



Breakfast gathering at Ron Nardiallo's home prior to the Spring Cleanup Ride

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**Officers Speak**

**Submitted by: Stan Stotz, President**

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing this. My mother passed away last night. She fell asleep in a peaceful manner and I miss her already. It makes me aware about just how precious life is. As motorcyclists, we participate in an activity that has its inherent risks. It is important that we always ride with the utmost of care and courtesy to others. This is especially true when we ride in groups.

On a lighter note, we want to welcome Vaughn & Betty Richards back into the RMVTA family. You both were missed.

If you are in the small group who hasn't paid your 2004 dues yet, please make arrangements ASAP because we are about to revise our mailing and email lists. We don't want to drop you off our membership roles.

I am glad to say that attendance at meetings and rides is way up. As a matter of fact, Bill & Diane Lloyd were on vacation during the April meeting so they left me a large quantity of 50/50 tickets. Would you believe that Diane Dible sold

out of 50/50 tickets? I think this is a first??? What a nice dilemma. Thanks Diane Dible and you can substitute for Bill & Diane anytime they are enjoying their 2<sup>nd</sup> home in Florida.

By the time you read this, the Sponsor Ride will be history. I hope that most of you made it. Almost all the sponsors stepped up and had specials and/or gift certificates. We want to thank them for all their support and we appreciate you supporting our sponsors to the max. As Janet will tell you, I do my part (possibly to excess)! I hope to see you all on all or most the rides this year. I plan to attend all rides possible this year and hope to see you there. Keep the shiny side up.

"Steamer"

**Rebirth of  
"The Missing Link Award."**

**Submitted by: Floyd Thorne**

I would like to thank several people for their contributions regarding the new "Missing Link Award." I was actually thinking of designing a new award a

few months prior to the Club's decision to discontinue the old one. I was messing around one evening with some computer clip art and came up with an idea.

I discussed it with Tom Shumaker and he offered a piece of equipment and operator from his place of work to make some modifications to it and then cut it out of a piece of 1/8" thick mild steel. I did not get around to doing any more with it for several weeks and then the club decided to do away with the former design.

I tabled the whole idea until this winter when the new administration decided to revive the award with some new and different conditions. It was at that time that I contacted Brad Dietrich representing "CW Elaborations, Inc." Brad offered me a very good price to black powder coat it and said that he could have it done the next day. He did not charge us anything and just wanted us to mention their company if anyone ever had a need for their services.

Then it was time to do the wood work to

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Minutes

RMVTA Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2004

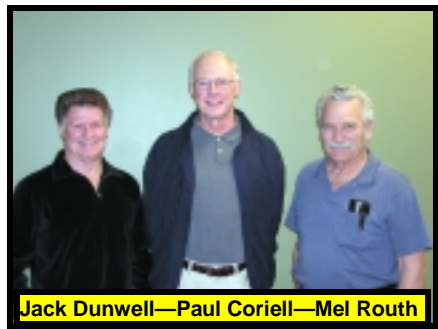
The gavel fell to open the monthly meeting at 7:36 by President, Stan Stotz. This is the first meeting in our new home, Fay Myers M/C World. We were forced to meet in the showroom for now because the meeting room upstairs has yet to get the blessing of the



Mike Appleton

Harley-Davidson.

folks at Greenwood Village. They should bless the room by the May meeting, however. Guests present included Mike Appleton, who works with Stan and rides a



Jack Dunwell—Paul Coriell—Mel Routh

Alumni members present were Jack Dunwell, Mel Routh, and Vaughn and Betty Richards, who now ride a GL1800. Newlyweds Bill & Deana Neilson were also in attendance.



Vaughn and Betty Richards

Phil Talbot, Mike Ackerman, and Jim Waddell made a presentation promoting the upcoming Ride For Kids on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The ride is a fundraiser for the Pedi-



Phil Talbot  
Mike Ackerman  
Jim Waddell

atric Brain Tumor Foundation, and is sponsored by the Honda Riders Club.

Officer's Reports:

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

**Treasurer:** Floyd reported \$1,024.27 in checking and \$3,617.09 in savings for a total of \$4,641.36. My calculator says those figures add up at least.

Committee Reports:

**Activities:** Ron has rescheduled the highway cleanup of 4/10 to Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> because of weather. He urged all to come out and compete for the coveted Golden Horseshoe award. The day will begin with a pancake breakfast at Ron & Joyce's.

