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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

With the end of January near and a new ride season fast approaching, it's hard to believe that we have left 2001 in the dust. Now is a good time for me to say Thank You to the 2001 Executive Board and Committees for a great year. The Northsiders and Committees have a difficult road to follow but we will try our best.

Currently, the Ride Committee is gathering information needed for our 2002 Ride Book. Ride Captains, please turn in your ride information sheets as soon as possible so that the committee has as much time as possible to add the final touches before submitting to the printer.

This past Saturday (1-19-2002), Bill and I talked with Jim Krebs (advertising manager) of Fay Myers about the devastating fire that swept through their facility. The Fay Myers team has opened a service department at 60 Tejon St. and is currently looking at a few options for their showroom and accessory department. They are also trying to get the upstairs conference open for club meetings by mid February. Please stop by and say hi to all, and while you are there, take a peek at the photo album on the cashier's desk. We will keep all informed as to the location of next months meeting.

I would like to say Thank You to all of our Sponsors for your continuing fi-

nancial support, for this is a very important part of our continuity.

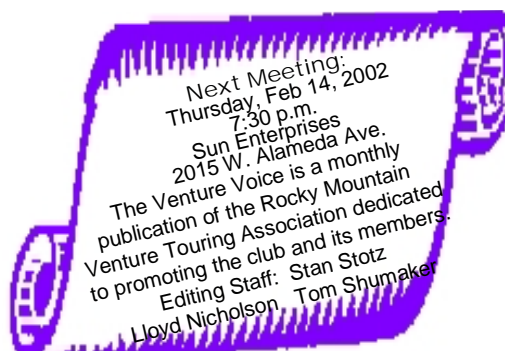
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Thanks to Sun Enterprises for hosting our group on short notice - We really appreciate your hospitality and sponsorship

Feb meeting at Sun Enterprises, 8877 N. Washington St., Thornton, February 14, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

There is a good chance that we will meet at our normal meeting place (Fay Myers) in March. Be sure to see the March newsletter or web site to be sure that you go to the right location in March. See you at Sun on Valentine's Night.



Fay Myers Fire

Submitted by Floyd Thorne, jr.

It was in July of 1998 that the subject came before the membership for a vote to move to Fay Myers Motorcycle world at 2105 West Alameda Avenue. On June 18, 1998 (the third Thursdays of the month) was actually our first meeting there. As it turned out at the time that was the most workable date option we had. The meetings later changed to the second Thursday of each month. I and most everyone in the club would agree that this has been a very good relationship for RMVTA and Fay Myers.

On January 3, 2002 Fay Myers was the victim of a major two-alarm fire that resulted in upwards to an eight million



Fay Myers Before

dollar or loss and or damage. In 1998 they celebrated 50 years of operation at this same location beginning in 1948. They have been a credit to their neighborhood and certainly a viable

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Minutes of January 10, 2002
RMVTA Meeting

Submitted by: Gail Hawkins

Meeting was called to order by Bill Nielson at 7:29 p.m. A total of 41 members were present.

Visitors: Allen Bueter, President of High Country Cruisers and Alan and Susan Sanborn, who just upgraded to a Vulcan from a Shadow.

Committee Reports:

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept December minutes as written by Karen Burgus, seconded by Steve Inouye.

Treasurer's Report: Jonna reports there are \$2,643.08 in savings and \$3,629.00 in checking.

Activities: Steve Inouye announced the Member Appreciation Party will be held at the Westminster Elks Club on January 12. Printed directions were passed out to those who will be attending. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00.

Steve and Debbie have planned a trip to Glenwood Springs via Amtrak on February 23-24. Cost for the entire weekend is \$187/single and \$272/couple and includes a night at the Hotel Colorado, luggage transfer and tickets to the hot springs pool. Those wishing to attend need to pay Steve by the end of the meeting.

Ancillaries: Still need a volunteer.

Awards: Jeannie absent.

Finance: Jonna, Karen and Bill will convene soon.

Historical: Floyd took some pictures of a burned down Fay Meyers building.

Member Relations: Crane absent. Tom noted that all customer bikes made it out of the Fay Meyers building, but they lost approximately 50% of their stock. They have set up temporary space at 630 Tejon and their Service Department is operational. Service Manager, J.D. has offered his phone number to anyone needing help (303-936-1857). Dave Menges asked if we had plans to do anything for Fay Meyers.

