



RMVTA club members enjoy spectacular scenery on the Fall Color Ride

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**Officers Speak**

Submitted by:

Floyd (Treasurer) and Linda Thorne

Riding Season 2005

Boy, in many ways I hate to bring up this thought but, the reality is that the Riding Season for 2005 is just around the winter corner. I hate to even think about another winter between now and then but, by the same token I love the seasons and the fact that we have changing seasons. Each changing season makes us have a better appreciation for the one we anticipate.

This has been one of the more enjoyable Spring, Summer and I have every expectation Fall periods that we have had in Colorado for many, many years that I can remember. The weather was not so beastly HOT and we had some moisture along the way. Not extremes in either direction. We could actually get out and ride and not be so uncomfortable in the excruciating HEAT. We had some rain mixed in and often times not enough to even get into rain gear.

But, it's not too soon to start thinking

**Read this first!!!  
Announcements – See articles within:**

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about next year's riding season. Yes, I know that it's early but it will be time before you know it to formally be putting together our Ride Book. I would encourage you all to be thinking about trips you would like to lead and or destinations that you have always wanted to go. If you do not feel comfortable leading a ride (even though I would encourage you to do so at least once) your idea's and help in planning it is surely welcomed.

My thoughts on your leading a ride are mostly that it certainly gives you a better appreciation for the ride leader on future rides and what they have gone through to try and make your riding experience an enjoyable one. You may or may not like leading lots of rides and that is certainly all right. Give it a try sometime though

and there is always some of us there who will be able to help you out.

Getting the Ride Book together is always the BIGGEST challenges that a new Executive Committee faces each year. Once the Ride Book is published everything else just seems to fall into place. We, the Club of RMVTA, would love to have your help and input to plan the 2005 riding season. It's not too early. I know I have two or three in mind that I plan on leading. Hope you can join us.

Ride safe and be happy in the mean time.

Mr. "T" and Mrs. "T"



**DON'T FORGET!!**

The October meeting is also the annual bake/craft sale (the not to be missed auction). It is the major fund raiser for the Annual Membership Appreciation Party. See y'all October 14th.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 14, 2004 7:30 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 9700 E. Arapahoe Road.

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## Minutes

### RMVTA Meeting Minutes

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Submitted by: Brett Barrett

The September meeting was called to order by President Stan Stotz at 7:28 p. m. as some members were still walking in. He had it strongly noted that this was the first time during his Presidential term that the meeting was ahead of schedule. There were 23 members in attendance with no visitors. RMVTA's secretary, Bill Gillespie was not in attendance so I, Brett Barrett, stepped up to take his place for the night. Another member, Bill Lloyd was not in attendance either because he is having colon surgery. It is not cancerous but a post secondary operation to relieve some pain he is having. May our thoughts and prayers go with him and we hope for a speedy recovery. Also, we had a new member sign up, Rory Krieger. He used to own a Harley and ride with a "Hell's Angel" group hopping from bar to bar. As he grew unhappy with his Harley he sold it and has just purchased a new (2005) ST1300 and looking for a group to ride with that actually rides and doesn't just ride to get to the next bar. We welcome him and hope to see him on many of our upcoming rides.

### Reports:

**Secretary's Report:** I reported that so far my hand writing was still legible and the August Minutes were accepted without further corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Floyd Thorne reported \$524.48 in checking, \$2869.14 in savings, with a total of \$3393.62.

**Awards Chair Report:** We lost our Awards Chair this year and we are currently looking for someone to fill the void. If you would like to step up and become a part of the leadership that keeps RMVTA a group just let us know at the next meeting, thanks.

**Historical Report:** Floyd is continuing to collect pictures and what not.

**Members Chair Report:** Rory Krieger joined and that was it.

**Newsletter Report:** Looking for submittals for the newsletter, you must have all articles in by Sept. 23.

**Website Report:** Everything is up and running well.

**50/50:** Since Bill and Diane Lloyd were not in attendance Floyd and Linda Thorne stepped up. Sherri wanted to know if they accepted credit cards.

### Rides:

T-Shirt run to Sturgis went well; we had 7 members from the club attend.

August Dinner ride went well, food was great at the Double Tree. Rain was encountered and a little wind but a good time was had by all.

7 people went on the 1000 and 24 a Colorado Freewheelers Sponsored Event, 5 of them rode together. George Barrett highlighted a few things about the ride for the group.

7 passes ride was a nice and easy ride lead by Mark Bolles and was sure to be noted that it would make a great Fall Color Ride.

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> is the Blushing Groom Ride where Larry and Diana are getting married. We are to meet at the Sofa Mart parking lot at 9:00 a.m. We encourage all to attend.

