

# Venture Voice

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## Officers Speak...

**By Ruth Adams**

The year is nearly 2/3 over, and I'm still trying to catch up on all kinds of things, including yard work, while the weather permits. We've done a lot of riding this summer, although we have not been able to join in many of the RMVTA rides. Last weekend, I rode solo to Casper, my first longer ride this year, and would you believe that the wind was quite calm in Wyoming. I am really starting to enjoy being at the controls, although I still enjoy riding two up, also.

This summer several of our friends have had some near catastrophes, which could have been avoided with more attention paid prior to taking off with a trailer. One trailer arrived in Springfield, MO, being pulled only by the safety chains, because the draw bar was behind the pin when the pin and bar were put in place. This would not have happened if the draw bar had been checked more closely when installed, but thank goodness for

tight safety chains, they arrived safely in Springfield. Another friend had the ball come loose from the draw bar because the nut (not a plastic insert safety nut) fell off. Because of loose safety chains, the trailer at some points was up on one wheel or the other before the bike and trailer could be stopped. This indicates that we need to check all bolts and nuts carefully and regularly.

Also, a similar condition in another incident--the bolt on the trailer axle was coming loose, which was discovered in a pre-inspection and corrected before leaving and pulling the trailer. A fourth person found that the trailer box had come loose from the frame, which was discovered during a pre-return ride check after the trailer was loaded. The trailer had to be emptied, and a welder called (on Sunday, no less), before reloading the trailer after getting repairs and proceeding home after several hours delay.

Anyway, if you do a thorough safety check of your bike and trailer on a regular basis before taking off, you can control some of the dangers of motorcycling. You must still be very aware of your surroundings, including other drivers especially, when engaging in our "fun" sport.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting or out on the road for a fun ride. Keep the shiny side up, and remember, feelings are everywhere, be kind.



**View from Morrow Point Dam  
Creede-Showtime Ride**

## Meeting Minutes

**By Betty Richards**

The meeting was called to order by VP Mike Rieger. Pres Floyd Thorne and Linda were busy becoming grandparents at a local hospital. Nineteen members signed in, the low count probably connected to the Yellowstone ride which departed that same day.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the June meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. It was noted that the newsletter header read June rather than July.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ruth reported balances in checking of \$1,135.34 and savings of \$3,509.69 as of July 15, for a total bank balance of \$4,645.03.

With such a small number of members in attendance, Mike conducted the meeting very informally. Committee reports are as follows:

Activities: Robin reiterated info on the Christmas party printed in the last

newsletter and said she's received a menu to discuss with the Club at a future meeting. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 19th at Highlands Golf Course (92nd & Sheridan).

Ancillaries Committee: Janet has received the new catalog and will have it at every meeting for members to order from. If you order one month, you should receive it the next. Everything except hats can be ordered in a single quantity (hats are a dozen minimum). Coats may not be available--the vendor is still looking for a better quality no-fade product.

Ride Committee: No report but check the web site for all up-to-the minute info. The Camp Time, Lake City, and Grand Mesa rides will all go before our next meeting.

Newsletter Committee: Stan mentioned that for the "Photo Gallery" on the web site he'd like to add a Members Photo Page. If interested, bring a snapshot to the next meeting or mail it to Stan Stotz. All photos will be returned undamaged.

**Old Business:** No Old Business was discussed.

**New Business:** Robin Reynolds and Wayne Adams volunteered to assume the duties of the Membership Committee from Nancy.

**Announcements:** Wing Ding Update -- Eight RMVTA couples rode out to Springfield for the rally and had a great time. The Colorado Wings won second place in the Drill Team competition, and without bias our group said they definitely should have had the first place honors.

**50/50 Drawing:**  
\$10 Jim Wohlford  
\$15 Linda Hatfield  
\$25 Club



## The Missing Link



To Larry Gutt. Kathie nominated him just because he's never had it. But then it was determined that he really deserved it because on the Wing Ding trip he somehow missed a campground they were headed to so they just went to Arkansas!

## Recent Ride Updates (Or What You Missed Out On!)

No Ride Updates were received at the time of publication. Everyone must have been too busy riding and having fun to send in reports of rides that you might have missed. Guess, that just means you had to be there.



**Looking back from Independence  
Pass - Aluminum Butt Ride**

**ARE YOU READY TO RIDE?!**

**Grand Mesa Ride  
Ride Captain: Gary Hoedel  
Aug. 14 -15, 1999**

Join Gary and Jeanne Hoedel on a great tour of western Colorado. There will be lots of great riding and a lot of fun on this ride, so don't miss it. Oh, and did we mention the food? Someone hinted at fresh peaches and an ice cream break along the way.

A ride itinerary is available in the ride

book and on the web site. Hotel Reservations must be made by August 1, 1999. Call the Best Western in Delta, CO at (970) 874-9781 and ask to speak with Jeanie. Make sure you mention that the rooms are held under the RMVTA Rooms can be reserved by credit card and the cost is \$67.00 plus tax. Request smoking/non-smoking preference when you make your reservation.

