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Officers

President - Stan Stotz
Vice Pres. - Tom Shumaker
Secretary - Jeanie Hoedel
Treasurer - Karen Burgus

Board of Directors

President - Floyd Thorne
Member - Steve Inouye
Member - Jerry Hatfield
Member - Ron Nardiello
Member - Crane Smiley

Officers Speak...

Submitted By: Stan Stotz

Congratulations to the new RMVTA Executive Committee for 2001 - President Steve Inouye, Vice President John Redford, Secretary

Sandi Redford and Treasurer Jonna Wright. I am looking forward to another outstanding year in 2001 under the leadership of Steve and his highly competent group. The new Executive Committee has been working with us to ensure an orderly transition. Let's all band together and support our new Executive Committee and Committee Chairs during the next 12 months to make their job easier.

Today I was reading the December 1999 Venture Voice and re-read my first article as the President Elect. The article emphasized 3 basic goals: 1). Increase participation at meetings, events, rides and activities; 2). Create a ride and social schedule that meets most members needs; and 3). Ride safely

while having the time of our lives. Reflecting back on this year, I think that all our goals were met and exceeded. There are numerous reasons why we were successful in achieving our goals and I'd like to spend the rest of this article explaining why.

First, our Vice President Tom Shumaker contributed immeasurably by always being there and giving excellent advice. He also put together an outstanding slate of Committee Chairs that made the Club work well. Our treasurer Karen Burgus took care of the finances in an accurate and efficient manner and managed our budget flawlessly. Jeanie Hoedel is as good a Secretary as I have ever met. She captured the essence of the meetings



Hand-Counts Completed

That's right the ballots have been cast, the votes counted and the results certified. But unlike the rest of the country, we don't need Florida to tell us who our new administration is going to be in 2001. A great big "Thank You" to the 2000 Executive Committee for the outstanding job they did this past year. Stan, Karen, Jeanie & Tom (pictured at left in stated order) will be a hard act to follow. But we've picked a great team to take on the job. Our new officers, (pictured at right: John, Sandy, Jonna & Steve) have lots of great things in store for us. Check out President Steve's article on Page 2 of this newsletter for a word from our new Executive Committee.

with extreme accuracy and with a great sense of humor (e.g. the meeting started at 7:34:39...late again!). We had the minutes ready for posting on the Internet within a week on average.

Secondly, our Committee Chairs were major contributors to the success of the club all year. (The following acknowledgements are in alphabetic order.) Steve & Debbie Inouye (Activities Co-Chairs) organized 4 outstanding Club functions during slow (non-riding) times and did a great job organizing the Christmas Party. John and Sandi Redford (Ancillaries Co-Chairs) worked hard at keeping a good stock of RMVTA clothing available for purchase at the meetings. Virgil Kipers and Nancy Hanson-Kipers (Awards Co-Chairs) have an arsenal of great awards to give out at the Membership Appreciation Party. Janet Stotz (Finance) put together a realistic budget which turned out to be pretty close to the actual. A good budget is a great planning tool. Kathie Fields (Historical) is doing a great job of collecting photos and newsletters for the club's archives. Linda and Jerry Hatfield (Member Relations) were there whenever needed to provide a card, gift or comfort to Club members who needed a lift or recognition. Robin Reynolds and Debbie Farnum (Membership) were always there to provide membership services (Robin) and write articles for the newsletter for members and sponsors (Debbie). Lori Rieger (Newsletter Editor) brought the Venture Voice to new levels of perfection. Positive feedback about the newsletter from the membership was non-stop. Gil Archuletta did an outstanding job of distributing the newsletter even while on vacation in Santa Fe! Steve Burgus and Bill Nielson (Ride Committee Co-Chairs), along with

other Ride Committee Members Lloyd Nicholson, Gary Hoedel, Tom Shumaker and Stan Stotz, put together a dynamic ride schedule (30 rides) and a professionally published Ride Book. Along with the Ride Committee Members, we want to give a special thanks to all our Ride Leaders who did an outstanding job of not only organizing great rides but adding some special touches that made the rides even more special. Stan Stotz and Tim Hawkins (Webmasters) kept the membership informed of



Our newly elected 2001 Board Members Wayne, Joyce and Jerry

club functions, ride schedules/changes, photo galleries and newsletter postings all year. We are averaging close to 2,000 visitors each month on our web site. Last, but not least, Ruth and Wayne Adams had a record year with the 50/50 program. Ruth and Wayne were there every month selling tickets as fast as humanly possible and with GREAT results! Thank you all RMVTA Committee Chairs and members for your extraordinary contributions!

