

# Venture Voice

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## Officers

**President** - Stan Stotz  
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**Member** - Crane Smiley

## Officers Speak...

By Stan Stotz

Happy New Year! Wow, we finally made it to the elusive Year 2000. The dawn of the New Year also signals a new and exciting year for the RMVTA. Our entire Executive Committee is committed to doing everything possible to make this year the most enjoyable year ever for our members. We plan to do this through careful planning for meetings, motorcycle rides and social events. Our meetings will be informal and fun to attend. We encourage all our members to attend the meetings and enjoy the fellowship of a great group of RMVTA members. If you have friends or acquaintances who enjoy motorcycle touring, encourage them to attend as a guest and check us out. New members are a necessary part of our membership. They bring new ideas and experiences with them and they replace members who move out of town or decide not to participate in the club festivities.



Ron models the latest in Holiday Accessories.

All committee chairs for this year have been appointed. In many cases, we appointed co-chairs to make the task easier, spread the work around and provide backups in case one of the chairs is unable to attend meetings. The committee chairs are:

**Activities:** Steve & Debbie Inouye  
**Ancillaries:** John & Sandi Redford  
**Awards:** Virgil Kipers, jr. & Nancy Hanson-Kipers  
**Finance:** Janet Stotz  
**Historical:** Kathie Fields  
**Member Relations:** Jerry & Linda Hatfield  
**Membership:** Robin Reynolds  
**Newsletter:** Lori Rieger  
**Ride Committee:** Steve Burgus & Bill Nielson  
**Web Master:** Stan Stotz & Tim Hawkins  
**50/50:** Ruth & Wayne Adams

We want to take a moment here to say a special thank you for a job well done to the outgoing Executive Committee Floyd Thorne, Mike Rieger, Ruth Adams and Betty Richards and their committee chairs. It takes a tremendous effort to put together a year-long program and we want you to know we appreciate it.

We also want to recognize outgoing Board Members Tom Shumaker (President), Karen Burgus and Jeanie Hoedel (who are new Executive Committee members) and Ken Kenaston. We also want to welcome new Board Members Floyd Thorne (President), Steve Inouye, Ron Nardiello, and Jerry Hatfield.

Let's spend these next couple of months tuning and cleaning our motorcycles for the Year 2000 riding season. Remember our motto "Touring our way through Y2K" (and a grand season it will be)!



New President Stan and First Lady Janet at the RMVTA Christmas Party.

## Meeting Minutes

**Recorded By:**  
**Monica Woznicki**  
**Submitted By:**  
**Floyd Thorne**

President Floyd Thorne called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The start was delayed because it was reported that traffic was a mess due to an accident. There were 34 members in attendance with no new members and/or guests.

## Treasurer's Report:

It was reported that there was \$3,531.28 in Savings and \$2,369.97 in Checking for a total of \$5,901.25.

### Secretary's Report:

Monica Woznicki filled in for Betty Richards as Secretary and documented this months minutes. Betty was absent due to having Dental Surgery. The minutes were approved as printed.

### Committee Reports:

Vice President, Mike Rieger received the following committee reports.

Activities: Dave Menges reported nothing new. Robin Reynolds reported that the Christmas party to be on Sunday, December 19, 1999 was ready and would go from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. We can also show up about 6:30 p.m. if you choose. Don't forget to bring your "White Elephant" gifts.

Historical Committee: Debbie Inouye reminded people to keep those photos coming from rides etc.

Awards Committee: Karen Burgus was not in attendance but people were reminded to get their award recommendations in for the Annual Membership Appreciation Party.

Membership Committee: Robin Reynolds will be continuing her task for next year but will have the help once again of Debbie Farnum to do the Membership Profiles that were enjoyed so much in years past.

Newsletter Committee: Lori Rieger reported that the deadline for the January Newsletter will be January 1, 2000 not 1999 as was printed.

Ride Committee: Ken Kenaston was absent. But it was reported that the Polar bear Ride was a great day but not very polar. Seven or eight bikes attended.

