

Venture Voice

Volume 15, Issue 6

<http://www.rmvta.com>

June 1999

Officers

President - Floyd Thorne

Vice Pres. - Mike Rieger

Secretary - Betty Richards

Treasurer - Ruth Adams

Board of Directors

President - Tom Shumaker

Member - Karen Burgus

Member - Ken Kenaston

Member - Jeanne Hoedel

Member - Crane Smiley

Officers Speak

By Mike Rieger

It is hard to believe that we are already into the riding season. The ride books are out, the cobwebs have been cleaned out of the membership roster and there are new opportunities for us to become safer riders.

With all the things of summer in full swing, lets remember the primary reason this club exists - for people with a common interest to get together and have fun. It's not that we need the riding partners as we can find them without belonging to a club. It's not that we need one more thing to volunteer for - our lives are busy enough the way they are. We all love to ride and we genuinely enjoy being part of the RMVTA family. Why shouldn't we? We have a great group of people here.

So this summer as the rides come upon us, let the yard work wait the extra day and join your friends for a little fun. You will find that the stress and pressures of everyday life will disappear, even if it is only for the day.

P.S. Folks with emotional pregnant spouses may claim insanity if they miss some rides this season!



Hungry breakfast crew at Ron and Joyce's - Highway Clean-up Ride

Meeting Minutes

By Betty Richards

The meeting was called to order by President Floyd Thorne. Thirty-nine signed in. Our guests were Bill Nielson and Jonna Wright who ride a 1986 Venture. They joined before the meeting closed.

Secretary's Report:

The April minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Ruth reported balances in Checking of \$2,209.31 and Savings of \$3,500.94 as of 5/17/99, for a total of \$5,710.25.

Committee Reports:

Vice President Mike Rieger asked for the committee reports and received the following:

Member Relations: Ron reminded the group about the Adopt-A-Highway spring clean-up project on Saturday, May 22 and passed around a sign-up sheet.

Rides: In Ken's absence, a quick review was done of the upcoming rides. There were no changes from the information printed on the web site or in the ride schedule.

Unfinished Business:

Two items were discussed under unfinished business.

(1) The 2-up ERC safety course scheduled in April had to be canceled because of bad weather. Virgil will try to pull together another date which will work for the group or fit members into other classes already scheduled.

(2) To streamline our newsletter processing, Lori Rieger volunteered to take over the duties from Crane. E-mail articles to her at mlc.co@cwix.com. The deadline for the next newsletter is June 1.

During the Unfinished Business segment of the meeting, Virgil brought up the following two community-involvement opportunities which he had been contacted about. Information

on both will be added to the web site and/or discussed at the next meeting as the plans develop.

St Jude's Hospital would like RMVTA to become involved in organizing a Ride for Kids to benefit oncology research. No money would have to come from the Club's treasury. Participants ask for sponsors to pledge donations.

Progressive Insurance would like members to participate in a mall display in the Denver metro area sometime during June. No details were available at the meeting, so check the web site for updates.

During the break, ride books and interim membership rosters were distributed. Paid members who were not at the meeting will be sent their Club materials.

New Business:

Floyd brought up two items. Neither required discussion at the time.

(1) 1999 Sponsor plaques will be given out at the June meeting. The plaques for the cycle shops who sponsor our Club were given out on the Sponsor's Ride.

(2) The Club By-laws and Constitution need to be reviewed by the Board.

Announcement:

Karen & Steve Burgus are adding an extra ride to the schedule, going up to Deadwood from October 1-4. Details will be covered with a flyer and the web site.

50/50 Drawing:

\$12 Wayne Adams

\$17 John McKibbon

\$28 Larry Gutt

\$57 Club

Missing Link:



To Tom Shumaker, for leading the Rosemount Castle ride and leaving everyone behind after he slipped through many changing traffic lights. This is a repeat of last year's Progressive Dinner Ride when he ran a railroad crossing signal and left everyone else on the other side of a huge freight train!

The Prez Says

By Floyd Thorne

In the event that some of you are not plugged into the "Trade Journals" or in our case some of the various motorcycle magazines that are out there, I thought I would bring to your attention that there have been some really good and informative articles in recent months that can and have shed a lot of light on at least a couple of subjects for me.