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> is the September Dinner Ride and is going to be lead by our fearless leader Stan Stotz. He has not yet disclosed the location. If you would like to 4 wheel it for whatever reason go ahead and call Stan and let him know so that he can tell you where we will be eating.

October 17<sup>th</sup> is the Progressive Dinner Ride, there will be 3 houses spaced just right. Bill and Dina Nielson's house first for appetizers/breakfast items, then Bill Torrence and Debbie Farnum's house for the main course/salads and Lloyd Nicholson and Stella Stein's house for the dessert course.

### Old Business:

We need an Awards Chair Volunteer.

RMVTA will be manning an informational booth at Sun Enterprises Open House Sept. 11 to try and get some more members. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The club voted for the changes to the 2004 bylaws. All changes were accepted.

A decision was made to add another dinner ride to the month of October, more details coming soon. Ron and Joyce will lead this effort.

Ron Nardiello and Joyce Hindman mentioned that the Breakfast for the Fall Clean Up will be at Pegasus (Castle Rock) since the Stagecoach does not serve breakfast anymore. They are also looking for a good place for the Christmas party. If you know of a good place to have one please contact Ron or Joyce.

Time is approaching for new volunteers for club officers, if you would like to step up or if you would like to suggest someone please let any of the current officers know.

### New Business:

A few of the members had some information on the colors of the 2005 Goldwings, they mentioned the colors Pearl Blue, Black Cherry, Yellow, Silver Metallic, and Charcoal Grey.

Nobody could come up with any good nominations for the missing link award and it was decided that the missing link would not be given out this month.

50/50 results:

3<sup>rd</sup>: Rory Krieger (5.00)

2<sup>nd</sup>: Evan Johnson (10.00)

1<sup>st</sup>: Lloyd Nicholson (15.00)

As the meeting came to a close at 8:56 PM Lynda made note to whomever rode their cycle to ride home safely.

"Clutch"



Congratulations to Connie Benko,

Retired

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

I had the privilege to attend Connie Benko's retirement ceremony and farewell luncheon this past Thursday. She retired from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) after 29 years of dedicated service.

Rumor has it that Connie is going to get her motorcycle license reinstated in the near future. Connie and her husband Steve are new members this year and



Connie and Steve celebrate Connie's retirement. Congratulations Connie

have been attended many rides and functions.

Congratulations and best wishes from your RMVTA friends. May your retirement be fun and fulfilling.

"Steamer"



#### Rented Gold Wing

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

I just thought that I would pass this information along in the what ever it's worth category. I had rented a GL1800 Gold Wing on two different occasions from Cruise America at 8950 North Federal Boulevard, Federal Heights, CO 80260, (303) 650-2865. The daily rate was \$159.00 per day with unlimited mileage.

This was a GREAT opportunity for me during the time period that mine was being repaired. The young man's insurance company that had hit me paid for my rental which made it even nicer. It would also be a great opportunity for someone wanting to take a good test ride on one before making a large purchase.

They also sell these bikes after they have been rented at what I would think a pretty good discount although I don't know that for sure. At the end of the riding season (which I don't know when that is around here) they take these machines to Florida and continue to rent them out down there. Then in the Spring they will replace their fleet with new 2005 models.

If you would have an interest in look-

ing into one of them for sale I can get you the person to contact and his phone number.

Mr. "T"

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#### My Impressions . . .

Submitted by: Dena Silliman Nielson

As the 2004 riding season comes to an end, I thought it might be appropriate to share with you my impressions of my first year on the back of a Goldwing.

When I met Bill (Nielson) in September, 2003, one of the first things he asked me was whether I had ever ridden on a Goldwing. No, I replied, and truthfully I have never even considered doing such a thing. The only experience I have had with motorcycles was on a dirt bike in the woods of New York almost 30 years ago That experience ended rather abruptly when my bike and I separated over a log and I sat on a rubber doughnut for six weeks. Not something I wanted to repeat. But by the end of our first date, I had been shown the big yellow bike and had even sat on the back. Well, maybe it wouldn't be too bad, I thought. He seemed like a really nice guy, after all.

I consented to a couple of rides and soon I had fallen in love with Bill and his passion for riding. Bill has introduced me to a whole new world of people and activities that, although I may have known existed, I certainly would have never considered being a part of until now. I have shopped for and worn articles of clothing that I never thought possible - chaps from the flea market, jackets from the Army Surplus store, and vests from Wing Ding, for example. But I do like the leather! The club members, without exception, welcomed me and offered tips on how to survive the weather and any number of other things!

