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Officers Speak...

Submitted by: Steve Inouye

As we are all getting our bikes ready for the upcoming season, some may be in the market for tires. I came across an article that I thought might interest some of you. It's regarding the age of the tires you are getting ready to purchase. It may sound a bit strange; however, you should ask the dealer you are buying the tires from just when they were manufactured. If he gives you a blank stare or cannot answer your question, you should ask to see the tires you plan to purchase before they mount them.

Yes, strangely enough, some dealers and their mechanics may not know how to read the actual manufactures date on the side of the tire. The set of numbers you need to pay attention to is called the U.S. D.O.T. (department of transportation) Standard Serial Identification Code. Before January of 2000, this was a series



Who knew that a simple game of pin the tale on the Easter Bunny would result in true love? Jerry Hatfield did a great job again this year as the oversized rabbit - with a little help from his wife, Linda.

of ten digits with the last three digits indicating week and year. For example, for 0399 the final digit indicated the year of manufacture (1999). This tire would have been manufactured during the third week of 1999. Since January of 2000, however, there have been 11-digit numbers with the final four digits indicating the date manufactured, i.e. 1000 would be the 10th week of 2000. If your dealer or mechanic did not know this you may suggest to them that they read the back pages of the Dunlop Motorcycle Tires full-line catalog where this information and example came from. Most other motorcycle tire catalogs also feature this important information.

Remember, tires become dangerous due to both wear and age. Just because a tire has sufficient tread on it, if it's old it can crack easily as well as become too hard and have poor gripping ability. Even the most reputable dealers may have had a tire sitting around too long, misplaced it, or for any number of reasons have an out-dated tire in stock and may unknowingly be selling it to you. Food for thought!!!!!!

Your Prez, "Grasshopper"

Meeting Minutes

Submitted By: Sandi Redford
"Gypsy"

Meeting called to order by Steve Inouye at 7:30 P.M. Right on time!

Visitors: Ruth Adams introduced us to Shannon Burns who was visiting from Gold Wing Chapter E. Her date, Dwayne Richards, also with Chapter E, visited us as well. Makes you wonder where the spouses were, doesn't it? Also visiting was Rodney Fish who rides an 83 Venture Royal. Barb Grant and her brother Ken, who work with Bill Nielson, were also visitors. Barb rides a Suzuki Intruder and Ken rides an 1100 Suzuki.

Comments: Sort of a visitor was Mike Dunlap, who was back after a long absence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept March minutes as posted by Jeannie, seconded by Karen.

Treasurer Report: Jonna reports there is \$3,607.66 in savings, and \$1,850.15 in checking.

Activities: Floyd asked for suggestions on the Christmas party. He also suggested putting together a family picnic, maybe on a weeknight.

Ancillaries: Kathy reported that she will no longer be able to do the ancillaries, due to her work hours changing. Anyone interested in taking up this noble cause, please contact John Redford.

Awards: Jeannie asked that everyone keep their eyes and ears open, you know, like we always do, and give her suggestions for the awards at the Membership Appreciation Party.

Finance: Karen says she did her thing for the year and has nothing to report.

Historical: Kathy had no report.

Member Relations: Crane was absent, no report.

Membership: Robin had the new membership list to hand out to everyone. Good job Robin!

Newsletter: Lori asked that anyone who hasn't given their information regarding birthdays and anniversaries, either call her or e-mail her with the info. Just a reminder that the cutoff for the newsletter is the 23rd of each month. Items are to be sent to Stan Stotz, at stanstotz@home.com.

Webmaster: Stan tells us he's working on getting pictures on the web.

50/50: Ruth says buy,

buy, buy! Ruth also announced that there are two rare color editions of the ride books, compliments of Lloyd Nicholson, to give out during the 50/50 drawing.

The Ride Committee:

Past rides:
March 18th was the scheduled 2-up ERC Class. Bill Nielson reported that the class was cancelled due to the weather. According to Virgil, there are various openings for rescheduling. Contact Virgil if you're interested in scheduling a new date for the class.