Ideas for summer activities include the Royal Gorge train, Country Dinner Playhouse (weeknight), or a Rockies game. A fall or winter trip to Taos by 4-wheeler was also discussed, as was Leadville at Christmas time. There was good interest in all the ideas.

**Awards:** No report.

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

**Member Relations:** Linda and Jerry said, "no news is usually good news" in their business.

**Membership:** Sherri Barrett reported that 67 of 92 active members have paid for the year.

**Newsletter:** Floyd played his recording from last month encouraging everyone to send him as much input as possible. As usual, the deadline for items is the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Website:** Brett reported that the .com address will be going away soon with no more forwarding. Be sure to make the change to "rmvta.org" in your browser

favorites file. He also said he makes updates often, so visit the site often. George reported the site got 7500 hits in January, 5900 in February and 7700 in March. The use of the site has been very good.

**50/50:** Diane Dible was a most worthy substitute in the absence of the Loyds. She sold completely out of tickets! Was Diane Lloyd not there so she wouldn't have to reveal her high school nickname as promised? Is it that embarrassing? She could just lie and say it was something innocent like, "Chuckles".

**Ride:** Lloyd Nicholson gave his traditional full color versions of the ride book to Stan, George and Bill. Our thanks to Lloyd for his kind gesture.

**The Polar Bear** ride was 300+ miles in good weather. It was a great day complete with an oyster lunch at one of Stan's favorite places (see page 50 in the ride book). Upcoming rides were discussed, and George realized the Mystery Ride on May 16<sup>th</sup> was still a mystery to him. A 1-up ERC is planned for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be the new curriculum with a full day of range exercises and no classroom. Bob Norton will be the instructor.

**Old Business:** The new Missing Link award was revealed. What a fine job Floyd and Tom have done! I wouldn't mind having that thing for a month. Wait, I didn't say that! I mean, I didn't mean that. I mean, I just wanted to say how nice the trophy looks.

**Break:** Starbucks coffee and Krispy Kreme doughnuts were provided by Fay Myers. This is gonna be a good meeting place. I don't know if we can expect this kind of treatment every month, but this is a warm welcome.

Ron Nardiello won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 50/50 for ten bucks. Lloyd Nicholson got 2<sup>nd</sup> for twenty bucks, and in the fine RMVTA tradition of "visitors always win", Mike Ackerman (Ride for Kids) won the jackpot for \$38.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53.

Oh, so very respectfully submitted by Bill Gillespie

Special Thanks – April Meeting

Since Fay Myers didn't have a certificate of occupancy for their new meeting

room, we met in the showroom. Jim Krebs is the Advertising Manager at Fay Myers and he spent the evening with us and bought us Starbucks Coffee and Krispie Kreem doughnuts. Thanks a million Jim. You are a real trooper!

Also, Linda Thorne baked home made cookies and they were sooooo delicious! Thanks Linda...you are a great cookie baker.

"Steamer"



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mount it. I had done some woodworking myself and always enjoyed it. I have a good friend by the name of Jack Dickman who just happens to live right across the street now from Tom Shumaker who has a well-equipped wood-working shop. Jack and I worked on putting together the oak base.

I wish to thank all these folks for their contributions on this project and hope that the Club membership enjoys the new "Missing Link Award." It did not cost the Club anything out of the Club funds, just the efforts of some good folks wishing to make a contribution of time and talents.

I hope that you enjoy the award and look forward to its distribution, plus the spirit that it is intended to be used. Keep your eyes and ears open for some worthy nominee's and enjoy the 2004 riding season. Mr. "T"

**UPCOMING RIDES:**

**1-Up Experienced Rider Course (ERC)**

Sunday May 2

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

Come on out and sharpen up your riding skills at the 1-Up ERC being held at 6<sup>th</sup> & Kipling at the Jefferson County sta-

dium parking lot. We meet at 7:45 and the training starts at 8:00. We have 9 signed up and have room for 4 more. Cost is \$25.00. Call or email me for a reservation.

"Steamer"

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Genoa Tower Ride**

Saturday May 8

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

Twenty years ago the first ever RMVTA ride was the Genoa Tower Ride. To celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are recreating this ride as we did 10 years ago. You all come out and support the ride and we will be sure to have a blast. If you haven't seen the Genoa Tower, you have a real treat coming! Cliff Eudy is leading the ride and we meet at the Target parking lot at I-25 & Arapahoe Road. Meet at 8:45 and leave at 9:00.

