

We always let our visitors (Bill Hartlev) win at least 1.50/50

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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Sandi Redford

I can't help but reflect on some of the changes that have taken place in the world this last year.... some of them good, but a lot of them not so good. We acknowledged the anniversary of the cowardly attack on the World Trade Center. We're facing war against a despicable leader in the Middle East. And North Korea, well we don't even want to think about the possibilities there. We've also lost some treasured club members. Some really good people, people we considered friends and family. Some we lost to senseless accidents, and some chose to move away. Fellow members who have fallen ill have been on my mind a great deal as well. My prayers are with you all.

I don't know about you, but it certainly makes me appreciate those of us who are still here that much more. How would you have treated people you had ridden side by side with, trusted your well being to, if you had known then, that you wouldn't be seeing them again? Sure, we have our little spat at times, but deep down, I think we all really care about each other. With a group like ours, it's inevitable that there are going to be misunderstandings, and that egos will be bruised from time to time. Hopefully the

friendships we have forged in this club are strong enough to weather the storms. In the bigger picture, those little storms are microbursts, compared to things happening around the rest of the world.

John and I have made some wonderful friends within RMVTA, and I will continue to hold them close to my heart. I will care about them, and I will try to treat them as well as I would want to be treated, because you just never know.....

"Gypsy"

Ride Book

Submitted by: Bill Nielson

March is here folks, and that means the beginning of the riding season. If you have not had a chance to look at our ride schedule for



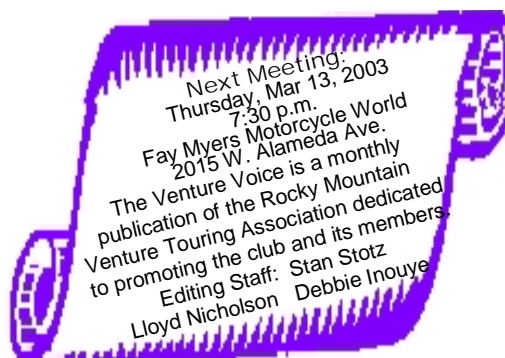
Ride Chair Bill Nielson and Jonna Wright work on final edit with Ride Book Editor Lloyd Nicholson

2003, check out the RMVTA web site. There is a big choice almost every weekend from March to November. Or, if you're so inclined, try for ALL the rides for 2003. Every year at the Membership Appreciation Party, an award is passed out to the individual that has completed the most rides for the season, male and female.

We plan to deliver the ride books during the March meeting. Please make sure your membership is in good standing before you get a Ride Book. Extra Ride Books can be purchased at the meeting.

See you at the meeting,

"Rumble Buck"



Minutes

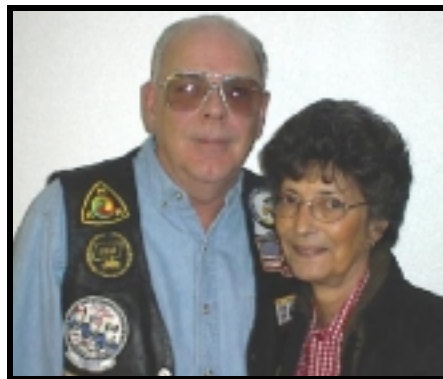
RMVTA Minutes - February 13, 2003
Submitted by: Sandi Redford

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by President John Redford. Guests present were Bill Hartley, a friend of Stan's, who rides a 1983 Venture Royal. Bill says his bike got a bit beat up, and he's looking for parts to rebuild it. Contact Stan for Bill if you know of any.



Guest Bill Hartley enjoys his first visit with us. Come back soon.

Also present were Pat (Thumper), and his wife Donna (Dino) McCombs. They are friends of Bill Gillespie and ride with him and Chapter C Free Wheelers. They ride a 2001 Honda Goldwing, but I didn't catch the color. Sorry!



Pat (Thumper) and his wife Donna (Dino) McCombs visit us. They are members of the Colorado Freewheelers. Welcome

Committee Reports:

Secretary: Motion to accept January minutes, after a change noted by Jonna

Wright, that the budget was to be voted on at the February meeting, not March. Motion to accept by Karen Burgess, seconded by Virgil Kipers.

Treasurer: Debbie Inouye reported that there is \$3,633.47 in savings, and \$205.23 in checking. Well, I guess we gotta start saving up that party money again!

Activities: No report, Janet and Chris both absent.

Ancillaries: Bill asked if anyone is interested in having anything embroidered to let him know. He is also thinking about ordering a few things to have on hand, and would appreciate any ideas.

