



Cliff shows his buddies how big the fish was that got away during the Progressive Dinner Ride

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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie

It's been a full year for the club and me too. I made more RMVTA rides this year than I usually do. I rode several endurance rallies, and I completed my 18th Three Flags Classic tour from Mexico to Canada. I guess it's about time to put the bikes up for the winter. I'll need to take the batteries out and put them in a warm place, pour some Sta-Bil in the gas tanks, and put the bike covers on, right? WRONG! Just because the ride book runs out, it doesn't mean the weather conditions aren't going to be favorable for a ride. The only time I take the battery out of one of my bikes is to put a new one in.

And besides, there's still one more ride left in the book – the Polar Bear Ride. I remember the words of "Daddy Rabbit" Kenaston, the originator of our Polar Bear rides when he said that winter riding is some of most enjoyable you will experience, as long as you're prepared for it. Electric clothing is nice, but not really necessary. Just dress in layers and when it's really cold, make sure you

RMVTA Election

November Meeting

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

During the last 2 meetings we have been asking for volunteers to run for office (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, etc.). We haven't had much of a response to date. We will have an election at the November meeting but we don't have any formal slates of officers. Therefore, there is no reason to have a ballot in this issue of the Venture Voice unless you want to mail in a write-in vote.

We have an alternate plan if nobody expresses interest in running for office. We hope that everybody shows up for the November meeting and exercise your right to vote for the slate of officers who will carry us into the new ride year!!!

"Steamer

don't have any skin exposed to the wind. There's something about cold weather riding. I don't know what it is, but I really enjoy it. Maybe it makes me feel

tough or something.

When I think about last fall and winter, there were more weekends when I did ride than ones I didn't. Here's an easy way to do some riding this winter. The FreeWheelers have invited our club to join them in their winter ride schedule. It's pretty simple – every Sunday they meet for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at the Village Inn on Broadway at C470. Then, weather permitting, they begin a ride at 10:00 a.m.

We have had very good participation in the ride schedule this year. If we all keep riding just a little bit over the winter, by the time spring rolls around we'll be able to start the 2005 club schedule without missing a beat. I'm quite sure next year's schedule will be just as appealing as this one was.

And if you say you're getting too old for this year-round riding stuff, I also heard someone say, "You don't quit riding because you get old, you get old because you quit riding." So keep an eye on the weather reports, and make plans to get out and ride some this winter. And I'll see all the polar bears on November 14th.

"Wing Commander"

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 11, 2004 7:30 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 9700 E. Arapahoe Road.

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Minutes

RMVTA Meeting - October 14, 2004
Submitted by: Bill Gillespie

The monthly meeting was called to order somewhere around 7:30 p.m. by President, Stan Stotz. The members in attendance were hungry as this was bake sale night. The proceeds of the sale are to fund the member appreciation gala in January. Visitors included Mike Lindeman, a professional auctioneer recruited for the bake sale, and his friend Bob Light.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: The Secretary's report for September was approved as written. My thanks to Brett Barrett for filling in for me in my absence last month. Someone mentioned that my job may be in jeopardy. One can only hope.

Treasurer: Floyd reported \$538.75 in checking and \$2,870.94 in savings for a total of \$3,409.69.

Announcements: JR Reynolds has retired after 35 years with King Soopers. Congratulations, and enjoy your free time, JR! Lloyd Nicholson and Stella Stein will be married on October 26th. The club congratulates them as well, and wishes them many years of happiness.

Committee Reports:

Activities: Joyce told the group of the extra dinner ride on October 28th. We will meet at the Blue Parrot in Louisville at 7:00 p.m. The Victorian Christmas in Leadville will be on December 4th. More information to come. The cost will be \$25/person. Joyce also outlined plans for the Christmas party as her lovely assistant passed out the flyers. The gathering will be at Landry's on December 19th, also with a cost of \$25/person. Please RSVP to Joyce by December 5th.

Awards: Stan, Floyd & George will be the ad hoc committee. If you have a suggestion for an award, please contact one of them.

Historical: Floyd said he is still hoping to find something historical.

Member Relations: Jerry & Linda sent a card to Vaughn Richards after his knee surgery.

Membership: Sherri told the group that

we still had some members, but no new ones.

Newsletter: As usual, the deadline for items is the 23rd.

Website: Brett noted that Floyd now has over 1,000 pictures up on the web site. Ride photos are now up to date.