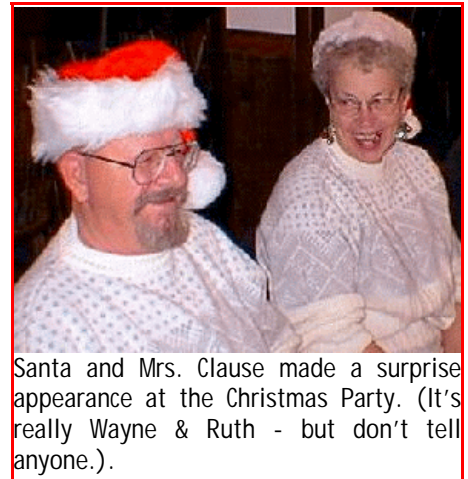
### New Business:

After break Floyd thanked all of the individuals that served on the Executive Committee and all of the various Committees during the 1999 term. Without all of these volunteers and their help throughout the year nothing would get done. A job well done. He also reported that there were some challenges and opportunities throughout the year but all in all it was a good year. A couple of things that came out of this past year is a very good quality Newsletter thanks largely to Lori Rieger (Stan Stotz helped a great deal also.) Another thing is a quality WEB Site that we can all be proud of thanks largely to Stan Stotz and the many people that provided photos and input. Keep up the good work.

At this point in the program it was turned over to Stan Stotz, the President of the "A" Team. He in turn introduced the Executive members. Tom Shumaker as Vice President, Jeanie Hoedel as Secretary, and Karen Burgus as the Treasurer. Stan also introduced the members of the Board of Directors. Floyd Thorne as the outgoing President will assume the Chairperson role, Crane Smiley is the only remaining incumbent member for one more year, and the new members are Steve Inouye, Ron Nardiello, and Jerry Hatfield.



This happy picture of the Riegers was obviously taken before someone stole Lori's wine in the White Elephant Gift Exchange.



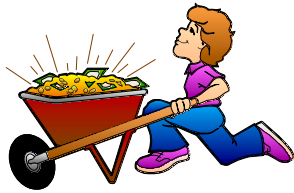
Santa and Mrs. Clause made a surprise appearance at the Christmas Party. (It's really Wayne & Ruth - but don't tell anyone.)

Committee Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons are as follows:

- Activities* - Steve and Debbie Inouye,
- Ancillaries* - John and Sandi Redford,
- Awards* - Virgil Kipers, Jr. and Nancy Hanson-Kipers,
- Finance* - Janet Stotz,
- Historical* - Kathie Fields,
- Member Relations* - Jerry and Linda Hatfield,
- Membership* - Robin Reynolds and Debbie Farnum,
- Newsletter* - Lori Rieger,
- Ride Committee* - Steve Burgus and Bill Nielson,
- WEB Master* - Stan Stotz.

If anyone would like to learn more about and help out with the WEB Master task and also with helping Lori Rieger out with the Newsletter please get in touch with one of us. Also the subject of starting the meetings at 7:00 p.m. was introduced and will be discussed further next month. There was also some discussion introduced by Crane Smiley about going back to the Country Buffet for our meeting place but this was more or less tabled. Budgets will be addressed in the January meeting and sheets were passed out by Janet to aid in their compilation.

Stan thanked Floyd Thorne and his Team for all their efforts last year. The meeting was then adjourned. The next meeting is January 20, 2000.



### The 50/50 Drawings:

\$7.00 to Monica Woznicki  
\$15.00 to Katherine Smiley  
\$21.00 to Monica Woznicki

### The Missing Link:



To Floyd Thorne for his adventures on a recent family trip to Kansas. It seems he had a bit of a challenge finding gas on the way home and ended up “borrowing” enough to get him to the next stop. He was the winner hands down.

## Sturgis 2000

Submitted by  
**Jerry and Daniela Henn**

I have some information that might interest some of the club members that I would like to pass along. We have located a house to rent for the Sturgis rally that still has openings the first 4 nights of Rally Week...that is, Sunday through Wednesday evenings. My wife and I, along with seven friends are renting it the last three nights, Thursday through Saturday. The rally begins on 7 August and is suppose to be extra special, celebrating the new, you know, millennium.

The home is located in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, about 25 miles from Sturgis. It is a three bedroom home, each bedroom will

have a full size bed or bigger. There is another room with a couch to sleep a single or a very cozy couple, and a sofa sleeper in the living room. In other words it can sleep 9 quite comfortably. It has two bathrooms, a nice deck out back, has air conditioning, plenty of paved parking for the bikes, no garage, in a nice part of town, and is clean and well kept. Many, if not most, homes go for \$100 per night per bed. The single mom with two small boys, who sleep elsewhere during Sturgis week, want \$60. We found the house, for the first time, last year and have reserved it for the last three nights of the yearly rally from now until hell freezes over. The first four nights of the week are still open. There's nothing in this for me except I volunteered to put the information out back here in Denver just to help her out. She's a nice lady (Marshelle is her name) and she treated us very well last year. If anyone decides to take it, I think they will be very much satisfied.