Awards: Jeanie Hoedel has agreed to do the awards again this year. One thing to keep in mind. Jeanie does a wonderful job with the awards, but it is very difficult for her, when nothing is submitted to her. If something funny or interesting happens during the year, please give Jeanie a call, or let one of the officers know, and we can pass on the information.

Finance: Jonna Wright presented the budget to the members present. The budget was accepted by all.

Historical: Floyd Thorne mentioned the CD that was showing at the Membership Appreciation Party, which was various pictures throughout the previous year, and asked if there was any interest in reproducing it for everyone. Let him know if you are interested.

Member Relations: Crane Smiley was absent, but we found out he is doing well, after having stints put in. Also, we hear Bill Lloyd is undergoing chemotherapy and is doing ok. Also, Ruth Nicholson is having both good and bad days, and is under the care of home hospice.

Membership: Steve reminded us that dues are due by the March meeting.

Newsletter & Web: Stan reminded everyone that articles, etc. are due for the newsletter by the 23rd of the month. He also asked that the ride captains check their rides on the web site, to make sure they are correct. Stan has also gotten about 1/3 of the pictures from 2002

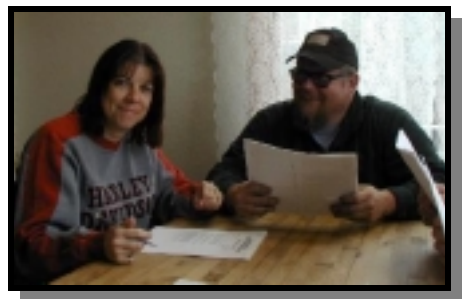
ready to put on the photo gallery on the RMVTA website. Nice job Stan!

50/50: Linda Thorne reminded everyone to buy tickets.



50/50 Co-Chairs Linda and Floyd Thorne make sure everybody gets their tickets. Good job!

Ride Committee: Bill says there is good progress on the ride book. It should be ready to distribute by the March meeting. He also thanked all for getting their items in to him.



President John and Secretary Sandi Redford work on final edit of the 2003 Ride Book

Past Rides: None so far.

Future Rides:

Spring Polar Bear Ride: Bill Gillespie says the ride will be around 250 miles, and is headed for Westcliffe.

Have-A-Heart Ride: Dave Menges mentioned that we are putting together 250 baskets again this year, and he will be passing the hat, bucket, or whatever at the March meeting. You can make a cash donation if you like, or you can bring candy. The candy needs to be individually wrapped. The basket assembly is scheduled for April 5th, and everyone is welcome to come and help. We've lost a lot of people that used to help with this, so if you've ever thought of helping, this would be the year. The baskets will be handed out on April the 12th. Jerry has agreed to play Easter

Bunny again this year. Details will be in the ride book, and a nut run to Bruce's in Severance is scheduled for afterward. Don't worry, they have some pretty good burgers and stuff too.

ERC Class: Virgil Kipers tells us we are down to one class date, due to low participation. We need 10 people for the 22nd of March, so let him know if you are interested. No one signed up for the 23rd, so it will most likely be cancelled. The class is \$65.00 for one person, \$70.00 for two, due to insurance added for a passenger. Virgil also mentioned that they are in the process of developing a trike class. Contact him for additional information, if you are interested, or know of anyone who might be. (Editor's update: The ERC date has been changed to Sunday, March 23, 2003. Everybody signed up for the 22nd will go on the 23rd.).

Old Business:

Bill Nielson thanked everyone who attended the Membership Appreciation Party, and said all were had by a good time!

New Business:

Virgil Kipers announced the GWRRA District Rally is in Salida, CO this year, the weekend of Sept 4-6

Of Interest:

Ruth and Wayne Adams are doing very well in their new home.

Nancy Frase requested help in moving around the 16th of March. Let her know if you are available.

New address for Tim & Gail Hawkins:
19714 NW Monte Vista Drive
Beaverton, OR 97007
503-356-2244

Bill Gillespie mentioned that Chapter C Free Wheelers has been very active this winter, if you can call it winter. They meet every Sunday at the Village Inn at C-470 and Broadway, at 9 a.m. for breakfast, and leave at 10 a.m. for a ride.

Missing Link Award: I guess turn about is fair play. John Redford nominated Dave Menges. Just for being there. I'll be glad when the riding season starts.. For lots of reasons!