Ride: Four member bikes showed up for the Glenwood Ride. The ride had been cancelled just two days before by Bob Norton of the FreeWheelers. Unfortunately, the word hadn't gotten to all in the RMVTA. They had a nice impromptu ride to Nederland anyway. The September Dinner Ride was to Los Volcanes in Parker and led by Stan and Janet Stotz. The Fall Color Ride was led by Bill & Becky Gillespie. Someone noted that Bill just had to find his obligatory dirt road to the Ludlow mine massacre site. Everyone handled the mile or so each way without needless whining or sniveling.

The Fall Highway Cleanup will be 10/16. Meet at the Pegasus in Castle Rock for breakfast at 9:00 a.m., or 10:00 a.m. at the usual site on highway 83. The Progressive Dinner Ride will be 10/17. Meet at the Holiday Inn, I-25/120th at 8:45. The last scheduled ride of the season will be the Polar Bear ride on November 14th. Pat McCombs, president of the FreeWheelers, invited all RMVTA members to join them in their Winter Ride Schedule. Every Sunday from now through March they meet for breakfast at 9:00 a.m., and, weather permitting, a ride at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Inn, C-470/Broadway.

Old Business: There didn't seem to be any old business, and besides everyone wanted to get at the goodies.

New Business: The Member Appreciation party will most likely be on January 15th. Place to be determined.

Missing Link: Not awarded tonight.

50/50: No 50/50 tonight because of the bake sale.

Bake Sale: The guest auctioneer, Mike Lindeman was not only professional in his skills, but very entertaining. He is a rider himself. Thanks to Mike for helping the party fund grow to \$795.00!

The meeting was adjourned following the bake sale.

Submitted by Secretary, Bill Gillespie
"Wing Commander"



A BIG THANK YOU!

Diana and I would like to thank all of the members of the club that joined us on our "Blushing Groom Ride" to witness our exchange of wedding vows. We had a very special day and having you there certainly added to that. We would especially like to thank you all for the very nice card and cash wedding gift that came as GREAT surprise.

Larry and Diana Gutt



Larry and Diana at their wedding at Echo Lake September 19th

IT'S OFFICIAL

Lloyd & Stella are WED

With the upcoming event, our wedding, the house is being turned up-side-down. Two dogs, two cats and Lloyd are all called to order to either get out of the way or help clean up. Bedrooms are made ready for out of town guests and dust is swept out the doors. The weather is cooperating too. I cook up a few specialties and freeze them so that I can relax while company is here. With the "Progressive Dinner" just one week before our wedding, we make that the deadline for the clean up and hope to relax the final week. All goes well and the weekend arrives with the RMVTA group. Saturday we ride out for the highway clean up. What fun. Lloyd and I needed the break and enjoy the ride afterwards up to Woodland Park.

We enjoyed a great lunch with everyone and then headed back to Monument to get ready for the Progressive Dinner Ride the next day. Just some last minute touch up's and we were done! Up early on Sunday and we were off again for a wonderful day with the RMVTA group. I never expected to eat so much and have such a terrific time. The day ends at our house and dessert. By that time everyone is full and in great moods for conversation. After all the hard work Lloyd and I are now coasting towards the final count down. Our first guests will arrive on Friday and we are ready. Cake is ordered, music is recorded, chapel is booked, clothes are pressed and ready.....have we forgotten anything?



Lloyd & Stella –Just married At Palmer Lake October 26 th.

Lloyd's three sisters and mom came for the wedding from parts of CA and MN. One of my sisters and my mother and father came from CA for the wedding. With family and just a few close friends we had a small romantic wedding at Pinecrest in Palmer Lake. It is the quintessential location for a romantic mountain wedding and right around the corner from us. We were married on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 2:00 pm surrounded by family and friends. Afterwards we just relaxed and enjoyed ourselves with all the wonderful company. That evening we topped it off with a celebration dinner at the Castle Café where we had our first date. It was a perfect day.

Stella "The SkeeZ"



Christmas Party

Sunday December 19, 2004

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

Joyce and Ron have put together a really nice Christmas Party at Landry's Seafood House at 7209 Clinton (just south of Target at I-25 and Arapahoe Road). We will be in the Lighthouse Room. Meeting time is 5:00 p.m. Price is \$25.00 per person payable RMVTA and given to Joyce and Ron no later than December 5. They will be taking reservations at the November meeting. The club will be picking up the tax and tip tab to try to keep the cost down.

The buffet menu includes: Main Course - Salmon Victoria, Grilled Chicken Rockefeller, and Grilled Flatiron Steak Oscar. Salads - House Salad and Fruit Salad. Sides - Roasted New Potatoes and Vegetable Medley. They will have a cash bar in the room.

