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## Officers

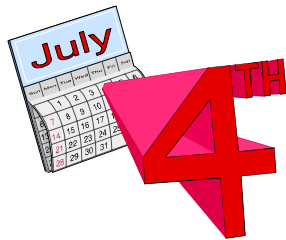
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## Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

In honor of our nation's Birthday, we've put together a special Red, White and Blue (and black) issue. Of course, you can only enjoy the colors if you're on-line. Sorry! We hope you enjoyed the holiday weekend and were able to get out on two wheels for at least part of it



## Officers Speak...

**Submitted By: Jeanie Hoedel**

As I sit here trying to imagine where the summer is going, I have to remind myself that we still have a lot of riding season left. Looking over the rides that are yet to happen there are some really exciting rides to come. I hope that all of you will be able to get out there and enjoy some of these rides.



How's this for a scenic overlook? A stop at the Moose Observation Area on the Walden Callin' Ride was a perfect photo op..

I wanted to take a minute and thank all the members for attending the meetings and making them a fun time for all of us. I also wanted to take time to thank Floyd Thorne for all of the wonderful pictures that he has posted of the rides. We haven't been able to make most of the rides this year and it has been great to see the pictures the very next day! Great job! I also want to thank Stan for the recent photo of the license plate that he sent to Tom and me. Stan, BOP has an entirely new meaning for Tom. Be sure to ask him about that one!!!!!!!

To all of you that have been on the rides, a big thanks for your comradery and friendships. This is what keeps all of us coming back for more. If you happen to be on a ride and you don't recognize someone, please take the time to go over and introduce yourselves. It only takes a minute and the rewards are many.

## Meeting Minutes

**Submitted By: Jeanie Hoedel**

President Stan Stotz called the meeting to order at 7:31.56 P.M. (Late Again).

Visitors: Randy Prade, Director of Chapter J says he rode a GoldWing until last year. Now owns a BMW K1200LT, a Valkerie and a BMW 1100RS. Randy extends an invitation to anyone wishing to visit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month at Mr. Panda's in Aurora. Other guests Jeff and Sandy Nielson, son & daughter of Bill Nielson, Ted Brooks – found us on the Web site – rides a shadow, Rick Scott, rides a 98 Wing & last but not least Treyton Ray Johnson 22 month old grandson of Jan & Evan Johnson. He doesn't have a motorcycle "yet" but grandma says he loves them. A special welcome to all of you!

Stan announced that our newest sponsor, Grizzly Brothers Inc. is here to speak with us regarding quick oil changes for motorcycles. Owners Bob

Ross and Ray Schmid will explain how the business works and have a drawing for a free oil change.

Stan presented Lori Rieger with an award for her outstanding work with the newsletters. Congratulations Lori!

**Secretary Report:**

Motion to accept the minutes as written.

**Treasurer Report:**

Karen reported that we have \$1,814.24 in checking and \$3,559.76 in savings.

**Activities Committee:**

Not really an activity, but the upcoming Cripple Creek ride has 3 KOA cabins still available. You will need to call and reserve by July 1, 2000. Dave Menges called to reserve the cabins and they charged his credit card for all of them. When you call to reserve your cabin they will credit the amount back to Dave.

**Ancillaries:** John reports that the special orders are in except for the hats. Come see the extra items they have.

**Awards:** Virgil and Nancy were absent

**Finance:** Nothing to report

**Historical:** Nothing to report

**Member Relations:** Nothing new to report. But if anyone has something, please give Linda & Jerry a call.

**Membership:** Nothing to report

**Newsletter:** Newsletter has not been sent out as yet. Lori forgot to page



The Boy Scouts have nothing on us!! Hey guys, wouldn't it be easier to help that Nun if you took your hands out of your pockets. Check out this months Missing Link award for the full scoop on this picture.

pilot – stewardess routine over the airways. Eleven bikes participated in the ride.

The Five-State Ride had 5 bikes. According to the fearless leader they got a little late start (imagine that!) with everything going well until they reached Boise City. Then the sky opened and the rain came down, in buckets. Ron opened the motel room door to look out and the rain ran into the room. Good thing they were not on the bikes. Other than the rain, thunder and lighting that night, a great time was had by all! Did

Gil when the newsletter was ready. Lori will get with Gil and mail it out as soon as possible. New articles are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July

**Web Page:** Stan has a new format for the photo gallery. The Web Site is getting hits from all over the world. Stan passed out a graph that shows the activity. The average number of visitors per month overall is 1,245 – CY 2000 1,656.

