



**New officers Bill Gillespie – Secretary, Floyd Thorne – Treasurer, George Barrett – Vice President and Stan Stotz - President.**

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**Officers Speak**

Submitted by: Stan Stotz  
 President - 2004

Let me start out by thanking the outgoing Executive Committee, John Redford, Robin Reynolds, Sandi Redford and Debbie Inouye, for all the fine work they did to keep the club on an even keel this past year. It is a challenge to do all the things required to keep the club viable and still maintain your sense of humor. I, as well as the general membership, salute you.

Now on to the 2004 ride year. How many of you know that 2004 is the RMVTA's 20th anniversary? The club was formed in early 1984 so that means that we have an anniversary to celebrate. I say we celebrate it all year long! We have several new initiatives planned for this year and hopefully they will take us in a direction that will be pleasing to everybody. I will discuss these initiatives in the following paragraphs.

Our new website (<http://www.rmvt.org>) is almost finished. Our new webmaster

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**Barrett's Box**

Submitted by: George Barrett

Hello to you all. Most of you have heard my name by now, but in case you have not, let me introduce myself. I am George Barrett, I live in Aurora and ride a Blue 1800 Goldwing. I am new to the organization and have not had the opportunity to meet all of you, but with a little luck, I will get to know all of you soon. I will be helping Stan keep the club up and running for the next year. I will also help Bill Gillespie on the ride committee. We have already started getting the ball rolling on producing a ride season that I hope all of you will like.

There are some very talented people in this organization that has lots of experience in planning and plotting out all sorts of activities to go see and do during the course of the next year. That being said, I really hope that you will reply to the Email Steamer sent out on receiving ideas from you for these rides and activities. I have a few in mind also, that I will throw into the hat. Even if you just want to ride towards the back

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**Membership Appreciation Party**

Saturday, January 24, 2004  
 Submitted by: Sandi Redford  
 For the RMVTA Executive Committee

Mark your calendars for the RMVTA Membership Appreciation Party! It is scheduled for Saturday January 24th. Cocktail hour is at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 7:00 p.m. Plan to meet us at Red & Jerry's located at Oxford and South Santa Fe Ave.

Red & Jerry's is a great place to have fun, blow off some steam, and just get crazy! What a great way to start the New Year, right? Especially after this past one year. Red & Jerry's has a great arcade, a nice bar, and an indoor smoking area. We will have a private room for our party and buffet. There is no theme this year, as we didn't think anyone would be interested in dressing in costume, and then going out into the arcade or bar area. Guess we'll just have to be ourselves! Oh my Stars, what have we done?

Please RSVP to any of the Executive Committee members, or e-mail Sandi at [sandi.redford@emersonprocess.com](mailto:sandi.redford@emersonprocess.com), as our home computer is down at this time. A reply is needed as soon as possible in order to give Red & Jerry's a head count. Hope to see everyone there, enjoying the camaraderie and friendship we've come to expect from RMVTA. "Gypsy"

Next Meeting: **Thursday, Jan 8, 2004 7:30 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 2015 W. Alameda Ave.**

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Minutes

Minutes of RMVTA Meeting
December 11, 2003

Part 1 submitted by Sandy Redford,
transcribed by Bill Gillespie.

The meeting was called to order some-
where around 7:30 by the gavel-wielding
John Redford. New members present
were Pat and Donna McCombs. Pat was
recently elected the new President of the
Colorado FreeWheelers. The lone guest
was Leon Siefken, first here in October.
An acquaintance of Bill and Diane
Lloyd, Leon would also have attended
the November meeting had the Loyds
not gotten their Thursdays mixed up.

It became necessary to extend Sherri
Barrett's Board of Directors term from
one year to two years in order to have
the proper terms for the board members.
Stan Stotz will correct.

Reports:

Secretary: Motion to accept the No-
vember minutes made by Cliff Eudy, and
seconded by John Redford.