Don't forget to bring your favorite "White Elephant" gift for the gift exchange. Bring a gift and get a gift. The trading is always a ball. Be sure and don't miss out on this extravaganza. The menu looks great and the company is always tops. See you there.

"Steamer"



Membership Appreciation Party

Saturday January 15, 2005

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

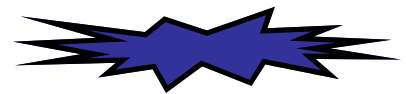
We are going to do something different for our Membership Appreciation Party this year. We are going to decorate the club house at Fay Myers and have our party catered. We are still busy selecting the caterer but it should be really fun and we will have much more flexibility in what we do and what we provide. The mixer starts at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Contact me or any of the other Executive Committee members if you plan to come so we will order dinner for you and yours. As tradition dictates, there will be no charge for this party.

We have had a change in the Awards Committee. The Executive Committee has taken it over and we are looking for

awards to give out. I know that each of you have noted at least one (if not many) funny things that happened during the year and we would like to have fun with your inputs. Nothing is sacred here! We would also like to recognize some serious contributors to the club this year as well.

Clear your calendar and we would like to see the whole membership at YOUR Membership Appreciation Party. We plan to have a great time and promise to keep it light and lively.

"Steamer"



Riding Season 2004

Submitted by: Floyd and Linda

Riding Season 2004, where do I begin. I happen to think that this has been one of the best riding seasons in my affiliation with the RMVTA. I say this on many fronts. This is of course discounting the fact that my new scooter got wrecked in Sturgis. And, even that all worked out alright. I rented a scooter to do two rides during its repair.

Now I have only been on 21 of the 31 planned rides so far with the potential of getting 22 if I am able to go on the Fall Polar Bear Ride XIV but all in all, I think that we were Blessed with the best weather in many years. If you were on some of the rides I did not attend you may dispute that. It was not so terribly HOT and I can only remember getting into rain gear about three times the entire season.

We had a very good ride schedule with a nice mixture of multi-day rides and lots of day rides where some fell on Saturdays and some Sundays. We had the President's Picnic Ride that was a very interesting addition to the program. We also had the Dinner Rides that were very well received. I think that all would agree that some form of these rides would be good again next year.

We had numerous rides where involvement was encouraged with the Colorado Free Wheelers. Everyone that I

have spoken with, from both clubs, says that this has been a very good thing for both clubs this year. We would like to do this again next year for sure.

I would like to compliment the membership at large for your participation this year in the many rides and activities. This above all else has been the biggest determining factor in gauging the success of this riding season. All the best planning and execution is for nothing without your participation.

I would encourage you to step up and take an active roll in the Executive crew, various committees and or ride planning efforts for this next year so that we can continue the things that we as a group can influence. We can't control the weather – YET.

The holiday season is nearly upon us once again this year an Linda and I would certainly wish you and yours a very safe, meaningful and joyous time with your families, friends, and loved ones.

Be careful in all that you do and HAVE FUN.

Mr. "T" and Mrs. "T"

UPCOMING RIDES

**Polar Bear Ride
Fall-2004**

Sunday, November 14, 2004
Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

Just a reminder that we will meet at the Sofa Mart @ 6th and Kipling on Sunday Nov. 14, 2004 @ 8:15 a.m. and leave at 8:30 a.m. I do not know what routes we will be riding as Mother Nature will have the last say on where we can ride. I'm sure I can come up with something even if it's right at the last minute, so we can have an enjoyable ride...Lunch?... Where? Who knows. Please come prepared to ride in all types of weather.... cold, warm, rain or what ever. If it is snowing or icy conditions exist on the local roads, the ride will be canceled.

I will have my cell phone turned on that morning, so if you are on the way and running a little behind, please call so we don't leave anyone behind. My cell

number is (303) 514-1734. Come one come all and let's make the most of the last scheduled ride of 2004. See you all at the meeting place.

"Dagwood"



**PAST RIDES
2004 Riding Season**

Submitted by: Floyd and Linda Thorne

Well, I write this after we just got home from the Progressive Dinner Ride. We are STUFFED! So, much good stuff to eat at three beautiful venues again this year.

Let me back up though and tell you about the meeting on Thursday night. We had a very special treat (no pun intended) on Thursday evening for our Annual Bake and Craft Sale. I was able to locate a professional auctioneer to help us out. His name was Mike Lindeman and he brought with him a friend, Bob Light. I can only hope that these two fellows had as much fun there that evening as those of us that were there enjoyed having them. I can't help but think that there was more bidding done as a result of Mike's great talent and humor. It would please us all if Mike and Bob were to join the RMVTA. They ride the other "H" bikes but would be a fun to be a part of our group.

