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Ride The West,
With The Best!
in 2012



Rider and Passenger of
the year for 2011.

We hope you are
enjoying the
New Year!
We look forward to
seeing you on the
roads again!

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Officer's Speak

Submitted by: Debbie "Little Bit"
Maynard, Treasurer

Let's RECAP the MAP! *If you see your name below and you didn't attend the party, let this serve as your SPOILER ALERT and we will get your awards to you at the February meeting.*

In 2011 we were *Revvin' in Heaven* and this past month we officially closed the season with our traditional Membership Appreciation Party in order to recognize the people who help make the RMVTA fun and adventurous. Gifts were awarded to the Executive Committee as well as the riders and passengers who are most active with the club. To break it down:

- **Outstanding Attendance:** 16 members completed at least 1/3 of the rides or events and received a wooden wall-hanging engraved with our slogan, *Revvin' is Heaven in 2011.*
- **Top Three Riders:** Floyd Thorne,

Richard Bush and Paul Maynard.

- **Top Three Passengers:** Sherrie Broderson, Linda Thorne and Debbie Maynard.

- **Top Gun:** Floyd Thorne for accruing the most points.

- **Rider of the Year:** Floyd Thorne for attending the most rides: 29 of 33.

- **Passenger of the Year:** Sherrie Broderson for attending the most rides: 23 of 33.

- **Mileage Madman:** Brian Boberick logged a whopping 24,443.70 in 2011, followed by Paul with 15,845 and Floyd with 15,591.70. The total miles logged as a club (of the members who are participating) was 105,126.20! Be sure to get a reading of your odometer to Floyd—it'll be fun to see how long it takes us to reach a million miles.

- **Favorite Ride of 2011:** We had seven rides nominated as a favorite, but the winner with six votes was the *Fall Color Ride* led by Richard Bush and Gloria Messier.

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Persons of fun we should know:

Debbie Maynard:



Member #:
625

Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012
7:00 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World
9700 E. Arapahoe Road.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN VENTURE TOURING ASSOCIATION

January 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes
Submitted by: Sherrie Broderson, Secretary

President Floyd Thorne called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm

No visitors present

Officer's Reports

Secretary: Motion made to approve minutes, seconded and carried.

Treasurer: Checking: \$2,813.94 Benevolent Fund: \$1622.49

Total: \$4,841.11

Motion made to approve, seconded, and carried.

Committee Reports

Activities: Upcoming January 29th to Breckenridge Snow Sculptures.

Awards: Receptive to any new or humorous award ideas.

Historical: Still collecting stuff

Membership: No changes

Member Relations: Stella turned over responsibilities to Sherrie Broderson. Congrats to Rip and Sarah Ripoll who were married December 2011.

Newsletter: Thank you Steve and Paul

Website: Stan reports that the website is "Still highly functional".

Old Business:

RMVTA Christmas Party , held at the Saltgrass Steakhouse, a HUGE success!! Thanks to Debbie, Paul and everyone else

that contributed.

New Business:

Rides: 2012 Rides "Under Construction" ! Open to any ride ideas, Please see Floyd. Deadline: 2/03/12 for Paul. Deadline for Bill (printing): 2/23/12.

Missing Link Award: Retired for the year, at its' happy home at the Thorne's until a new home is found.

50/50 Drawing:

\$27.00 Total

\$14.00 Club

1st Place- \$6.00

Stan Stotz

2nd Place- \$4.00

Richard Knudson

3rd Place- \$3.00

Stan Stotz

Congratulations Stan and Richard!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 pm



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Officer's Speak

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Our tables were adorned with sky blue table cloths, puffy white clouds, stars and angels. Several members were "Called to the Cloud" for [Appreciation Awards](#) and to get their Halos:

Bill Gillespie received a gift card to Rocky Mountain Tire and Chrome and a Jack Daniel's Cap for his years of printing excellence and quality service.

Linda Thorne received a gift card to Hobby Lobby for her tireless efforts behind the RMVTA scenes. She is always the first to arrive for set-up, the last to leave for clean-up and the first to pitch-in where needed. And of course, she keeps Floyd in line!

Michael & Tina Turner have provided Subway Sandwiches at least three times for club rides. In gratitude for getting us out to visit with one another under a shady tree without the noise and hustle of a restaurant, they were given a Gift Card to Subway.

Richard Bush showed great humanity this past year. After the funeral services for our good friend and fellow rider, Cliff Eudy, Richard noticed that the deck on he and Nedra's home was in serious need of repair. Richard researched and headed-up a construction team to get a new deck built for Nedra. For this we gave Richard a great big red heart, a gift card to Rocky Mountain Tire and Chrome and the RMVTA will be donating \$100 in Richard's name to the American Heart Association. I'd like to also thank the many volunteers who helped with the deck project. You are all angels!