**50/50:** Ruth explained how the 50/50 works for the benefit of all our new members and guests.

**Ride Committee:** Bill reports that the Cabela ride went really well with 13 bikes. Seems everyone had a good time in spite of Blondie's comments about the previous trips.

Taos ride over Memorial Day went great with 11 bikes and 19 people. Seems that a great relationship developed over that trip. Be sure to ask Ted or Nancy about the details.

Walden Callin' had great views, great food and wonderful people. Bill and Diane entertained everyone with a

Tom run through any red lights? Did anyone see a Buffalo? Did Tom forget to eat?

Cliff announced the Aluminum Butt Ride for the coming weekend. Ride will leave at 5:15 A.M. Plan is to go up hwy 285 in spite of the fires. Be ready for some great views over the passes.

Flying W BBQ show is Sat. June 24<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheet is being sent around for a final count. Ride leaves at 1:00 P.M. from the Sofa Mart parking lot. Cost will be \$15.50 per person.

Bishop's Castle Ride is July 8<sup>th</sup>. Ride leaves at 8:00 A.M. This will be a great day ride.

Cripple Creek Campout ride is July 15-16. Some cabins are still available. Reservations need to be made by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Custer's Last Stand Ride – September 1-4 - Motel information: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>- Trails End in Sheridan, Wy. (307) 672-2477 \$68.00 per night reference RMVTA or Cliff Eudy. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Super 8 – Casper Wy. 1-888-266-0497 ask for

Debbie or Vicki & reference RMVTA or Cliff Eudy. \$49.00 to 54.00.

### **Announcements:**

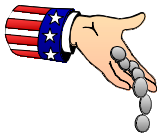
Don't forget the swap meet during the break.

Bob and Ray with Grizzly Brothers Inc. spoke about the business and the fact that they are the first to open this much needed service. They offer a 7-point safety check on your bike while the oil is draining. They are not set up to do any mechanical work, other than the oil changes, at this time. This 7-point safety check is a courtesy check for their customers. You are welcome to come back and watch what they are doing to your bike at all times. Please stop by and check them out!

### **Drawing for the free oil change:**

Winner – Ted Brooks!  
Congratulations.

**50/50:**



\$100.00 total collected.  
3<sup>rd</sup> place \$10.00 Jonna Wright  
2<sup>nd</sup> place \$15.00 Jerry Hatfield  
1<sup>st</sup> place \$25.00 Bill Nielson

### **Missing Link**

#### **Nominations:**

- \* Tom for missing a turn and taking the group about a mile out of the way on the five-state ride.
- \* Lloyd for forgetting to take the Golden Horseshoe award home after he won it.
- \* Brenda for being a quick shut-up on the five-state ride at the sight of a nun (whose pickup had broken down) in the hotel parking lot.

The winner is: Brenda Shumaker!!!!!!!!!!

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

### **5-State Ride**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> - 11th**

**Ride Captain: Tom Schumaker**

On June 10th a small band of rebels ( 5 bikes ) left 15 minutes late to tour 5 states of flat lands. We had lunch in Walsenburg and then continued on to Texas. There was a heavy rain between Dalhart and Boise City. We checked in at the Longhorn, grabbed a few brews and shared a few laughs, then on to a Mexican dinner.

Sunday was hot and dry until we arrived in Limon. You guessed it - rain again for a few miles. However, all's well that ends well. Everyone arrived home safe and sound.

### **Flying "W" BBQ and Western Show.**

**June 24, 2000**

**Ride Captains:**

**Floyd and Linda Thorne  
Mr. and Mrs. "T"**

First let's start out by saying a VERY BIG THANK YOU to everyone that attended this ride. There were eleven motorcycles (twelve with the one that met us down there) and one automobile that traveled with us and a couple more that also met us down there. There were a total of 32 hungry and happy RMVTA guests in all.

We left Denver at the Sofa Mart at a very HOT 1:15 p.m. or so and headed for Fairplay, CO. It was pretty cool going over Kenosha and then Red Hill Passes. We did not have rain but some heavy humidity and occasionally some sprinkles. Some did put on their rain gear, which probably warded off the rain for the rest of us. This was a very

casual ride as we were not under any real time pressures.