"Steamer"

**Genoa Tower**

Saturday May 8

Submitted by: Cliff Eudy

We will be going to Genoa Tower on May 8, 2004 this is one of the first rides our predecessors took, so come on along on a ride of remembrance. From the top of the tower you will be able to see 5 different states and the museum has a lot of different artifacts that are very different and interesting, maybe even something that you will remember seeing or having when you were in your childhood. So come on along with me and enjoy a ride that our founders took.

"Pipebender"

**Flying "W" Ranch Ride**

Saturday June 5

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

I want to get this out to you all in this News Letter since this one comes up on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June right away before the next News Letter comes out. This is a really fun day and evening activity. I led it here a couple of years ago and many said that it was the most fun they had had all year. Well, they did say that, anyway.

This one gives you a chance to mow your lawns and do a couple of those "Honey Do's" that you have been putting off previously before getting ready to ride in the afternoon. It does come home in the dark later that evening though for those more

timid riders about that. By the same token it's a GREAT time to ride at night because you have the group there with you.

I need to start getting a count of the folks going to attend the program that evening so that I can reserve space for us all down there. Should not be a real problem but just want to make sure. The entrance fee is \$17.50 per person but that includes your meal and the entertainment.

This ride, like all the others, I am sure, is one that the more folks that go the more fun it will be. So, mark your calendars and plan on going with us. We are going to have fun.

Mr. "T" and Mrs. "T"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RMVTA Memorial Ride**

June 12 - 14

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

I just want to remind you that it's not too soon to reserve your rooms for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RMVTA Memorial Ride. This is coming up June 12, 13 and 14. We will be staying at the Spearfish, SD Super 8 Motel the evenings of June 13 (Saturday night) and 14 (Sunday night.) The phone number there is (605) 642-4721.

The cost of the rooms is \$71.99 plus tax for one to four persons per night and the cutoff for making your reservations is May 29, 2004. There are six non-smoking rooms and three smoking rooms reserved under my name and or the RMVTA. Get with another couple and share a room if you would like so that you can afford the gasoline. Just kidding but do consider it as it's fun. It really helps defray the costs.

This should be a GREAT ride and a very good time. South Dakota is a fun place to ride motorcycles and Linda and are really looking forward to seeing the "Passion Play" once again. We had seen it in 1982 I think and have always wanted to see it again.

Come and join us for a very fun extended weekend. Ride safe and often in the meantime.

Mr. "T" and Mrs. "T"

**PAST RIDES:**

2004 Spring Highway Clean-Up Ride  
Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

In the ride book planning days this ride was to take place on April 10, 2004 but due to 6 inches of snow, it was postponed until April 18, 2004. The game plan was to meet at Ron Nardiello and Joyce Hindman's beautiful home for pancakes and sausages.

The wind was blowing like crazy all day but this bunch of dedicated troopers headed out towards our destination after getting our fill of the morning breakfast offerings and watching a couple of short and interesting videos regarding the safety and precautions of the "Adopt a Highway" cleanup program.

Ron had been out earlier and marked the 2-mile stretch into 0.3 tenth of mile sections. He divided the group up into pairs and we were shuttled to designated spots. There were no real outstanding artifacts gathered this year compared to years in the past at any rate but some interesting stories contrived for the meaningless items returned back to the staging area.

The usual voting, by vocal response, was conducted to determine the recipient of the coveted "Golden Horseshoe Award" by those in attendance. This will be disclosed at the May Meeting and the presentation of the award made then.

Now it was time do get some motorcycling in spite of the incredible wind still with us. We headed south the Colorado Springs to the "Elephant Bar and Restaurant." We all tied on the feed bag to some VERY GOOD vittles which were followed by some really incredible deserts. Photos will no doubt surface someplace I am sure.



Ron and his dessert at the Elephant restaurant



Not to be outdone, Floyd digs into his Elephantine dessert

of the breakfast. We would certainly like to thank each and every one of you for supporting this very worthwhile cause. We also want to thank Ron & Joyce who opened their home and cooked us all a great breakfast. We all enjoy riding our beautiful highway and byways and are disgusted at the debris we see along the way.

