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Officers Speak

Submitted by Bill Nielson

April is here. It's time for the spring rain showers and snow. Well ... almost. This has been one dry season.

As I sit here looking at the calendar on the office wall (won't tell you what the picture is), I think about our summer plans. Jonna and I were very lucky last year in the fact that we were able to attend a lot of club rides. This year, I know we will be stretched a little thin trying to put some "lake time" in with the used boat we bought last fall. I can see it now - while out on the lake, I'd be dreaming about taking the corners on the beautiful Colorado highways. On the other hand, the lake water sure sounds refreshing when the temperature climbs in the middle of summer stuck in some traffic jam toasting my head inside the helmet. But you know - it is worth it. Jonna and I always look forward to the bike trips. It is always a great feeling riding with good friends.

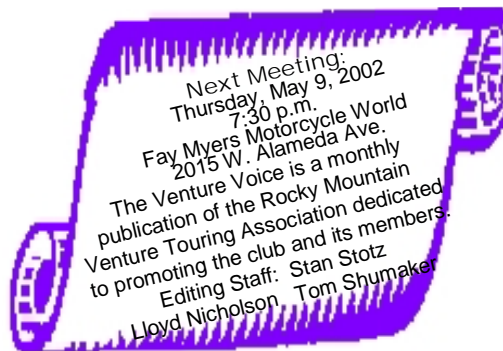
I personally enjoy the multi-day rides. It gives me a chance to get to know the fellow riders better. Cracking up with the chitchat on the CB, to our resting spot after a day of riding. Is there ever really a "bad" ride? As long as the ride is a safe one, that is good for me. Many are very memorable - that's for sure!

Riding safe is very important to me in group riding. Know what is going on around you. Know where the "other" bike is. And - know what your limitations are. OK - I won't get deep into this subject. I'm sure everyone knows what the "group riding protocol" is in the RMVTA Ride Book. I do feel that mile for mile, RMVTA has a good record in comparison to some other clubs.

OK - I'm ready to roll! I have a fresh set of skins on both wheels, the bike has been caught up with maintenance items from last year (no way was I going to leave it in the shop for over a week last summer when I could be riding!). I'm ready to rack up some more miles!

See all of you on our up-coming rides and meetings.

"Rumble Buck



Next Meeting:
 Thursday, May 9, 2002
 7:30 p.m.
 Fay Myers Motorcycle World
 2015 W. Alameda Ave.
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NEWS FLASH!

We are finally going home to our old meeting place at Fay Myers starting with the May 9th meeting. It will be on the second Thursday at 7:30 as usual. See you there! Thanks Bill Nielson and Jim Krebbs for working this out. It will be good to be back home after 4 long months.

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

Submitted by: Debbie Farnum

Richard & Susan Kuethe
"Bull Dog" & "Desert Rose"

Richard is from Del Rio, Texas. He initially just said southern Texas and I thought he could narrow it down a little bit. Susan was born in Indiana and she grew up in Mexico City, Mexico. Her parents divorced and she moved to Mexico City with her mother who moved there to study medicine. She lived a year in Montreal, Canada as well. Susan joined the Army and spent 9 years in the service. She was stationed at Ft. Hood for a couple of years and spent the other 7 years stationed in Germany. After she left the Army she stayed in Germany for two more years working for Intel in Wiesbaden, Germany. She moved to Loveland, Colorado from Germany in 1990. She has since

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Minutes of April 11, 2002 RMVTA Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Bill Nielson at 7:32 p.m. A total of 33 members were present. Meeting was held at the Arvada Senior Center.

Guests present were Richard and Susan Kuethe of Parker who ride a BMW K12 and Cari Hodapp, who rides a Road King.

We were pleased to have members Mike and Donna Dunlap attend.

Committee Reports:

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept March minutes as written by Sandi Redford, seconded by Karen Burgus.

Treasurer's Report: Jonna reports there are \$3,623.17 in savings and \$1,454.13 in checking.

Activities: No activities planned at this date.

Ancillaries: No report

Awards: No report

Finance: No report

Historical: Floyd had photos of the Have A Heart ride showing on the monitor for everyone to see. He presented a certification of appreciation to the club from Debbie, director of Have A Heart.

Member Relations: No report

Membership: Robin passed out new membership lists and noted that she had failed to change the address for Tim and Gail Hawkins. Their new information is 2824 E. 109th Avenue, Northglenn, CO 80233. Phone (303-452-0764).