March 31st was the Easter Basket put together. Things went great until we ran out of cellophane to wrap with. Oh well, will finish up next week before we give them out.

April 1st was the Limon Loop Ride. According to Bill, reporting for Mitch, they had a lot of fun. They stopped to see the Tower Museum in Genoa, where you can see 6 different states from the top, and is filled with all kinds of interesting stuff.

April 7th we passed out the Easter Baskets. You should have seen some of those kids when they got a look at the Easter Bunny! Then again, can you blame them? Actually, Jerry did a wonderful job as the Happy Hopper, and is really good with kids. Most everyone went on to Bruce's for a Rocky Mountain delicacy and some pretty good burgers.



A winning line-up before the annual Highway Clean-Up.

Upcoming Rides:

April 14th is the scheduled highway cleanup. Ron reports that, due to the recent snowstorm, the area is pretty messy. He proposed to change the cleanup to the 21st. Everything else would remain as scheduled, with Ron and Joyce hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast.

April 28th is the Sponsors Ride. Steve will lead that ride, after meeting at the Eggeception Restaurant in Aurora, at 7:30am. Steve will publish a schedule, Aurora Honda plans to do door prize drawings again, and Sun Honda will sponsor lunch.

June 2-8 is the Las Vegas Vacation. John Redford will lead a side trip to do a hard hat tour of Hoover Dam. Anyone interested, please contact John, as he will need information on you. Seems they have to do a background check and John will need to call in the number of people, and their information. He will need to know by May 4th. Steve plans to lead a group to the Star Trek Adventure. Steve tells us this ride is great, kind of a virtual reality ride. Lloyd tells us he and Ruth have a time share in Las Vegas. They will be staying a couple of extra days in Vegas, and if you interested in staying with them, give him a call.

Continental Divide Ride is June 2-3. Plan on staying in Saratoga at the Sage and Sand Inn on Saturday night. Eight rooms have been reserved, but you need to call by May 10th. The number is 307-326-8339. Cost is from \$47.52 to \$74.52 depending on room setup and number in party.

Montrose Z-Bar Chuck Wagon Ride was changed to June 9-10. Floyd passed out a flyer with info. Show and dinner costs \$15.00. There is a steak option for \$22.00, but you'll need to let Floyd know to set it up.

American Castle Tour is on June 23-25. Plan on 2 nights in Buffalo, WY. Details to follow.

Western Slopes Tour is July 14-16. Rooms have been reserved for Saturday the 14th at the Best Western Sundance in Delta. Rooms are \$67.50 for a double, \$62.10 for a single. The deadline to call is June 15th and they can be reached at 970-874-9781. Rooms for Sunday the 15th are at the Motel 6 in Grand Junction. \$52.99 for a double, \$46.99 for a single and their number is 970-243-2628. Deadline is June 15th on that one as well.

Steve Burgus mentioned that he is meeting Merle Bollier in New Mexico to do the 3-corners ride. Guess he just had to rub it in.

New Business: Lori Rieger did a presentation on a new aspect of her business, MLC Co. This is an on-line shopping entity that deals with travel accommodations. This is a marketing deal between high-end hotels, with over 50 locations, with package deals between \$200-\$300.00. You purchase an album, make selections of 3 destinations you are interested in, and you will be guaranteed one of those choices. Some of these locations could be used during our rides. Further information is on the RMVTA web site. Lori also brought in an album for everyone to look at.

BREAK

Old Business: Steve opened up the second half of the meeting, telling us we were not going to like what we hear. He did some research on the insurance issue. Basically what he found out is that the State of Colorado's Insurance Department does not even recognize motorcycle insurance. This is a government agency that dictates what type of insurance is to be offered in the



The Redford's show off their new ride.

state of Colorado. Bill, head of the Insurance Dept, (Steve didn't get his last name), told Steve, this was the first he'd heard of this problem (or so he claims). One comment on the books reads PIP (personal injury protection) does not include motorcycles. According to Bill, no fault insurance only applies to 4-wheel vehicles (cars and trucks). He was not even aware there was a discrepancy regarding motorcycle insurance. Steve then did some research on his insurance company. His policy states that there is minimal coverage for the driver only. No passenger coverage, and he as the driver is only covered in an accident. If something fell on his bike, or whatever, it would not be covered.

