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Officers Speak

You know that you can see some amazing things, if you just stop for a few minutes and look around you. Bill and I just returned from our trip around Lake Michigan and the Wing Ding Rally in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Boy, there were a lot of things to see.

The trip itself was wonderful and we had a great time. Especially when we hit the North side of Lake Michigan and the temperature dropped 20 degrees in less than a mile. It is amazing to me that when you look across Lake Michigan you can't see the other side. Boy that's a lot of water. It was exciting (and scary) to cross over the Mackinac Bridge that crosses between Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. There was a high wind warning out when we went across, so we took our time and luckily there wasn't much traffic. What a fantastic view, miles and miles of water.

We ended up traveling through an Amish Village on our way down to Ft. Wayne. It was a little weird traveling down the highway with horse and buggies moving along on the shoulder. But watch out if you have to stop and put your foot down, you might just step on a pile of horse poo. Bill, found out that it's a little slip-

pery. We were ignored by the adults and ogled by the kids as they hung out of the buggies. It was interesting to see as you passed by the Amish farms, that they were out mowing the lawn with a gas powered mower.

Once we arrived at Ft. Wayne, we headed off to Wing Ding. They were giving test rides on the new Wings, the VTX, Trikes and even the new Silver Wing. We thought about taking a couple of them for a test ride, but it was just too hot and humid for us (it was somewhere around 95 with 80 - 90% humidity, yuck). We did check out the new colors for the 2003 Goldwing, they sure were pretty. Some rumors are just unreliable, as there will not be a white bike for 2003, just red and a deeper orange.

Both Bill and I were surprised at the

number of BMWs, Harleys and Silver Wings that were there. For those of you that have not been to one of these Rallies, you can see bikes wherever you look. Bill heard something about there were 16,000, plus bikes there this year. There were bikes of almost every color, some that have murals painted on every part of them, whereas others will have cartoon characters and others yet, that have the entire bike painted with a special colored paint. There are trailers that look like covered wagons, space ships, jet skis, boats and old cars.

The ride home was somewhat interesting, due to the bridge on I-80 getting wiped out by the rushing water, outside of Ogallala, Nebraska. We decided to make our own detour at Kearney, and ended up on a 2-lane highway that ran along the edge of the state. What a great choice, there was very little traffic and not a bad little road.

Happy and safe riding to all.
 Rumble Bunny

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, Aug 8, 2002
 7:30 p.m.
 Fay Myers Motorcycle World
 2015 W. Alameda Ave.
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Minutes

July 11, 2002 RMVTA Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Bill Nielson at 7:29 p.m. A total of 19 members were present. Meeting was held at Fay Meyers meeting room.

No guests were present

Committee Reports:

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the June secretary's report was made by Steve Inouye and seconded by Linda Thorne.

Treasurer's Report: Jonna reports there is \$3622.74 in savings and \$1337.43 in checking.

Activities: No activities planned at this date.

Ancillaries: No report

Awards: No report

Finance: No report

Historical: Floyd asked anyone with digital photos of rides to please send them to him.

Member Relations: Sympathy goes to Mitch Munson and family on the death of his brother, Mike.

Membership: No report

Newsletter: Deadline for articles and/or pictures is 23rd of July. Items are to be sent to Stan Stotz at stanstotz@attbi.com. If you have information for the newsletter but can't write the article, give the info to Stan and he'll write it for you.

Webmaster: No report

50/50: Brenda strongly urged everyone to buy, buy, buy!

Ride Committee: Bill Nielson discussed the following past and upcoming rides.

Past Rides:

Tom Shumaker reported 3 bikes and 6 people attended the Dodge City ride. Seems Floyd earned a new nickname, "Pink Floyd", after being embarrassed by all Miss Kitty's attentions at the saloon. Weather was hot riding in and out, but pleasant while in Dodge City. Everyone enjoyed visiting the cemetery and a

chuck wagon dinner. Merle Bollier joined everyone after riding in from Tucson.

The 7 people (6 bikes) attending the Aluminum Butt ride said it almost felt like the Iron Butt ride after riding 950 miles in one day. But a great ride it was to the Black Hills area!

