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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Jonna Wright

You look at the calendar and notice that Spring has begun, officially. The flowers are starting to show themselves, the trees are starting to bud. We've passed out the Ride books and we have paused for the six-month anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center. Is it time to start riding yet????

Bill & I went riding with friends the other day. Boy did it feel great to get back out there riding after being off of the bike for the winter. You sit on the bike for the first time and you have to stop and think, now where was that push to talk button? Just like most skills, they get a little rusty when you don't use them for a while.

So, I thought that it would be a good idea to run through a few things to help jog that memory a little:

- Does the bike start?
- Or is the battery dead or weak from non-use?
- Change the oil???
- When did you change it last?
- Check the tires? Do they have the right amount of air?? What does the tread look

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Two-Up ERC

Submitted by: Virgil Kipers

The Two-Up ERC (Experienced Rider Course) for RMVTA is scheduled for April 20th.. The sign-ups for this class will be at the next RMVTA meeting (March 14, 2002). These ERC courses are taught by MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) instructors and can be taken by single Riders (One-up) or Rider/Co-Rider (Two-up) participants.

The April 20th class will start on Friday, April 19th at 6:15 p.m., at Fay Myers (meeting room). There will be two (2) hours of classroom study involving slides, videos, and lecture/discussion. The class will re-convene Saturday, April 20th, 7:45 a.m., at Fay Myers

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Meeting Place for April 2002 Meeting:

Submitted by: Bill Nielson

The April 11th Membership Meeting will be held at Senior Recreation Center located at 6842 Wadsworth Blvd. If you go north on Wadsworth from I-70, go through the stop light at 68th and Wadsworth, go past the Total station on the right (east side of Wadsworth) and the next building will be the Senior Center. We hope to see you there at 7:30. We had a good turn-out there last month. We have no word as to when we can return to our regular Fay Myers meeting place. We will let you know as soon as we find out.

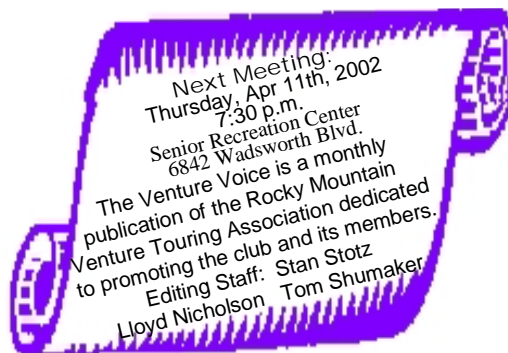
"Rumble Buck"

SPOTLIGHT ON OFFICERS

Bill Nielson "Rumble Buck"
President

When I asked Bill where he was from he responded, "all around the country." Bill was born in Miami, Florida and moved around a lot while he was growing up. Bill lived in New Jersey and California. He attended Junior High School and High school in Wichita, Kansas. His father worked for the Air-

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Minutes of March 14, 2002 RMVTA Meeting

Submitted by Gail Hawkins

The meeting was called to order by Bill Nielson at 7:30 p.m. A total of 45 members were present. Meeting was held at the Arvada Senior Center.

Greg Franks, owner of F&H Auto Upholstery and one of our new sponsors, was visiting. His friend, Jack Ruland was also present. Both of these guys ride Goldwings.

Committee Reports:

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept February minutes as written by Cliff Eudy, seconded by Brenda Shumaker.

Treasurer's Report: Jonna reports there is \$3,626.83 in savings and \$1,056.30 in checking.

Activities: Steve Inouye thanked those who made the trip to Glenwood Springs. Everyone had a great time and all think it is a trip worth doing again.

No other activities planned at this date.

Ancillaries: Digitized disk received.

Awards: Jeannie absent.

Finance: Karen Burgus presented a budget for the year. Cliff made the motion to accept as presented, seconded by Tim Hawkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Historical: Floyd had a DVD playing during the meeting showing many pictures of the current year activities.

Member Relations: Crane absent.

Membership: Robin said all those present had paid their dues and were eligible to receive a ride book. We now have members residing in Germany - John and Pat Madden. Pat's job has taken them there for a few years and they want to continue their membership with RMVTA.