Marshelle has informed me that others are calling looking for accommodations but she would wait to hear from me before she rented it out to someone else. She was pleased with our group from last year and wanted to give us the first chance at it this year. I think it's nice to sorta keep it in the family, so to speak. I would be happy to answer any questions members might have. Please either email me at [jdhenh@uswest.net](mailto:jdhenh@uswest.net) or call at 303-693-4679. We are home nearly every evening and check email just about daily as well.



There were just too many caption possibilities for this one to choose from so I'm leaving it up to you. Let's just say there's one in every crowd.



## Membership Appreciation Party January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2000

Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, it's time to get out your grass skirts, practice your Don Hoe impersonations and head towards the big island for the annual Membership Appreciation Party. Actually, the party is being held at the Westminster Elks but it will have a Hawaiian flair.

We'll be kicking off the evening with cocktail hour from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. with dinner to follow from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.. Then on to 1999 awards and we'll finish up the night dancing to Klassy K. It's sure to be a night to remember.

There's still room available so please RSVP as soon as possible to Floyd Thorne at (303) 452-6894.

The Westminster Elks is located at 3850 Elk Drive, Westminster, CO. Phone: (303) 429-2227. To get there go to 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Federal Boulevard, just south of the Boulder Turnpike Highway #36. Turn west and go to Lowell Boulevard. Turn South, cross the railroad tracks and then turn west on 69<sup>th</sup> Place which turns into Elk Drive. Or you can stay on 72<sup>nd</sup> going west and turn south at Raleigh and then east on Elk Drive.





Is this the newly crowned Miss RMVTA? No, but close. It's JR with a coveted White Elephant Gift.

## Oh What A Night!

If you weren't able to attend this year's annual Christmas Party, then you missed out on a great night. Robin Reynolds did an incredible job of pulling the party together. The food was excellent. The atmosphere very comfortable and the company was unbeatable.

Of course, the main highlight of the evening was the White Elephant Gift Exchange. It's probably not surprising that the two most sought after items were a bottle of wine and a flashlight. And then there was the bottle of hot sex....we won't go any further on that subject other than to say it wound up in good hands. There was a really nice mix of gifts this year and we know that Steve Ionoye will put his gift to good use.

Through out the newsletter, you will find pictures from the party. Unfortunately a picture can only say a thousand words and it can never beat being there. Thanks Robin for a Great Party.

***The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000***

## Dates to Remember



### *January Birthdays*

<u>Date</u>	
2	<i>Nancy Hanson-Kipers</i>
2	<i>Kevin Van Liere</i>
4	<i>Erwin Grassnick</i>
6	<i>Philip Tague III</i>
8	<i>Anne Hudson</i>
9	<i>Cliff Eudy</i>
14	<i>Katherine Smiley</i>
20	<i>Darrel Lagenhausen</i>
22	<i>Nola Coriell</i>
22	<i>Janet Stotz</i>
27	<i>Floyd Thorne</i>

### For Sale:

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

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RMVTA ladies riding jacket, medium, black. Never worn. Best offer.

Trek 16 speed, 26" bicycle, low mileage, best offer.

Ski boots, men's, size 27 (9-9 1/2), best offer.

Skies, Salomon, 185cm, parabolics, never used, \$550 new, best offer.

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Steve opens his White Elephant Gift. Maybe you should have kept the watch, Steve.

### Editor's Note by Lori Rieger

As you've probably heard, I was crazy enough to take on the newsletter for the year 2000. I would like to say thank you to everyone for your support in 1999. The newsletter has come along way over the last year - thanks in no small part to people like Stan Stotz who has supplied me with plenty of photos to use every month. But it is a work in progress. I'd like to hear from more of you about what you would like to see in the newsletter and also to have more of you submit material. This newsletter is still the primary way we disseminate information and it is also a great promotional tool that reflects the attitude of our club. Let's use it to the best of our ability.

I also want to say thank you for your patience. I'll ask for your forgiveness in advance for my errors in the year 2000. Because I'm only human and I'm sure I'm not done screwing up yet, especially with an extra set of tiny fingers discovering the keyboard.

Here we are in A New Year, A New Century, and arguably a New Millennium. Let's spend it riding with old friends from the RMVTA.

