

Venture Voice

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April Rides

16 & 18 Safety Course
Thorne

May Rides

1 Sponsors' Ride-Thorne
15 Rosemount Castle Shumaker
22 Highway Cleanup Nardiello

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Vince Hennigan and Jeanie Fogwell announce their engagement!!

Vince proposed to Jeanie in the Park Meadows parking lot after they picked up their rings.

A September wedding is planned.

Minutes:

President Floyd Thorne called the March 18 meeting



Our Polar Bear Ride Captain Ken "Daddy Rabbit" Kenaston lays a large Easter egg while Karen and Bill Lindquest look on in amazement. Who says we don't have fun on our rides!

introduced: John MacArthur rides a Gold Wing, and Jim and Bess Lloyd ride a Honda Interstate. No sign-in sheet was circulated this month.



Another shot of Polar Bear Ride "happy campers" at the Garden of the Gods Park on March 28, 1999. The weather was great and the riding was awesome. Note the bugs on the teeth from excessive smiling.

Web Site Update:

We are in a "state of transition" with our web site. During the last week Stan Stotz put up a prototype web site on his personal web space. By next month, the formal web site will be up and running. The main things on

and skeleton ride schedule. We are proposing a web site URL of <http://www.rmvt.com>. Right now, you can get to the interim RMVTA web site at URL <http://members.home.net/stanstotz>. Please call Stan at (303) 690-4133 or send him an e-mail at stanstotz@home.com if you have suggestions for the web site.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Ruth Adams reported balances as of 3/13/99 Checking \$1,484.99 Savings \$3490.73 Total balance \$4,975.72

Vice President:

Mike Rieger called for Committee reports and received the following Activities:

The Easter basket project for Have A Heart will include the put-together activity on Saturday March 20, followed by dinner and an evening at the Wits End Comedy Club in Westminster. The distribution of the Easter baskets will take place on Saturday, March 27 starting at 7:45 a.m. at the Have A Heart facility at 72nd & Lowell.

A questionnaire was passed out to all in attendance to make plans for a Casino Trip on Saturday April 24. A coach can be rented for \$300 to

and return at 10 p.m., and with a minimum of 30 people a free buffet will be included. The destination is The Lodge Casino and Hotel in Blackhawk. The bus can accommodate 45 people, so the outing will be very reasonable per person.

Member Relations:

The first season clean-up ride will be Saturday May 22, meeting at 9 a.m. on Highway 83 at mile-marker 10, south of Franktown.

Rides:

Ken distributed a ride schedule for the season. The complete ride books will be available at the April meeting.

The other committees had no reports this month. Three items were discussed under Old Business:

1. Club Name

Considerable discussion took place regarding whether "Venture" in our name carries a strong enough connotation to Yamaha that it affects potential membership and/or sponsor relationships, or whether the style of the "V"(V) is a trigger point. Also the legal registration procedure and the issues of Club clothing were discussed. In mid-discussion Crane Smiley made a motion to change the name to Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Touring Association, but the motion was not seconded and

was withdrawn. It was further discussed that no change would go into effect until after this riding season since all preparations for the sponsors, ride books, etc. was complete. In the end, Ken Kenaston made a motion that the Board of Directors be charged with putting together a plan to include input from all interested parties, which was seconded by Steve Inouye and approved.

2. Web Site:

Stan Stotz led the discussion and brought up the input received from club members during the past month since this came up under new business. Several ISP's are available to us, ranging in cost from \$6.95 to \$29.95 per month, with set-up fees from \$39 to \$60. Stan was especially impressed with 9 Net Ave, which would cost \$14.95 per month and has a good format for newsletter printing and inclusion of photos. A motion was made by Jack Dunwell and seconded by Anne Hudson (and others) that Stan should go on with the work and press for completion as quickly as possible.

3. Two-Up ERC.

A maximum of 12 motorcycles can participate. The cost is \$30 per bike. By the March meeting, 5 had signed up, and 4 from the Gold Wing chapter want to attend if our Club does not require all the spaces. The classroom session will be Friday April 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Fay Myers. The riding session will be Sunday April 18 at Buckley Air Guard Base. The registration form was in the March newsletter.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the Club Newsletter. During the meeting break, Floyd, Crane, and Stan discussed how the burden on Crane can be reduced, how the printed format can be improved, and how we'll best handle the printing, mailing, and Internet distribution. The plan announced under new business is that Crane will collect the input from officers, committees, and members and prepare it in a Word format. It will be transferred to Stan and put through Microsoft Publisher or other publishing software. Stan will handle the Web interface. Lori Rieger volunteered to help with formatting ideas. A Club member had volunteered to do the printing through his company at no charge, which was very much appreciated, but the scheduling and timeliness can become an issue (which happened with the March newsletter). Crane made a motion to go back to paying for printing in order to be sure the newsletter got mailed when needed, and that motion was seconded and approved.

50/50 Drawing:

\$59 to Club
\$11 to Virgil Kipers
\$19 to Linda Thorne
\$30 to Diane Lloyd

Missing Link:

To President Floyd Thorne for asking for "nominations for the 50/50". (Strange thing is that no one nominated them self to win the 50/50!)

The minutes were taken and submitted by Betty Richards, Secretary.

**Wayne Says
(well, maybe Ruth)**

We have had such beautiful weather most of the winter, that we have been riding all of 1999 so far. We just got back from giving out Easter baskets at the "Have a Heart Foundation." It does the soul good to do for others that need so much. When we first joined RMVTA in 1994, we used to give out cookies and ice cream at Craig Hospital; that was also a good feeling of doing for those that need. It's great that our club can do some of these activities for others.

When we left that activity heading for our next activity, I had as close a call to an accident that I hope to ever have. We were headed down Highway 36 to I-25 south, where three lanes go to two. I was in the middle lane of the three lanes, and the car on my left (and slightly behind me) decided he was going to get in front of me when we merged lanes. He did, but it was really tight quarters for a while. I believe it looked worse to those behind me (including Wayne), but I had to take a couple deep breaths when braking and falling in behind him. This incident is testimony to early season riding, as automobiles, even with all the good weather, are not looking for motorcycle traffic. Anyway, I certainly know what Easter is all about, and am thankful

prayers. It just goes to show that we must always be watching for the other guys, as they are going to take their space no matter what.

By the time you read this in the newsletter, Easter will be past, the first polar bear ride will be over, and we will be really getting into the riding season. So keep the shiny side up, and enjoy our sport! Remember, feelings are everywhere, so be kind!

For Sale

Trailer Hitch for 1500 Wing,
\$75,
Dennis Klermund, 303-972-2497

The Prez Says

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to David Menges and Monica for their very hard work to bring the Second Annual "Have a Heart" Easter Basket project to a happy and successful conclusion. I would also like to thank all of those who helped in so many ways with this effort. Many of you donated your time, many of you donated your money, many of you donated material things and then there were those of you that donated in all these ways. My hat really goes off to all of you and hope that we can do more of these types of projects in the future.

Floyd Thorne
President

CASINO TRIP

Date: 24 April
Time: 4:00-10:00 P.M.
Place: Blackhawk, Lodge Casino
Assemble: Levitz parking, 6th Ave. 3:45 P.M. (Bus leaves promptly at 4:00.)
Price: \$10 per person, includes bus & buffet, **IF**, there are **at least** 30 of us. Presently there are 22. Less than 30 will be discussed. Make checks payable to Dave Menges.
Contact: Dave/Monica

Meeting Information:

Don't forget to meet with us at Faye Myers Motorcycle World on West Alameda on tax day, April 15, 1999. Try to leave your long face at home if you had to send the big check in on that day!