Newsletter: Deadline for articles and/or pictures is 23rd of month. Items are to be sent to Stan Stotz at stanstotz@attbi.com.

Webmaster: Tim Hawkins reported he had received the disk and rides will be

posted on the web very soon.

50/50: Ruth Adams explained the system to everyone and urged everyone to make this the biggest night of the year by buying lots of tickets. Because of family circumstances, Ruth asked to be relieved of this job. Thanks, Brenda, for accepting this responsibility for the remainder of the year.

Ride Committee: Tom Shumaker thanked all sponsors for helping us this year. He asked everyone to think of something we might do as a "thanks" to Sun Enterprises for allowing us to use their space for the last 2 meetings.

Upcoming Rides: Passed the hat (basket) for one more chance to help with "Have a Heart", scheduled for Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 p.m. Tom pointed out a location to drop off candy for that function, also.

Floyd said he and Linda had prepared a letter and presented it to several grocery stores. Some of them had donated candy for the Easter baskets. He volunteered the letter to others who'd like to do the same.

Virgil Kipers discussed the upcoming ERC 2-Up Riders Course class to be held on April 20-21. Cost is \$55/bike, double or single. It will include 5 hours of classroom on Saturday evening and 5 hours practice on Sunday. There is space for 12 bikes. Sign-up sheet was sent around.

If you can't attend this class, there will be one in Greeley the first 2 weekends in April and another in Monument for trikes on April 28.

Old Business: Bill Nielson gave a meeting place update, stating that it is still very doubtful that we will be back at Fay Myers and asking for comments on the Arvada Senior Center. All agreed it was a good location and the price was right at \$30/hour. Meeting will be back there in April.

New Business: Tom thanked Lloyd for all his hard work on the ride book and noted that Steve Inouye and Steve Burgus had purchased full color books at the bake sale last October.

Jonna and Robin distributed ride books to everyone present. Tom briefly went

thru the book and reviewed each ride.

Missing Link: Brenda nominated Tom for taking the "scenic route" to the meeting and traveling 41 miles to a 33 mile destination. Do you think she would have done that if there had really been a trophy to take home?

50/50: Ruth reported they collected \$142.00, with \$71 going to the club. The winners were:

1st Place: Steve Burgus \$35
2nd Place: Janet Stotz \$21
3rd Place: Jonna Wright \$15

A motion was made to close the meeting by Stan Stotz and seconded by Sandi Redford. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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like?

Are there bald spots? (and I'm not talking about those on your head)

Do you need to get new ones?

How long has that gas been in the tank?

What about the lights? Do they all

work? Are they bright or do they need to be changed?

Are there any parts that are loose or need to be replaced?

Does it need a bath?? After all you don't want to start off with a dirty bike, then people will really know that you haven't ridden it in a long time.

Helmets: Have you cleaned the face shield? When was the last time you checked it for wear and tear? (See any cracks) Is it time to think about a new one???

Did you remember to put the rain gear back in the bike? Is that rain gear still in good shape or did you get wet the last time you wore it? (Are there holes in places there shouldn't be?)

Now, what about YOU are you ready to go?? You just might want to take a few minutes, sit on the bike and remember where everything is. After all it has been awhile since you ridden it.

Can you find your gloves?

What about your sunglasses?

Are your boots still in good shape or do you need to get new ones?

What about your jacket?

Did I forget anything??? Did you???

The ride calendar looks full of fun and

exciting rides. So, what are we waiting for???

Let's get riding, safely PLEASE!!!!

"Rumble Bunny"

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(meeting room). There will be two (2) more hours of classroom, one (1) hour of co-rider seminar, and five (5) to six (6) hours of range (riding through exercises). The range location will be announced at the Saturday classroom meeting. The class will end somewhere around 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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

Participants must bring the following identifications to take the ERC course:

Colorado Motor Vehicle Drivers License (with Motorcycle endorsement)

Colorado Vehicle Registration card

Vehicle Insurance card

Be prepared to show these at the start of the classroom study.

Requirements:

Participants must have a motorcycle in GOOD working condition.

