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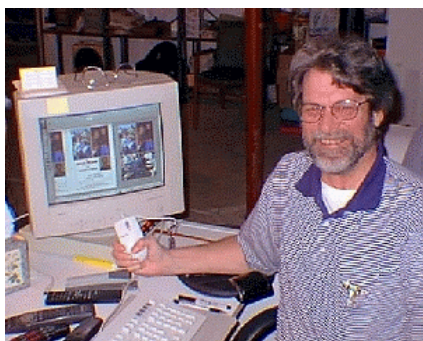
Officers Speak...

By Jeanie Hoedel

With spring just around the corner, I imagine that all of you are getting the urge to get out the trusty steed and ride. I know we are. We still have a lot of snow and ice at our house, so we need to wait for a little while longer. If any of you are lucky enough to live down in the flat area, please be careful of the large amount of gravel that is still on the roads.

I want to say a special thanks to Tom & Brenda for letting us put our baby in their warm garage for the winter. It's wonderful not to have to chip it out of the ice and snow this year!!!!!! Brenda did tell Gary that she has only dented the one side so far while practicing her riding abilities. Thanks Brenda for keeping the battery charged.

The ride committee met on February 27th to proof read before going to print. I want you all to know what a wonderful job that committee has done for us! This is going to be a book to remember. Lloyd put his expertise to work on the typing and



The Packrat catches a mouse... and a keyboard to type up the ride book.

did a great job. Stan worked really hard on the sponsors ads and they look wonderful. The ride book will be ready for the March meeting and I am really excited to see the final print. So take time to tell that committee how much we all appreciate their hard work.

I want to take a minute to thank all of the committees, past and present, for their dedication and hard work. Without all of you, this club would cease to exist and I appreciate each and every one of you. The friends we have made in RMVTA are indeed very special to us. See you at the March meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Submitted By:
Debbie Inouye

Stan Stotz introduced new guests. There were 5 guests this month: Dave & Phylleen Gochenour (Dave rides a 1982 Goldwing), Jim and Judy Haley. (They ride a Harley Davidson Touring Bike) and Bob Shank (Bob is Judy's brother and has a BMW K1200 LT).

Tom passed around a paper for everyone to update their membership and Stan asked that everyone please pay their membership dues.

Treasurer Report:

\$805.29 in Checking
\$3,539 in Savings
\$4,344.29 Total

Secretary's Report:

The minutes were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Activities: Steve Inouye told everyone about the upcoming trip to Harvey's. The bus will pick us up at 6:00 Friday night at the Sofa Mart Parking lot on 6th and Kipling and take us to Harvey's in Central City and bring us back at 11:00.

Dave Menges is doing the Have a Heart Easter Basket Ride again this year. He asked that everyone bring candy to the March meeting. We will put the baskets together on April 1 and distribute them on April 8. The meeting place for this will be at the Have a Heart building on 72nd and Lowell.

Ancillaries: John Redford found a source for putting logo's on jackets. They are bringing in hats and shirts to March Meeting.

Awards: No Report

Rides: Bill Nielson has tentative ride schedule. He talked about the ERC course. The cost of the course is \$30.00 and is tentatively scheduled for March 25.

Finance: A copy of the proposed Budget was passed out. Steve made a motion to up the budget for the Easter Ride and it was decided that we bring it up again at the March meeting. Karen proposed to bring it up to \$500.00 and it was approved.

There was a motion to accept the budget and all agreed.

Historical: Kathy Fields asked for pictures from the Appreciation Party.

Member Relations: RMVTA sent a check in Janie McKibbon's name for her favorite charity. Jerry asked for volunteers for the phone tree.

Membership: Robin asked for information for membership list. We are extending the expiration date to March for sponsor purposes.

Newsletter: The deadline is March 1st

Ride Committee: Lloyd Nicholson said the book would be completed in time for the March meeting.

Announcements:

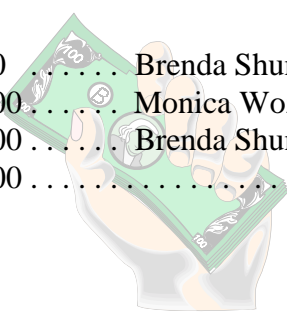
Stan informed everyone that Tim Hawkins is the new assistant web master. He is doing some great things on the web ride book this year.

Stan also acknowledged sponsors. We picked up several new sponsors this year. The sponsor ride is April 29th. Lakewood Honda is planning a cookout lunch for us.

Bill and Jonna bought a '94 Goldwing.

50/50

- \$9.00 Brenda Shumaker
- \$15.00 Monica Woznicky
- \$24.00 Brenda Shumaker
- \$48.00 Club



Missing Link

The missing link goes back to Stan's house. It seems he liked the way it looked on his table so well that he decided to leave it there. Although, he claims he just forgot it. He is not likely to forget it in March!!!