In the new GWRRA magazine there is an ad for Bergland Insurance. It looks like complete coverage, but when Steve had them e-mail info, which was through Dairyland, it only covers Liability and Medical for the driver if the title is in his/her name, and the medical coverage only covers up to \$2,000.00. That's it. It will not cover any passenger, even if not related to the driver. Steve asked about medium coverage. Guide One has a winter save policy, which means you can't ride your bike certain months of the year, has no passenger coverage, and very limited on their writer policy, which covers accessories. Farmers Insurance will cover a passenger, but only if not related to the driver.

Steve asked Bill what he could do. He was advised to call his State Rep. You can call the county commissioner in your county and find out who your rep is.

Steve called and talked to his rep, Deanna Hanna. She could not believe how discriminated against motorcyclists are. She would like to come to a meeting and discuss it further with us. Steve also talked with Senator Ken Clouber, who happens to be a motorcycle enthusiast himself. He said that he would like to hear from us. They need feedback from riders to determine how serious this problem really is. If you have ever been in an accident, and found you were not covered, or are finding through you insurance company you are not covered, make some calls. Otherwise all the work Steve has put into this will be for nothing, and we lose the opportunity to make a difference.

Steve had some numbers, that you can call, if you want to be heard. These numbers were for his district, but they want to hear from us. They can probably give us the names of the reps in our own districts.

Bill (???) Head of Insurance Dept 303-894-7574 direct number
Deanna Hanna State Rep 303-866-4857
Deanna's e-mail address
DeannaHanna@quest.com
Kelly Daniel House of Reps 303-866-2951

Sandi Redford passed out additional information on the bill that was passed and subsequent updates.

Here is something to keep in mind when making phone calls. The insurance companies claim that having Ato cover motorcycles would raise rates by 10 times. These are the same companies that told us that making insurance mandatory would decrease our rates. Did any of you see that happen? They just turned around and made uninsured/underinsured motorists coverage mandatory, adding to our rates. Mandatory coverage to cover drivers that are required to have

insurance in the first place. Must have had a genius working for the insurance companies to come up with that one. And consider this next time you write that insurance premium check. Insurance companies in the U.S. reported over \$50 billion dollars in profit last year. PROFIT!

Missing Link



This month's Missing Link Winners - Gary & Jeannie. At least they remembered what night the meeting was.

Nominations for the Missing Link Award were as follows:

1. Jeannie and Gary for going to the Easter Basket ride on Sunday, instead of Saturday.
2. Jeannie and Gary for admitting the above.

Missing link went to, who else, Jeannie and Gary. Guess they won't be so quick to admit showing up on the wrong day next time.

50/50: Ruth reported they collected \$155.00, with \$ 77.50 going to the club. And the winners were:

1st place Dave Blanchfield \$38.00

2nd place Jerry Hatfield \$23.00

3rd place Dwayne Richards \$15.50

Winners of the color edition ride book went to, wouldn't you know

it? Visitors Shannon and Rodney. Maybe this will prompt them to join us! In closing, Steve asked for any changes or corrections on the membership list to be turned in to him or Robin.

Motion was made to close the meeting by Wayne, and seconded by Gary.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25P.M. Not too bad, considering all the discussion tonight.

Motorcycle Insurance Coverage Article Submitted by: Stan Stotz

Source: AMA Web Site

<http://www.amadirectlink.com/index.asp>

The following is an article taken from the AMA web site, dated March 28, 2001

Riders need to act now to protect their health benefits - Take action now in the AMA Rapid Response Center

As motorcyclists and others involved in recreational activities face a serious threat to their continued health-insurance coverage under new proposed federal regulations, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is urging people to contact their members of Congress to support an effort to protect those health benefits.

