



Volunteers Diane Lloyd & George Barrett at the Fay Myers open house

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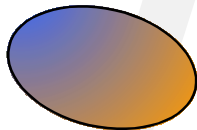
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## SPECIAL NOTICE- APRIL MEETING IN NEW LOCATION!!

We are pleased to announce that April 8 meeting (and all subsequent meetings) will be held at the Fay Myers facility at 9700 E. Arapahoe Road in Greenwood Village. Meetings will start at 7:30 as usual. The carpet is in the room and should be fully functional by April 8<sup>th</sup>. We will probably be one of the first to use the room. The new facility is large and pleasing to the eye. We also have a great view of the Rockies (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) with the big windows on the front and side. There are also about a dozen restaurants within a 2 block area of Fay Myers if you want to grab a bite on the way to the meeting. See you there.

“Steamer”



**Officers Speak**  
**Submitted by: Floyd Thorne**

Well, here it is March already (or April by the time you read this) and the weather is starting to show signs of Spring. Things are starting to show hints of green all about.

It was announced at the March

meeting that Linda and I had purchased a new 2004 Titanium Silver Honda Gold Wing GL1800. This is very true and as a result we (I hope it's we anyway) are anxious for the real riding weather to get here. I am going to have to get my backyard put in but I may just have to pay to have it done so that it does not eat into my riding time too much.

I am also very excited about the prospects of the year 2004 (our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) for the RMVTA. I can already feel the electricity in the air. I can just sense that you all are getting ready to get out there and get some fresh air on board those motorcycles that we all enjoy so much, which brings up the Ride Books. I would like to thank all those who put so much effort into the Books contents i.e. the rides scheduled out in front of us. It looks like we should have lots of fun and interesting places as destinations. But, for many of us it's the journey as much or more than the destination that draws us.

I would especially like to thank Lloyd Nicholson for the layout of the Ride Book this year. He always does a very

good job of it but went an extra mile this year I believe. I would also like to thank Bill Gillespie for the printing done on the Ride Book this year. I think that it was done better this year than in years past. You can see all pictures and the subject matter within better than in years past. My, (and all our hats) off to you fellows for a job well done.

If you have not received your Ride Books yet, I strongly suggest that you pay your dues if you have not already done so and get your own personal copies. Really get into it and pick out as many rides as possible that you plan on going on and make your early reservations as necessary. I know that the more participation that we have on any given ride the more electricity there is in the air and the more fun that the entire group has.

Are you a “Secret Agent?” This is a term that we used in a sales and marketing organization that I was involved in a few years ago. We were trying to recruit others into the organization so that we could grow. But, many folks did not

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Next Meeting: **Thursday, April 8, 2004 7:30 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 9700 E. Arapahoe Road.**  
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## Minutes

### RMVTA Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2004

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President, Stan Stotz. Guests present included Steve & Connie Benko, Dick Bush, who is a friend of Mitch Munson's, and Stella Stein, who came with Lloyd Nicholson.

### Officer's Reports:

**Secretary:** The Secretary's report of the February meeting was accepted without corrections or needless ridicule.

**Treasurer:** Floyd reported \$1,709.31 in checking and \$2,616.35 in savings for a total of \$4,325.66. But remember, Floyd has a new bike.

### Committee Reports:

**Activities:** Ron & Joyce were out of town, and thus had no report.

**Awards:** Robin had no report. She indicated no one had done anything worthy of an award.

**Finance:** Janet Stotz got the budget approved in February, and has slipped into retirement.

**Historical:** No report this month. Send photos and memorabilia to Floyd.

**Member Relations:** Linda and Jerry had no report. Sometimes that's a good thing.

**Membership:** Sherri Barrett said "Dues = ride book, No dues = no ride book".

**Newsletter:** Floyd again encouraged everyone to send him as much input as possible. As usual, the deadline for items is the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Stan whined for member input.

**Website:** Brett said to let him know if you find any errors on the site. He said he especially needs help in spelling. Ride details are now linked to the calendar. Open the calendar, click on the ride text, and the details will magically appear.

**50/50:** Diane & Bill gave away valuable Mardi Gras beads with the purchase of tickets. Bill baked three "King" cakes with babies inside. Whoever gets the baby has to bake cakes next year. We will see how good Lloyd Nicholson is as a baker. Diane promised to reveal her high school nickname at the April meeting.

**Ride:** The Committee members patted themselves on the back for a job well done on the schedule and ride books. The books were given out at the break. Then George led us through the first half of the schedule. We will preview the second half at the April meeting.

Fay Myers M/C World is having an open house on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The club has been invited to set up a table in an attempt to attract some new members. Volunteers will staff the table in shifts, and flyers with abbreviated ride schedules will be passed out.

Pat McCombs spoke about a veteran's appreciation day to be held at the Medved Auto Dealers in Castle Rock on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Stan outlined the upcoming Sponsor Appreciation Ride also on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The ride will begin at Grand Prix Motorsports at 8:45. Early breakfast will be at the Village Inn, C-470 & Broadway. The ride should be completed by 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at and provided by Aurora Honda. GWRRA, Chapter J will do the cooking.

The April meeting should be at the new location of Fay Myers, 9700 E Arapahoe Road. We will know for sure by the time the newsletter is published. Check the info in the newsletter or on the web site prior to the April meeting.

Pat McCombs threw down a gauntlet, so to speak. He proposed that the club somehow keep track of total miles ridden by all members for 2004. Then compare that number to the miles ridden by FreeWheelers members. The club that rides the least must provide a cookout for the other club. Some discussion occurred, and all decided to think about it. The main problem is a system to keep track of the miles.