Third, our Board Members Floyd Thorne, Steve Inouye, Ron Nardiello, Jerry Hatfield and Crane Smiley did a great job of oversight for the Club. I would like to give a special thank you to Diane Lloyd for her role on the Election

Committee.

Fourth, our membership is to be commended for the great attendance at meetings, support for the rides and support for our special events. There are numerous other special thanks that we will recognize at our annual Membership Appreciation Party. My sincerest apologies to anyone I have missed.

Fifth, our fine sponsors who have actively supported our fine club with cash contributions, discounts to club members and who are always there for us when we need them. We salute you and thank you all for your outstanding contributions to the RMVTA and we hope to see you back next year.

We are coming to the end of our fiscal year and into the holiday season. On behalf of the 2000 Ride Year Executive Committee, I'd like to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and safe New Year. May 2001 be the best RMVTA riding season of all time with a perfect safety record!!!

President-Elect Message By Steve Inouye

Just wanted to take this opportunity to say thanks to everyone in the RMVTA for having the confidence in me, and for giving me the privilege to serve as your president. I have a real tough act to follow.

I also want to give special thanks first to my Executive Committee for joining me in this challenge, and second to everyone who has agreed to be a committee chairperson.

My goals are simple. Debbie and I joined the RMVTA to meet and

socialize with new people, to be able to ride our bike with friends, and of course, have fun. Sometimes things get a little complicated and crazy. However, this is the basis by which I will approach every challenge for the coming year.

I hope this philosophy will in turn help to attract new members, and keep everyone's enthusiasm at it's peak, encouraging everyone to participate in all our functions, and have the monthly meetings packed.

My executive committee and I will have the new roster at the December meeting. I hope I can keep the meetings as short and simple as this article, and again, thanks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Grasshopper



There is no question that this year's Activities Committee did an outstanding job. For their hard work, Stan presented Steve & Debbie Inouye (Committee Co-Chairs) with a Certificate of Appreciation. Thanks again guys!

Meeting Minutes

Submitted By:

Debbie Inouye

(Substituting for Jeanie Hoedel)

President Stan opened the meeting at 7:34 pm (late again!!!) (I think it's a tradition). He welcomed all guests and visitors. Among the visitors was Bob Ross of Grizzly Brothers All Motorcycle Quick Oil

Change. Bob gave us an update on the progress of their new business.

Stan passed around a sign-up sheet for the Membership Appreciation Party on January 20, 2001. The theme is going to be "**Biker**" (that shouldn't be a tough one) and it will be held at the Westminster Elks Club.

Stan announced that he did not get the missing link award delivered to Nancy Frase.

Secretary Report:

Minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer Report:

We made \$1,022.00 on the bake sale. \$3,946.00 in checking, \$3,585.00 in savings.

Committee Reports:

Activities:

Steve Inouye talked about the Central City Ride. It was a great success with 23 people in attendance. He reminded everyone about the Christmas Party on Dec. 8 at Dardano's. He asked that everyone who wished to attend to pay tonight.

We are planning our last activity for the year on December 16. We are going to the Blossom of Lights show at the Botanical Gardens. If you have any questions please contact either Steve or Debbie at 303-274-2472.

Ancillaries:

John said they have lots of stuff and all items are 25% off.

Awards:

Nancy and Virgil were not in attendance.

Finance:

No report

Historical:

No report



Members Ray & Carolyn Feasel

Member Relations:

No report

Membership:

No report

Newsletter:

Deadline for articles will be the 23rd of each month after the December Meeting. Good news! Lori decided to stay on as Newsletter Editor and Stan will be her right-hand man (co-editor).

Web:

Stan still has 3 picture CDs left if anyone is interested in purchasing one.

50/50:

Ruth says please buy 50/50 tickets.