The rides have been quite an experience. We have ridden through rain, hail, snow, wind, hellacious heat, and some of the most beautiful days that God ever gave to man. I have been able to see parts of Colorado and the surrounding states that I probably would have never experi-

enced otherwise. We've gone too fast, passed too many cars at once, been forced to ride on gravel roads, and have eaten much too much on every trip. We've been on a bus, a train, and visited an alligator farm. We have even watched a sappy drive-in movie from our bed and had pigeons cooing in our ceiling all night! But we have also enjoyed watching the other bikes zip through the mountains in front of us, stared in awe at some of the most inspiring sites ever, visited new restaurants with good company and have experienced the love of many friends—both new and old.

The past year has been quite the experience for this southern girl from Arkansas. It is one that I am sure I will always remember and treasure. As for my impressions . . . riding a Goldwing is great fun, but it is the friends made along the way that makes it worthwhile. Thanks for the treat, Bill!



#### UPCOMING RIDES:

Fall Highway Clean-Up  
Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>

The Ride Book states to meet at the Stagecoach Bar & Restaurant between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. for breakfast. Unfortunately, they stopped serving breakfast. There has been a change in meeting place. **We will meet at the Pegasus Restaurant in downtown Castle Rock instead.** We will still meet at the same time there or you can meet at 10:00 at the clean-up site. We hope to see you there.

"Steamer"

Progressive Dinner Ride  
Sunday October 17, 2004

It's that time of the year again to do the Progressive Dinner Ride. We are going to go to 3 members' homes this year. We will meet at the Holiday Inn the southwest corner of 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. and I-25 at 8:45 a.m. and leave at 9:00 sharp. We will start at Bill and Dena's home in Broomfield for appetizers and breakfast items. We will then go to Bill Torrence and Debbi Farnum's place for the



salads and main courses. We will then go to Stella Stein and Lloyd Nicholson's home in Monument for desserts. It sounds like it will be a great day and I hope that everybody attends. The pace will be leisurely and we will have plenty of time to eat, enjoy great company and the hospitality of our 3 hosts.

We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October.

"Steamer"

**October Dinner Ride – New Ride**

Submitted by:

Joyce Hindman & Ron Nardiello

When we announced the dinner rides for May through September this year, we had no way to know how successful they would be. Well, and Joyce Hindman Ron Nardiello have volunteered to host an October Dinner Ride on **Thursday October 28, 2004**. This one will be a little different in that we are going to meet at the **Blue Parrot Italian Restaurant in Louisville, CO at 7:00 p.m.** Since the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year, we will probably go in cars (unless you want to ride up on your bikes...your choice). The Blue Parrot is at Main Street and Pine in downtown Louisville. Joyce worked at the Blue Parrot while she was in high school in Louisville.

Joyce has reserved Mike's Room right behind the bar and they will give us separate checks. Joyce and Ron need a **final count by October 14<sup>th</sup>** (meeting night) so they can reserve the correct number of seats. The Blue Parrot is always full so seating is at a premium. **Contact them at (303) 840-6660.**

"Renegade & Clipper"



**PAST RIDES:**

Fall Color Ride  
September 25-26

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie

Thirteen people turned out for the weekend ride to southern Colorado in search of the splendor of changing leaves. Lloyd and Stella had to leave us after lunch on Saturday because of a prior

commitment on Sunday, so that left eleven riders on six Gold Wings for the remainder of the trek.

The route to our overnight stop in Trinidad was a zig-zag of good scenery and fun roads that kept us off I-25 for the most part. If the fall colors weren't quite up to the level I have seen them in past years, the great roads and weather made for the lack of color.

While in Trinidad, the eatin' was good. The group had dinner Saturday night at Rino's, a nice Italian restaurant set in an old church where the wait staff supplied the entertainment by singing. The music ranged from Italian folk songs to opera. Sunday breakfast was held at the C&H, a favorite feeding spot for locals. Their motto is "When you're down by the river, drop in." And, Mr. Bueno's green chili is some of the best around. It was like old home week for Becky. Having grown up in Trinidad, she ran into several old friends at both restaurants.

The Sunday ride began with a trip over the "Highway of Legends," (aka Colorado 12) from Trinidad to La Veta. The question of where the highway got its name was later answered by Floyd's finding a web site that spoke of the many legends that have been told about the area and its early residents. The best aspen color was found near the summit of Cuchara Pass, but the scenery in general was great.



More aspen color was found in the San Isabel area along highway 165. After a stop at Bishop's Castle it was time to eat again. A lunch stop at 2 Sisters in Florence netted both George and Adam Barrett their very own Giant Burger, a one

pound meatloaf in a 9-inch bun. Bill Nielson has previous experience with this one. George got around his, but there was a to-go box in Adam's future. Stan & Janet split theirs. The Giant Burger at 2-Sisters may become a RMVTA tradition.