Many thanks and much gratitude go out to each of these individuals for their dedication and service to the RMVTA – your halos have been earned and you are greatly appreciated!

The Jester Awards came out of hiding this year. Every year it gets harder and harder to spot them – I think our members are getting more devious in concealing their funny flaws – but alas, you cannot hide forever...

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria. I know all of us have done this at one time or another, but for some reason the day you lost a glove on the Fall Color Ride was the funniest. I don't know, maybe the conversation was light that day, but in honor of your slippery fingers, Linda designed a mitten holder that you can snake through your jacket to keep them close at hand.

The Cloud was pulled out again for *Mac*. You may recall that at last year's MAP he stood at the sink and did all the dishes. Certainly deserving of a halo and to help with those dishpan hands, Mac was honored with some glitzy, glamorous rubber gloves. When the sales clerk rang them up she commented on how fancy they were. I told her what's even funnier is that they are going to a male and we get to humiliate him in public with them! Thanks for being a good sport, Mac.

Lyle and Nicolas Welsh attended the Carousel of Happiness ride in April. Oops, Lyle sputtered to a stop; and then, just 20 yards further, so did Nicholas! Isn't it obvious? They were honored with Father/Son Gas Cans.

Did I mention that the Carousel of Happiness ride was in April? Early in April? The temperature was like 20 degrees but guess who showed up with bare ankles? Young *Nicolas* was honored

with a pair of... wait for it ... SOCKS!

Yours truly was even Called to the Cloud and presented with a fun apron that says, "Screw the Cracker, Polly wants a cocktail." Hilarious, especially since one Halloween Paul and I went as "Pauly wants his Cracker." I was the cracker if you didn't figure that out and we even won for 'Best Couple' costume. Yeah, competition was light.

Richard hit a bird while on his way to Americade. Well, let me tell you, the birds know about it and they are angry. As a reminder, we gave him an "angry bird" as well as windshield cleaner and an ice scraper to clean that nasty stuff off.

If you were absent but saw pictures you probably wondered why we had a *Scarecrow Richard*. I gotta say, I nearly panicked when he told me he had been sick and probably wouldn't attend. Just how are we supposed to present all this stuff to no one in particular? I wondered. Thankfully, that light bulb turned on and surrogate Richard was born!

That wraps up 2011 and of course our Ride Season will be here before we know it, so as a reminder: **Dues are Due!** We will distribute RIDE BOOKS to members in good standing at the March 8th meeting (POT LUCK! Come anytime after 6:30). Please bring your check to an upcoming meeting or mail it to: PO Box 3736, Englewood, CO 80155-3736. Rates remain the same for 2012: \$25 for an individual membership and \$30 for a family membership. Make your checks payable to RMVTA.

Special thanks to Pat McCombs for submitting the winning slogan for 2012: ***Ride the West with the Best!***

Incentive Point Leaders

Submitted by: Debbie "Little Bit" Maynard, Treasurer

The Incentive Point Race is ON!

RIDERS:

Steve Benko – 5 points
Bill Gillespie – 5 points
Floyd Thorne – 5 points
Brian Boberick – 4 points
Stan Stotz – 4 points

PASSENGERS:

Deb Maynard – 6 points
Sherrie Broderson – 4 points
Linda Thorne – 4 points
Stella Nicholson – 3 points
Connie Benko – 2 points
Gloria Messier – 2 points



“Tidbits”

Submitted by: Stella “Wrong Way” Nicholson



Happy Valentines Day to all of you. May you all spend some time with loved ones and tell them how much they mean to you. Take the time to call those far way and let them know that you have thought of them.

HAPPY VALENTINES!



I thought we should give some thought to our veterans who give so much to us. So here is a very good article to remind us of them.

SOON TO BE GONE

By Capt. Steven Ellison, MD

A MILITARY DOCTOR

I am a doctor specializing in the Emergency Departments of the only two military Level One-Trauma Centers, both in San Antonio , TX and they care for civilian Emergencies as well as military personnel. San Antonio has the largest military retiree population in the world living here. As a military doctor, I work long hours and the pay is less than glamorous. One tends to become jaded by the long hours, lack of sleep, food, family contact and the endless parade of human suffering passing before you. The arrival of another ambulance does not mean more pay, only more work. Most often, it is a victim from a motor vehicle crash.