Membership: Robin says in order to receive your ride book, you must have paid your annual dues of \$25/single or \$30/couple by the March meeting.

Newsletter: Deadline for articles and/or pictures is 23rd of month. Lloyd blushed to a round of applause for a very well-done newsletter.

Items are to be sent to Stan Stotz at stanstotz@attbi.com

Webmaster: The 2001 photo gallery is up and running. Those members who have not had their picture made for the membership gallery should contact Floyd Thorn or Stan Stotz.

We are rapidly running out of space for our web site. We can purchase more for \$5/month which will allow us plenty of room to grow. Steve Burgus made a motion to approve the purchase of that space. Motion was seconded by Tom Schumaker and passed unanimously.

50/50: Wayne says keep buying!

Ride Committee: Mitch Munson says the proposed 2002 ride schedule is posted on the web. The ride committee voted to leave maps out of the book, but Tim Hawkins will post maps of multi-day and out-of-state rides on the web.

Mitch thanked Dave Menges for taking on the responsibility of being his co-chair and wished John Redford well in his schooling this semester.

The committee has proposed a contest to fill the 5-6 open weekends left in the schedule. Members should submit suggestions, which will be voted on at the next meeting. To submit a ride, you don't have to captain it, but you must design the ride and find someone who will act as captain. Winner will enjoy a \$50 cash prize. Worksheets for the contest can be obtained from Mitch. Deadline for the suggestions is the end of January and should be sent to Mitch at mtmunson@aol.com.

Old Business: None

New Business: Jeannie Gotta, from "Somethin' Special" discussed our purchasing a new logo from a digitizer. She can offer several options, from \$100/125 for lettering only, \$100 for a single bike outline, \$400 for particular bikes, and

\$225 for the logo as it is today. She brought a jacket similar to the ones formerly available that is \$55 + \$9 S&H for all sizes. Price decreases as the quantity increases. There is more charge for putting the logo on your own garment.

Dave Menges suggested we change the style of the "V" in order to make it more applicable to all bikes, not just Ventures.

Virgil Kipers has set April 20-21 for a 2 Up ERC class. Buckley Air Base is no longer available so Virgil asked for help in finding an area 200' X 300' that might be used. Several suggestions were made for him to follow up on. Virgil asked if there was any interest in a first aid course. He'll be happy to arrange for one if there is any interest.

Bill Nielson discussed our being able to meet at Sun Enterprises on such short notice and asked that members let them know how much we appreciate that.

Steve Inouye says Fay Meyers is planning to be ready for us to return there for the February meeting.

Missing Link: No nominations this month

50/50:

Wayne reported they collected \$135.00, with \$67.50 going to the club. The winners were:

1st Place: Jim Wohlford \$35.00
2nd Place: Wayne Adams \$20.00
3rd Place: Larry Gutt \$12.50

A motion was made to close the meeting by Karen Burgus and seconded by Sandi Redford.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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Committee Chairs and Ride Captains for 2002, thank you for your many efforts in the making of the upcoming fun filled active year.

In closing, with the recent tragic terrorist events, and unrest that exists, let's take a moment and say a prayer for our current military personnel including past and future for keeping our country a safe place to live and raise our families.

See you at the next meeting.

"Dagwood"

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business during that time.

As a result of this tragedy there will be no real good way to determine the total monetary damage. They can hopefully determine the value of inventory and closely estimate the cost of the building replacement. But, the total loss will extend far beyond these things. There will be losses in sales, bike repairs and many other residual things that will impact the bottom line. They could lose many people that have been good employees, at least for a time period. The list could go on and on. There will be much that insurance will not cover, I'm sure..



I would encourage you to support Fay Myers in every way that you can. If you have used their services to repair or maintain your bike in the past, please continue to do so. They have a service operation setup at 60 Tejon Street. If you are looking for a shop for your repairs or maintenance, several others and I would highly recommend them. They have a Service Manager that is beyond reproach. He runs a tight ship and stands behind his people and their work.

It will take considerable time to rebuild their operation, period. It will take some time to build the business back to what it was after the construction. But, with the continued support and loyalty of the RMVTA, our membership and the motorcycle community they we all are a part of, I am sure that they too will overcome this adversity.

"Mr. T"

Have a Heart Easter Basket Program

Submitted by: Dave Menges

Well folks, it's that time of year again...as the bunny starts hopping closer to the Easter time of year we find ourselves needing your help with the Have-A-Heart Foundation

Easter basket charity.