We made a number of stops, some just because and one in Fairplay for our proverbial ice cream. Then one stop for fuel. We made it to the Flying "W" at about 5:45 p.m. and everyone got their tickets and went in for an hour or so of milling around, shopping and/or just sitting under a shade tree visiting. Then we made our way into the outside area for a typical Chuck Wagon style meal and then the Flying "W" Wranglers entertained us for an hour or so. Afterwards, we geared up and headed home via I-25 on a very comfortable speedy ride back to Denver and people started dropping out here and there to make their individual ways home. The evening temperatures were very mild and got warmer as we made our way into the city. Most if not all of us were home by 11:30 p.m. I would imagine. If you were not able to go on this one, those that did will tell you that you missed a good time. Linda and I wish that you could have been there but realize it's tough to make them all. Maybe next time.



Stan presented Lori with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work on the newsletter. This was obviously before she admitted she forgot to send it out last month.

## **Cumbres & Toltec Railroad Dry Run Ride June 24 & 25 Ride Captain: Nancy Frase**

On Saturday morning, Rick Scott (new member) and Nancy met up in south Denver and meandered towards Antonito, taking only one major detour to see the Great Sand Dunes National Monument. It was a gorgeous day, beautiful ride, and great company!! In the afternoon, we stopped by the railroad depot, then found our campground and set up our tents. Around 6pm, Ted Brooks (another new member) joined us for the remainder of the trip.

We had a very relaxing evening, enjoying the quiet campground (well, quiet except for serenading bouncers and amorous ponies), then we got a good night's rest in preparation for a second day of riding. On Sunday, we rode all over the mountains, including the road that runs alongside the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad. Around 2pm, we decided we needed to head home if we were going to get home before midnight!!

So, we enjoyed more of the sunny and cooler weather . . . until we got within 100 miles of home. Then, the rain and wind started in on us . . . it blew, and blew, and rained, and rained . . . but we made it home in one piece, not much worse for the wear!! We only had to beg once to share cover from the rain under an overpass with three HD riders!! They nicely scooted over and shared the dry patch with us!

While on this trip, we learned that Rick is a really early morning person, both Ted and I need lessons on setting alarm clocks, Rick is great at navigation and can 4WD on two wheels, and Ted has difficulty with clothes dryers but is very good at

rescuing dames with broken down cars!! We also learned more information which will change many details of the real trip. Please make sure to read the new information in the "upcoming events" section of the newsletter!! RSVP and money are due to Nancy by September 1.



"In case of a water landing..." Pilot and Co-Pilot Bill & Diane Lloyd made the Walden Callin' Ride enjoyable with their flight jargon. "We hope you enjoyed the flight".

## **Up-N-Coming**

### **Bishop's Castle Ride**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000**

**Ride Captain: Tom Shumaker**

Don't forget the Bishops Castle Ride. There will be a variety of roads including some nice twisties, a relaxed tour of the rock castle and then a good lunch at the San Isabel Lodge and an easy ride home. Hoping for a good turn out and praying for good weather. Come one come all.

### **President's Ride Alias "Twist & Eat"**

**July 23, 2000**

**by Stan Stotz**

When you are elected President of the RMVTA, one of the traditions is for the President to lead the President's Ride. I wasn't sure what would be appropriate but I did know that most rides that I go on could use a few more twisties and good food. Then I got to

inventorying about every twisty road I could think of within a close proximity of Denver. I put them all together and ended up with a 168 mile course that will blow your mind.

We meet at 6th and Kipling (Sofa Mart) at 7:00 AM on July 23rd and leave at 7:15 AM. Be sure to gas up but don't eat. We will go up Golden Gate Canyon to Nederland for breakfast at the Pioneer Inn. We then backtrack a couple miles to Coal Creek Canyon to CO 93 and go to US 6 (Clear Creek Canyon). We follow US 6 to I-70 and turn left on CO 103 (Mt. Evans Rd.) and bear left on Squaw Pass to Bergen Park. We will stop for a break and gas just before Evergreen. After leaving Evergreen on CO 73, we will turn left onto Turkey Creek Canyon and go to US 285. We go South to Conifer and turn left on Pleasant Park Rd. and go over a really cool pass and end up on Deer Creek Canyon Rd. We take C-470 to Broadway and will have a late lunch (around 2:00 to 2:30 PM) at 3 (Tres) Margaritas. This run has less than 15 miles of straight road without a twisty.