Participants must wear the proper riding gear:

Helmet

Gloves - full fingers

Long-sleeve shirt or jacket

Long pants

Over-the-ankle footwear

Eye protection

The fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) charge per motorcycle MUST be paid in advance unless other arrangements are made with Virgil Kipers (303) 948-9504. Make checks payable to: Virgil Kipers. Mail to: 8097 South Lamar Court, Littleton, CO 80128.

Cancellation for a refund MUST be made at least three (3) weeks before the scheduled training. Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the course charge is not refundable.

Bring a sack lunch OR purchase lunch at a nearby restaurant.

NOTES:

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

A single rider CAN take this ERC. There is no requirement to have a co-rider.

The same range exercises are used that are required in the One-up ERC.

However, if you normally ride Two-up, this training will offer the greatest benefit if a co-rider is included.

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lines as a pilot. Bill lived in Oklahoma for 21 years prior to moving to Denver in 1993. While living in Oklahoma, he worked in Avionics. He got his start in Avionic at Aero commander. He worked for Air Center and AAR (Allen Aircraft Radio) He worked for Turbo West when he moved to Colorado. Stevens Aviation bought out Turbo West. Bill has been working for Aircell for the past three years. Aircell provides cell phones for small private airplanes.

Bill has three children. His oldest, Tom, is 26 years old. His daughter, Sandi, is 19 years old and attends CSU. His youngest son, Jeff, is 16 years old and attends Stanley Lake High School. All three of his children reside in the Denver area. Bill met Jonna Wright on the Internet 4 years ago. Bill used to have the CB handle "Judge" for a long time. He changed it to Rumble Buck last year when he realized how much Jonna enjoyed the rumbles (bumps) on the road when she rode on the back of his motorcycle. They bought a 2001 Yellow Goldwing last year and are really enjoying it. He also bought a boat this year and hope to go boating between rides.

Tom Shumaker "Dagwood"
Vice- President

Tom was raised in St. Helens, Oregon. He was working as a truck driver in 1977 when he drove through Colorado and met Brenda. Brenda was working as a waitress at La Bates at 58th and Broadway at the time. They got married on 3/24/79 (It was his anniversary

on the day I talked to him) in Las Vegas. He has lived in Colorado since 1979. He has worked for Zimmerman Metals for the past 17 years. It is a steel fabrication plant. He is plant superintendent.

Tom has two sons, Kevin and Russell. Kenin is 38 years old and Russell is 39 years old. They live in Missouri. Brenda has two children as well. Chris is 31 years old and has a son, Ezekiel age 3. Scott is 35 years old and has two children. Zena is 11 years old and Jake is 7 years old. They have a dog at home, a beagle by the name of Rocky. Their cat lived a full life to age 17 years old. They have not had much time for hobbies since joining RMVTA in 1994. Except you can tell that Brenda has time to decorate their house beautifully. Tom was on the board of directors in 1997 and became president in 1998. Tom was vice president of RMVTA in 2000 and again this year. He has been very active in RMVTA. You will see Tom riding his 1989 Goldwing.

Jonna Wright "Rumble Bunny"
Treasurer

Jonna is a native of Colorado. She attended George Washington High School. She is currently residing with our President, Bill Nielson. Jonna has a son, Nick, who is 20 years old and resides in the Denver area. He is a bouncer at Dave and Busters. Jonna works for Janus Mutual Funds as an office manager in the computer department. She has been with Janus Mutual Funds for the past 4 and one half years. Jonna is really enjoying riding on the back of the Yellow 2001 1800cc Goldwing that they bought last year. I am sure she will also enjoy the boat if they can get off the bike long enough to put it in the water. Jonna was treasurer for RMVTA last year as well. She has done a tremendous job. I am sure she will be happy to take your membership dues if you have not paid them by now.

Gail Hawkins "Tiny Hiney"
Secretary

Gail was born and raised in Durant, Oklahoma. She attended South East-

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ern State University in Durant, Oklahoma. After graduating from college she moved to Arlington, Texas, She taught elementary school, 4th grade and 5th grade, for 19 years in Arlington, Texas. She has two sons, Greg is 32 years old and Grant is 29 years old. Grant has a daughter, Ryan Grace who is 2 years old. Greg and Grant both reside in a suburb of Ft. Worth, Texas. Greg is a flight attendant for Continental Airlines.