Ride committee:

Fall cleanup October 21. Ron reports that his purchases from the bake sale were more than sufficient to feed everyone on the ride. They had 10 people show up to start the cleanup and 6 more after it had begun. Ron says he might lie about the time next year and see if they all show up on time. Some of the items found on the side of the road included some pants that Tom Shumaker found apparently size XL, a big boot, a load binder, FTL shorts, Orientation Packet for United Airlines, and a Titleist golf ball. The winner of the golden horseshoe went to Katherine Smiley for a Broncos Hard Hat. Ron asked if we should keep on

doing the highway cleanup on Highway 83 and all agreed.

Fall Polar Bear Ride is Saturday Nov. 18. They will meet at the Target parking lot on I-25 and Arapahoe Road at 8:45 AM. Destination unknown.

Ride committee has a rough draft of some of the 2001 rides. Bill Nielson passed out a questionnaire and asked everyone who wants to lead a ride to please fill in a date.

Steve Burgus announced that he is leading a Deadwood Ride again next year. This one is going to be in August (no snow this time).

Steve Inouye announced a Las Vegas Vacation Ride on June 4-9.

Announcements:

Floyd talked about executive committee nominations. He said Steve Inouye has volunteered to run. The ballot will also have a write in vote for anyone wishing to vote for a write-in candidate (Stan stated that incumbent was not a good write-in candidate). Steve introduced his committee - John Redford-Vice President, Sandi Redford-Secretary, and Jonna Wright-Treasurer.

Stan opened the floor for additional nominations. There were none. A motion was made to close nominations.

Crane made a motion to not do the voting ballot since there were no opponents and all agreed. Steve Inouye's slate won in a landslide.

Steve reminded everyone going to the Christmas Party to go to the back of Dardano's and park since that is where our entrance will be.

John Redford asked for volunteers to fill remaining openings on committees.

Board of Directors Election took place. We had several nominations and a vote was taken. Positions needing filling were Crane Smiley, Jerry Hatfield and Steve Inouye (due to being elected President).

Joyce Hindman and Wayne Adams were elected to the 2-year openings and Jerry Hatfield was voted into the 1-year opening.

The Board for 2001 is as follows:

Stan Stotz - Board Chairman
Ron Nardiello - 1 - year remaining
Jerry Hatfield - 1 - year remaining
Wayne Adams - 2 years remaining
Joyce Hindman - 2 years remaining

Stan says to please see him for a photo if any members do not have their picture on the web in the Membership Photo Gallery Area.

50/50:



1st place \$35.00 - Floyd Thorne
2nd place \$20.00 - Floyd Thorne
3rd place \$10.00 - Maggie Munson
\$65.00 Club

Ancillaries had 6 hats to give away. The big hat winners were Robin Reynolds, Debbie Inouye, Ray Feasel, Crane Smiley, Jerry Hatfield, and Jonna Wright.

Stan congratulated the new officers and Board of Directors.

Missing Link: Robin Reynolds gets to take it home this month for asking Dave Menges to use someone else's casino card (found in the casino) to get her a free Bill Romanowski Bronco Hat.



This month's deserving Missing Link Winner. We're sure Robin will make a meaningful contribution to the statue.

2001 Ride Schedule

Submitted By: Bill Nielson

Now that our last ride of the season has officially ended, it is time to plan ahead for 2001. Please take a look on the RMVTA web site for the 2001 Draft Ride Schedule. If you are thinking of leading a ride, now is the time to assign a date to it. Some of the rides are pretty much a "given", so those of you that have the "preassigned" names and dates, let me know if there are any adjustments.

The open dates shown can be either single day rides, 2 day weekend rides, or you can expand the dates to fit your ride. The choice is yours.

If you have never led a ride before, please take this into consideration. A one day ride as a first time ride captain is a good start. This last season was my first, and it was very enjoyable. I look forward to leading more rides, and I would support anyone that is interested in doing so.

Lets make each year bigger and better! It is your club participation

that makes RMVTA as good as it is!

Let Mitch Munson or I know what your plans are. Thank you.

**Membership Meeting
Night Change
January 2001**
Submitted By: Stan Stotz

Beginning with the January 2001 meeting, we will go back to our traditional 2nd Thursday of the month meeting time. The January meeting will be January 11, 2001 at 7:30 (Fay Myers Meeting Room). We hope to see you all there.