If you like to make lots of turns and eat good food, this is the ride for you. I hope to see you all there because we are going to have a blast!

### **Georgetown Loop Railroad Ride**

**August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2000**

**Ride Captain: Nancy Frase**

**ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (\$18/person to Nancy by July 15)** In 1877, the railroad reached Georgetown with the intention of extending into the rich mining town of Leadville, but the line never reached its goal. The railroad instead served the mining camps between Denver and Silver Plume, providing freight and passenger service. Although the towns of Georgetown and Silver Plume are separated by just

2 miles, the elevation difference is over 600 feet. The rail line twisted and turned over 4 1/2 miles of track to gain the elevation.

The Devil's Gate Viaduct, 300 feet long and almost 100 feet high, formed a spiral where the track actually crossed over itself. Because of its remarkable engineering and spectacular scenery, the "Loop" became a popular turn of the century

t o u r i s t attraction. With the increasing use of the automobile and the collapse of the mining industry, the freight and tourist business died out and the "Loop" became obsolete. In 1939, the track and bridges were dismantled

and sold for scrap. Under the direction of the Colorado Historical Society, steam returned to the Georgetown Loop Railroad in 1975. With assistance from many entities, the railroad and Devil's Gate Viaduct were rebuilt. Today's Devil's Gate Bridge was dedicated in 1984, 100 years after the original bridge was built.

The Georgetown Loop Railroad is a "narrow gauge" railroad, which means the rails are three feet apart. Initially, the road was planned as a standard gauge (four feet, eight and a half inches between rails) line. But, back in the late 1800's, rails that were three feet apart made more sense in mountain railroading. Even though the difference is something less than two feet, the cost difference would be substantial when stretched out over many miles. Further, narrow gauge equipment (scaled down proportionately) could negotiate

tighter curves and climb steeper grades. That, too, meant lower construction costs. Along the railroad's path is the Lebanon Silver Mine. This mine is accessible only by train. During our train ride, we will be stopping at this mine for a one hour and twenty minute tour of the mine, the mine manager's office, the change room, and the blacksmith shop and tool shed. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Also, the mine is a constant 44 degrees F. and a jacket or sweater is a must. We will be meeting at the Sofa Mart at 6th & Kipling at 9:15am (with full gas tanks and ready to ride) to leave at 9:30am. We will ride over Loveland Pass on our way to



Hanging out after the downpour on the 5 State Ride.

lunch in Dillion. After lunch, we will ride to Silver Plume, where we will board the train. The train ride and tour combined will last about three hours. After the ride and tour, we will return to Denver by approximately 5pm.

The train ride and tour costs \$18 per person. Since we will need to make advance reservations, please have your money to Nancy by July 15th. If you RSVP after that date, you will be responsible for making your own reservations. To contact Nancy, please call (303)926-1591 or e-mail her at [NF122867@aol.com](mailto:NF122867@aol.com).

**RMVTA Version of the  
"Survivor Series"  
Pioneer Village Ride  
August 18-20, 2000  
Ride Captain: J.R. Reynolds  
Backseat Driver:  
Robin Reynolds**

Come along and join us for a fun filled 3 days of riding, heat and exploring of the history of America and how she grew! Ride will depart from the McDonald's parking lot, at 58<sup>th</sup> & Washington (Southeast Corner) at 7:30 a.m., Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Please be fueled (bike and body) and there by 7:15. Route is of a simple nature and highway 287 isn't even close so I shouldn't get us lost (But you never know). If we arrive in Minden in good time, you will be able to start your tour of the Village on Friday. Cost is \$6.00 per person and good for the length of our stay, so you will be able to re-enter the village on Saturday.



Receiving Pre Flight Instructions on the Walden Callin' Ride

The Pioneer Village has over 50,000 items representing the growth of our fine country. I've been told you can't see everything in 1 day so bring your running shoes.

We have blocked 10 room under RMVTA. Rates are \$31.00 (plus tax) per night based on a 10 person group rate. There are some campsites if your interested (Please refer to the ride book for more info). There is a restaurant on site but unfortunately, there is no swimming pool on the property.

We will return on Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, leaving Minden at 7:30 a.m.. Rest stops and lunch stops will be determined by the group and the heat. Due to the time of the year (Yes, Brenda, I've heard it's hot and humid

in Nebraska in August.), this will be the "Survivor" part of the trip. If you survive, you won't win a million dollars, you will sweat. It will be hot and yes, there will be some wind. But we will get you there and back. And your reward will be an educating glimpse into the history of America.