Treasurer: New treasurer, Floyd
Thorne reported \$229.14 in checking and
\$3,141.20 in savings for a total of
\$3,370.34.

Committees:

Vice President Robin Reynolds thanked
all committee chairs and members for
their participation during the past year.

Activities: The Christmas party, to in-
clude a white elephant sale, will be held
December 13th at Hyland Hills. Cock-
tails and tall tales will commence at 5:30
p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Historical: No report, send pictures to
John Redford.

Awards, Member Relations, and
Membership: No Reports

Newsletter/Web Site: Remember, the
23rd is the deadline for articles. New
procedure is to send articles by e-mail,
snail mail, or hand deliver to Floyd
Thorne. He will consolidate all articles
and photos. Stan Stotz will edit, and
Lloyd Nicholson will publish. Brett Bar-
rett has volunteered to be the new co-
webmaster with Stan. We have a new
web site. It is still under construction,
but will have much more capacity and

will be less expensive. The new address
is: http://www.rmvt.org. The old site
will remain active until all information is
transferred, then will still be active to
redirect to the new site. Stan encouraged
everyone print the newsletter from the
web site instead of getting it in the mail.
You will get it 3-4 days earlier, save the
club the postage, and if you have a color
printer, the pictures will be in color.
Please let Stan know if you wish to do
this.

50/50: Diane and Bill Lloyd are the new
keepers of the 50/50. Diane said she
didn't really know where the second "50"
went, but was more than willing to help
out with whatever kind of scam this was.
She made it clear that she always got
half.

Ride: No new rides yet, but the commit-
tee will be meeting December 17th.
Floyd reported on behalf of Tom
Shumaker that 7 bikes and 1 car made
the trek to Florence in 40° temps. It was
a good ride, and Diane Lloyd was the
only lady present.

The gavel was then passed, actually
tossed to incoming President, Stan Stotz
by outgoing President, John Redford.

Part 2 submitted by Bill Gillespie.

New officers were introduced: President,
Stan Stotz; Vice President, George Bar-
rett; Secretary, Bill Gillespie; Treasurer,
Floyd Thorne. New committee chairs
are: George Barrett & Bill Gillespie,
Ride co-chairs; Sherri Barrett, Member-
ship; Brett Barrett & Stan Stotz, Web-
masters; Floyd Thorne, Stan Stotz &
Lloyd Nicholson, Newsletter; Janet
Stotz, Finance; Linda & Jerry Hatfield,
Member Relations; Bill & Diane Lloyd,
50/50; Robin Reynolds, Awards; Floyd
Thorne, Historical. The Activities chair
is vacant. It was decided to do away
with the ancillaries committee.

Stan Stotz said he had gotten some com-
plaints from members over the decision
to eliminate the printed ride books. Af-
ter some discussion, Stan motioned to
continue the ride books for 2004. Sec-
onded by Sandy Redford, the motion
passed.
GL1800 frame weld problems were
brought up, but it appears that no one
present was affected (besides Stan).

Pat McCombs invited all to the Free-
Wheelers New Years Ride on January 1.
The ride will leave from the Village Inn
at C-470 & Broadway at 10 a.m. Arrive
early for breakfast. The FreeWheelers
will be having Sunday rides if the
weather permits from the same place at
the same time all winter.

The Member Appreciation party will be
held at Red & Jerry's on South Santa Fe
at Oxford on January 24th. You must
RSVP to John or Sandy Redford by
January 15th or so. Suggestions for
awards should be directed to Jeanie Hoe-
del.

Sandy bought 3 more 50/50 tickets so
that Diane didn't have to get out her cal-
culator. Then someone else wanted
some, and Sandy was upset that she
couldn't buy seven. The ad hoc finance
committee got it all straightened out, and
Stan won \$7, Bill won \$14, and Sherri
was the big winner of \$20.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by
Cliff, seconded by Sandy, and so it was.