Republican U.S. Rep. Mark Green of Wisconsin is asking his colleagues to sign a letter addressed to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, urging him to rewrite the rules so that motorcyclists and others who engage in legal recreational activities don't face health-insurance discrimination. The AMA wants motorcyclists and others to contact their representatives in Congress to support Green's letter.

You can contact your representatives quickly by going to the AMA Rapid Response Center to send an e-mail.

You can also use the AMA Rapid Response Center to let federal administration officials know that you oppose health-insurance discrimination against motorcyclists and others who enjoy legal recreational activities. The public-comment period ends April 9.

The new regulations, issued jointly by three federal agencies, are the culmination of a rulemaking process that dragged on for nearly five years after Congress passed the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. The proposed final version of the regulations appears to directly contradict the will of Congress in passing that 1996 law, Green notes in a letter to his colleagues.

The purpose of the original legislation was to protect workers from discrimination in the health insurance they receive through their employers. As written by Congress, the bill would have prohibited employers from denying health coverage based on a worker's pre-existing medical conditions or participation in legal recreational activities.

"While the new rule prohibits employers from refusing coverage based simply on an employee's participation in legal recreational activities, it essentially legalized the denial of benefits for any injuries sustained while participating in these activities," Green wrote. "Clearly, Congress did not include specific language to provide coverage for people who engage in these activities, only to be denied coverage in the event they sustain an injury," Green wrote.

The new rules, written by the outgoing Clinton administration, were to take effect March 9. But President Bush

put the regulations on hold until May 8 so they could be reviewed.

Membership Notes

Submitted by: **Robin Reynolds**

Here are some recent changes to the Membership List. Add email address for Merle Bollier MrIBollier@aol.com. Change email address for the Thornes' to fthorne_jr@questinternet.net (there is an "_" between fthorne and jr). The Nicholson's lost their DSL vendor and are back to Prodigy for awhile – Lloyd's email is mrpackrat@prodigy.net or for both packrats@prodigy.net. Ron Nardiello's company name changed to Re/Max Alliance. The Dunlaps rejoined after the Membership list was published. Their information is:

Mike & Donna Dunlap
403 Conestoga Rd.
Bailey, CO 80421
Phone (303) 816-0159
"Strawberry" and "Snoopy"
email mdu1500@aol.com

That just about does it for membership goodies. Let me know if any of your information changes so I can get the information to the appropriate people.

T.T.F.N
"Tigger"

Happenings

Limon Loop Ride

April 1, 2001

Submitted by: **Mitch Munson**

On Sunday, April 1st, the initial morning of Daylight Savings, 18 sleepy bikers awoke to an incredibly beautiful Colorado day. While some chose to sleep a bit

longer, others of us began the morning with breakfast at Gunther Toodies. Just after 9:00 a.m., 12 bikes and one four-wheeler headed south to Castle Rock and on to Hwy 86. If there was anyone who forgot to set their alarm and showed up an hour late...Lord knows, they wouldn't fess up to it in this crowd. We'll just never know!

After a brief coffee and rest break in Kiowa, we proceeded east to I-70. I'm not really sure, now, but I truly don't think we passed a single car on 86 between Kiowa and the super slab. What a nice little stretch of road framed by blue sky with Pikes Peak in our mirrors. My 10-year-old daughter, Libby, was all smiles and giggles on this, her first RMVTA club ride.

We arrived in Genoa just past eleven and visited the highlight of the trip...the Genoa Tower Museum. There really aren't words to describe this place. Well there are, but I'm not sure what they are! During my walk through this museum, and I use the word "museum" with some hesitation, that flea market commercial about getting more "stuff" for the "overstuffed" kept going through my mind. The "stuff" went on forever in one added on room after another. That song about "too much time on my hands" would be a fitting epitaph for the old timer that built and runs this place as I can't even begin to imagine the time it has taken for him to assemble the most diverse and bizarre conflagration of "stuff" I have ever witnessed under one very crooked roof. So we packed up *our* "stuff" and headed west to Limon for lunch at Rip Griffins.