Village Phone # 1-800-445-4447. Rooms will be released August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.



Special Guests  
Jeff & Sandy Nielson  
Hope you can join us again!

## **Cumbres & Toltec Railroad Ride**

**Sep 29 - Oct 1, 2000**

**Ride Captain: Nancy Frase**

**ADVANCED RESERVATIONS  
REQUIRED (\$66/person to Nancy  
by Sep 1 for train ride and lunch).**

The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR is one of the last two remnants of a railroad empire that began shortly after the end of the Civil War. In 1871 General William H. Palmer began construction of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, with the intention of creating a railroad from Denver, through Santa Fe, to El Paso and Mexico City. In an 1870 letter to his fiancée, Queen, Mellen, he wrote: "I had a dream last evening . . . I

thought how fine it would be to have a little railroad a few hundred miles long..."

In building his "happy little railroad", General Palmer chose to lay the rails three feet apart at a time when a distance of slightly less than five feet was becoming the standard in North America and Europe. Financed primarily by British investors, the railroad began building south along the Front Range of the Rockies, creating towns like Colorado Springs and Pueblo as it grew. In 1876 Palmer's railroad changed its aim from Mexico to the silver mines of southwestern Colorado, reaching Silverton via Cumbres Pass and Durango in 1882. This diversion cost the D&RG its goal of reaching El Paso. While Palmer was building the "San Juan Extension", another railroad built on the only available route south. Palmer then turned his eyes westward, and built his "narrow gauge" railroad west to Salt Lake City.

But even as his crews continued to lay narrow gauge trackage, it was becoming necessary in some places to lay a third rail to accommodate "standard gauge" traffic. Eventually most of the Denver & Rio Grande was converted to standard gauge, though some sections continued to carry both standard gauge and narrow gauge trains as late as 1968. After 1955, only one section of narrow gauge trackage remained: from Antonito, Colorado, through Chama to Durango and Silverton, Colorado, and Farmington, New Mexico. Kept in business hauling crude oil from Chama to Alamosa and natural gas pipe to Farmington, the line finally shut down in 1968. Only the tourist trains from Durango to Silverton continued to run. In 1970, the states of Colorado and New Mexico purchased the Antonito - Chama section and created the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. This is the 64-mile section that we will be traveling by train (return trip by

bus). This train-bus trip is an all day trip, which we will be making on Saturday.

To start our trip on Friday, we will be meeting at the Target at I-25 & Arapahoe at 8:45am (with full gas tanks and ready to ride) to leave at 9:00am. We will ride south on highways 85/87, 160, 285, and 17. There will be a brief detour to the Great Sand Dunes National Monument on the way to Antonito, CO. The park entrance fee is \$3/bike.

We will be staying both nights at campgrounds near Antonito, staying in either cabins or rental RV's that have two bedrooms each, full kitchens, and all linens provided. There are also tent sites available, with clean showers provided.

The cabins/RV's will run around \$30-40 per night for two people in one bedroom (one double or two twin beds), and the tent sites will run around \$10-15 per night for two people. We have use of a recreation room with indoor picnic tables and cooking facilities, so we will all chip in some money for groceries, prepare many of the meals ourselves, and serve the meals family-style. This will cut our lodging/food costs to about 1/3 of our original plans. Please make reservations through Nancy, as she will be arranging the lodging based upon whom can room together.

On Saturday, we will ride the train to Chama and return via bus. On the dry run ride, we discovered the cost of the train ride has increased significantly. It is now \$58 per person (good thing the lodging will now be cheaper!) During the train ride, we will stop in the town of Osier for lunch. Your choices will be to either bring your own brown bag lunch, or to eat at the Richardson's Food Court for \$8 per person.

Before we return on Sunday, we will ride the section of Highway 17 that runs next to the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad, and over Highway 84, making a large loop over two breathtaking mountain passes. We will come back through Alamosa, then basically follow the same route that we took coming down on Friday, minus the detour to the Sand Dunes.

Since we will need to make advance reservations, please have your train ride fee and lunch money (\$66) to Nancy by September 1st. We will collect the money due for the campground lodging and groceries on Friday night, at the campground, as we will not know the final amount until that time. To contact Nancy, please call (303)926-1591 or e-mail her at NF122867@aol.com

### **Other Upcoming Events...**

The following rides are scheduled for the upcoming months, however, no previews from the ride captains were submitted. Please refer to the web site or your ride book for further details.