Brenda reported that the Cherokee Ranch ride was worth waiting the 3 years it'd taken to get it scheduled. The 11 bikes and 3 cars carried 23 people, plus Dave's date, Mona. Everyone enjoyed lunch at an Italian restaurant before returning home.

Ramblin' Gamblin' ride had 5 bikes carrying 8 people who enjoyed the good weather and a slightly changed route due to the fires.

Upcoming Rides:

Twister ride on July 14 will depart from the Sofa Mart parking lot at 7:15 sharp. Stan has made a small change to shorten the ride somewhat and will be stopping for ice cream only rather than lunch.

Wet & Wild Ride on July 20-21 has been canceled due to lack of interest and lack of water. Anyone interested in doing a 1day ride on either of those days should contact Dave Menges.

Somethin' Fishy ride has also been canceled due to lack of water at the lake. Steve is investigating going to Steamboat Lake and will publish the info on the web for those interested.

Mitch is asking anyone who plans to attend the Durango Tango on Aug 3-5 to contact him prior to the ride.

Steve says everything is on track for the Trail Ridge ride on August 11.

Although it was not a scheduled club ride, Bill and Jonna reported that they had a great, though very warm, ride to the Wing Ding. They took the long way around and enjoyed sites in Wisconsin and Michigan along the way.

Old Business: None

New Business: Regretfully, Wayne Adams has resigned as a member of the RMVTA Board due to a move to Washington State. Those present voted Floyd

Thorne in to fill that vacancy through the end of December. Motion to accept Floyd was made by Steve Inouye and seconded by Katherine Smiley.

Tom Shumaker asked if there was any interest in scheduling a 10 day ride to the Wood Choppers in Oregon over the 4th of July week in 2003. As considerable interest was shown, he will do some further investigation and keep everyone informed. Planning a ride of this complexity is a lot of work and commitments will have to be made fairly early. Please let Tom know if you are seriously interested. Stan says Janet WILL be attending!

Missing Link: There were 4 nominations:

- 1) Tim Hawkins for trying to get into Gail's pants while 600 miles away from home (see Tim or Tom Shumaker for more detail).
- 2) Tom Shumaker for turning down an offer from a "lady of the evening" in Yellowstone.
- 3) Bill Nielson mistaking a comment about menu item "biscuits and gravy" for "a bitch gets in the gravy".
- 4) Tim Hawkins for trying to drive his bike with the pad lock on the front wheel.

After what appeared to be a "railroad job" the award was give to Tim! Congrats!

50/50:

Brenda reported they collected \$90, with \$45 going to the club. The winners were:

1st Place: Gail Hawkins	\$23
2nd Place: Carol Vincent	\$13
3rd Place: Linda Hatfield	\$9

A motion was made to close the meeting by Stan Stotz and seconded by Tom Shumaker. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

Dale McCargar "Snowsnake"

Dale is from Mankato, Minnesota. He moved to Colorado in 1979. His work brought him to the Denver area. Dale tells me that he drove a bus for Jefferson Lines for 10 years prior to working for Northwest Charter (N.W.) which later became Nation's Way Transportation (N.W.) He met Gary Hoedel in 1979 while they both worked for N.W. Gary was a mechanic and he was a truck driver. Dale worked for N.W. from 1979 to 1999. Since 1999 Dale worked for Lafarge for two years and now works for ASCI Asphalt Specialties, Inc. Dale was married for 13 years and is currently divorced. Dale has a son, Phillip, who is 21 years old and a daughter, Kirstin, who is 18 years old, and a son, Jordan, who is 15 years old. Phillip has graduated, Kirstin attends Colorado Institute of Art and Jordan goes to Arvada H.S. Jordan is active on the volleyball team and playing tennis.

Dale has a girlfriend, Arliss, who works for Metro State College in the Finance Department. Dale enjoys sporting events, hiking and motorcycles. Dale told me that he had been on a midnight hike the night before I spoke with him. Dale met Gino Pezzello at the Singles Adventure Club and Gino told him about RMVTA. Dale owns a 1982 Honda Goldwing. I of course asked him about his CB handle. Dale told me that he was stationed in Alaska and grew up in Minnesota and they used to always warn about snow snakes. He told me that he would always carry snake bite medicine (50% brandy and 50% peppermint schnapps) just in case someone was bitten by the Snowsnake.