Up-n-Coming

**Membership
Appreciation Party
By Stan Stotz**

The Membership Appreciation Party will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2001 at the Westminster Elks Club. This is the same place we had our party last year. This year we have the main ballroom reserved which has a much nicer decor. The theme this year is "Biker". Arrive in your favorite biker getup or just come as you are (with a certain amount of discretion). There is no limit to how many tattoos (real or fake) you wear or how crazy your favorite leather accessories are.

"Klassy K the DJ" will keep us entertained all evening along with a full awards program and many door prizes.

Attendance is free but you MUST sign up for the party. We had 37 members sign up at the November meeting and I will have the sign-up sheet at the December meeting. If

you can't make the December meeting, call me at (303) 690-4133 or e-mail me at stanstotz@home.com. I will ensure that we have a place reserved for you.

We will announce the official starting time (unofficially around 6:00 PM) and give directions to the Westminster Elks Club in our January newsletter. Plan to be there. This should be one GREAT party.



RMVTA Sponsors Bob and Jackie Ross, Grizzly Brothers, Inc., All Motorcycle Quick Oil Change, visited and gave us an update on their new business.

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

**Lakewood Honda
Name Change
Submitted By: Stan Stotz**

Our long-term sponsor Lakewood Honda recently changed hands. The name of the new company is RPM Motor Sports. The new owner is scheduled to give us an

update of the new company at our December Membership Meeting. We want to wish RPM Motor Sports much success in their new endeavor.

**Colorado Honda Sea Doo
&
Excel Motorcycle
and Watercrafts
(Excel Honda and
Excel Yamaha)**
**Submitted By:
Debbie Farnum-Torrence**

Excel Motorcycle and Watercrafts used to be Four Seasons Sports Center. Four Seasons was started in 1958. Tri Vest Corporation bought out Four Seasons in 1992 and then sold to F.S.A.C.. Excel Motorcycle and Watercrafts has been in existence since 1994. F.S.A.C. went into partnership with Colorado Honda.

Thomas Drake now works at the West Colfax store for Excel Motorcycle and Watercrafts. Robert Herbers owns Colorado Honda (6235 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO) and Richard Sartore owns Excel Honda and Excel Yamaha. Robert Herbers is managing all three stores.

Excel Honda located at 7000 E Colfax in Aurora sells Kawasaki's, Suzuki's, Seadoo's, and Bombardier ATV's as well as Hondas. Excel Yamaha located at 8800 W. Colfax in Lakewood sells strickly Yamaha motorcycles and accessories.

Both of the Excel Motorcycle and Watercrafts stores are owned by Richard Sartore. He has married a local Aurora resident and has step children. Robert Herbers grew up in the Denver area and has four sons. They range from 10 years old

to 22 years old. His 20 year old son works in the parts department at the Aurora Excel Honda Store. Tom Drake is the Service manager for Excel Yamaha on West Colfax. Tom Drake stated that "Excel is dedicated to giving the best product selection and service for all customers." The store is open in the summer Monday through Friday 9 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. During the winter months they will be closed Mondays. Please support our sponsors whenever possible. I am sure they appreciate our business. Now may be a good time to get your motorcycle serviced.

actually be doing all of the hard and time consuming work. Then he will send it on to me for the fun stuff. Thanks Stan & Janet for stepping forward and volunteering. I hope we can meet your expectations for the newsletter this coming year.

New Newsletter Deadline

Submitted by : Lori Rieger

That's right, just when you finally got used to having your articles in by the 1st of the month, we go and change the deadline on you. But that's exactly what we have to do. Due to the change in the monthly meeting date, we have to move the newsletter deadline up by one week. The new monthly deadline will be the 23rd of every month.

There will also be some changes in where you send your articles. Beginning immediately, articles for the newsletter should be sent to Stan S t o t z a t stanstotz@home.com. Stan will be editing your articles and putting them into the correct format for the newsletter.

He will then be forwarding them on to me for the final layout. Then they will be sent back to Stan for printing and web posting.

So please be considerate of the fact that the newsletter will now undergo an additional step in production and have your articles in on time. We will not be able to accept articles that come in 4 to 5 days late as we have in the past.