50/50 Drawing: Linda Thorne stated that

\$90.00 total was collected, with \$45.00 going to the club, and the other \$45.00 distributed as follows:

- 1st \$22.50 Virgil Kipers (who drew Jonna's number)
- 2nd \$13.50 Jonna Wright (who drew Virgil's number)
- 3rd \$ 9.00 Bill Hartley (who drew his own number)

Do I see a pattern here?

Motion was made to close the meeting by Virgil Kipers, seconded by Jonna Wright. I think they wanted to get out of there with their winnings! Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

"Gypsy"

Congratulations to "Klassy K"

I'm sure many of you know Kelly Everett-Mielens. Kelly does a fantastic job of DJ'ing at our Membership Appreciation Party every year. Kelly had a baby boy February 16th. The baby is 5 pounds 14.4 ounces and 19.5 inches long. Kelly and Donny named him Joseph Donald -- Or Joey as Kelly said. Again, Congratulations!

Spring Polar Bear Ride "Teaser"

Saturday, March 15, 2003

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie

I think it's safe to say that one of the reasons we have all chosen to live in Colorado is the scenery. And what better way to experience the splendor of Colorado than from the saddle of a motorcycle?

Heaven knows there are plenty of beautiful scenic views from which to choose. One of the best of those is an early spring view of the snow-covered Sangre de Cristo mountain range from SR-96 east and above Westcliffe. It is an awesome sight. So if the roads are clear, that's where we'll be heading.

Remember what that famous Polar Bear Ride leader, Ken Kenaston said; "Bring all the clothes you own, and hope you

don't have to wear them all. Cold weather riding can be more enjoyable than you think if you are prepared. If you're not, it can be worse than you think, and dangerous. Your bike will run like no other time, and you will have a great feeling of accomplishment."

"Wing Commander"

Two-Up Experienced Rider Course

March 23

Submitted by: Virgil Kipers

(ATTENTION RMVTA RIDERS: We need 2 more members to sign up for the ERC to make the numbers work. Check with your riding buddies and let's recruit the extra riders so we can get into riding shape for the 2003 season. This course will sharpen and fine-tune your riding skills in all types of riding conditions. Editor)

The Two-up ERC (Experienced Rider Course) for RMVTA is scheduled for Sunday, March 23rd. The sign-ups for this class will be at RMVTA meetings in January, February, & March, or by calling Virgil Kipers (303-948-9504). 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. They are especially advantageous at the beginning of the riding season to tune-up our riding skills and prepare us for the fun and exciting rides that are ahead.

The Sunday March 23rd class will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Denver Range, 103rd & Ura Lane. We will be using the new MSF ERC Rider Course format. There will be five (5) to six and one-half (6.5) hours of Rider Course instruction taught on the Range. (There is no inside classroom instruction, videos, or slides). The class will end somewhere around 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

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 course.

Requirements:

1. Participants must have a motorcycle in GOOD working condition.

2. Participants must wear the proper riding gear:

- Helmet
- Gloves - full fingers
- Long sleeve shirt or jacket
- Long pants
- Over-the-ankle footwear
- Eye protection

3. The course charge is sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) per motorcycle with an additional five-dollar (\$5.00) charge for insurance on each Co-Rider. If the course is not paid in full, three weeks before the course date, there is an additional five-dollar (\$5.00) charge. The course charge 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.

4. Cancellation for a refund MUST be made at least three (3) weeks before the scheduled training. The course charge is not refundable within three weeks of the course date.

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

NOTES: 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.



Have a Heart Easter Basket Project

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.

The events will unfold on both the 5th and 12th of April. We will meet on Saturday the 5th at 3:45 p.m. at the Safeway at 74th and Federal. We will leave at 4:00 p.m. and proceed to the Have a Heart Foundation building approx. 72nd & Lowell to assemble the baskets. Then we thought it would be fun to wine and dine a bit afterwards (any favorite places you want to go to eat????).



Dave Menges wins the "Missing Link" award for not paying attention...Hello Dave!

On Saturday, the 12th of April, 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. We will meet at the K-Mart at 48th & Federal at 7:45 a.m. At 8:00 a.m. we will proceed to the Have-A-Heart Foundation building at approximately 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. Again this year, Jerry Hatfield will be our happy, hoppy easter bunny !!!!!

Hope to see you all there. Please remember we 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 5th of April!!!! Anyone unable to make it to the March 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



SPOTLIGHT ON OFFICERS

Debbie Inouye

Treasurer

Submitted by: Debbie Farnum

Debbie is a native of Colorado. She was born in Sterling and graduated from Thornton High School. She met her husband, Steve Inouye, at Thornton High School. They got married in October 1971.