#### **Cripple Creek Campout Ride**

Date: July 15-16

Ride Captain: Bill Nielson

Meeting Time: 8:15 a.m.

Meeting Place: 6<sup>th</sup> & Kipling (Sofa Mart parking lot)

Information: (303) 883-1966

#### **Hanging Lake Picnic Ride**

Date: July 29<sup>th</sup>

Ride Captain: Floyd Thorne

Meeting Time: 7:45 a.m.

Meeting Place: 6<sup>th</sup> & Kipling (Sofa Mart parking lot)

Information: (303)452-6897

#### **Trail Ridge Ride**

Date: August 5<sup>th</sup>

Ride Captain: Karen Burgus

Meeting Time: 7:45 a.m.

Meeting Place: 6<sup>th</sup> & Kipling (Sofa

Mart parking lot)

Information: (303) 425-5266

#### **Grand Mesa Ride**

Date: August 12-14

Ride Captain: Gary Hoedel

Meeting Time: 7:45 a.m.

Meeting Place: Walmart parking lot @ Bergen Park (Just off I-70 & Evergreen Parkway - exit 252)

Information: (303) 567- 4361

## **And Now... A Word For our Sponsor**



Grizzly Brothers, Inc.,  
Owners: Bob Ross and Ray Schmidt

**NEW SPONSOR**  
**Grizzly Brothers, inc.**  
**2281 S. Parker Road**  
**Denver, Colorado 80231**  
**(303) 755-4336**

Bob is a 4th generation native of Colorado. Ray Schmidt is Bob's brother-in-law and moved to Colorado from Holstein, Wisconsin 20 years ago. Ray is a professional motorcycle mechanic. He has worked on many types of bikes and is a certified technician on Yamaha. He has been a service manager for three different motorcycle shops in the past. Bob has been around motorcycles since 1960 racing them, repairing them. He has owned 23 different motorcycles. Bob's brother moved to Wisconsin and is a snowmobile mechanic for Tony Newberg. Tony Newberg was the World Champ Snow Mobile Racer in 1996 and 1997. Bob has a daughter

who is 30 years old getting her second masters degree at Berkeley, California. Bob also has a stepdaughter who graduated from Highlands Ranch and now has completed one year at Arapahoe Community College. Ron Schist is married to Vickers Ross Schist and they have a son in military boot camp in Chicago. Grizzly Brother's, inc. is opened 7 days a week. Their business is changing oil in motorcycles. Bob tells me that they have the filters to change oil on any street bike, dirt bike, or At's. He says that their products are rated the highest. They are located across the street from Caledonia's Restaurant and next door to the Piper Inn. You do not need an appointment and they can change your oil while you wait (or while you spend a little time next door). It is just the two of them working there and they are happy to let everyone know about their business. They do a 7 point safety check on all the motorcycles that they change the oil on. They do not do repairs they just want safe motorcycles on the street.

Ted Brooks won the door prize at the last RMVTA meeting and enjoyed being able to watch them do the work. RMVTA members get \$5.00 off of an oil change.

#### **Aurora Honda**

Wayne and Judy Laing have owned Aurora Honda since 1965. Wayne was born in Eads, CO and grew up in Greeley, CO. Wayne and Judy met during High School in Greeley and both attended the University of Northern Colorado. Wayne has always been good at working on motorcycles. While he was in High School, he would work on the Harley's for the Greeley Police Department. When Wayne was 16 years, old he and his dad built the house that they lived in. Wayne received a degree in Industrial Technology. After he graduated from U.N.C., he worked at a Harley dealership in Greeley. After

that Wayne and Judy traveled to Seattle and New York while Wayne worked at Honda Dealerships. During that time, Judy worked as a stewardess for Pan Am airlines. They moved back to Colorado in 1965 and started their own business, Aurora Honda. The store was originally on Colfax Avenue in Aurora. They moved the business to it's current location in 1974. Wayne and Judy have five children. The oldest child, Taya, lives in Colorado and she has one son. Their second child, Rod, is married, has one son and his wife is expecting their second child. It could be here by press time. The middle child, Tom, is also married and they have one child. The next child, Tim, is single and has a dog, Calvin. Tim tells me that Calvin hangs out at Aurora Honda and is the reason some of the customers come back. The youngest son, Ken, is now working in South Dakota.