After filling our bellies and fuel tanks, we headed southwest on 24 towards Colorado Springs, again, under perfectly sunny skies, but with Pikes Peak through our windshields this time around. We arrived in the Springs only to find that our resident Harley Trike was having trouble with the time change. After some head bending, tire kicking and general consensus, several club members decided to escort our Harley and its



From the Easter Bunny to Daddy Rabbit, what's next? Ken gives final instructions on the Limon Loop Ride.

occupants back to Denver while several others decided to take advantage of the good weather and head on up to Woodland Park before returning home.

Me? Well I take my captaining pretty seriously so, with a little help from "Daddy Rabbit", I lead my small group of Wings and one happy little girl via Palmer Lake and Sedalia back to the metro area. In the end, another RMVTA Ride safely in the books.

Editor's Note: This was Mitch's first experience as a Ride Captain. Everything went extremely well. Mitch, as they say in LA (Lower Alabama) "you done good"!

Spring Highway Clean-Up

Submitted by:

Floyd Thorne, jr., "Mr. T"

The 2001 Spring Highway Clean-up finally went off as planned after a reschedule by one week. It was pretty cold and windy but we got her done.

There were 20 folks that showed up for the actual clean-up and 17 of them were at Ron and Joyce's home for pancakes and sausage for breakfast. From there they all went south to the stretch of highway that we maintain. After getting all geared up and dispatched to our respective sections and the fun began. It only took about an hour and the whole project was

completed. With so many good volunteers to help out it makes short work of it. There was also a decision made to the coveted "Golden Horse Shoe Award" to be disclosed at the May meeting.



Ron & Joyce cook breakfast for the crew on the Spring Clean Up.

From there many folks went their respective ways due to prior commitments or whatever. But, there were four hearty souls on three bikes that choose to take a round-about way home. Tom Shumaker led us south to Colorado Springs and then on Highway 67 through Deckers to Pine Junction and then on 287 back into the Denver area. From there we went off our separate ways home.

It was a really good day and Tom promised that there would be no snow. Well, he lived up to that but it was getting pretty damp by the time we got to Pine Junction so the rain gear seemed to be the next order of the day. From there home we had no more moisture but none of us wanted to stop and shed the rain gear as it felt so good as shelter from the cold wind.

We had lunch in cute little place in Woodland Park called "Grandmother's Kitchen." It really hit the spot. It was good and priced right. All thought that it was a place to keep in mind for the future.

We all Wayne commented that none of us had ever been on that stretch of highway (Highway #67 that is) with so little traffic of any sort. The temperatures and the weather forecast may have contributed to that. We all had a good time and concluded that we knew it would be fun - you just never know how much.

New Golden Horseshoe winner - Jan Johnson.



Up-n-Coming

Cheyenne Historical Governor's Mansion Ride

May 19, 2001

Submitted by:

Tom & Brenda Shumaker
"Dagwood" and "Blondie"

The Cheyenne Historical Governor's Mansion Ride is just around the corner. Meet at our home May 19, 2001 for coffee and donuts, 8:00 a.m. prior to the ride. To RSVP, please call Brenda at 303-659-2231 or email us at dagwood29@msn.com.

Vegas Vacation Ride

June 2 - 8, 2000

Submitted by: Steve Inouye

Hi all. Well here's the new plan. We originally were going to join the club ride to Montrose on Sat. June 2 and partake in the Chuck Wagon Dinner. Since we found out that the Z-Bar Chuck Wagon was rescheduled to June 9 - 10, we are going to go it alone on June 2. We will meet at 7:45 a.m. at the Sofa Mart Parking Lot at 6th and Kipling. The ride leaves at 8:00 a.m. Gas up and eat before arriving. We will go to Richfield, UT and spend the night at the Super 8 there (hotel information below). On

Sunday June 3, we will head south on I-15 to Mesquite Nevada. We will take the second exit off the highway and will be staying at the Oasis Resort Hotel and Casino. The departure time from Mesquite will depend on the weather. If we get there and it's hot, we will probably leave fairly early on Monday morning in order to cross the desert while it's still cool. If, however, the weather is comfortable, we can mess around in Mesquite for a while and ride into Vegas at our leisure.