Debbie and Steve both work for King Soopers. Debbie has worked for King Soopers for the past 7 years. She is the floral manager at the King Soopers located ant Sheridan and Hampden. Steve has worked for King Soopers since 1969. He is currently the produce manager at the King Soopers located at Wadsworth and Jewell. Debbie and Steve have three children. Tammy is their oldest and she is 30 years old. She lives in Northglenn, CO with her two cats and a rabbit.. Tammy also works for King Soopers. Does that surprise anyone? Their son, Jeremy, is 29 years old and works at American Furniture. Jeremy has two children, Mariah who is 5 years old and Eric who is 2 years old. Jennifer is their youngest and works at Wells Fargo. Jennifer has a daughter, Alisha, who is 7 years old.

Debbie enjoys riding on the back of their motorcycle, boating, and gardening. Steve has the CB handle "Grasshopper", which has followed him since the movie, "Kung Fu," came out. Debbie and Steve joined RMVTA in 1995 and have become very active. Debbie was Secretary a few years ago when Tom Shumaker was President and she has been on the Awards Committee. Steve has been active on the Awards Committee, Activity Committee, Board of Directors, Ride Committee, and most recently our RMVTA President in 2001. I have quit counting how many times Steve has won the missing link award and I am sure he has lost track too.

Steve rides a 1996 Goldwing SE with Debbie as his passenger. Their motorcycle has more lights on it than most members combined. You know I am kidding, I am sure J.R. can give him some competition in a light show. Debbie has agreed to serve as Treasurer for RMVTA this

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year and I am sure our money is in good hands. I am also sure that Debbie is all set up to take your membership dues anytime now. Thanks Debbie for stepping up to the plate.



100 Years ago.

As the New Year quickly recedes, it's time to revisit where we were a century ago.

YEAR OF 1902

The year is 1902, one hundred years ago... what a difference a century makes.

Here are the U.S. statistics for 1902.... The average life expectancy in the US was forty-seven.

Only 14 Percent of the homes in the US had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the US and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.

With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the US was 22 cents an hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the US took place at home.

Ninety percent of all US physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee, fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death in the US were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis

3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

One in ten US adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Coca Cola contained cocaine. Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drug stores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and the bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."

Eighteen percent of households in the US had at least one full-time servant or domestic.

There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire US.

May we howl at the Moon as we Dance Naked in Celebration of the Progress we have made..

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1996 Honda ST1100, ABS2/linked braking system, +4" windshield + stock shield, rear IPIAA driving lights with Ron Major mounts, MR Accessories shelf, Clearview uggage rack, MEZ4 tires, 58,000 miles. A well cared for bike, \$7,500 to a club member. Call Bill Gillespie, 303-781-0032 or 303-758-8804.

Bike Dolly: This handy article is for those who are "space challenged" in their garage. Simply ride your bike onto the 9-caster dolly, put the kick stand down, and easily move the whole thing into any corner of your garage. Then just roll it out and ride the bike off. Made of heavy gauge steel, and will stand up for tight storage when not in use. Individual cost: \$395.00 plus freight. With a group purchase of five or more, we can get them for \$295.00 plus minimal (around \$25) freight. Contact Bill Gillespie, 303-781-0032.

RED 1998 Honda CBR600 F3, \$3,800.00 o.b.o. 6,200 actual miles. Adult owned and is in new condition. Always garaged and runs great. New battery... Must Sell. Call Jason - Cell: (303) 564-7252, Home: (303) 422-2192

1982 Honda Goldwing 1100 Aspencade, 2-tone brown and gold, CB, am/fm stereo cassette, intercom. The bike has 57,000 miles on it and the engine has about 12,500 miles on it...replaced in June 2002. Runs great, looks good and is in very good condition. Asking \$2,950, tele; 303-431-1085, or e-mail dalemccargar@aol.com

Five-gallon auxiliary fuel cell for GL-1500. Takes up about half the trunk. Price of tank and all accessories needed to install the whole system \$400.00. Installed complete: \$500.00. This is the new cell from Ken Kenaston's bike. All funds will go to his family. Call Bill Gillespie, 303-781-0032.

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

1999 Honda Shadow Aero, Mustang Seat, Saddlemen Bags, windshield, plus many more nice extras. Orange & cream color, 2,700 miles. Very nice bike, asking \$7000 (303) 816-0159 - ask for Mike or Donna Dunlap

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is March 23, 2003

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, March 13, 2003
 7:30 p.m.
 Fay Myers Motorcycle World
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