In the *Wing World* magazine, April 1999, there is an article called "Trip To Insuranceville.". Mike Felder of Mike Felder Insurance, California's largest motorcycle-only insurance agency authors it. He is a rider of thirty years himself whose insurance business is entirely devoted to motorcycles. The article is intended to make its readers uncomfortable enough to decide how much risk you are controlling - for yourself and your fam-

ily. It goes on to say that knowing the truth will help you sleep better and ride more comfortably tomorrow. Mike, in the article, poses numerous questions that need to be asked of your agent and or insurance carrier to enable you to first understand your coverage and thus make more informed choices. By examining our policies and asking questions of the agent, we know what we are buying and what we are protecting against.

A second article published in the July 1999 issue of *Rider* magazine is titled "Haulin' Tongue". Everything that you need to know to start towing a motorcycle trailer. Not the trailer that one hauls a motorcycle on but rather the trailer pulled behind a motorcycle. This is another very informative article on many of the aspects of trailering. It talks about weight distribution, tongue weight, sway, wheels and tire inflation. The author also mentions some very interesting criteria with regard to the distance from the hitch ball to the axle length. This is some information that I wish I had known before I purchased my first trailer that could not go faster than 50 miles per our without wanting to whip me right off the road. I was able to dispose of this trailer on consignment and I pity the person who purchased it. I have both of these magazines if any of you have an interest in getting a copy of these two articles in particular get in touch with me. Often times there are many articles in magazines that although they may be fun and entertaining reading really lack in

anything of real substance. I believe that these are real informative and a good read as well.

Recent Ride Updates

(Or what you might have missed!)

Highway Clean-Up Ride

Date: May 22

We had 12 hungry members show up at Ron and Joyce's home for a pancake and sausage breakfast. The 2-mile stretch of Hiway 83 (South of Franktown) was cleaned up in a hurry. Steve Inouye won the Golden Horseshoe award for finding the most unusual piece of litter. He found a bottle (no kidding) of "Hot Sex Liquor." It was empty. He is bringing it to the June Meeting so be sure to come and see it. Also found were political signs (Dottie Lamm and Say Yes to the Stadium), brake shoe, tail pipe, Progenitor Book, 1 dice, a 5-foot foam dildo???, and various Harley parts. Phil and Diane Tague won the Rockie Tickets.



Santa Fe Market Square

Santa Fe Trail Ride

Date: May 29-31

Ken Kenaston led 11 bikes and 1 car to beautiful Santa Fe. We took the scenic back roads and only hit 1 little patch of rain (not enough to suit up). Day 2 was an open day. Some of the

group went to the Indian cliff dwellings while others shopped, watched the Avalanche, and swam. That evening we had a blast at the Stake Out Restaurant in Taos (see photo gallery on the Internet). The ride home was fun and the weather was perfect. Ken and John got into a motorcycle pulling trailer ramp jumping contest after lunch in Walsenburg. We think it was a tie. Joyce won't say whether the pottery purchased in Santa Fe made it in 1 piece. Nancy Frase is in the running for the Missing Link for taking off on the 6th Ave. without the rest of the group. Great ride!

Are You Ready to Ride?!

South Platte River Ride

Ride Captain: Nancy Frase

Date: Sunday, June 6

Be sure to come out and enjoy this ride. Lots of twisties and beautiful scenery around every turn. Meet at 8:45 for a 9:00 a.m. departure from the Sofa Mart parking lot at 6th and Kipling. See you there.

President's Ride Update

Ride Captain: Floyd Thorne

Date: June 12-13

Floyd Thorne is leading the President's Ride to Saratoga, WY. Updates to the Ride Book follow:

Ten rooms at the Sage and Sand Motel in Saratoga, WY reserved for Saturday night June 12. Four rooms with a Queen size bed for \$42.12 and five rooms with a Full size bed for \$37.80. One room with two bedrooms and a door in be-

tween for a total of \$61.56. Call (307) 326-8339 to make your own arrangements.

Rooms are blocked off until June 5, 1999. If they are not booked by the RMVTA or Rocky Mountain Venture Touring Association by then, they will be released back to the Motel.

This is right across the street from a restaurant, within walking distance of bars and lounges downtown or from the "Hobo Pool" a FREE natural hot water mineral spring to soak away those sore spot and kinks from the days ride.

We can plan on picking up some items at the grocery store on the way out of town and have a picnic near the top of Snowy Range weather permitting and then a more relaxing ride on into Denver from there. Otherwise we can have lunch in Laramie, WY.

Other accommodations in town are the Saratoga Inn (307) 326-5261 or the Hacienda (307) 326-5751 or the Hotel Wolf right downtown at (307) 326-5525.

