



GOOD EATIN' AND GOOD CONVERSATION AT THE RMVTA MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PARTY

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Officers Speak

Submitted by: George Barrett

I got a phone call from Stan this morning explaining to me that the tradition in the club is that the officers take turn submitting this blurb in the newsletter, and it was my turn. I said okay, and he then let me know it was due into Floyd by tomorrow or the next day. Thanks Stan for the heads up! (GRIN) Just what I like, life under pressure.

I was thinking on the way home from Wichita, Ks. on Sunday, riding my bike in the 18 degree cold with a skiff of snow coming out of the north. Just why, am I out here in the cold, freezing my toes off, wishing I was in my van or truck, or anything with a heater. I remember. I love riding motorcycles. I needed to go visit my mother, and the weatherman said, mid 40's to low 50's. That's all I needed to decide I would take the wing. The weatherman lied. It was rainy, and cold, and snowing for most of my weekend. People that I would pass on the road would look at me in disbelief. You could see it on their face as I drove by. You could hear it on the cb radio; can you believe that guy is

out here on a bike? My family could believe it. I envy people like Stan and Bill G. who have more than one machine to choose from. I would never get any work done if I had more than one. Riding is the one most common factor we all share. That is enough to bring us together on ride days, put in the extra time planning trips, events, dinners and whatever else someone might think of. I am not sure who or why the first motorcycle was invented, but I am sure glad it has evolved into the machines we get to ride on today. There are several hundred people I would have not had the opportunity to meet.

Looking forward to a great 2004 ride season, hope you are too.....

Membership Appreciation Party

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

We had a great Membership Appreciation Party on January 24th at Red and Jerry's. We had a good turnout and, from my observations, it appeared that everybody had a really good time.

It seems like good friends, good food and drink are great ingredients for a good party.

We would like to thank John & Sandi Redford for their hard work in planning the party. You did a great job.

"Steamer"



Ride Committee Update

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

We still have a couple or 3 dates open for your special rides that you know you want to lead but didn't have time to formalize. Let us know right away and we will get you a good date assigned and you can do your ride.

For those of you who have committed to rides and haven't sent in your ride work-up sheet, we really need your information right away so we can close out the ride book. If you have already sent in your ride information, look for it on the web site under the "Calendar" button and click on "2004". The list of rides

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Minutes

RMVTA Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2004

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Stan Stotz. There were no guests present.

Reports:

Secretary: The Secretary's report of the December 2003 meeting was accepted without corrections.

Treasurer: Floyd reported that the account balances were unknown as he was not in receipt of any statements. He will contact Debbie Inouye to get the information transferred.

Committee Reports:

Activities: Still need one.

Awards: Robin Reynolds was not in attendance.

Finance: Janet Stotz was out of town on business, but will meet with Debbie and Floyd in the near future.

Historical: Floyd Thorne had no report. Cliff Eudy has a poster from a past Jim White Memorial Run. If anyone has or knows where the club banner or the neon sign is, contact Stan Stotz.

Member Relations: Linda and Jerry Hatfield have sent cards to a couple of members.

Membership: Sherri Barrett checked into reactivating the name badge program with the previous vendor. They are fairly costly, but it was decided to go ahead with the badges. She also said the membership list has been updated.

Newsletter: Stan made a plea for member input. Anything within the bounds of good taste is welcome. As usual, the deadline for items is the 23rd.

Website: Brett Barrett has finalized the website. A static version was up on a laptop at the meeting for all to view. The new address is www.rmvt.org. The old site will no longer be maintained. There is a "members only" section that requires a logon/password. The user ID can be obtained from your President if you are a member or sponsor in good standing (the user ID and password were passed out at the January meeting and sent out in a

members-only email). If you see something on the site that should be changed, use the contact link at the bottom of the home page.

50/50: You can't win if you don't buy a ticket.

Stan has visited all but one dealer sponsor, and all will be sponsoring again in 2004.

