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Officer's Speak

Submitted by: Steve "8 Ball" Benko, Vice President

The leaves have all turned and the trees have become bare. The days have become shorter and there is a definite cold chill once the sun goes down. We've already experienced a couple of light snowfalls in the area. Winter is on its way!

As I reflect back on our 2013 riding season, there are many fond memories. Good times, good roads, lots of laughs and good friends. I want to thank everyone for coming out and supporting the club on its rides and the different events that we've held. I also want to thank all those who supported me in my role as vice president. It has been a challenging and interesting year.

As we turn toward next year, I'd like to exhort everyone to look within themselves to see if they have what it takes to step up and be more involved. I think we need some new leadership

with some fresh ideas. We are supposed to elect new leaders at the November meeting but, as of yet, I haven't heard of anyone stepping forward. I can tell you from personal experience that being a leader has its drawbacks but the rewards outweigh them.

It's also time to begin planning next years' rides. Floyd has already sent out a message to that end. I hope that several of our newer members step outside of their comfort zones and decide to plan and



lead a ride or two.

My greatest satisfaction in this club is seeing the smiling faces and hearing the laughter of good times being had on rides that I've planned and lead and knowing that I had a part in all of it. If you've enjoyed yourself on a ride or at an event, let the ride leader know.

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Persons of fun we should know:

ROY WEAVER
Member #: 708



Next Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013
7:00 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World
9700 E. Arapahoe Road.

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Minutes RMVTA Meeting

October 10, 2013

Submitted by: Brian Boberick, Secretary

Vice President Steve Benko called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm on this our ninth monthly meeting of 2013 (the September meeting was cancelled on account of extreme weather which caused great amounts of flood damage in parts north of Denver). The business aspect of the meeting will be brief as the main purpose of the night is the annual Bake sale to raise funds to help underwrite the cost of the Member Appreciation Party to be held in January 2014.

Officer's Reports

Secretary: As there was no meeting the prior month, there were no minutes.

Treasurer: Again, as there was no meeting the prior month, there was no change to report since August, consequently the following remains the story. Checking: \$ 1,995.04 Benevolent Fund: \$1,179.50 Total: \$3,174.54.

Membership: No new faces tonight nor new members in the past month.

Other Discussions: Bob Brown spoke briefly of the Civilian Top Gun competition held at Fay Myer in weeks previous to the meeting.

Bernie Spivak spoke of organizing an impromptu club ride to Estes Park on Saturday, October 12th. Anybody interested in joining Bernie & Elaine are to meet at Fay Myer @ 9:30 am.

Brian Boberick announced that the new Sport Clips Haircut salon is having it's opening day on October 12th. Any members in need of a haircut were invited to drop by to the store located at the intersection of Thornton Pkwy and Washington Streets in Thornton.

Committee Reports

Activities: No discussion of past or future activities took place this evening.

Awards: It was stated again to keep anything worthy of recognition in mind for the annual end of year Membership Appreciation Party (MAP).

Historical: S.O.S.

Member Relations: There have apparently been no developments on the Health and Well-being front of RMVTA members.

Newsletter: No report given.

Website: No unusual activities or statistics were covered this evening.

Rides: Floyd Thorne spoke briefly of the rides of the recent past & near future. Bill Gillespie was surprised to learn that he is

"Auctioneer Debbie"
running our Bake sale.

Thanks to all that
helped, baked and bid
to support the club!



leading the upcoming October Dinner Ride – no doubt he will pull it off none the less.

Old Business

No other particular discussion officially took place under this heading.

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New Business

No other particular discussion officially took place under this heading either.

Missing Link Award

Due to the fact that the Bake Sale is the primary concern of the evening, there was no awarding of the Missing Link award since the August meeting, therefore, it remains in the deserving hands of George Barrett, who by the way, sends his best to the club as he is once again out of town with a new trucking firm after concluding that the life of a cab driver is not his cup of tea.