Aluminum Butt Ride

Ride Captain: Cliff Eudy

Date: June 19

If you like to go fast and put lots of miles behind you in a single day, this is the trip for you. Since this is a fast-paced trip, consider doing it "one-up". The trip covers 657 mile. Call Cliff if you have any questions.

Mount Evans Ride

Captain: Nancy Frase



Date: [Sunday, June 27](#)

There is no view like the view from the top of Mount Evans and what better way to see it then by riding to the top. Nancy Frase will lead us up the mountain for a beautiful Sunday ride. This is a great ride and you can see forever, so be sure to bring your binoculars and cameras. The ride leaves from the Sofa Mart parking lot at 6th and Kipling at 7:45 a.m.. You can find a complete itinerary in your ride book or on the web site.

Creede-Showtime Ride

Ride Captain: [Ron Nardiello](#)

Date: [July 3-5](#)

Ron and Joyce are going to lead a great July 4th ride which includes a show, fireworks, and a visit to Joe Cocker's Restaurant in Crawford, CO. Please note that the overnight stays are going to be in Delta and South Fork. Updates to the ride book follow:

Saturday, July 3, 1999 - Delta - 10 rooms blocked at Comfort Inn ((970) 874-1000) under RMVTA name. One king and 9 double queens. Price is \$71.10 plus tax. Specify smoking/non-smoking rooms. Includes continental breakfast.

Sunday, July 4, 1999 - South Fork - 10 rooms blocked at Comfort Inn ((800)285-6590) under RMVTA name. Six kings \$71.10 plus tax and 4 double queens \$81.10 plus tax. Specify smoking/non-smoking rooms. Includes continental breakfast.

Sunday, July 4, 1999 - Creede Repertory Theatre - 6:00 p.m. showtime. Name of show is

"Destry Rides Again" (Western Musical). Price is \$17.00 per ticket. Call Ron for ticket reservations.

Yellowstone Ride

Captains: [Tim Hawkins](#) & [Ken Kenaston](#)

Date: [July 15-19](#)



Mark your calendars for this one. With Ride Captains like Hawkins and Kenaston, there is sure to be a lot of great riding and a lot of fun to be had on this three-day trip. Fish, sight see, ride, shop or whatever your heart desires. You can find details of the ride in your ride book or listed on the web site. But you may want to consider making your lodging reservations as soon as possible. To reserve your room in Rawlins for the first night of the Ride, call the Super 8 reservation line at 1-800-800-8000 – ask for Group Sales RMVTA. Rooms are \$50.00 plus \$5.00 per each additional person. For Friday and Saturday accommodations, call Grants Village (307) 344-7311. If you wish to camp, ask for the Camping Department. If you prefer a room, ask for Rooms. And remember your picnic basket – Yogi will be waiting.

Lake City Ride Update

Ride Captains: [Steve](#) & [Karen Burgus](#)

Date: [July 31](#) & [August 1](#)

Karen and Steve Burgus are hosting a great ride to Lake City. See the beautiful sights while taking in the "twisties". We are looking for a great time

on this trip. Updates to the trip follow:

Call the Western Belle Lodge and Restaurant at (800) 650-1221 by July 10. Group reservation # is 2512 under name of RMVTA or Karen & Steve Burgus. Room rates are \$72.00 per night and \$79.00 with kitchenette. Call Karen or Steve for additional information.

Ouray – the Fun Way

Captain: [Stanley Stotz](#)

Date: [August 21–22](#)

Join Stan, Janet, and the gang for a great two-day tour of Colorado. There's no better way to see this beautiful part of the world then from the seat of your motorcycle. So mark your calendars now, this is one you won't want to miss. Complete details of the ride can be found on the web site or in your ride book

Safety Points to Ponder

By [Wayne "Tenderfoot" Adams](#)

Some disturbing facts came across my desk today. They were put there by an individual, a friend, who maintains motorcyclist's mentality levels that do not go to the top floor. It's anyone's guess whether it is true or not, and isn't a point of debate with me. However, for those of us who enjoy and recreate on motorcycles, his facts become all too real when we see television coverage like on channel 9 news on 6/1/99. It matters little that a moment of "road rage" by unthinking individuals may have caused another motorcycle fatality, snarled traffic and caused untold hurts

as a result. These stats continue to go up as more two-wheelers become the rage, and influxes of humanity continue to engulf our state.