Often it is a person of dubious character who has been shot or stabbed. With our large military retiree population, it is often a nursing home patient. Even with my enlisted service and minimal combat experience in Panama , I have caught myself groaning when the ambulance brought in yet another sick, elderly person from one of the local retirement centers that cater to military retirees. I had not stopped to think of what citizens of this age group represented.

I saw 'Saving Private Ryan.' I was touched deeply. Not so much by the carnage, but by the sacrifices of so many. I was touched most by the scene of the elderly survivor at the graveside, asking his wife if he'd been a good man. I realized that I had seen these same men and women coming through my Emergency Dept., and had not realized what magnificent sacrifices they had made. The things they did for me and everyone else that has lived on this planet since the end of that conflict are priceless.

Situation permitting, I now try to ask my patients about their experiences. They would never bring up the subject without the inquiry. I have been privileged to an amazing array of experiences, recounted in the brief minutes allowed in an Emergency Dept encounter. These experiences have revealed the incredible individuals I have had the honor of serving in a medical capacity, many on their last admission to the hospital.

There was a frail, elderly woman who reassured my young enlisted medic, trying to start an IV line in her arm. She remained calm and poised, despite her illness and the multiple needle-sticks into her fragile veins. She was what we call a “hard stick.” As the medic made another attempt, I noticed a number tattooed across her forearm. I touched it with one finger and looked into her eyes. She simply said, “Auschwitz”. Many of later generations would have loudly and openly berated the young medic in his many attempts. How different was the response from this person who'd seen unspeakable suffering.

Also, there was this long retired Colonel, who as a young officer had parachuted from his burning plane over a Pacific Island held by the Japanese. Now an octogenarian, he had a minor cut on his head from a fall at his home where he lived alone. His CT scan and suturing had been delayed until after midnight by the

usual parade of high priority ambulance patients. Still spry for his age, he asked to use the phone to call a taxi to take him home, when he realized his ambulance had brought him without his wallet. He asked if he could use the phone to make a long distance call to his daughter who lived 7 miles away. With great pride we told him that he could not, as he'd done enough for his country and the least we could do was get him a taxi home, even if we had to pay for it ourselves. My only regret was that my shift wouldn't end for several hours, and I couldn't drive him myself.



I was there the night M/Sgt Roy Benavidez came through the Emergency Dept. for the last time. He was very sick. I was not the doctor taking care of him, but I walked to his bedside and took his hand. I said nothing. He was so sick, he didn't know I was there. I'd read his Congressional Medal of Honor citation and wanted to shake his hand. He died a few days later.



The gentleman who served with Merrill's Marauders,



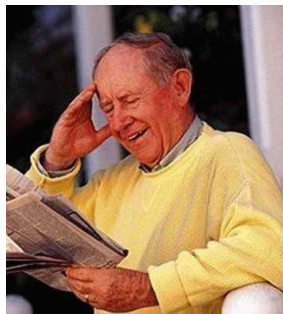
The survivor of the Bataan Death March,



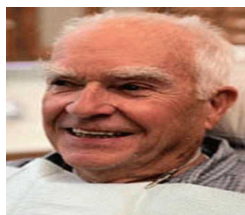
The survivor of Omaha Beach,



The 101 year old World War I veteran.



The former POW held in frozen North Korea



The former Special Forces medic - now with non-operable liver cancer



The former Viet Nam Corps Commander..

I may still groan when yet another ambulance comes in, but now I am much more aware of what an honor it is to serve these particular men and women. I have seen a Congress who would turn their back on these individuals who've sacrificed so much to protect our liberty. I see later generations that seem to be totally engrossed in abusing these same liberties, won with such sacrifice. It has become my personal endeavor to make the nurses and young enlisted medics aware of these amazing individuals when I encounter them in our Emergency Dept. Their response to these particular citizens has made me think that perhaps all is not lost in the next generation.

My experiences have solidified my belief that we are losing an incredible generation, and this nation knows not what it is losing. We should all remember that we must "Earn this."

Written By CAPT. Stephen R. Ellison, M.D. US Army

My own personal note: If it were not for these faithful, loyal, and strong men and women, there would not be a United States of America.

I ask that you pray for these aging and dying service members.

The following people have **BIRTHDAYS in February and March:**

- Brenda Shumaker Feb. 20
- Richard Knudson Feb. 22
- Lloyd Nicholson March 14
- Larry Gutt March 15



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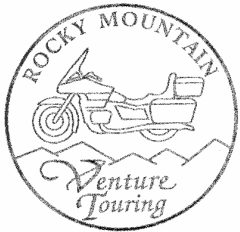


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