Newsletter: All newsletters made it to the correct destination this month, with none being returned. Stan urged all ride captains to write an article for the newsletter, both before and after the ride. 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 said he had posted all rides on the web. Stan Stotz reported that former members, Gary and Marilyn Hart were selling their 94 Goldwing SE and Bushtek trailer for \$11,000. If anyone was interested he'd provide their phone number.

50/50: Brenda "suggested" everyone

should buy tickets or receive her wrath!

Ride Committee: Mitch Munson discussed the following past and upcoming rides:

Polar Bear Ride was canceled because even polar bears can't ride when it snows.

Have A Heart Ride had 18 bikes, which broke up into 2 groups to go to Bruce's in Severance for "sea food", better known as Rocky Mountain Oysters. Chip Long had the misfortune to get a large bolt in his tire and had to be towed back to Greeley, where a new tire was mounted for them. Good example of why it's great to ride with a group.

Upcoming: Spring Highway Clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, April 14. Those interested are invited to join Ron and Joyce at their house for breakfast at 8:00am. Pick up begins at 9:30 at mile marker 42 on Hwy 83, south of Franktown. Weather permitting, there will be a ride following.

Sponsor Ride will be on Saturday, April 27. Breakfast will be at Eggception at Havana and Iliff before the ride officially begins at 8:45am. Scheduled stops are at Vickery Motor Sports, Aurora Honda, Sun Enterprises, RPM Motorsports, Grand Prix Motorsports, and the new Fay Meyers Motorcycle World at Arapahoe and I-25.

Something Fishy ride is on July 29 at Jackson Reservoir. Steve Inouye will reserve 4 camping spaces for those interested. Riders can do any part of the 4-day ride.

Brenda announced that her Cherokee Ranch Ride and Glen Eyrie Castle Ride will need to switch dates. Cherokee Ranch will now be on June 29, Glen Eyrie on May 11.

Tim says the hotel in Cortez for his To-Hell-U-Ride on June 8-9 is posted on the web. Reservations should be made within the next 2 weeks.

Mitch asked that anyone interested in riding the train on the Durango Tango ride let him know immediately.

Virgil Kipers discussed the upcoming ERC 2-Up Riders Course class to be held on April 20-21 at Arvada United

Methodist Church at 68th and Carr. It will include 2-2 1/2 hours of classroom at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening and 2-4 hours on Saturday morning (8:00 a.m.) followed by lunch. Practice in the afternoon will be at 103rd and Ura Lane, just east of Federal. The class is full.

For those who would like to take another course, please see Virgil regarding a Chapter E course scheduled for May 11-12.

If you can't attend this class, there will be another at Louis Palmer High School in Monument on April 28 for trikes.

Bill had information from club member John Madden regarding a Venture club ride in Germany in September. He'll put that information on the web

Bill also passed along from the rumor mill that the new Goldwing 1800 colors for 2003 are candy apple red and white, which excited Nancy and Virgil! There goes their budget!

Old Business: Bill has had no new information regarding a meeting room at Fay Meyers, so we'll plan to return to the Arvada Senior Center unless announced otherwise between now and then.

New Business: None

Missing Link: Nominations were for John Redmond, who volunteered to take it, and Stan, for getting no traffic tickets on his 2,600-mile retirement celebration trip.

Had there been a physical award, Stan would have taken it home!

50/50: Brenda reported they collected \$145.00, with \$73 going to the club. The winners were:

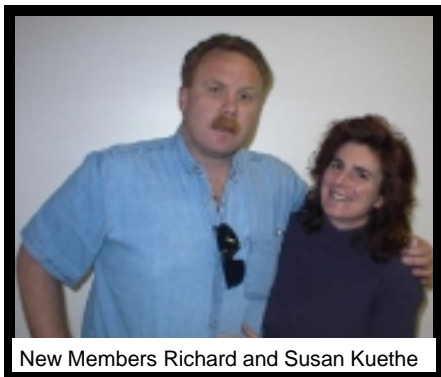
1st Place: Mike Dunlap	\$36
2nd Place: Bill Nielson	\$22
3rd Place: Karen Burgus	\$14

A motion was made to close the meeting by Virgil Kipers and seconded by Tim Hawkins.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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moved to Parker, Colorado so that she could have horses on her property. Susan enjoys horseback riding and owns a couple of horses.