The new meeting room at Fay Myers on Arapahoe Road should be ready in March. After some discussion, the consensus was to start meeting there as soon as it is ready.

The Member Appreciation party will be January 24th at Red & Jerry's. Bull session starts at 6, and dinner at 7.

The preliminary ride schedule was passed out, and is also available on the website. The rides will start and end with Polar Bear Rides. There are many open dates still available, so member input is welcomed. For the club's 20th anniversary, there will be a few of the best rides from the past. There are also a few "joint" rides with the Colorado Free-Wheelers. There will be 5 dinner rides on the 4th Thursday of the months from May through September. They will leave from a place to be determined at 6:30 p.m. More rides will be added before the ride book is published.

George Barrett outlined a new member contest to help stimulate membership and bring in new members. Points will be acquired for attending meetings, rides, functions, and bringing prospective new members. Awards will be given at next year's member appreciation party.

New member packets will be made up for dealers to give trial memberships to people who buy new bikes.

There was some discussion about reviving the Missing Link Award with some new parameters. Floyd did some artwork for a new one some time ago, and Tom Shumaker had it made up at his work. Motion was made by Cliff and seconded by Tom to revive it. Passed.

50/50 Notable quote: "If you put in \$10 and get 3rd, you get screwed", Diane Lloyd. Cliff got \$7 for 3rd. Not known if

he got screwed or not. Bill got \$10.50 for 2nd. I can attest that I made money. The big winner was Paul Nez with \$17.50.

Motion to adjourn made by Cliff, second by Mitch, and so it was.

Submitted for your approval, critique, or correction by Bill Gillespie.

"Wing Commander"



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will appear on your screen. Click on your ride and it will hyperlink to the ride detail. Check it out and make sure there are no errors (probably my fat fingering) and let me know if there are any changes required.

After the ride details are cleaned up, they will be included in the Ride Book and on the actual calendar on the web. The web calendar will have the ride name on the calendar date and when you click on the ride name, the detail will magically appear.

This is going to be a great riding year in the RMVTA. We are expecting participation to be up quite a bit this year and hopefully we will not have to cancel any rides. We are concentrating on more single-day rides which will make more rides available to everybody in the club. Keep the shiny side up and get those iron horses ready to roll for the new season!

"Steamer"



Newsletter Input

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

We would like input from our members in the newsletter. We don't seem to get much input unsolicited input but welcome and encourage it. If you did a ride outside the club, you have an upcoming ride, you led a formal ride, had something extraordinary happening in your family or friend circles, we would like to hear about it and pass it on your

fellow club members.

Send your articles to Floyd Thorne by the 23rd of the month and we will get it into the newsletter.

“Steamer”

~~New Activity Co-Chairs~~
Submitted by: Stan Stotz

Joyce Hindman and Ron Nardiello have graciously volunteered as our new Activities Co-Chairs. We want to thank them for stepping up and volunteering. If you have any suggestions for social activities away from the ride season, let them know and they will help make that happen.

“Steamer”

People Over 35 Should Be Dead!
from Karen Burgus via Bill Lindquist

~~Here's why.....~~

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 40's, 50's, 60's, or even maybe the early 70's probably shouldn't have survived.

Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, ... and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (Not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.)

As children, we would ride in cars with no seatbelts or air bags.

Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.

Horrors!

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we

learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on. No one was able to reach us all day.

NO CELL PHONES!!!!!!

Unthinkable!

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, or Internet chat rooms.

We had friends! We went outside and found them.

We played dodge ball, and sometimes, the ball would really hurt.

We fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

They were accidents.

No one was to blame but us.

Remember accidents?

We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not poke out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team.

Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.

Some students weren't as smart as others, so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade.

Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of.

They actually sided with the law.

Imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever.

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and re-



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

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

1996 Honda ST1100 (Price just reduced) ABS2/linked braking system, MR Accessories shelf, Clearview +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.

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 Feb. 23, 2004

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, February 12, 2004
 7:30 p.m.
 Fay Myers Motorcycle World
 2015 W. Alameda Ave.

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