Let's all make Dale feel welcome to the club and maybe we'll get to meet Arliss.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPONSORS

Aurora Honda
200 Potomac Road
Aurora, Colorado 80012
(303) 341-7200

Wayne and Judy Laing have owned Aurora Honda since 1965. Wayne was

born in Eads, Colorado and grew up in Greeley, Colorado. Wayne and Judy met in High School in Greeley, Colorado. They both attended the University of Northern Colorado. Wayne received a degree in Industrial Technology. Wayne has always been good at working on motorcycles. While Wayne was in Greeley in High school Wayne repaired the motorcycles for the Greeley Police Department. When he was 16 years old Wayne helped his father build the house that they lived in. Wayne worked at the Harley Dealership in Greeley, Colorado after graduating from UNC. Wayne and Judy moved to Seattle, Washington and New York. Wayne worked at motorcycle dealerships in both places. During that time Judy worked as a stewardess for Pan Am airlines. They moved back to Colorado in 1965 and bought Aurora Honda. The dealership was originally on Colfax Avenue. They moved to their present location in 1974.

Wayne and Judy have 5 children. The oldest, Taya, lives in Colorado and has one son. The second child, Rod, is married and has a son and a daughter. The next son, Tom, is also married and has a son. He teaches motorcycle repair at the vocational school in Aurora. You will still see him helping out at Aurora Honda in the summer. Their next son, Tim, is single and he is the front-end manager at Aurora Honda running the sales and parts departments. Tim's dog, Calvin, is a well-know fixture at Aurora Honda. In fact Tim feels that Calvin brings back a lot of his regular customers. Their youngest son, Ken, is also working for Aurora Honda doing the set up work.

As you can see, Aurora Honda is not only a family owned business but a family run business. You will find Wayne at the dealership taking care of the books and assembling motorcycles. Aurora Honda deals only with Hondas. Tim tells me that they feel it is better to focus on one thing and deal with that one thing well. Tim is very proud of the fact that most of his customers are repeat customers and he knows them by name. They have 13 employees and most of them have been around for years. The sales department employees are paid on salary

and not on a commission basis. Aurora Honda is open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. or by appointment. I am sure that Aurora Honda will be glad to have you as a customer. Please support our sponsors.



IT'S WELL AGAIN!!
All parts were ordered from Aurora Honda and arrived in less than one week. Tim Laing was a great help.
"Packrat"

COMPLETED RIDES

Cherokee Ranch Ride & Tour
June 29, 2002
Submitted by: Tom & Brenda
Shumaker

Before leaving the Target parking lot, the 11 bikes, 3 cars, 23 people and Mona split into 2 groups to make the short trip to the ranch. After arriving at the entrance, we made the 2-mile trip up the gravel driveway to the parking lot. While standing around in the parking lot waiting for the start time we all tried a hand at feeding a deer. Then we had a short walk to the entrance. From the barbeque deck, the view of the valleys below is a great one. The 11/2 -2 hour guided tour was super and then on to lunch at Giuseppe's in Colorado Springs. After lunch we headed back to Denver and home. Brenda and I would like to say Thank You to all who were able to attend.

"Dagwood & Blondie"

The "Twister" Ride

July 14, 2002

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

We left for breakfast at the Pioneer Inn in Nederland with 6 bikes and 8 people. We picked up one more rider at breakfast.



Breakfast at the Pioneer Inn during the Twister Run.

We had a beautiful weather day and a large supply of "twisty" roads for the whole trip. We carved Golden Gate Canyon, Coal Creek Canyon, Clear Creek Canyon, Mt. Evans Road and Squaw Pass. We finished the ride in Golden at the Cold Stone Creamery where we ate lots of homemade ice cream.



Twister ride leader Stan Stotz and riding partner, Tomoko Kotaka (yes, Janet and Tomoko are good friends), pose at a Echo Lake.

In summary, everybody got their fill of "twisties" and left for home with some great ice cream in their tummies.

"Stanly Steamer"



RMVTA members checking out the Cherokee Ranch

UPCOMING RIDES:

Utah Loop Tour

August 31 - September 2, 2002

Submitted by: Nancy Frase

The Labor Day weekend ride is the Utah Loop Tour, led by Nancy Frase. On Saturday, August 31st, we will head out on I-70 west to Dillon/Silverthorne, then head north into Kremmling. We will follow Hwy 40 west into Vernal, Utah.