***Ouray - The Fun Way  
Ride Captain: Stan Stotz  
Aug. 21-22, 1999***

If you haven't made your reservations yet, as of August 30, the Matterhorn Motel at Ouray still has reservations available for August 21. Their phone # is (800) 334-9425. After we arrive in Ouray, we have an evening planned with the Outlaw Mountain Cookout folks. We will be picked up at our motel with 4-wheel drive vehicles and transported to a mountain-top cookout complete with camp fire, marshmallow roast, steaks/salmon or chicken grilled to your order with all the trimmings, watermelon and many other wonderful things. The cookout is optional and we will call our participation list in while on the road. Call ride leader Stan Stotz at (303) 690-4133 if you have any questions about the ride or need assistance.

***Moon Light Dinner Ride  
Ride Captain: Ken Kenaston  
Aug. 28, 1999***

This ride is an annual favorite for many members, especially if the rain showers can hold off long enough for a nice dry ride. This is a great chance to meet friends and co-riders for dinner prior to the ride.

While our fearless ride leader is keep the itinerary top secret, we do know that we'll be riding about 130 miles with a couple of additional stops for ice cream and fuel.

***Dipsey-Doodle Tour***  
**Ride Captain: Cliff Eudy**  
**Sept. 3-6, 1999**

If you love to ride and see the sights, this is the ride for you. Saddle up for 4 full days of riding through New Mexico and Colorado, with stops at Mesa Verde and Colorado National Monument just to name a couple. Like the ride book says, "So many great motorcycle roads on one trip it's hard to believe you can have so much fun and still stay out of jail!".

For a complete itinerary, check your ride book or the web site. For reservations call:

Friday 9/3 - Raton Super 8  
(505)445-2355

Saturday 9/4- Best Western Cortez  
(970)565-5778

Sunday 9/5 - Grand Junction  
Motel 6 (970) 243-2628

Reservations must be made by August 4<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to mention that the rooms are held under RMVTA. The average cost per room is \$60.00.



**Dave & Tim bundle up during the  
Yellowstone Ride**

***Fall Color Ride***  
**Ride Captain: Gary Hoedel**  
**Sept. 19, 1999**

Enjoy the beautiful colors only Colorado can offer in autumn. Gary Hoedel will lead us on a scenic one day tour of the Rockies when they are at their most colorful.

A complete itinerary is available on the web site or in your ride book. Make sure you don't miss this ride. It is one of the last rides of the season and definitely a great way to spend time with your friends in the RMVTA.

***Deadwood, South Dakota Ride***  
**Ride Captains:**  
**Steve & Karen Burgus**  
**Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

A little gambling and whole lot of fun is to be had on this four day excursion through the Black Hills. Karen & Steve have a great ride planned, so make sure you're with them.

We will be staying at the Gold Country Inn in Deadwood on the nights of Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. You will need to make reservations before Sept 11<sup>th</sup> by calling the motel directly. The number is 1-800-287-1251. The rooms will cost \$45/night plus tax. The reservation is in the name of RMVTA or Karen & Steve Burgus



***Mark Your Calendars***

***Deadwood & Progressive Dinner  
Ride Date Change***

Due to a lack of hotel accommodations in Deadwood over the originally scheduled weekend, the Deadwood ride has been rescheduled for September 24, 25, 26 & 27. Therefore the Progressive Dinner ride has been moved to October 3<sup>rd</sup>.



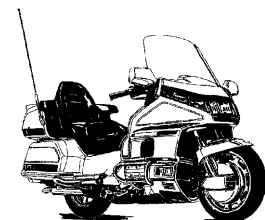
**Tom & Jeanie solving the world's  
problems during the Yellowstone Ride.**

***And Now A Word  
For Our Sponsor...***

**Aurora Honda**  
**200 S. Potomac Street**  
**Aurora, CO 80012**  
**(303) 341-7200**

Aurora Honda is a family owned business that was founded in 1966. From 1966 to 1974, the dealership was located on East Colfax. They opened in their current location on South Potomac in 1974.

Manager Tim Laing describes Aurora Honda as a smaller shop that caters to Gold Wings and specializes in a "personal touch". So if you are in the Aurora area, be sure to check out this dealership. You will always find friendly service and a lot of motorcycles in this small shop.





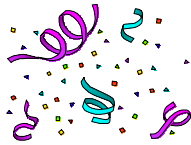
## Membership Photo Gallery

For those interested, we are planning a membership photo gallery for the web page. Bring your favorite photos to the next meeting, with or without your bike, so we can post them on the web page. We won't include your phone number or address. If all our members send in pictures, we will have an easy way to put names with faces. All pictures will be returned to members. If you don't have a good picture, contact our webmaster Stan Stotz and he will be happy to take a digital picture free of charge



Feeding Friends  
Creede-Showtime Ride

## Dates to Remember



### August

#### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Kathie Fields
- 8 Steve Inouye
- 12 Paul Coriell
- 17 Nedra Eudy
- 25 Linda Thorne
- 29 Cynde Grassnick
- 31 Paul & Nola Coriell Anniversary

## 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 [ginop@mindspring.com](mailto:ginop@mindspring.com)

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## TIPS FROM THE TRAIL...