50/50 - Linda Thorne

No drawing was held as the meeting moved into the conduct of the Bake Sale.

Bake Sale

The Bake Sale went ahead as planned and raised \$328 for the upcoming MAP party.

Meeting Snacks – No one had volunteered to bring snacks for this meeting, however, Tina Turner did bring an extra batch of cookies for sampling as a tool to entice members to actively bid on the remainder of her baking confections. There was no discussion of anyone taking the lead on snacks for the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

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If you're still shy about leading a ride but have an idea for one, please let someone else know. They are plenty of folks that would be glad to assist, if necessary. Remember the old saying; "You only get out of it what you put into it"!

Next year will be the 30th anniversary for the club! That is quite the accomplishment. I've only been around for 10 of those years but they've been very memorable. I look forward to many more as well.

Lastly, with winter coming, it is time to think about properly storing your bike and riding gear. Have you kept up with all your necessary maintenance? If not, our sponsors will probably have space on their calendars since the riding season is over. They might even be offering "end of season" specials on service or accessories.

October Dinner Ride
lead by Bill G.
Alas, he was all alone, until he arrive to the crowd that was waiting for him @ Champps.



The following people have BIRTHDAYS in November & December:

John Scanlan	Dec 4
Joyce Kenaston	Dec 10
Holly McCall	Dec 13
Tina Turner	Dec 16

ANNIVERSARYS:

Danny & Kathy Bowker	Nov 24
Eric & Sarah Ripoll	Dec 3



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



Fall Color Ride



Incentive Points Leaders

Submitted by Bernie "Berndog" Spivak,
Membership Chair

Thanks again to all members who have been a part of the 2013 RMVTA events.

With just two events left to go, Floyd Thorne has opened up a narrow 3 point lead over Steve Benko for top spot in the rider's division, with Brian Boberick and the Berndog neck and neck for 3rd place.

On the co-rider side, Elaine Spivak has a narrow 2 point lead over Deb "Lil Bit" Maynard.

Below are the standings through the October Dinner Ride:

RIDERS:

Floyd Thorne	50 points
Steve Benko	47 points
Brian Boberick	33 points
Bernie Spivak	33 points

CO-RIDERS:

Elaine Spivak	30 points
Debbie Maynard	28 points
Sherrie Broderson	25 points
Linda Thorne	21 points



Highway Cleanup

Our Big Winner:
Floyd T.

- Golden Horseshoe -

Fall "Renegade" Highway Clean Up Ride

Submitted by: Steve "8 Ball" Benko, Vice President

I filled in as Ride Leader for Richard on this one as he was out of town enjoying some time with his grandkids. We had to perform this civic duty on our scheduled back up date due to the inclement weather that occurred on the originally scheduled date.

About 8 people showed up at the Pegasus Restaurant in Castle Rock on a chilly morning. We all ate a hot, hearty breakfast before heading out to the clean up site.

Once there, several other people showed up to assist us in our semi-annual civic duty of picking up the trash along a 2 mile stretch of Highway 83 approximately 12 miles south of Franktown.

The trash pick up proceeded without too much trouble. The weather also began to warm up considerably with the sun now shining brightly.