We will stay at the San Remo Hotel in Vegas, June 4th, 5th and 6th. We will depart Vegas at 7:00 am on June 7th and head north on I-15 to I-70, west on I-70 to Green River UT. We will stop along this stretch after getting off the desert floor to have breakfast. In Green River we will be staying at the Super 8 Motel. We will leave Green River at 7:00 am on June 8th., head west on I-70 back to Denver.

The hotel/motel information is as follows:

Super 8 Motel, 1575 N. Main
Richfield, UT
435-896-9204
12 rooms blocked under RMVTA

Oasis Resort Hotel and Casino
Mesquite, NV.
800-216-2747
Rate: \$39.00 per couple

San Remo Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, NV.
800-522-7366
Rate: \$59.00 per couple

Super 8 Motel
Green River, UT
435-564-8888
Rate: \$58.39 per couple
*There are six rooms blocked here at the Super 8 under the name of Rocky Mountain Venture Touring Assoc.

Hope to see as many of all of you as possible, it's shaping up to be a lot of fun.

- "Grasshopper"

Z-Bar
Chuck Wagon Ride
Montrose, CO
June 9-10, 2001,
Submitted by:
Floyd & Linda Thorne

Ya-all come! We are going to the Z-Bar Chuck wagon Western Show and Cowboy Supper June 9, 2001. We will be staying at the Super 8 Motel in Ridgway, CO and the room rates are \$64.99 for one King size bed and or \$72.99 for two Queen size beds (slightly more if more than one couple shares a room together.) Please make your reservations at (970) 626-5444. They need to be made by May 25th or I need to release the remaining 10 rooms reserved in the name of RMVTA.

Pop-up camper units can stay at the Country Village RV Resort (970) 249-6382 for \$18.00 per night. There are no tents allowed just Pop-up Camper units. This is a pleasant walking distance on up the drive to the Z-Bar.

The cost of the dinner and show is \$15.00 per adult. If there is anyone interested and for more money (I think \$22.00) you can get a steak rather than the BBQ beef or chicken. Let me know on that one.

I would ask that you let me know if you plan to join us so that I can make reservations at the Z-bar. Call me at (303) 452-6897 or send me an e-mail at ft_horne_jr@qwestinternet.net.

American Castle Tour
Douglas, WY
June 23-25, 2001
Submitted by:
Tom & Brenda Shumaker
"Dagwood" and "Blondie"

I have blocked 12 rooms at the Best Western Cross Roads Inn in Buffalo, WY for Saturday and Sunday nights, June 23rd & 24th. The rates are \$54.90



Charity organizer Dave Menges put together another successful event.

for single & \$60.90 for double. We will have 4 rooms down and 8 rooms up. All of these rooms have queen beds. They are holding the conference room for us for dinner provided we can have a good turn out. They would like to have at least 15 plus people. To make reservations, call 1-307-684-2256 and ask for Lisa. Mention that you are with Tom Shumaker and the Rocky Mountain Venture Association to get this rate. If Lisa is not there, anyone else can help. As soon as we have a menu, we will share it with everyone. If anyone has difficulty making reservations, please call us at home at 303-659-2231. This should be a fun-filled ride.