Aurora Honda is not only a family owned dealership it is a family run dealership. Wayne is at the dealership taking care of the books and he will assemble the motorcycles. Tom Laing is the service manager at Aurora Honda and Tim Laing is the front end manager running the parts department and the sales department. Aurora Honda deals strictly in Honda's. Tim tells me that they believe in focusing on one thing and doing it well. The business is doing well and Tim is proud that most of their customers are repeat customers and they usually know the names of the customers that walk into their shop. They have 12 employees and most of them have been around for years. There are employees in the service department that worked there for 20 years. The sales persons are paid salary and/or hourly and not on a commission basis. Aurora Honda is opened Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Saturday 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. or by appointment.

## Spotlight on Our Members

Submitted by:  
**Debbie Farnum-Torrence**

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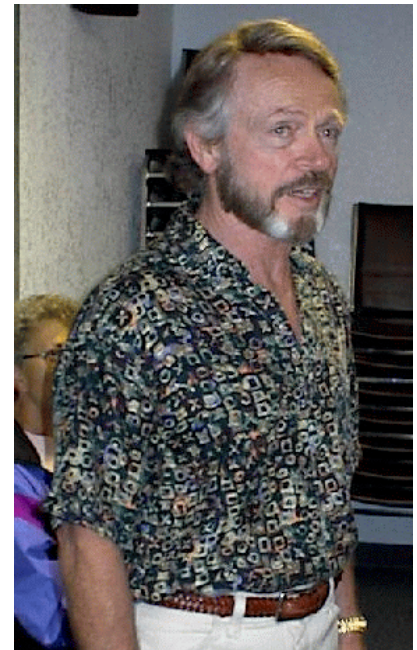
### **Ross and Nita Folkers**

Ross was raised in Boise City, Oklahoma and Nita is originally from Daytona Beach, Florida. Nita moved to Colorado in 1980 after spending 8 years in the Air Force. Nita spent time in her military career in Ramstein, Germany. She has a daughter, Amber, who is 15 years old. Amber goes to Eagle Crest High School and is a member of the Color Guard. Nita is currently a stay at home mom (boy does that sound nice). Ross has worked for Lucent Technologies for 16 years. He transferred to Colorado in 1996. Shortly after he moved to Colorado, he was fortunate enough to be at the Stampede bar at the same time Nita was there. They were married in 1997.

Ross and Nita enjoy reading and doing stain glass. Ross own a sail plane glider and enjoys hand gliding. They both enjoy motorcycle riding. They have a Yamaha Venture and a Honda Shadow. Nita's mom lives with them. They have two tropical fish tanks and two cats ( I guess that means each cat gets to watch their own tropical fish tank). Nita will tell you that they are devoted to the Lord, they love people, and there is nothing pretentious about them. They have been on a few rides and have enjoyed the club members

### **Rick Scott**

Rick is originally from South Bend, Indiana. Rick used to own a 53' Ketch Sailboat and sailed it around the world. This was not around the world in 80 days. It was more like 5 years. He has sailed for 20 years and spent the five years in a circle navigation traveling west sailing by himself. Rick took off from California and went to Mexico, Tahiti, Indonesia, Tumor Straight, Cape of Good Hope,



**New Member Rick Scott  
Welcome Aboard, Rick**

Australia, Africa, around to the Atlantic Ocean back to North America. Two years ago Rick traded in his fins for skis. He moved to Estes Park, Colorado then and now lives in Golden.

He tells me that he is a semi retired CPA. Rick enjoys sailing (he likes to be on the move), chess, and is a nutritionist. He has a cat that is named "Puter". I asked him how he got the name and he said, "like computer, he likes the computer." I guess you can say he has a "catputer." Because of his desire to be on the move, he has always liked motorcycles. He has had a series of Harleys and is now on his third Goldwing. He has sold motorcycles and believes that he has put on 300,000 miles riding.

### **Bill & Debbi Torrence "Mad Dog" & "Crazy Cat"**

Bill was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and grew up in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. He moved to Colorado in 1974 to take a job as a special education teacher for Boulder Valley School District. Debbi is an Army brat that moved around a lot as she grew up. She was born in Ft.