Have you found a new trail that is worth riding, a great place to stay, or a restaurant worth stopping at? Maybe there is a road to avoid due to poor conditions or a long stretch of road without service. Why not share it with the rest of club? If there is anything you might encounter out there on the road that might be beneficial to your touring buddies, send us a few short paragraphs and we'll put it in this column. You can e-mail us directly at [mlc@QuixNet.net](mailto:mlc@QuixNet.net) or use the hyperlink on the web site. You may also mail a copy to Lori Rieger at the address listed in your membership roster.

## Editor's Note:

From Lori Rieger

I wanted to send out a quick note saying thank you to all of you who have contributed material for the newsletter over the last couple of months. Your contributions make the newsletter not only beneficial to other members but also entertaining. I also wanted to apologize for any errors that you may have noticed. In fact, there seem to be several of you who have become very good proof readers. I invite you to keep up the good work. I, like anyone else, can overlook a typo or forget to make a change.

As you know, we are fast approaching my due date and I will really rely upon you over the next several months to help me get the newsletter out in time by having your articles in by the deadline. So far, everyone has been really good about this and I thank you for that. There is one area where we are falling behind, however. And that seems to be in receiving information from Ride Captains about the rides they have led. In many ways, this information is just as important as promoting your ride before hand. Why? Well, it lets not only other club members know what they are missing out on by not going on a ride, it also gives people who look at our web site an idea of what our rides are really like. So if you have led a ride and not passed the information on to me, please do so this upcoming month. Consider it the final leg of your ride. Thank you.



Scene from the  
Aluminum Butt Ride



### *Congratulations.....*

To Floyd & Linda Thorne on the birth of a brand new Grandbaby! Floyd and Linda are the proud Grandparents of Ashleigh Mae Thorne. Her parents are Patrick Mark and Maria Linn Thorne. She was born July 16, 1999 and 9:26 a.m. at The Medical Center of Aurora - South Campus. Ashleigh weighed in at 7 pounds and 15 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

### *Thank You*

To Nancy (Frase) Van Liere for her hard work on the Membership Committee. Due to her schedule, Nancy has had to resign from the Committee. But not before putting in a lot of hours assembling and refining the data base. Thank you also to Kevin Van Liere for the time you spent helping Nancy.

### *Thank You*

To Robin Reynolds and Wayne Adams for taking over the Membership Committee in mid-term. We're all very confident that you will do an incredible job.

**The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is September 1, 1999**

### *New E-Mail Address*

The Editor's new e-mail address is [mlc@QuixNet.net](mailto:mlc@QuixNet.net). We will keep the old address active for a couple of more weeks just to make sure that everyone gets a chance to make the change. Stan has also put a hyperlink on the web site directly to our e-mail address. Unfortunately, this is only a temporary address. We will be establishing an address specifically for RMVTA e-mail in the near future.



**A Ron & Joyce Moment**

**Happy 15th Anniversary, RMVTA!**

It's hard to believe that over half of the year is behind us. And what a great year it has been. But it wouldn't be proper to let anymore time pass by without recognizing the fact that the RMVTA has been an active organization for 15 years now. And it is only fitting, that we celebrate what a great club we are all a part of by making the most of the remaining rides and participating in whatever

the Activities Committee can dream up for us (Which given the current Committee could be just about anything!).

It is also only fitting that we take a moment to look back on how it all began and to say thank you those who started this whole thing in the first place. Here is a brief history of how the Rocky Mountain Venture Touring Association got it's start.

In November of 1983, 7 men met to develop a plan for a touring motorcycle club. They were Jim White, Jack Dunwell, Gilbert Hensley, Bob Snyder, Spence Chapin, Andy Poppenberg & James Molnar.

Not only did these seven individuals set out to form a non-profit organization with a constitution and by-laws, but also a family oriented club that would put it's efforts forth in community participation and fund-raising. They also wanted the club to represent their dedication to safety and courtesy.

A constitution and by-laws were constructed and the clubs first officers were elected.

President - James C. White

Vice President - Andy Poppenberg

Secretary/Treasurer- Gilbert Hensley

Together these three men would be instrumental in putting the RMVTA on the road to becoming the organization that it is today.

The club now has members from many walks of life who ride many different brands of motorcycles. But we are all held together by a common love for safe motorcycling and a genuine enjoyment of the friendships that we have developed.

**1999 RMVTA Sponsors**

<b><u>Advantage Accounting</u></b> (303) 425-5266 <u>6439 Devinney Street, Arvada (Karen Burgus)</u>	<b><u>Aurora Honda</u></b> (303) 431-7200 <u>200 South Potomac Street, Aurora</u>
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**NEXT MEETING:**

**August 19, 1999**

**7:30 PM**

**Fay Myers Motorcycle World**  
**2015 W. Alameda Avenue, Denver**