Gail met Tim Hawkins in Arlington, Texas the day after Thanksgiving, 1975. They got married a few months later, Valentines Day, 1976. She knew Tim's cousin who told her that she would never let Tim and her meet. His cousin told her that if they met they would probably kill each other. They met by accident at a singles class at church the day after Thanksgiving. When she married Tim she inherited twin daughters, Theresa and Felecia. They are now 37 years old. Theresa has two daughters, Natalie, age 5 and Courtney age 2. Felecia has a daughter, Makayla age 1. Needless to say Tim and Gail are enjoying being grandparents here and in Texas. Tim transferred to Denver with American Airlines in 1987. She quit teaching and followed Tim to Colorado. They have mostly lived in the mountains or foothills since living in Denver.

They recently bought a house in Northglenn. Gail is a manager for administrative services for nCube in Louisville. She has worked for them for the past 6 years. Gail and Tim joined RMVTA in 1991. Gail was president of RMVTA in 1994. She enjoys reading and traveling. They went on a two week cruise last year from Rome to Copenhagen. They also spent a week in Austria. This year they plan to go to Switzerland and northern Italy. They have two Siberian Huskies, Tasha and Kodi. Tim and Gail now ride a 2001 Kawasaki 1500 Vulcan Classic. Gail took the Motorcycle Safety Course with Karen Burgus and got her motorcycle license. She prefers to ride on the back with Tim.

Lets let our officers know how much we appreciate them by being active in the club.

Have a Heart Easter Basket Project March 17 and 23, 2002

Submitted by: Dave Menges

I want to start by thanking everyone in the club who gave so much to the Have-A-Heart baskets this year. I got a lot of help & support from everyone both times we passed the hat. We collected \$160.00 and the candy we gathered seemed like a ton. Thanks again everyone.

On March 17th we put the baskets together. We did 250 baskets in an hour and 20 minutes with the help of 24 volunteers. This must have been a record. We later went to La Estrallitas for dinner and had a blast.

Thanks again to everyone for all the donations, help & support.

On March 23rd we met at 7:45 at K-Mart (I-70 & Federal). It was a bit chilly

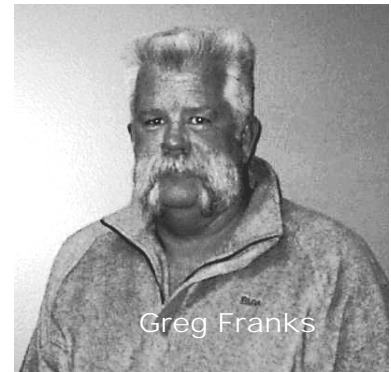
starting out but promised to be a great day to hand out the baskets we had made last Sunday. We had 17 bikes & several cars show up. It was a great turn out on a nice day. We ran out of baskets at about 9:30 then visited for a few minutes. We then took off for Bruce's in Severance. After some confusion on my part we arrived safely and 23 of us enjoyed their famous Rocky Mountain Oysters and other items available to choose from. We then split into two groups and headed home, was a great day for a ride and the weather was beautiful.



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW SPONSOR

F & H AUTO UPHOLSTERY
10710 W. 44th Avenue
Wheat Ridge, Colorado
(303) 424-2971

F&H Auto Upholstery was started in 1975 by Don Franks and his best friend, Kerry Heaner. Don started the business with Kerry right after he got out of high school. Kerry left the business in 1980 and that is when Greg Franks went into partnership with his brother Don. Greg and Don have been running the business together since 1980. They are Wheat Ridge, Colorado natives so it is no surprise their business is in Wheat Ridge.



Greg Franks

Greg is single and has no children. Don is married to Laura and they have a 10-year-old daughter, Lacyjo. Don and Laura have a German Shepherd dog for Lacyjo to play with. Greg enjoys golfing, motorcycles, and radio-controlled airplanes or helicopters. He used to go to the R/C airfield by Indiana until development moved the field further west. It is now near Highway 93 near Alpine Rock.