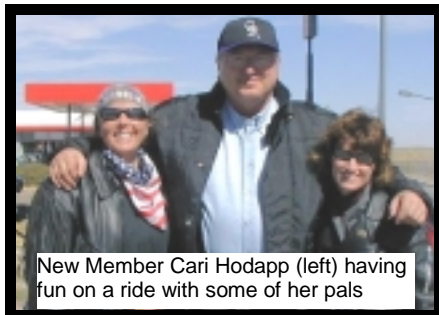
New Members Richard and Susan Kuethe

Richard is currently a technical manager for the Oracle software company. He has worked for Oracle for the past year and a half. Prior to that he worked for Pegasystems for four and a half years. He was the implementation manager for Pegasystems setting up CRM software. He had been in the Army as well and when he got out he lived in Dallas, Texas working for Pegasystems. He was traveling as the implementation manager and met Susan in Denver. Susan was working for Hewlett Packard. Susan has worked for HP for the past five years. Susan is a presales configuration consultant for potential customers. Susan enjoys crossword puzzles. Richard enjoys playing Chess, golfing and reading. Needless to say they both enjoy motorcycles. Richard rides a BMW K1200 and Susan rides a Honda 750 Shadow, the American Classic Edition. They have 3 dogs and a cat at their home.

Cari Hodapp
"Black Widow"

Cari is a native of Colorado. She grew up in Lakewood, Colorado. She married at an early age and they moved to Pueblo, Colorado. She moved back to the Denver Metro area in 1989 or 1990. She has worked for the Department of Defense for the past 11 years. She has worked in the Annuity Pay Directorate (setting up annuities for widows of retired Air Force employees), the Debt Management Directorate, and currently works in the Air Force Military Pay

Operations Directorate. She has been with Military Pay doing statistics for the past 3 years. She enjoyed the Annuity Pay job the best.



New Member Cari Hodapp (left) having fun on a ride with some of her pals

Cari has two daughters. Pamela is 23 years old and works for RTD. Pamela has a son, Andre, who will be 5 years old next month. Her other daughter, Tamera is 21 years old and works for ACT Teleconferencing. Both of her daughters enjoy riding on the back of her Hawg. Cari bought a 2002 Harley Road King in February. She has already put on 2,600 miles on the bike. Needless to say at that rate she should have it broke in by the sponsors ride. Her husband, Craig, is a self-employed building contractor. He builds new homes and remodels homes. Cari and Craig have been married for the past 11 years. Cari told me that she took the Experienced Rider Course last weekend from Virgil and really enjoyed it. Stan Stotz gave her the CB handle. He came up with "Black Widow" because she rides alone and her Road King is black. I am sure that Cari is always up for a ride.

Let's all make our new members feel welcome, as I know you will. Welcome to RMVTA

SPOTLIGHT ON SPONSORS

Submitted by: Debbie Farnum

Vickery Motorsports
2231 South Parker Road
Denver, Colorado 80231
phone # (303) 755-4387

Bill and Shari Vickery own Vickery Motorsports. They have been sponsors and members of RMVTA for many years. They started their business in 1971. They celebrated their 22nd anniversary at their current location on

04/01/02. Bill and Shari are the classic story of high school sweethearts lasting it out through the years. They have been married for the past 38 years.

Bill and Shari both enjoy riding dirt bikes and street bikes. Shari has several 125 and 250cc Bonneville Salt Flats speed records. As far as Bill knows no one has beaten his Bonneville 750 land speed record. Bill has raced every thing except super speedway. Their son, Doug, is the manager of their parts department. He races motorcycles on the MRA circuit. Vickery Motorsports carries many brands of motorcycles, ATVs, and snowmobiles. They have Yamaha motorcycles, Kawasaki motorcycles, Polaris (motorcycles, ATVs and snowmobiles), and Ski Doo (ATVs and snowmobiles). RMVTA members will get 10% discount on parts and accessories so sign up now and avoid the rush. You can find out about any upcoming specials at Vickery Motorsports on their Internet site, <http://www.vickerymotorsports.com> or email them at vickerymotorsports@hotmail.com

Fay Myers Motorcycle World
2015 W. Alameda Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80223

And NEW LOCATION:

9700 E. Arapahoe Road at Dayton
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80122
Phone #(303) 744-6632 (both locations)

Fay Myers Motorcycle World opened their doors on West Alameda in 1948. They have been in business for 54 years. Gary Myer is the President, and Lloyd Liebetrau is the General Manager. Fay Myers is one of the nation's largest dealers handling 6 brands of motorcycles. They carry Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Ducati, Aprilia, and KTM. They have a large selection of motorcycles to choose from, especially Hondas. They always have a complete selection of Hondas which includes all colors on all models of Hondas in stock.