# Happy New Year!

I'm sure by now you're about tired of hearing about the new Millennium and you've laughed at all the "Sky Is Falling" Y2K freaks. But since we'll never quite have this opportunity again, I couldn't pass up a little historical journey. So I chose to take a look back from where we've come. And let me tell you, we've come a long way, Baby!

Ever since the beginning of mankind, humans have worked to find faster, less effortless methods of moving from one place to another. Today, what was once conceived out of necessity has culminated into a popular pastime for people around the world. Whether we have a passion for cars, motorcycles, boats or planes, we can thank those early souls who risked money, health and reputation to move us forward.. Without them our love affair with motorcycles could never have occurred.

We start at the beginning of the millennium as the Norwegians launch the first Viking Longboat in the year 1000. The first rockets were created in China in the year 1232. Cornelius Drebbel of England engineered the first submarine in 1624. The first conestoga wagon rolled out of Pennsylvania in 1753. John Fitch of the US put the first Steam Boat to the test in 1787 and then in 1803 Robert Trevithick of England came along with the first Steam Locomotive.

The legacy of the motorcycle arguably began in 1817. It was that year that Karl von Drais of Germany built a pedalless pushbike with iron-banded wagon wheels. The bikes were often called "bone-crushers" because they provided an extremely rough ride and also because they had a tendency to toss their riders. From this early ancestor came the high-

wheelers and eventually, the "safety" bicycle which had front and rear wheels of the same size as well as a pedal crank mechanism to drive the rear wheel.

The first actual motorcycle is credited to Gottlieb Daimler of Germany who built the machine in 1885. Daimler later teamed up with Karl Benz to form the Daimler-Benz Corporation. Daimler's machine had one wheel in the front and one in the back but it also had a smaller spring-loaded outrigger wheel on each side. It was powered by a single-cylinder Otto-cycle engine and may have had a spray-type carburetor. The bike was constructed primarily of wood using iron-banded spoked wagon type wheels.



Gottlieb Daimler's wooden motorcycle

The first Steam-cycle was introduced by S. H. Roper of Massachusetts. Roper demonstrated the machine at fairs and circuses in the US in 1867. It was powered by a charcoal-fired two-cylinder engine. The connecting rods directly drove a crank on the rear wheel. This bike also had the "bone-crusher" chassis.

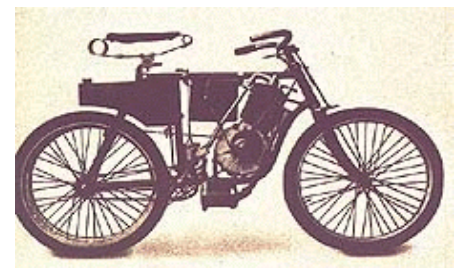
The next true advancement in two-wheeler development came in 1892. It was called the Millet and it used a 5-cylinder engine built as the hub of its rear wheel. As the wheel rotated so did the cylinder. The machine's crankshaft constituted the rear axle.

It wasn't until 1894 that the first really successful production two-wheeler came to be. The Hildebrand & Wolfmueller had a step-through frame and a fuel tank mounted on the

downtube. The low mounted engine was a parallel-twin with its cylinders going fore-and-aft. Instead of using heavy flywheels for energy storage between cylinder-firing, this model used stout elastic bands, one on each side outboard of the cylinders. This was done to help with the compression strokes. The engine was water-cooled and had a water tank/radiator built into the top of the rear fender.

The French firm of DeDion-Buton built an engine in 1895 that made the common use of motorcycles possible. The engine was a small, light, high revving four-stroke single that used battery and coil ignition. Oil was dripped into the crankcase through a metering valve. It was then sloshed around to lubricate and cool the engine components before dumping via a breather on the ground. This engine was copied and used by virtually everybody to follow, including Indian and Harley-Davidson.

The first US production motorcycle was the Orient-Aster. It was built by the Metz company in Waltham, Massachusetts in 1898. The bike used a copy of the DeDion-Buton engine called an Aster. This bike predated the Indian which was first built in 1901 and the Harley-Davidson whose first model was constructed in 1902.



The Orient-Aster. Looks comfortable, huh?!

The rest, as they say is history. Today, we ride a variety of makes and models. When the RMVTA was formed in 1984, it brought together a group of people with a common interest. The basic concept remains the same today - We love two-wheeling.

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**January 20, 2000**

**7:30 PM**

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