Belvoir, Virginia and has lived in Turkey, Germany, Kansas, Arizona, and Singapore. She graduated from Singapore American School. After graduating from the University of Arizona, she moved to Colorado in 1977. She met Bill a few months later and they have been together ever since. They met at Loveland Ski Area riding the chair lifts as a single. They have had five exchange students live with them for the nine month school year. They have had exchange son's from Finland, Germany and Norway. Bill and Debbi have had exchange daughter's from Holland and Japan. Three years ago they adopted a 10 year old boy, Jeff, from Jefferson County Social Services that has kept them really busy. Jeff has been real active in baseball for the past three years which cuts into Bill and Debbi's riding time. Bill has been riding motorcycles since high school. They purchased a 1989 Venture Royal about seven years ago and joined the club. They were active in the club until a couple of years ago when life got more hectic. Bill bought a Goldwing a few years ago and he rides it a lot. Now that Jeff is older they hope to go on more rides in between baseball games and summer vacation. Bill, Debbi and Jeff plan to visit their former exchange student, Niels, in Germany and meet up with other family members for a couple of weeks the end of July. Bill and Debbi enjoy skiing in the winter and of course Jeff has moved on to snowboarding. Bill also enjoys golf and hopes to be able to do a lot more golfing after he retires in the near future.

**The Deadline for the  
next newsletter is  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000**

## **Dates to Remember**

*Thanks to Stan, the Man, I once again have a copy of the birthday and anniversary database. However, this database does not contain information for anyone who may have joined over the course of the last year. So if you fall in this category, please send me your information at [loririeger@quixnet.net](mailto:loririeger@quixnet.net). And since I missed a couple of months, here are the dates to remember for May, June and July.*

### **Birthdays**

5/18 Karen Kah  
5/24 James Wohlford  
6/13 Judy Petrovic  
6/19 Mark Bolles  
6/26 Ruth Adams  
6/29 Tom Schumaker  
7/10 Janet Wohlford  
7/11 Gino Pezzella  
7/22 Dave Ross  
7/30 Ron Nardiello

### **Anniversaries**

5/20 Robin & JR Reynolds  
5/30 Virgil Kipers &  
Nancy Hanson-Kipers  
5/30 Tim & Karen Kah  
6/3 Mike & Lori Rieger

## **OOPS! I Goofed Again...**

*For those of you who know me, that probably doesn't surprise you. If you weren't at the last meeting, you are probably wondering what happened to the newsletter last month. Well, I take full responsibility. Seems I forgot to let Gil know that the newsletter had been sent to the printer. I didn't realize that the newsletter hadn't went out until the meeting. I can't believe I didn't even get nominated for the Missing Link! But I guess every one felt sorry for me. After all, brain damage is no laughing matter. Anyway, I need your help in making sure this doesn't happen again. If you don't have the newsletter by the Monday before the meeting, please*

*give me a call or e-mail and let me know. Thanks everyone and sorry for the mix up.*

## **For Sale:**

### **Honda Magna V45 - Only**

1,700.00. Good looking cruiser style bike. Full size leather saddle bags included. Great for short runs or for riding around the city or as a starter bike. If your are a little crazy (like me...) You can ride it on longer journeys as well. I have actually earned 2 "Iron Butt" awards on this bike and have ridden into Utah, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. It is very dependable and has NEVER left me stranded anywhere. Contact Mark at 303-369-5844

### **1998 Gold Wing SE and Matching Bushtec Trailer - Moving. Must Sell.**

19,500 miles, never down. New Michelin Gold Standard Radial Tires, saddlebag side lights and electrical connection running lights up front, air deflectors and two Shoer full face helmets - XL and S outfitted-/J&M speakers and Microphones. For really long rides, included is a sheepskin seat cover and Markland backrest for the pilot. The trailer is a Bushtec Genesis w/ all of the options included and cutom painted to match the Bike. Bushtec also installed the hitch and light harness. \$16,000.00 takes everything! For more information or to answer questions, please call 303-569-0150 and ask for Vince or leave a message. I'll return your call at my first convenience

### **1983 Trailer called "The Pod." - It**

pulls down the Highway with no effort and has been a very good trailer for thousands or miles for us and the previous owners. It has nearly new tires and a swivel hitch coupler on it and the first \$500.00 takes it. If interested contact Floyd Thorne at (303) 452-6897 or e-mail at [flhorne\\_jr@qwestinternet.com](mailto:flhorne_jr@qwestinternet.com)

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**NEXT MEETING:**  
**July 20th, 2000**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Fay Myers Motorcycle World**  
**2015 W. Alameda Avenue, Denver**