I know, I know—come to the point, you're thinking. Okay, from 1984 to 1994 (don't know why he didn't have the statistics to the present), in Colorado, 588 folks perished riding motorcycles. Of those, 427 were not wearing helmets. Helmets!! Why not? A couple years back we had a big flap in the Legislature about a helmet law in Colorado, and I wrote an article about this subject to a national magazine. To my surprise, it was published!

Just an observation, I guess, but the summer weather seems like it gets hotter than Haiti's (however hot that is) under one of those things. It gets even hotter wearing other protective gear, and as the riding season is now in full swing, we need to be thinking about why we suffer this discomfort, and its overall purpose. We know a guy that is plenty happy that he was wearing all the right stuff, when the unthinkable happened...and although it may not make the injuries any less severe...nor your bike any less damaged, in our eyes we are thankful when we can hobble away. Isn't that right, Virgil?

If you are willing to take a chance and go with short sleeved tee-shirts, loafers, shorts, no helmet and gloves, so be it— When I was younger, I was also bullet proof. Skin grew back faster in those days,

and baseball caps were cheap. Times are a-changin'.

Just a reminder that there are three categories of riders: Novice, Experienced, and Expert. This is about riding, protecting our passengers, and others around us. It's all about attitude.

Remember: "Feelings are everywhere, be kind."



rywhere, be kind."

Nancy "Little Shaver Frase

Editor's Note

By Lori Rieger

The newsletter has always been an excellent source of information for club members and now we have an awesome new web site to utilize as well. But in order for Stan and I to make these publications the best that they can be, we'd like to ask for your assistance in a few key areas.

First, in order to make it easier to remember, I've set the deadline for the newsletter as the first day of every month. That way we should be able to get your newsletters out to you sooner and Stan will be able to post the web site copy earlier in the month.

Second, we realize that the web site is an incredible way for you to get information out about your ride or upcoming event. But please remember that there

are many people in the club who do not have Internet access and will not receive your information unless you put it in the newsletter. Besides, everything that goes in the newsletter also goes onto the web site. So please remember to submit your information for inclusion in the newsletter as well as on the web site. You can send submittals for next month's newsletter to mlc.co@cwix.com.

And last but not least, let me know if there are any features that you would like to see included in the newsletter. Although I can't promise to use every idea, this newsletter belongs to the whole club and your thoughts are very welcome.



Diners at the Stake Out – Taos, NM

For Sale

Moto-Tote Bike Carrier. Slips into a 2" receiver hitch - carries up to 500 lbs. Used once. Sells new for \$325.00 plus tax. Will sell for \$260.00. Call Ron at (303) 840-6660.

1976 Gold Wing GL-1000 With Trailer, 32,600 miles, custom seat with rider backrest, custom trailer hitch, electronic ignition, shield, CB radio, leather saddle bags, rear rack, trunk and almost new Metzler tires. Asking \$3,000.00. Call Gino Pezzella or e-mail at gino@mindspring.com.

1999 RMVTA Sponsors

ADVANTAGE ACCOUNTING 6439 Devinney Street, Arvada (Karen Burgus)	303-425-5266
AURORA HONDA 200 South Potomac Street, Aurora	303-431-7200
CANTEEN REFRESHMENT SERVICE 123 Yuma St., Denver (Jim Wohlford)	303-722-2861
COLORADO HONDA SEA DOO 6235 South Santa Fe, Littleton	303-794-6367
EXCEL MOTORCYCLES & WATERCRAFT 7000 E. Colfax Avenue, Denver	303-399-5447
FAY MYERS MOTORCYCLE WORLD 2015 West Alameda, Denver	303-744-6632
HAWKINS' CUSTOM SERVICES 152 Bear Dr, Golden (Tim Hawkins)	303-582-3150
HENNIGAN FUNERAL SERVICES 1443 Colorado Boulevard, Idaho Springs	303-567-2255
LAKEWOOD HONDA, LTD 1251 Wadsworth Ave., Denver	303-232-7576
REMAX BROKERS, INC 13770 E. Rice Pl., Aurora (Ron Nardiello)	303-693-6666
SUN HONDA 8877 Washington Street, Denver	303-287-7566
VICKERY MOTORSPORTS, INC. 2231 South Parker Road, Aurora	303-755-4387

**Rocky Mountain Venture
Touring Association
P.O. Box 1461
Wheatridge, CO 80034-1461**

Guest/Complimentary Copy