Fay Myers suffered a fire this year at their W. Alameda location. They never determined the cause of the fire. It

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completely destroyed the showroom (including 450 new motorcycles) and the service department. They lost their service department but did not lose a single service customer's bike. They currently have the showroom at W. Alameda in the office building and the service department is across the street in the Alameda Square shopping center, 2200 Alameda. They will break ground soon to rebuild at the Alameda location and then the service department will be back. The new store on East Arapahoe is a huge showroom with a big parts department. Jim Krebbs wanted us to pass it on that they will always have the lowest prices on parts in town. The parts department is larger than it was at the W. Alameda store. They have acres of parking at the new store. They are building a new service department at the new location that will be open in 30 days. They will then be able to service bikes at both locations. After the W. Alameda location is rebuilt they will have 2 superstores.

Fay Myers Motorcycle world is having the grand opening of their new store on May 11, 2002. I am sure that they would love and appreciate seeing all of you there. Fay Myers is currently operating on their summer hours. They are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Let's all support our sponsors!

Seventh International Venture Meeting 2002

Deutschland (Germany)
September 13-15, 2002
Submitted by: John & Pat Madden

The Deutschland Venture Club would like to extend an invitation to everyone in the RMVTA to join us in Germany, September 2002 for our 7th International Venture Meeting.
When: Friday September 13 thru Sunday September 15.

Why: To celebrate the Venture Club Deutschland's 10th Anniversary and gather with Venture friends from all over the World.

Where: Grand Dorado Vacation

Camp...Heilbachee, in Gunderath Germany. In the Eifel Region, west of Frankfurt. It is located very close to the famous "Nurburgring" (Formula I Racing Track)

Accommodations: Bungalows suitable for 4 people. Each has two bedrooms, kitchen, sitting room, & bathroom. 130.00 euro per person (approx. \$110 at current exchange rate). The price includes the Friday evening BBQ, breakfast Saturday, lunch, and a Saturday evening buffet & celebration. Finally, brunch Sunday. You must furnish your favorite beverage for the entire event.

One of your members will already be there, John & Pat Madden, and because the Venture Club in Germany is sponsoring this event, they are prepared to assist you with anything you need from bike rental if you are unable to bring yours, other trips before or after this event while here, transportation, travel arrangements (currently contracting with a local travel agency to obtain discounted travel), and much more!

The area is located about 2 hours west of Frankfurt, in the German Wine Country. It is also a fantastic bike riding area, and within 4-6 hours drive to any European country you would care to visit. The German Venture's are ready and waiting to help you make the Trip of a Lifetime, contact their web site: <http://ventureclubdeutschland.de> for more details.

To reach the link about the meeting, from the first page scroll to the bottom, click on the Flag, 2nd page scroll to the bottom, click on the big black box, click on OK, 3rd page scroll down to the bottom and click OK. You will then click on "int.meeting 2002" to reach all the current information.

For more information or help contact Falko Buttke: Email address: rp15858@online-club.de or webmaster@ventureclubdeutschland.de. You can also contact John Madden at: aka-francis22@hotmail.com.

The RMVTA may even have enough members to plan a group tri...let us know, we can assist you in making this a trip you wouldn't forget. "RMVTA Travels Europe in '02"...sounds kind of

nice!!!

Best wishes for a safe & happy riding season.

Deutschland Venture Club

Past Rides

2-Up Experienced Rider Course

April 20 & 21, 2002

Submitted by: Virgil Kipers



On April 20 & 21, sixteen members of the RMVTA completed the 2UP ERC Rider Course taught by Virgil Kipers & Al Jensen. It included more than four and one-half hours of classroom study with co-rider training and four hours of range exercises. The range portion was a bit cold and windy, but all of the participants completed the course in good shape. Some even enjoyed scraping a little metal by the end of the course. We hope it was a rewarding experience for all. Thanks

Virgil

Upcoming Rides

Glen Eyrie Castle Ride

May 11, 2002

Submitted by: Tom & Brenda Shumaker

As most of you know, this ride is has been rescheduled for May 11, 2002. The ride meets at 10:30 a.m. at the Target parking lot at I-25 and Arapahoe Rd. and will leave at 10:45 a.m. For those of you who would like to join us for breakfast, we will be at Gunther Tooties at 9:30 a.m. right next door. If you plan on going and have not notified Brenda yet, please do so. She can be reached at (e-mail) dagwood29@msn.com, or 303-659-2231. The fee for the tour is \$5.00 per person. Looking forward to a good ride.