Easter Basket Charity
April 1st & 8th, 2000
Submitted by Dave Menges

Well folks, it's that time of year again. As the bunny starts hopping closer to the Easter season, we find ourselves needing your help with the Have a Heart Foundation Easter Basket Charity. The events will unfold on both the 1st and 8th of April. We will meet on Saturday the 1st at 4:00 p.m. to assemble the baskets at the Have a Heart Foundation trailer at the north east corner of 72nd & Lowell. Then, we thought it would be fun to wine and dine a bit afterwards. Any favorite places to eat???? We will meet in the parking lot to put all of the baskets together and have a little chow.

Then on the 8th of April, we will pass out the baskets to the kids. So the more who show up to see this, the more you will enjoy the rewards of helping. This will also be at the Have a Heart Foundation at 72nd & Lowell. Weather permitting, we will go for a ride afterwards. So bring your bikes if possible and prepare for a good day. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. and the basket passing will commence at about 8:30. Again this year, Jerry Hatfield will be our happy, hoppy Easter bunny. Hope to see you all there.

Please remember we need lots of candy for the baskets, individually wrapped only please. We would like to collect the candy at the March meeting. If you can not make the meeting, bring it on the 1st. Cash donations can be given to Dave Menges. Once again thanks for all of your wonderful support for this project and the Have a Heart Foundation. Any questions, please call Dave Menges at 303-940-9607.

The Have a Heart Foundation provides food, clothing and other necessities to families in need. This is the third year that RMVTA has sponsored the Easter Basket Charity which provides special treats for underprivileged children. A free will offering will be taken at the March meeting.



The Easter Bunny, who paid a visit at the Have A Heart Foundation last year, is scheduled to reappear this year.

Happenings... **(Or What You Might Have Missed!)**



Central City Submitted by Steve Inouye

Our thanks go out to all who attended the first activities committee outing to Central City. We had 26 members and guests meet and take the bus up the hill. As far as I have heard, everyone had a good time.

Most of us ate at Harvey's, then played the night away. Several took the shuttle bus down to Black Hawk and visited the newly opened Riviera casino and made it back just in time to catch the bus home. As far as I know, no millionaires were made but nobody became homeless either.

Deb and I are now planning our next activity to a dinner playhouse of some sort, and will have all the details as soon as possible. Again, thanks to all and to all , , , , , let's do it again! ! ! ! !

Up-N-Coming

2-Up ERC

March 25, 2000

**Captain: Virgil & Nancy Kipers
Phone:(303)798-7141**

The Two-up ERC (Experienced Rider Course) for March 25th is full. There are no more openings for that class. There is another Two-up ERC on March 26th. This class still has 2 or 3 openings if there are any interested Riders/Co-Riders. These ERC courses are taught by MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) instructors and can be taken by single Riders (One-up) or Rider/Co-Rider (Two-up) participants.

The March 25th class will start on Friday, March 24th at 6:15 p.m., Buckley Air Base, (north entrance). There will be two (2) hours of classroom study involving slides, videos, and lecture/discussion. The class will re-convene Saturday, March 25th, 7:45 a.m., Buckley Air Base (north entrance). There will be two (2) more hours of classroom, one (1) hour of co-rider seminar, and six (6) hours of range (riding through exercises). The class will end somewhere around 5:00 p.m.

The March 26th class will start on Sunday, March 26th at 7:45 a.m., Buckley Air Base (north entrance). There will be four (4) hours of classroom study involving slides, videos, and lecture/discussion, one (1) hour of co-rider seminar, and four (4) hours of range (riding through exercises). The class will end somewhere around 5:00 p.m.

YOU MUST ATTEND THE CLASSROOM STUDIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RANGE EXERCISES.

Participants must bring the following identifications to gain access to Buckley Air Base:

- * Colorado Motor Vehicle Drivers License (with Motorcycle endorsement)
- * Colorado Vehicle Registration card
- * Vehicle Insurance card

Be prepared to show these at the Entry Guard station.

Requirements:

1. Participants must have a motorcycle in GOOD working condition.
2. Participants must wear the proper riding gear:

- Helmet
- Gloves - full fingers
- Long sleeve shirt or jacket
- Long pants
- Over-the-ankle footwear
- Eye protection

3. The thirty dollar (\$30.00) charge per motorcycle MUST be paid in advance unless other arrangements are made with Virgil Kipers (303) 798-7141. Make checks payable to: Virgil Kipers. Mail to: 1268 East Phillips Drive, Littleton, CO 80122.

Cancellation for a refund MUST be made at least one (1) week before the scheduled training.

Bring a sack lunch OR purchase lunch at the Base Commissary.

NOTE: This course will be most advantageous if the rider has at least one (1) year of riding experience. THIS IS NOT A REQUIREMENT.