West Slope Ride
July 14 – 16, 2001
Submitted by: Mitch Munson

I can only hope to match the incredible ride and leadership (thanks again

Hoedel's) we had last year! In fact, as I considered the route for this year's ride, I found it hard to pass up most of the roads that we experienced last year. So, after thoughtful deliberation, I decided to run the route somewhat in reverse. Once again, we'll start in the Wal-Mart parking lot in Evergreen, grab an Egg "Mc Something" with java and be on our way at 8:00 a.m. From the I-70 super slab, we'll head west, maybe even hit Loveland Pass if the mood suits us, and eventually end up in Copper Mountain where we'll veer south on CO 91 over Fremont Pass and into Leadville. From Leadville, we'll continue south to CO 82 and head west as we pass Twin Lakes and begin our ascent of Independence Pass, one of the most awesome stretches of road in Colorado. The east approach is not for the faint of heart or those afraid of heights. It does, however, provide some incredible views and scenery. Once down off the pass we enter the lovely and unaffordable town of Aspen. In fact, because it's so unaffordable, we won't stop but will continue on to Carbondale and find some lunch. From Carbondale, it's south on CO 133 with the Crystal River on our left over a great stretch of road up and over McClure Pass and eventually into Paonia and Delta for the night.

We have reservations at the Sundance Best Western Motel in Delta on US 550. We may have time for a side ride up to the Mesa or back to Crawford, if we don't stop on the way in, or just relax in the pool for the rest of the afternoon.

We'll begin the next morning with a free breakfast provided by the motel and then head south on 550 to Ridgeway where we head west on CO 62 to Placerville and begin our journey around the Uncomphagre Plateau. I remember a comment last year as we completed this portion of the trip where someone very simply stated, "I



Basket assemblers for the Easter Basket Charity show off their work.

feel like I was just in 4 states.” The trip from here through Naturita, Gateway and on to Clifton where we rejoin 550 is truly one you will not forget. Once back in Grand Junction, we’ll get checked into the Motel 6, relax a bit and then, weather permitting, try for a sunset ride through the Colorado National Monument.

On the final day, we’ll head east on I-70 for a few minutes and take CO 165 up over the Grand Mesa and into Cedaredge for a fruit stop if anyone wishes. We’ll backtrack our route through Paonia and over McClure Pass and head towards Glenwood Springs for some lunch.

From here, it’s the usual return trip on I-70. For those of you who haven’t been on this ride, you won’t be disappointed. For those of you returning from last year, the ride “in reverse” can look completely different from the opposite perspective. Additionally, by reversing the route, we hit Independence Pass and the Mesa in the late morning which may give us a better chance of dry pavement on these stretches.

I have reserved 8 rooms in both hotels under my name and/or RMVTA. Phone numbers and rates are as follows Saturday, July 14th Sundance Best Western, Delta (970) 874-9781 \$62/Sgl \$67.50/Db1 Sunday, July 15th Motel 6, Grand Junction (Horizon Dr.) (970) 342-2628 \$46.99/Sgl \$52.99/Db1.

Please let me know when you have made a reservation so I can reserve more if necessary. See you in July!!!!!!

Spotlight On Members Submitted by: Chief Reporter Debbi Farnum “Crazy Cat”

Dean and Sandy Sheppard “Wanderer” & “Lost Lady”

Dean was born in Missoula, Montana and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was in the Air Force and retired in 1988 as a Sgt. Major. He was stationed in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1985 and retired from there. Sandy was born in Tampa, Florida and moved to Denver, Colorado when she was 3 months old. She has lived in the Denver area ever since. I don’t know about you but I think that qualifies as a native. When Dean retired he moved to Denver.

He enjoys bowling so in 1988 when he retired to the Denver area he found the closest Bowling alley. He asked to join a bowling league. He was put on the same team as Sandy. Well I guess you could say that they have been bowling together ever since. They met at Holiday Lanes on West Colfax. They each currently bowl on three teams a week. They bowl together on a Las Vegas league and on different mixed leagues. They also bowl on a scratch league. Dean has an average of 197 and Sandy has an average of 188.

Dean is currently working for the Federal Court of appeals and in the computer department. He has worked there since 1988. Sandy works for the Federal Bureau of Land Management. She has worked there for 25 years ever since she was 16 years old (you do the math).

I asked Dean how he got the CB handle “Wanderer.” He told me that he has been riding motorcycles since he was 14 years old. He was stationed in Florida and he used to ride with 13 other riders.