We will be passing the hat at the February Meeting for any cash contributions you wish to make to help this Great cause!!!!!!

The events will then unfold on both the 17th and 23rd of March. We will meet on Sunday the 17th at 4:00 p.m. to assemble the baskets and then we thought it would be fun to wine and dine a bit afterwards (any favorite places you want to go to eat????). We will meet at the Have-A-Heart facility Northeast of 72nd and Lowell, put all the baskets and goodies together and then go have a little chow.

The 23rd of March we will pass out the baskets to the kids, so the more who show up to see this the more you can enjoy the reward of helping. This will also be at the Have-A-Heart Foundation Northeast of 72nd and Lowell. Weather permitting we will go for a "ride" afterward, so bring your bikes (if possible) and be prepared for a great day. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. and basket passing will commence at around 8:30 a.m. Again this year, we will ask Jerry Hatfield will be our happy, hoppy Easter Bunny!!!!

Hope to see you all there. Please remember we still need lots of candy for the baskets (individually wrapped only, please) and hope to collect that at the March meeting, or if you can't make it then, bring it on the 23rd!!!! Anyone unable to make it to the February meeting who wishes to donate for the baskets can get that donation to Dave Menges. Once again, thanks for your wonderful support of this project for the kids at Have-A-Heart Foundation.

Questions, call Dave Menges at 303-940-9607.



Dave & "Happy Hoppy"

Ride Committee Update

Submitted by: Mitch Munson
Co-Chair, Ride Committee

As you all know by now, your Ride Committee has been working very hard for the last three months to get things ready for the 2002 ride season. I would like to thank all of the committee members for their input, insights, hard work and dedication. Having been in RMVTA for only a short time, I am still amazed at how much thought goes into designing a ride schedule and the efforts taken to meet the needs and wants of all of the club members.

As mentioned during our last meeting, the committee decided, again, to forego the inclusion of maps in the ride book. The exclusion of maps saves on cost and size of the ride book. It is up to the individual ride captains to provide a map for their ride if it is deemed necessary.

As you can see, all of the annual rides have been planned as well as many other rides and 2002 is shaping up to be another great year on two (or three) wheels. Our thanks to Stan Stotz for his continued efforts at updating the web. At this point, the ride schedule is still a work in progress but I am happy to report that we are nearly finished and should have the ride books on schedule for the March meeting.



The Ride Committee hashing things out at Bill & Jonna's home.

What I am a little disappointed with is the lack of input from club members outside of the ride committee. We have yet to receive a single entry into the one or two day ride contests. Please consider that, if you are the only one to enter, you win the \$50!

Remember, this is your club and your input is needed and valued. Let us know what you want and where you want to go.
Mitch

Dodge City Ride

Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

I have blocked 12 rooms at the Best Western (Silver Spur). The date of the ride is June 15th & 16th, 2002. The motel phone # is 800-817-2125 - ask for Rosy/Vickie/Norma. Say you are with Tom Shumaker & the RMVTA. Our confirmation # is 17007615 RQ. King bed with 2 people is \$50.00 and a Queen bed with 2 people is \$46.00 plus tax.

If you need assistance, please call me @ 303-659-2231.

"Dagwood"

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is February 23, 2002

For Sale:



2001 Honda Shadow Sabre, Model VT1100C2. Black & gray w/saddlebags, sissy bar & luggage rack. 3,300 miles. Price: \$7,750.00. Call Al after 4:00 p.m. at (303) 368-7408

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.

Airport Procedures

Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The flight attendant looks at them and says, "I'm sorry, gentlemen, only one carrion allowed per passenger."



"Steve & Debbie say thanks for attending the Membership Appreciation Party and for all the support you, the membership, have given for the past ride year. Pictures are worth a thousand words."



Hosts Steve & Debbie Inouye along with their trusty body guard Robin strike a pose



Master of Ceremonies Jeanie Hoedel & Gary pose for the Papparazzi



Beckie Gillespie models modern Talibon headwear for Janet Stotz



The "Court Jesters"



The "3 Tenors" get well-deserved gifts



Cliff holds court

Membership Dues Due By March Meeting

Submitted by: Robin Reynolds

If you pay your dues by the March 14, 2002 meeting, your name(s) will be included in the April RMVTA Membership Book. Either send a check to our club mailbox or bring them to the February or March Meetings. Thanks.

T.T.F.N.

Robin

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 Thursday, February 14, 2002
 7:30 p.m.
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