"Dagwood & Blondie"

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To Hell-You-Ride Motel Information

June 8-9, 2002

Submitted by: Tim Hawkins

Here is the motel information for my ride.

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"

Memorial Day Moab Ride

Friday through Monday, May 24-27, 2002

Submitted by: Ken Kenaston

This ride is scheduled as a four-day ride starting on Friday, May 24 and return on Monday (Memorial Day) May 27. Those who want to make it a three-day ride starting on Saturday, May 25 will just go straight to Moab on Saturday and meet up with the rest of the group there. The following ride information will concentrate on the four-day ride.

We will meet on May 24th at the Sofa Mart parking lot at 6th and Kipling at 7:45 a.m. Ride leaves at 8:00 a.m. Be sure to eat and have a full gas tank before arrival. The route will be down 285 to 112 West to Del Norte and Highway 160 to Cortez. We will overnight in Cortez at the Anasazi Motor Inn, phone # (970) 565-3773. The reservations are in my name (Robert "Ken" Kenaston). I have 8 rooms reserved at the cost of \$52.00 single and \$60.00 double. Total miles 394.

Saturday we will leave at 9:00 a.m. and go west on US 160 to Highway 666. We will go north to Monticello and Highway 191 North to Moab. Total miles 116. If the group desires, we could deviate and stop by Four Corners. We will overnight at Moab both Saturday and Sunday

nights at the Super 8 Motel, phone # (800) 800-8000 (ask for Group Reservations) confirmation # is 73938214 and under my name (Robert Kenaston). I have reserved 10 rooms at the cost of \$99.88 plus tax (2 queen beds and up to 5 people per room). We probably will take a sunset ride up over the river canyon - Arches or Canyonlands?

Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m. the early risers will head for Arches National Park for pictures and hiking, etc. Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. At 9:45 a.m. a Canyonlands ride. If you want to do your own thing on Sunday, no problem. Dinner at 7:45?

Monday we will leave at 8:30 and go north on 191 to 128 and on to I-70 east to Denver. Gas stops as needed. Total miles 360.

The web site has the ride schedule if you have any additional questions or call me. We are looking for somebody to lead the Saturday Ride. Let me know if you are interested.

"Daddy Rabbit"

Cherokee Ranch Tour

Saturday, June 29, 2002

Submitted by: Brenda Shumaker

This ride has been rescheduled for June 29, 2002. We will meet at I-25 and Arapahoe Rd. at the Target Parking Lot at 8:15 a.m. and leave at 8:30 a.m. The fee for this tour is \$12.00 pre-paid and is non-refundable. I will be collecting at the May meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting, you may mail me the funds so that I receive them no later than May 20, 2002. This is very important, as the Ranch needs our final count and money by May 23, 2002 in order to confirm our reservations. My address is Brenda Shumaker
13201 Abilene St.
Brighton Co. 80601
Thank You

"Blondie"

Dodge City Ride

June 15-17, 2002

Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

This fun-filled ride will meet at the Mart Plaza Lot at I-25 & 58th Ave. at 7:00 a.m. and leave at 7:15 a.m. The reserva-

tion information is listed in the ride book. I must release any remaining rooms by June 1, 2002. If you need more information, please contact me at (e-mail) dagwood29@msn.com or by phone at 303-659-2231.

Thank You

"Dagwood"



Charter member Paul Coriell was present at the April meeting

Stan models his new size XXXX Stetson at the April Meeting



For Sale:

1994 red two-tone Goldwing SE with matching Bushtec Turbo Trailer. Bike is in excellent shape and has 23,300 miles. The bike and trailer have tons of extras. Price is \$11,000 or call and make an offer. Call Gary (former RMVTA President) or Marilyn Hart at (303) 841-0231.

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

Bar Hopping

Three vampires walk into a bar. "What'll it be?" asks the bartender. "I think I'd like a nice pint of blood," says the first vampire. "Same thing," says the second vampire. "I'll have a glass of plasma, please," says the third vampire. "You got it," says the barkeep. "Two bloods and a blood lite."

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is May 23, 2002

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