They would go from Coco Beach, Florida to Bush Gardens. He would take 4 hours to get there and the others could make the trip in 2 hours. They came up with the name “Wanderer” for him for taking so long to get from point A to point B. When I asked Dean how Sandy got the CB handle of “Lost Lady” he said, “whenever I’m wandering she thinks she’s lost.” He then stated, “I’m not known to go exactly in a straight line.”

Dean and Sandy have two children. Michelle is the oldest. She is 19 years old and is going to college. Jason is 16 years old and attends Green Mountain High School. They have a Golden Retriever that goes by the name “Bojo.”

Dean and Sandy also enjoy golfing. They have been members of RMVTA since 1989. They bought a 1989 Venture Royale from Vaughn Richards who owned a Yamaha dealership at the time. Vaughn had them join the club (like he did with all of us who bought a Venture from him). Dean and Sandy have been members ever since. Dean said that he will not let his membership go. He is currently riding a 1994 Honda Goldwing.



Jerry and Linda on top of the world at the Genoa Tower.



John Redford points out the finer points of life at the April meeting.

Spotlight on Sponsors

Submitted by: **Debbi Farnum**
"Crazy Cat"

Advantage Accounting Karen Burgus "Bear Bait"

Karen Burgus has run her own accounting business just over 12 years. Prior to that she was a controller for Mechanical Construction.

Karen is from Des Moines, Iowa. Her husband, Stephen "Steve" Burgus is also from Des Moines, Iowa.

Steve is retired after working as a systems analyst for 30 years. He worked for Colorado Department of Social Services.

Their daughter, Kristy, is 28 years old. They now have two grandchildren. Jake is 3 years old and Stephen is 7 months old. Stephen was born on Steve's birthday. I didn't know you could order grandson's as a birthday present.

Steve's CB handle is "Ski Bum" (Gee, I guess I know where to find Steve now that he is retired). Karen's CB handle was changed from "Ski Widow" to "Bear Bait". I asked Karen how she got that CB handle. She told me that she was at Glacier National Park with some friends, they weren't concerned about the bears getting them because they thought Karen would be the slowest runner and therefore she would be the bear bait.

They both enjoy riding their own motorcycles. Steve has his own Goldwing and Karen just got a blue 2001 Honda Goldwing.

They also enjoy golfing and traveling. They have traveled to Alaska to visit their grandsons several times. They went to Australia for a month in 1998.

Karen is now semi-retired. She is downsizing her business and only maintains a few customers. She is looking forward to having more time to travel.

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Grand Prix Motorsports Great Tire Deal

Submitted by:
Bill Comegys, Owner

Grand Prix Motorsports has all tires in stock sold at half price when mounted. It is the best deal in town guaranteed. Lots of customers have tried to get their favorite shops to match our price. I am not aware of anyone in town who can. Bring your bike by and try us out. We look forward to seeing you.

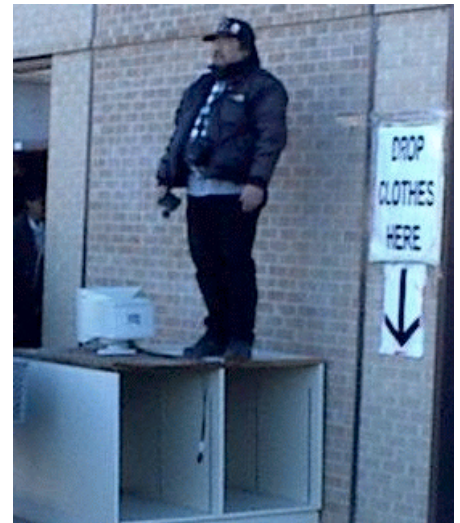
The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is May 23, 2001

New Vacation Packages Available from The MLC Company Submitted by: Lori Rieger, Owner

As of May 1st, 2001, the new Vacation Albums are available. For more information, please call 303-542-0257 or 1-877-435-9755. Or visit the RMVTA's shopping pass at www.ina.net. The log in number is 100027387 and the password is venture (it is case sensitive). You will find the Vacation Albums in the Gift Incentive section of the Store For More.

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