"Wing Commander"

**Fall Color Ride 2004 (version 2)**

Submitted by: Floyd & Linda Thorne

Well, let me start out with a very BIG THANK YOU to Bill and Becky Gillespie for leading the Fall Color Ride 2004. If you have never had the opportunity to ride with this really fun couple then it's your loss and suggest that the next time you have the opportunity you jump on it.

This was a two-day ride which is a new twist in recent years for this ride. Ever since we (Floyd and Linda) have been members, it has always been a one day ride. Riding with Bill and Becky, especially for a weekend, is like a mini-vacation. You are going to ride some of the best motorcycle roads to get to your planned destination because Bill knows the roads in Colorado better than most of us know the wrinkles in the palms of our hands. Becky, is more fun than a barrel of monkeys. You can't help yourself but to have fun by just being near her.

Not only does Bill know the finest motorcycle roads, he also knows where they will lead you to some of the best places to eat Americana food. I mean just good old down home country food. You know the kind of places that a lot of people would not stop at generally speaking.

This trip was certainly no exception to all the above. I could not help but relate it somewhat to my youth. My Mom used to cook for ranch hands all the years that I can remember growing up near Saratoga, WY. She used to bake EVERYTHING that we enjoyed in our home. I mean the breads, pies, cakes and all that good stuff.

But, the thing that made me think of her regarding all this is what a treat it was if we ever got to get a loaf of commercially made purchased bread. We, the kids anyway thought that it was such a

treat to get because of the soft white smooth texture. You know how kids are. We used to take it and make it into a small tightly packed ball and then eat it. I don't know why we did it other than the texture allowed it. So, was it the bread that we liked or the texture of it to play with it, who really knows. I can tell you know though that a loaf of her good home made bread would be just as much of a treat today and certainly not for the same reason.

To come back here and how this relates, we spent most of our riding time in the twisties which is what makes riding a motorcycle so much fun, that it was actually a welcome treat, like the purchased bread, to get on to the super slab for those short and very infrequent miles to get us to the next twisty road. You know with Bill that the super slab is only going to be a short distance out of necessity and he would avoid it all together if he could.

We did not get to see as much Fall Color as we might have liked. We plan these rides in January and February and you never know just when the peak is going to be. That, that we did see was in areas of the twisties not conducive for stopping safely for those Kodak moments it seemed but, those of us that experienced it have those images etched in our memories and unable to share them with others. I guess you should have just been there also. Maybe next time I guess.

Well, thanks again Bill and Becky for a wonderful time. Hope to see you all down the road. In the mean time be safe and happy.

Mr. "T" and Mrs. "T"



**Our Website is Far Reaching**

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

I want to share a couple of exchanges with an RMVTA website regular from Switzerland:

"Hi guys,

Nice website, good pictures. No new pics of your rides since Low'n Slow (August 8)?

Hope everything's OK. I wish I could join, but it's a bit far...

John-Marc  
Switzerland"

Brett and I both wrote back to him and the following is a piece of his response.

"Hi Stan! Hi Brett!

Sorry for my late reply: I was moving from a place near Lake Geneva to a friend's house in France the last days. I wish I could move to Colorado instead! Any job there in the computer domain? In fact this friend's brother lives near where you are, used to have shops in Vail. His son was a ski racer from the US team, Sacha Gros. Now son lives in Alaska, rides Polaris... father retired near Colorado.

Very easy to find your website: it was mentioned by another rider's website or maybe I used a search engine like Google, I don't remember exactly, but anyway that was several months ago and I visit it quite often now, to see the new pics, newsletters, etc. Looks good, good atmosphere, dynamic and online president. Keep up with the good work."

It's good to know that we have friends out there that we haven't even met yet. Brett, you do a great job with the web site. Thank you so much.



**Winter Is Coming**

One winter morning while listening to the radio, they hear the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even numbered side of the street, so the snowplow can get through." Norman's wife goes out and moves her car. A week later while they are eating breakfast, the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd numbered side of the street, so the snowplow can get through" Norman's wife goes out and moves her car again. The next week they are having breakfast again, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park....." then the electric power goes out.



**For Sale:**

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 \$2,800, Kelly blue book has it listed for \$3,100. Phone 303-431-1085

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

Norman's wife is very upset, and with a worried look on her face she says, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the plow can get through?" With the love and understanding in his voice, Norman says, "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"



**The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is October 23, 2004**

**Next Meeting:**  
 Thursday, Oct 14, 2004  
 7:30 p.m.  
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