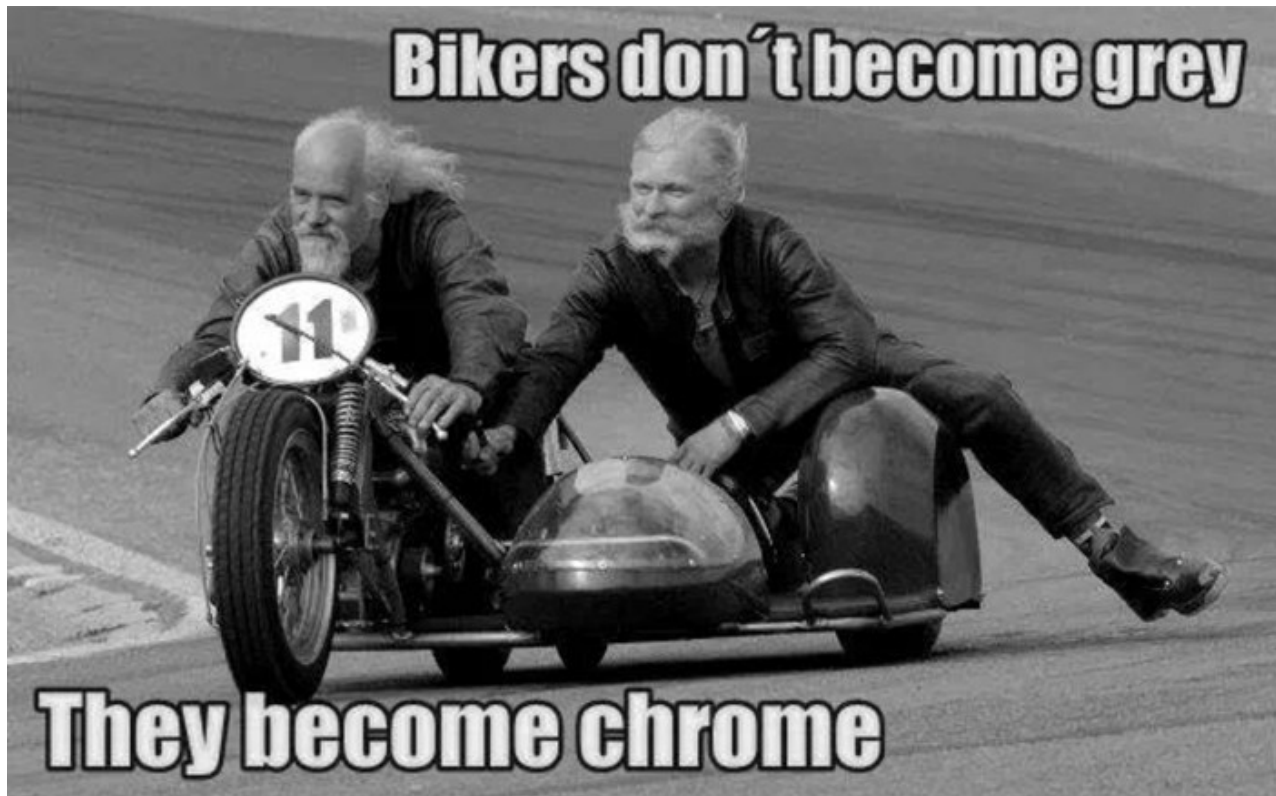
After finishing, we gathered together for the traditional awarding of the "Golden Horseshoe" for the most unusual piece of trash that was found. Floyd Thorne took the honors for some kind of metal gadget that he nicknamed a "spaceship". I don't believe that anyone took a ride afterward as most of the participants had come in their cars.

Thanks to all who came out and participated in this event. It is just a small way to repay the communities we live and play in.



New Seasons...

...new ways to express your passion
for the ride!



Some Humor:

Sitting on the highway waiting to catch speeders, a state police officer saw a car pattering along at 22 M.P.H. He thinks to himself, that car is just as dangerous as a speeder. So, he turns his lights on and pulls the car over. Approaching the car, he notices there are 5 old ladies, two at the front and 3 at the back, wide eyed and looking like ghosts.

The driver obviously confused said, "Officer, I don't understand, I wasn't doing over the speed limit!, What seems to be the problem?" "Ma'am," the officer said, "you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be dangerous". "Slower than the speed limit? NO SIR! I was doing exactly 22 miles an hour", the old woman said proudly.

The officer containing a chuckle explains that 22 was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned, thanking the officer for pointing out her error. "Before I go Ma'am, I have to ask, is everyone OK?"

These women seem badly shaken and haven't uttered a word all this time" "Oh! they will be alright in a minute, Officer, we just got off Route 142."

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