A single rider CAN take this ERC. There is no requirement to have a co-rider. The same range exercises are used that are required in the One-up ERC. However, if you normally ride Two-up, this training will offer the greatest benefit if a co-rider is included.



**The wild bunch rides again.
Brenda, Karen & Janet**

Polar Bear Ride

Captain: Ken Kenaston

March 12th, 2000

Bundle up and join ride captain, Ken Kenaston, as he kicks off the ride season with this annual favorite. We will meet at 8:30 AM in the Holiday Inn parking lot located at 120th and I-25. The ride will leave promptly at 8:45 AM.. Weather permitting, we will take a scenic ride through the mountains and foothills. In the event the weather is

"really-really" cold, a shorter ride is planned that will follow the North Platte river to a great lunch at a very unusual place. In either event, Ken is planning to have us back in town by 5:00 PM.

So mark your calendars and get your gear out the closet. Even if the ride doesn't actually turn out to be "polar", it is sure to be a lot of fun.

We Need You!

The Membership Committee is working overtime to put together this years roster. In order to make the roster as accurate and up to date as possible, they need your help.

As a friendly reminder, please remember that the deadline for Dues is the March meeting, March 16th, 2000. Anyone who has not paid after that point will be dropped from the membership list and will not appear in the roster. Nor will they receive a ride book or newsletter until dues are brought to current status. Please make sure to take care of this little bit of business as soon as possible. You may mail your dues to Robin prior to the meeting at the Club's PO Box:

Rocky Mountain Venture
Touring Association
PO Box 1461
Wheat Ridge, CO 80084-1461

If there are any changes that need to be made to your information in the previous roster, please send your corrections to Robin Reynolds ASAP. In addition, please send Robin your e-mail addresses and C.B. handles to be listed in the roster. To put it in Robin's own words, "They can get that info to me by either phone, mail, e-mail, next meeting, smoke signals or however else they can manage.". Robins e-mail address is touchofgrey@gateway.net.



Our Ride Committee putting on the finishing touches.

Ride Book Update

Submitted by: Steve Burgus

The ride book committee has worked very hard and quickly to assure that the book will be available at the March meeting. The books are currently being printed and will be ready for distribution to all paid members at the March meeting on March 16th. If you are interested in an extra book they will be available for \$5.00 each..

And Now... A Word For our Sponsor

Gateway Credit Union

Submitted by Stan Stotz

We would like to welcome one of our new sponsors, Gateway Credit Union, which is located at 14305 E. Alameda Ave. in Aurora. Gateway Credit Union (formerly Lowry Federal Credit Union) was founded in 1951 serves about 25,000 members and manages over \$120 million in assets. Deposits are federally insured up to \$125,000.00.

Gateway Credit Union is a member-owned institution, not owned by third party stockholders. Earnings are returned to the membership through limited or no fee services and products, higher deposit savings rates and lower loan rates.

One of the reasons that Gateway Credit Union is sponsoring the RMVTA is that they take an active role in the financing of motorcycles.

In fact, they just announced a special 7.90% A.P.R (with approved credit) financing rate for Gold Wings, Valkyries, and Shadows purchased through another RMVTA sponsor Aurora Honda.

All RMVTA members are eligible to join the Gateway Credit Union. In addition to motorcycle financing, some of the other services include auto loans, 1st and 2nd mortgages, home equity line of credit, VISA, checking, savings, insured money market, 24 hour bank by phone, 24 hour ATM access, direct deposit, full-service call center and individual retirement accounts. Gateway Credit Union may be contacted at (303) 340-2300 for general information or contact Jeffrey Robertson if you are interested in the specifics of financing a motorcycle. Be sure to mention that you are a RMVTA member when you call.

SPOTLIGHT ON OFFICERS

Submitted by Debbie Farnum



Since we didn't have her profile last month, we had to run this photo again.

Gary and Jeanie Hoedel
"Tag-a-long" and "Stumpy"
Secretary

Both Gary and Jeannie are natives of Colorado. Gary was born in Boulder, CO and grew up in the mountains of Colorado. He lived in Idaho Springs and Empire while he was growing up. Jeanie was born in Paonia, Colorado and lived in Grand Junction as well as Empire, Colorado. Gary and Jeanie lived next door to each other in Empire,

Colorado while they were in High School. They started dating when Gary was 16 and Jeanie was 15. They have been together ever since. The High School sweethearts have been together for the past 32 years and currently live in Idaho Springs. Gary currently works for Navaho Trucking. Jeanie has been a caseworker for Gilpin County Social Services for the past 10 years. She currently works in the adult and child protection unit. They have a daughter, Sherri, who is a sales representative at Global Communications. Sherri lives in Westminster with Gary and Jeanie's three grandchildren (D.J. is 10, Brianna is 9, and Mathew is 6). They have three step-grandchildren from Sherri's husband, Kim (Thomas is 21, Mathew is 19, and Stephany is 9). They have a son by the name of Gary who works as a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch. Their son, Gary, and his wife, Melissa, have a daughter (Angela) who is two and a half. Gary and Melissa are expecting a child (or twins) in July. They moved to Massachusetts last December. (Guess where Gary and Jeanie will be this summer).