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Brett Barrett has been spending his
Christmas vacation putting the finishing
touches on it and it is really looking
good and will better serve our member-
ship. That is what the web site is there
for. If you can think of things to in-
clude on the web site, please let us
know and we will try to accommodate
it. One of the enhancements to the web
site is a calendar which shows up as a
monthly wall calendar but when you
touch the event on a day, it brings up
the detail about the event. Our monthly
meetings, holidays, rides (with details
behind the titles) and special events are
also included on the new calendar. We
also have a members only portion
which is user ID and password pro-
tected where we have our membership
list and other information reserved es-
pecially for members only. The new
photo galleries are enhanced with
thumbnail sketches of the photos that
become full sized when your mouse
touches the picture and it will do slide
shows. If you want to take the whole
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picture off the web site, just right click the large picture and it will download to your PC. We also have a nice member list with photos of our members. We would like each and every member to be on the list. This helps our new members put names with faces and it is also a way to show off your "significant other" (that could be a human being or your bike) as well as your shiny bike. By the time this newsletter hits the street, the web site should be fully operational.

We are also planning a major membership drive. We will be working with our dealer sponsors to see if they will give away a "Trial Membership" for the current calendar year to their customers purchasing touring bikes, cruisers and sport touring bikes. It would be nice if we could bolster our membership with some new quality members. New blood in the club is always a good thing.

We are also planning to do some "nostalgia rides"...rides from the past and also recognize the members or former members who first organized the rides. More on that later in the newsletter.

There has been some drop off in membership, meeting attendance, ride participation and activities. We plan to have a year-long membership contest giving points for ride participation, meeting attendance, rides led and new members sponsored. George Barrett has an article going into more detail on this later in the newsletter.

We also need a volunteer(s) to chair the Activities committee. We want somebody to volunteer who likes to organize activities for the membership like picnics, dinners out, Christmas Party, etc. We need somebody to volunteer soon to help us plan the year's activities. This would be a great job for a fun-loving person or couple(s).

And last, but not least, I would like to recognize our new Executive Committee. I think that we have the right team in place for a great 20th anniversary ride year. George Barrett (Vice President and Ride Committee Co-Chair) is a new member and has been impressing me every day with new ideas and initiatives that will make this a year to remember.

Bill Gillespie (Secretary and Ride Committee Co-Chair) brings many years of experience with him and I will be relying on him for great contributions. Floyd Thorne (Treasurer and Historical Chair) is a former President and has always put forth a 100% effort in everything he does for the club. If you have any suggestions, problems, contributions, etc., feel free to talk to any or all of us. We are here to serve you and make the RMVTA a club that fits your needs. If you don't share your thoughts, they can't be implemented. Be sure to come to the January meeting and we will discuss more plans for the coming year.

"Steamer"

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of the pack, or maybe you think your schedule will not permit you to do a lot of riding this season ,(NOT). Please send us a note by email, phone, or whatever letting us know of someplace you want to go, or someplace you have possibly been that you had a good time there.

We are kind of up against the wall on time, so please help us get this done so we can start finalizing the ride season. I told my wife Sherri last week I was already tired of winter and was ready for spring to be here so we could get back out and ride. She was quick to remind me that winter has not yet arrived, and I would have to suffer along with the rest of you.

Remember: GOD HATES A COWARD!!!

"Doc"



John & Sandi Redford's granddaughter Kyndra entertaining Brett Barrett, our new web master.

Grand Prix Motorsports New Address

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

Grand Prix Motorsports has moved to their new 36,000 square foot facility near C-470 and Santa Fe. Their address is 3105 W. County Line Road, Littleton, CO 80129. Phone has not changed. Their new building is just west of the Harley dealership. Bill invites all RMVTA members to stop by and visit their bright new showroom and say hello. Bill will give us a rundown on his new facility after he gets moved in effective January 2, 2004. Congratulations on your new digs!

