmed up, it slithered out and the wife saw it go under the sofa. She let out a very loud scream.

The husband (who was taking a shower) ran out into the living room naked to see what the problem was. She told him there was a snake under the sofa.



He got down on the floor on his hands and knees to look for it. About that time the family dog came and cold-nosed him on the behind. He thought the snake had bitten him, so he screamed and fell over on the floor. His wife thought he had had a heart attack, so she covered him up, told him to lie still and called an ambulance. The attendants rushed in, would not listen to his protests, loaded him on the stretcher, and started carrying him out.

About that time, the snake came out from under the sofa and the Emergency Medical Technician saw it and dropped his end of the stretcher. That's when the man broke his leg and why he is still in the hospital.

The wife still had the problem of the snake in the house, so she called on a neighbor who volunteered to capture the snake. He armed himself with a rolled-up newspaper and began poking under the couch. Soon he decided it was gone and told the woman, who sat down on the sofa in relief. But while relaxing, her hand dangled in between the cushions, where she felt the snake wriggling around. She screamed and fainted, the snake rushed back under the sofa. The neighbor man, seeing her lying there passed out, tried to use CPR to revive her.

The neighbor's wife, who had just returned from shopping at the grocery store, saw her husband's mouth on the woman's mouth and slammed her husband in the back of the head with a bag of canned goods, knocking him out and cutting his scalp to a point where it needed stitches.



The noise woke the woman from her dead faint and she saw her neighbor lying on the floor with his wife bending over him, so she assumed that the snake had bitten him.

She went to the kitchen and got a small bottle of whiskey, and began pouring it down the man's throat. By now, the police had arrived.



Breathe here.....They saw the unconscious man, smelled the whiskey, and assumed that a drunken fight had occurred. They were about to arrest them all, when the women tried to explain how it all happened over a little garden snake! The police called an ambulance, which took away the neighbor and his sobbing wife.

Now, the little snake again crawled out from under the sofa and one of the policemen drew his gun and fired at it. He missed the snake and hit the leg of the end table. The table fell over, the lamp on it shattered and, as the bulb broke, it started a fire in the drapes. The other policeman tried to beat out the flames, and fell through the window into the yard on top of the family dog who, startled, jumped out and raced into the street, where an oncoming car swerved to avoid it and smashed into the parked police car.



Meanwhile, neighbors saw the burning drapes and called in the fire department. The firemen had started raising the fire ladder when they were halfway down the street. The rising ladder tore out the overhead wires, put out the power, and disconnected the telephones in a ten-square city block area (but they did get the house fire out).



Time passed! Both men were discharged from the hospital, the house was repaired, the dog came home, the police acquired a new car and all was right with their world.

A while later they were watching TV and the weatherman announced a cold snap for that night. The wife asked her husband if he thought they should bring in their plants for the night.

**And that's when he shot her!**



**The following people have BIRTHDAYS in July and August:**

Ruthie Lane	July 22
Mychal Wipf	July 25
Ron Nardiello	July 30
Billie Berube	Aug. 1
Ann Brock	Aug 7
Paul Coriell	Aug. 12
Karen Schwartz	Aug. 12

**ANNIVERSARYS:**

Johnny & Ruthie Lane	July 15
Rich & Ann Brock	Aug. 3

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!**



( View from... continued from the front cover )

Second adventure was seating under a bridge on Hwy I-80 watching all the traffic go by while waiting for a tow truck. Friendship is a word that can be tested in times like this. We could have gone on and waited in a cool area while our companions waited along I-80 by themselves. But we stayed with our friends, three people sitting under the bridge on the rail and one person had to sit on a rock, couldn't reach to sit on the railing. We passed the time just reminiscing and laughing. This was qualify time spent with our friends. We didn't cover many miles that day, but we still had a wonderful day.

There is so much to tell but I am late in getting this in so I will keep it short. What did I like most about the trip? EVERYTHING but the last 700 miles. Did I tell you I purchased some new light weight boots at Americaid? They were great, walked a lot of miles in them until we got to Iowa. Walking into McDonalds to use the facilities I tripped and fell on my right hand and shoulder. I thought I broke my hand and dislocated my shoulder. I didn't want to stop so I just made myself an ice pack and held it on my hand until it was time to stop again. The last day it was a real challenge trying to get myself dressed and ready to ride. I wasn't even sure if I had my chaps on right, but I got my ice pack ready and away we rode into the last stretch heading home.

Getting back to work everyone assumed I had fallen off the bike when they saw me. I told them it was just clumsy me tripping with my new boots. The good news is - I didn't break anything and I heal quickly from sprains and pulled muscles.

I'm looking forward to the rest of the rides this summer with the Club. I hope to see more of you participate in the trips this year, traveling at a pace that is comfortable for you, and taking in the beauty of the day. I have learned that life is good for those of us who are fortunate enough to be able to ride to such beautiful areas.

Mini "G"



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Asking price is \$8,500.00. Contact Kathie Thompson at:

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