Thank you for helping us make the process as painless as possible.



Dates to Remember

Anniversaries

- 12/9 Stan & Janet Stotz
- 12/15 Lloyd & Ruth Nicholson
- 12/16 Ken & Joyce Kenaston

I'm Back

Submitted by:Lori Rieger

I know, I know. I said I was giving up the newsletter. But Stan talked me into another year. Actually, he didn't have to talk too hard. I have really enjoyed putting out the newsletter but just found it too difficult to find the time as of late. So our President came up with a solution. Stan & Janet will

No, these are not previews from a documentary on Over the Hill Gang Members. It's actually our leadership for 2001. Scary, Huh?!

For Sale:

Like new full face Shoei helmet, size xl, color pearl white. Cost new \$275 will sell for \$100 or best offer. Call Steve Inouye at 303-274-2472 or email at stdebino1@home.com .

1998 Gold Wing SE and Matching Bushtec Trailer - Moving, must sell Immaculate 1998 Gold Wing SE and matching Bushtec trailer. 29,500 miles, never down. Saddlebag side lights, and Electrical Connection running lights up front, Air deflectors, and two Shoei Full-Face helmets, Xlarge and Small outfitted with J&M speakers and microphones, For really long rides, included is a sheepskin seat cover and Markland backrest for the pilot. The trailer is the Bushtec Genesis with all of the options included and custom painted to match the Bike. Bushtec also installed the hitch and light harness. \$16,000.00 OBO takes everything. For more information or to answer questions, please call Vince on his cell phone at 720-209-1023.

1994 Goldwing SE. Two Tone Pearl Green w/52K Miles. 2nd Owner. Loaded with options: Progressive Springs & Shocks, K&N Air Filter, Highway Boards, Trunk Rack, Receiver Hitch, 2 each Color Matched Arai Full Face Helmets w/ J&M Headsets, J & M Rear Passenger Control, Belly Pan, Wind Deflectors (not mounted at this time), all reflectors have been turned into lights, Extra Tall Tinted Tulsa Windshield (new 7/22/00), New Leather Corbin Seat and New Rear Tire @ 46,177 miles on 7/4/00. \$11,200 for all the above, or \$10,500 minus the Corbin Seat & Tulsa Windshield (will replace with the stock units). If sold by Thanksgiving, I will throw in my

Garmin GPS III (already installed.)
Call at (303) 883-1966 or e-mail at

bnielson@aircell.com.

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is December 23rd, 2000

**A Little
Christmas
Humor**
(Taken from
www.santaclaus.com)



Just before Christmas, there was an honest politician, a kind lawyer and Santa Claus travelling in a lift of a very posh hotel. Just before the doors opened they all noticed a \$50 bill lying on the floor. Which one picked it up??

Santa of course, the other two don't exist!

What do you do if Santa gets stuck in your chimney?

Pour Santa flush on him.

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care. They'd been

worn all week and needed the air.

The 3 stages of man:

**He believes in Santa Claus.
He doesn't believe in Santa Claus.**

He is Santa Claus.

Santa Claus, like all pilots, gets regular visits from the Federal Aviation Administration, and it was shortly before Christmas when the FAA examiner arrived.

In preparation, Santa had the elves wash the sled and bathe all the reindeer. Santa got his logbook out and made sure all his paperwork was in order.

The examiner walked slowly around the sled. He checked the reindeer harnesses, the landing gear, and Rudolf's nose. He painstakingly reviewed Santa's weight and balance calculations for the sled's enormous payload.

Finally, they were ready for the checkride. Santa got in,fastened his seatbelt and shoulder harness, and checked the compass. Then the examiner hopped in carrying, to Santa's surprise, a shotgun.

"What's that for?" asked Santa incredulously.

The examiner winked and said, "I'm not supposed to tell you this, but you're gonna lose an engine on takeoff."

**Season's Greetings
Everyone!!!**

2000 RMVTA Sponsors

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		Vickery Motorsports, Inc. 2231 South Parker Road, Aurora	(303) 755-4387



**NEXT MEETING:
December 21st, 2000
7:30 PM
Fay Myers Motorcycle World
2015 W. Alameda Avenue, Denver**