The 50/50 netted Linda Hatfield \$13.25 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, Cliff Eudy \$20 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Stan Stotz \$33 for 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cliff motioned to adjourn at 8:50.

At least that's my recollection of the events of the evening in question,

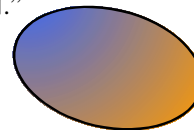
Bill Gillespie, Secretary

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believe strongly enough in our cause to promote and invite others into it and thus the term "Secret Agent." Another catch phrase was that "if you are not growing then you are dying." The moral of this with regards to the RMVTA is that we need to not be a "Secret Agent" and keep this wonderful opportunity to ourselves but rather share it with all other riders that we come in contact with. Give them the opportunity to check us out and then they will decide if they will join or not.

Linda and I look forward to seeing you out there at RMVTA rides and activities. Ride safe and above all else "HAVE FUN."

Mr. "T"



## PAST RIDES

### Spring Polar Bear Ride

Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who was able to make Saturday's ride and follow my not so quiet machine for a little over 300 miles. It was all of you that made my day. There were 10 bikes and 13 riders and co-riders that ventured out on a "not such a polar ride", but a great one.

Who would think it would be nearly 60 miles from Northglen to Hudson, only the Polar riders know, then out through Prospect Valley and on to Ft. Morgan for gas and a 10-100. From there, north to Stoneham and west to Ault, south to Eaton and west to Bruce's in Severance for Rocky Mountain Oysters and what ever. We made another stop for gas in Loveland before heading up the canyon to Estes Park and then south to Lyons for ice-cream. We arrived at ice-cream stop at 3:55 p.m. and they close at 4:00... talk about timing huh. Bill Gillespie got the last cone before closing time. Planned it that way, HA HA. From there we went across Hwy 66 to I-25 and south to Denver by about 5:15 p.m.

One thing that did knock my socks off, we paid \$2.20 for gas in Loveland even though the sign out front showed \$1.85 for mid grade, so be prepared for this

riding season and remember that even the worst day riding is still better than the best day working. I wonder what the Fall Polar Bear Ride has in store for us in November? Come out and join us We would love to have you.

Ladies, THANK YOU for putting up with us guys for the long day... hope you enjoyed it.

"Dagwood"

**Fay Myers Open House**

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

Fay Myers (one of our sponsors) hosted an open house on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>. We were invited to set up a booth to get the word out on RMVTA. We had several people stop by to talk and many members also stopped by to talk or pay their dues for 2004. We had a lovely day and had a blast. I would like to especially thank volunteers who manned the booth all day. They are George Barrett who brought 2 laptops to show off the web site, Floyd Thorne had his new Goldwing in the booth, Cliff Eudy, Bill Gillespie (he printed the handouts) Bill & Diane Lloyd (where's the free coffee?), Jerry & Linda Hatfield, Steve & Connie Benko and a host of others who stopped by and made the day go by so fast.

Some of the festivities of the day included trials demonstrations, wheelie & stoppie demonstrations, the Denver Cheerleaders plus many giveaways. The Fay Myers showroom looked great and they finished it just in time to open the doors. Thanks Jim Krebs for the invitation.

"Steamer"

**UPCOMING RIDES**

**Spring Highway Cleanup Ride**

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

Saturday April 10

Ron Nardiello & Joyce Hindman are hosting the Spring Polar Bear Ride on April 10<sup>th</sup> Ron and Joyce will be at the April meeting to get a list of everybody coming to their house for great pancakes & sausage. This will be followed by a short highway cleanup, a ride and, of course, lunch somewhere on the ride. See the ride book for details.

"Steamer"

**Sponsor Appreciation Ride**

Saturday April 24

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

This ride is our annual thank you ride for all our valued sponsors. We visit all our motorcycle dealer sponsors in one day and shop till we drop. This year will be extra fun because we are having a poker run included in our ride. First-place prize is \$100.00 cash, Second-place prize if \$50.00 and we will have drawings for gift certificates furnished by our sponsors. In order to be eligible for the prizes, you must be at the meeting place at the brand new Grand Prix Motorsports on 3105 W. County Line Road (just north of Santa Fe) at 8:45 a.m. to draw your first card. We will also distribute route maps there and let you know of the specials at each sponsor they are presenting. We will enter Grand Prix at 9:00 a.m. sharp and spend 25 minutes at each sponsor (excluding ride time). Since Aurora Honda is purchasing lunch, we will spend 1 hour and 15 minutes there.

If you are up to eating breakfast before the ride, several of us plan to meet at the Village Inn on the southwest quadrant of C-470 and Broadway (about 1/2 mile south of C-470 on the right) at about 7:30 a.m. We will leave for the new Grand Prix Motorsports facility at about 8:30 a.m. We encourage everybody to come out for this ride and support our sponsors. There is a good chance you will have a great day and maybe even win some money and prizes.

"Steamer"



**For Sale:**

1995 1200 Harley Davidson Sportster, black, new windshield, forward controls, new 4.2 Gallon stretch tank, new bobbed rear fender, after-market tail light and turn indicators, leather saddle bags, low miles (20,350). Screaming Eagle air filter & pipes. \$7,800 negotiable. Call David @ (303) 252-8585 email cari.todd@dfas.mil.

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 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 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.

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter



**Next Meeting:**  
 Thursday, April 8, 2004  
 7:30 p.m.  
**Fay Myers Motorcycle World**  
 9700 E. Arapahoe Road

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