Gary and Jeanie enjoy traveling and go to Mexico annually. Their other hobbies include (besides the grandkids) dirtbikes (they only have 7 of them), and being clowns. Their CB handles are their clown names. Jeanie told me that she has been a clown since 1980. They have been very active in RMVTA and this is Jeanie's second stint at being secretary for the club.



**Spotlight on
New Member**
**Dave and Phylleen "Phil"
Gochenour**
"Butch" and "Howie"

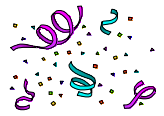
Dave is from Plattsmouth, Nebraska (20 miles south of Omaha) and Phil is a native of Colorado. She was born in Pueblo, Colorado. They have

three sons and six grandchildren. David II lives in Council Bluff, Iowa with their grandson (Robbie) and granddaughter (Melissa). Raleigh lives in Grant, Nebraska with their three grandchildren, Jennifer (who will graduate in May 2000 from High School), Christina, and Riana. Phil's son, Joe, lives in Ankey, Iowa with their granddaughter (Kennedy). Dave and Phil have known each other for 18 years. They met at the Tomahawk Truck Stop in Brighton, CO when Dave was her boss. Phil is currently working at the truck stop and has worked there off and on for the past 18 years. Dave worked at the truck stop for 14 years and currently works for Zimmerman Metals. He has worked for Zimmerman Metals for the past five years. He currently assembles roll forming machines to make metal roof panels. They have been quoted as saying "he was the boss then and she is the boss now."

I asked Phil about the CB handles. She told me that they were nick names that they both have had since they were kids. Dave's dad started calling him "Butch" when he was a child and the name stuck. Phil told me that she is named after both her grandmothers, Phyllis and Eileen. When she was a child a friend of the families daughter could not say her name. The girl called her Howneen. Howneen got shortened to "Howie." All her relatives call her Howie. Their hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping, and they are both avid NASCAR racing fans. Phil is a "certified floral designer" and Dave enjoys woodworking. They live in Brighton, Colorado with their cat "Smokie." (now you tell me who is really the boss). Dave and Phil are newlyweds. They got married on 01/21/00. Let's all be sure to congratulate them when we see them.

**The Deadline for the
Next Newsletter is
April 1st, 2000**

Dates to Remember



March Birthdays

<u>Date</u>	
5 th	Dennis Klemmund
6 th	Mike Rieger
9 th	Ruth Nicholson
14 th	Lloyd Nicholson
15 th	Larry Gutt
23 rd	Tim Kah
25 th	Gail Hawkins
25 th	Tom Hudson
26 th	Melvin Farr

March Anniversaries

<u>Date</u>	
5 th	Cliff & Nedra Eudy

For Sale:

Mad River Canoe: 16.5 ft., Red Explorer Model - Excellent condition with 3 paddles. Needs to be on the water... not in the garage! (303) 238-6137 and leave message or e-mail wadams1102@aol.com

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.

Call Crane Smiley at (303)674-0880 or e-mail at smiley.rc@worldnet.att.net

Letter to the Editor:

Abbreviated for space. Complete info available upon request

**V Annual Motorcycle Week in Mazatlan,
Mexico:**

April 28th through May 2nd, 2000.

Enjoy yourself and share your motorcycle expertise and experience with fellow enthusiasts in the beautiful port of Mazatlan. Visit our web site: www.mazatlanbikeweek.com

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E & E Products 904 S. Roselle Rd. #115 Schaumburg, IL, 60193	(847) 490-8980	Excel Motorcycle & Watercraft 7000 E. Colfax Avenue, Denver	(303) 399-5447
Fay Myers Motorcycle World 2015 West Alameda, Denver	(303)744-6632	Gateway Credit Union 14305 E. Alameda Ave., Aurora	(303)340-2300
Grand Prix Motorsports, Inc. 3675 S. Sante Fe Drive, Englewood, CO	(303)761-2471	Hawkins Custom Services 152 Bear Dr., Golden (Tim Hawkins)	(303) 582-3150
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The Optical Gallery 16741 E. Iliff Ave.,Aurora	(303) 337-5924	Vickery Motorsports, Inc. 2231 South Parker Road, Aurora	(303) 755-4387



NEXT MEETING:
March 16th, 2000
7:30 PM
Fay Myers Motorcycle World
2015 W. Alameda Avenue, Denver