The morning and early afternoon of Sunday, September 1st, will be spent touring the Vernal area. Highlights of the area are the Flaming Gorge Reservoir and surrounding canyons, and the Dinosaur National Monument. Nancy will be leading a tour of the Flaming Gorge area, including the Sheep Creek Geological Loop, which is a tour of rocks through the ages. You will have the freedom to join Nancy, or take off on your own.

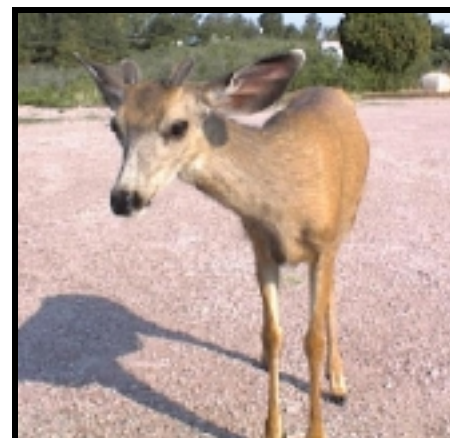
Mid-afternoon, we will meet in Vernal again to head down Hwy 191 to Green River. This is a gorgeous ride through rocky foothills, rolling valleys and farmland. On Monday morning, we will have a couple of hours to tour local attractions in Green River before heading back home via I-70.

To make reservations for Saturday night, call Motel 6 at (435) 789-0666, the block of rooms are under "RMVTA" and "Nancy Frase". It is approximately \$49.99 for two people, queen bed.

To make reservations for Sunday night, call Motel 6 at (435) 564-3436, the block of rooms are under the same names. It is approximately \$42.99 for two people, queen bed. Hotel reservations must be made by August 25th. If you have any questions, you can contact Nancy at (303) 926-1591 or NF122867@aol.com.



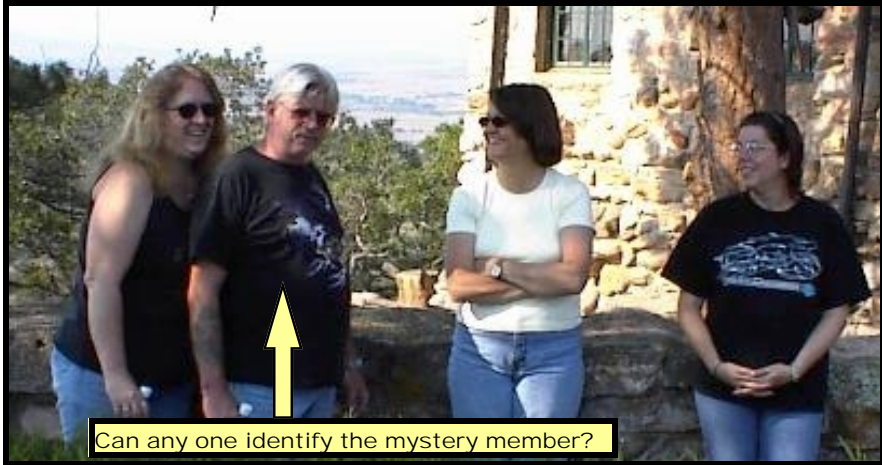
Ride leaders Steve & Debbie Inouye (right) pose with Floyd & Linda Thorne on the Ramblin' Gamblin' Ride.



A friendly deer was seeking handouts from participants on the Cherokee Ranch Ride.

Break time on the To-Hell-U-Ride. Lizardhead Pass





Can any one identify the mystery member?



Moab Scenery



Jerry & Linda Hatfield pull bags of quarters to invest in the slot machines at Cripple Creek during the Ramblin' Gamblin' Ride.

Friar Season

These friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that Hugh, and only Hugh, can prevent florist friars.



Ice cream time on the To-Hell-U-Ride

FOR SALE

2001 Honda Shadow 750 ACE. Two-tone blue and silver, approximately 300 miles (yes, 300 miles). The bike has a transferable 3-year Honda extended warranty.

Seat for 1996 Honda Goldwing - \$40.00. Call Mike or Donna at (303) 816-0159.

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