From there several of the folks headed back home via a more direct route and three of us took a longer twisty trip home. We all made it home, I hope without incident. The only thing that could have made the day any better would have been if someone could have shut the fan off or down to low at least. But, that was beyond our control so we made the best of it. Thanks to all. Ride safe and see you out there with the Club REAL SOON.

Mr. "T"

**Sponsors Ride 2004.**

Well, we have another Sponsors' Ride down in the record books. There were not many of us that thought that the ride would in fact go at least in so far as being able to do it on motorcycles. Wednesday and into Thursday looked as though we were going to be in for another one of Colorado's infamous Spring storms. And in fact did deliver some VERY VALUABLE moisture. But, like I say it had all of us doubting our abilities to ride on Saturday.

The morning started out very cool (OK it was pretty darn cold early on) but it turned out to be a beautiful Colorado Spring day after all. There were several folks that did not want to brave the morning temperatures on their bikes but participated in their cars anyway and for them we have a special thank you.

There were a total of 13 bikes, one car, 19 people for the cleanup activity and 16 people taking advantage

Sunday we awakened to a very cool cloudy day with a little rain yet in the air from some moisture that we had gotten over night and Sunday was to have been the better day of the weekend according to the prognosticators. We were certainly able to pick the weather window just right.

There were eleven plus or minus bikes and four plus or minus four wheelers through out the day. The numbers changed as the day progressed. Some took their cars home and got the bikes and some of the bikers had to leave for one reason or another. So, the numbers were not static by any stretch.

There were purchases, small and large, made as the day wore on. All the dealerships were offering some really attractive percentage discounts for the day which certainly helped. I would encourage all of us to patronize our valuable sponsors throughout the year. Some of our sponsors provide services other than our motorcycling interests and for them we are very appreciative. So, even if you can not use any or all of these services or motorcycling dealerships because they are across town, please keep them in mind when asked for a referral.

The Sponsorship fees that these folks pay is the primary source of funds that we use each year to provide the quality News Letter and Ride Books and WEB Site that we all enjoy, use and share throughout the season.

We would like to thank Mother Nature, "our Maker", all the dealership Sponsors and all those that were able to participate making this a very special day for all concerned. A very special thank you goes out to Stan Stotz for planning the day so very well, even though he could not be with us. A special thanks to George and Sherri Barrett for all their work in the execution of the plan.

Ride Safe and often.!!!  
Mr. "T"

**The Guys' Rules**

At last a guy has taken the time to write this all down. Finally, the guys' side of the story. We always hear "the rules" from the female side. Now here are the rules from the male

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side. These are our rules! Please note... these are all numbered "1" ON PURPOSE!

1. Learn to work the toilet seat. You're a big-girl. If it's up, put it down. We need it up, you need it down. You don't hear us complaining about you leaving it down.

1. Shopping is NOT a sport. And no, we are never going to think of it that way.

1. Crying is blackmail.

1. Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one: Subtle hints do not work! Strong hints do not work! Obvious hints do not work! Just say it!

1. Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.

1. Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it. That's what we do. Sympathy is what your girlfriends are for.

1. Anything we said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become null and void after 7 days.

1. If something we said can be interpreted two ways and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one.

1. You can either ask us to do something or tell us how you want it done. Not both. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself.

1. Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials.

1. Christopher Columbus did not need directions and neither do we.

1. ALL men see in only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a color. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have no idea what mauve is.

1. If it itches, it will be scratched. We do that.

1. If we ask what is wrong and you say "nothing," we will act like nothing's wrong. We know you are lying, but it is just not worth the hassle.

1. If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.

1. When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine...really.

1. You have enough clothes.

1. You have too many shoes.

1. I am in shape. Round is a shape.

1. Thank you for reading this. Yes, I know, I have to sleep on the couch tonight; but did you know men really don't mind that? It's like

camping.



For Sale:

1995 1200 Harley Davidson Sportster, (PRICE JUST REDUCED) Black, new windshield, forward controls, new 4.2 Gallon stretch tank, new bobbed rear fender, aftermarket tail light and turn indicators, leather saddle bags, low miles (20,350). Screaming Eagle air filter & pipes. \$6,800 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-

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

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

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is May 23, 2004



If women ruled the world #2



If men vacuumed

Next Meeting:  
Thursday, May 13, 2004  
7:30 p.m.  
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