"Steamer"

NEW CONTEST

Submitted by: George Barrett

We will be starting up a new contest for the 2004-year, hopefully we can get everyone involved and shooting for the big prizes. So that we can keep the playing field level for all. We will have 6 winners. 1st, 2nd, 3rd for riders and passengers. It is a very basic contest. All you have to do is suit up and show up, to any RMVTA official event or meeting. Come to a ride, get a point, come to a meeting, get a point. Plan a ride or social gathering, lead a ride or volunteer for tail gunner if needed and get a point, sponsor a new member and get a point. Step on up and help this organization grow and have a great time in 2004 and you may be eligible for the bonus points to be given out by the Pres and Vice-Pres.

We will keep you up to date in the members only section of the website, so you know how your doing. Be sure you get your name on the list at any event so that we will be sure and update your scores. People without web access can call any of the officers or ask us and we will have a printout available for you to look at so you can also see how you're doing. If you have any questions, please contact Steamer or myself.

"Doc"



Sherri (2004 Membership Chair & Director) and George (2004 Vice President & Ride Committee Co-Chair) Barrett striking a pose at the Christmas party

December  
2003 Christmas Party



Diane and newly retired Bill Lloyd chillin'



Dale McCargar & Arliss Webster all dressed up and looking good



Jerry & Linda Hatfield in a Christmas mood



Lloyd Nicholson introduces us to Stella Stein at the Christmas party



Outgoing President John and secretary Sandi Redford relaxing as they host the annual Christmas party



Come on let's get happy..."put on a happy face" . JR & Robin Reynolds.

(For those of you not on Bill's mail list, you do not want to miss this one.)

FOR SALE

Submitted by Bill Lindquist

Tequila Christmas Cake  
(sounds pretty good about right now!)

- 1 cup of water
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup of brown sugar
- Lemon juice
- 4 large eggs
- Nuts
- 1 bottle tequila
- 2 cups of dried fruit

Sample the tequila to check quality. Take a large bowl, check the tequila again. To be sure it is of the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer. Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar. Beat again. At this point it's best to make sure the tequila is still OK. Try another cup... just in case. Turn off the mixer thingy. Break 2 leggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Pick the frigging fruit up off floor. Mix on the turner. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers just pry it loose with a drewscraver. Sample the tequila to check for tonsisticity. Next, sift two cups of salt. Or something. Check the tequila. Now shift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Add a spoon of sugar, or somefink. Whatever you can find. Greash the oven. Turn the cake tin 360 degrees and try not to fall over. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Finally, throw the bowl through the window. Finish the tequila and wipe counter with the cat. CHERRY MISTMAS!

1992 Cadillac Sedan Deville has 134,000 miles and still runs great. Leather seats, AM-FM Cassette player, front split seat with power adjustment for both sides, power everything, good tires. Asking \$3,000, Kelly blue book has it listed for \$3,100. Phone 303-431-1085

1996 Honda ST1100 (Price just reduced), ABS2/linked braking system, MR Accessories shelf, Clear-view +4" windshield + stock shield, rear luggage rack, MEZ4 tires, 58,000 miles. A well cared for bike, \$6,500.00 to a club member. Call Bill Gillespie, 303-781-0032 or 303-758-8804.

1993 Honda ST1100 (Price just reduced) Sport Touring - Candy Apple Red - excellent condition - 41,000 miles - extras include luggage rack, passenger backrest, tall windshield, service manual and newer tires - \$4,600.00. Call Larry at (303) 690-9517.

Helmets: 1) Shoei Z-11 - medium - full face - pearl white with Goldwing intercom speakers, etc. - bought last summer - paid \$450.00  
2) HJC open face - Goldwing intercom speakers, etc. - purple - make offer for either or both - Call Mike or Donna at (303) 816-0159

Seat for 1996 Honda Goldwing - make offer. Call Mike or Donna at (303) 816-0159.

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The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is January 23, 2004

**Next Meeting:**  
 Thursday, January 8, 2004  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Fay Myers Motorcycle World  
 2015 W. Alameda Ave.

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