When riding season starts and you realize that your motorcycle seat just doesn't seem as comfortable as it did last year remember F&H Upholstery will be more than happy to shape it so you will have a comfortable ride. Don't forget the car you drive all winter either. They are there for your upholstery needs. Don and Greg Franks also own another business, Best Way Sweeping, Inc. Phone number, (303) 420-7900. They do commercial sweeping for parking lots. They sweep the lots for Safeway, King Soopers, and apartment complexes. Welcome aboard as our newest RMVTA sponsor.

UPCOMING RIDES INFO

**Cherokee Ranch Tour Reminder
Saturday, May 11, 2002**

Submitted by: Brenda Shumaker

We need to collect the non-refundable reservation fees (\$12.00 per person) by April 29 for this ride. The Cherokee Ranch requires the advance-prepaid reservations.

Call me or Tom at (303) 659-2231 for further information or how to get your advance reservation fees to me. This should be a fun and interesting ride. Come one come all, let's make a great day of it

"Blondie"

To Hell-You-Ride Motel Information

Submitted by: Tim Hawkins

Here is the room info. June 8.

Anasazi Motor Inn
640 S. Broadway
Cortez, CO 81321
1-970-565-3773

8 rooms on hold: Two Queen beds \$60.00 per. night
One Queen bed \$52.00 per. night

Just ask for the type of room you want, both available.

Rooms reserved under Tim Hawkins or RMVTA

Must release rooms by May 24, 2002 Friday

"Cookie Monster"

**United We Ride.
(unofficial event)**

United We Ride 2 !

(From "Mark", E-Mail denver41@netzero.net")

Here is information about an upcoming ride that I think sounds like fun.

June 23rd, it is open to all brands of motorcycles.

The Gold Wing Touring Association is having their annual Hummdinger on that day which raises funds for the Missing Children's Task Force. Bob Walsh is looking into making that event end with a ride into United We Ride. For more information check the website below.

<http://www.lets-ride.com/unitedweride/schedule.htm>

Motorcycle Waving

Submitted by: Sandi Redford

(Sandi Redford, who has been seen on many different flavors of motorcycles, sent in the following. This is equal opportunity fun. Thanks Sandi.)

Top Ten Reasons Why Some Harley Riders Don't Wave Back

10. Afraid it will invalidate warranty.
9. Leather and studs make it too hard to raise arm.
8. Refuses to wave to anyone whose bike is already paid for.
7. Afraid to let go of handlebars because they might vibrate off.
6. Rushing wind would blow scabs off the new tattoos.
5. Angry because they just took out second mortgage to pay luxury tax on new Harley.
4. Just discovered the fine print in owner's manual and realized H-D is partially owned by those rice-burner manufacturers.
3. Can't tell if other riders are waving or just reaching to cover their ears like everyone else.
2. Remembers the last time a Harley rider waved back, he impaled his hand on spiked helmet.
1. They're jealous that after spending \$30,000, they still don't own a Gold Wing.

Top Ten Reasons Why Some Gold Wing Riders Don't Wave Back

10. Was simultaneously adjusting the air suspension, seat height, programmable CD player, seat temperature and satellite navigation system.
9. Wasn't sure whether other rider was waving or making an obscene gesture.
8. Afraid might get frostbite if hand is removed from heated grip.
7. Has arthritis and the past 400 miles have made it difficult to raise arm.
6. Reflection from etched windshield momentarily blinded him.
5. The espresso machine just finished.
4. Was actually asleep when other rider waved.
3. Was in a three-way conference call with stock broker and accessories dealer.
2. Was distracted by odd shaped blip on radar screen.
1. Couldn't find the "auto wave back" button on dashboard.

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



2000 Goldwing SE, Black, 25th Anniversary Model. Mint condition, 2,100 miles, not even broken in. Has all the toys, loaded. Owner bought a new 1800 model. Balance of five-year warranty transferable with the bike. \$13,999.00 or best offer. Must sell. Call Rick at (303) 690-9459.

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.

Mystic History

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him a super callused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is April 23, 2002

Memorial Day Tour - Moab, Utah. May 24-27 Ken is putting the final touches on this as a 3 and 4 day ride. Motel details are not yet established. As soon as it all comes together it will be available on the web. If interested in this ride contact Stan Stotz, Mitch Munson, or Lloyd Nicholson for the latest details.

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Thursday, April 11, 2002
7:30 p.m.
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