Saturday we (some of us pretty early to make it that far south) left the house in some pretty brisk temperatures to make our way down to the Pegasus Restaurant in Castle Rock for breakfast before heading out to do our bi-annual highway clean-up effort on a two mile section of Highway #83 south of Franktown. There were not as many folks there as we would have liked but we got after it



Richard Bush and Stan Stotz stop and smell some roses on the ride following the Fall Highway Clean-up Ride (Stan's new bike)

and cleaned our area in fine shape and then some of us continued south to Colorado Springs, through the Garden of the Gods Park and then Woodland Park for lunch.

After lunch we proceeded to go through Deckers and on to our respective homes over one of our favorite roads. We stopped along the way to chat about what a beautiful day it had turned out to be and how fortunate we all were to be living in the State of Colorado.

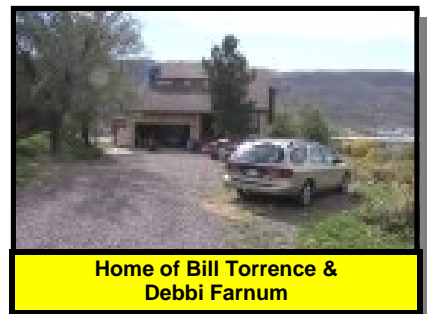
Sunday we met at the Holiday Inn at 120th Avenue near I-25. Our first stop was at the beautiful home of Bill and Dena Nielson not far away for a breakfast fit for royalty. Dena went way over board here and had a GREAT spread of stuff filling everyone's tummies almost too full for the balance of the day.



Bill & Dena Nielson's Home

Stop number two was at the home of Bill Torrence and Debbi Farnum. What a beautiful home and setting they have high on a hill over looking the City of Denver off to the east and the Coors operations just below us to the south. Here everyone tied on the feed bag once again. After all it has now been an hour or more since we last ate. It was near lunch time then so it was salads and main course entries.

After some games of pool and relaxing



Home of Bill Torrence & Debbi Farnum

a bit we made our way down to the absolutely beautiful home of Stella Stein and Lloyd Nicholson down in Monu-

ment, CO. By the time you all read this, this fine couple will be Mr. and Mrs. We are all very happy for them and wish them all the wonderful things that life has to offer. But, to get back to their home, oh my, what a beautiful setting they have there. Their home is very beautiful and the envy of us all. But, take that home and place it where it is and it really made it tough to say our good byes and leave to come home. Linda and I would like to thank these



Lloyd & Stella Nicholson's Home

three wonderful couples for opening their homes and sharing them with all of us for the 2004 Progressive Dinner Ride. We all had way too much to eat and enjoyed the most gracious hospitality one could ask for. These folks are truly the fiber that make our club experience all that we seek and enjoy.

It has been a fun and fully packed last few days with our RMVTA members and friends. We are winding down on the Riding Season in so far as organized rides are concerned. We only have a couple more one on the 28th of October and one on the 14th of November. On the 28th we have a Dinner Ride at the Blue Parrot in Louisville and then on the 14th we have our Fall Polar Bear Ride. So, if you are able and the weather permitting we bid you farewell for now and look forward to seeing you later.

I encourage you to ride when and where ever possible but hope that you stay out of harms way. Again, living in Colorado we can almost ride all year long a little bit here and there through out the late fall and winter months but, do so carefully.

Mr. "T" and Mrs. "T"



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- Committee Chairpersons: (To be confirmed in the future)
- Activities: Joyce Hindman and Ron Nardiello
- Awards: Yet to be determined
- Historical: Floyd Thorne
- Member Relations: Jerry and Linda Hatfield
- Membership: Sherri Barrett
- News Letter: Lloyd Nicholson (Bill Gillespie Backup)
- Web Master: Brett Barrett
- 50/50: Bill and Diane Lloyd
- Ride Committee: Bill Gillespie Chairperson plus, others.
- Finance: Stan Stotz



If Women Ruled The World #5

For Sale:

We are selling our 1995 Cyclemate trailer. It is the CM1000 painted to match the GL 1800 yellow. It has a cooler rack and the entire inside is carpeted. It is in excellent condition. We are asking \$750.00. Here is a sight to look at new Cyclemates. They have not changed as far as we know. <http://www.cycle-mate.com/> If you think you are interested, we are coming to Colorado sometime in November and could bring it at that time. Give us a call. Thanks.
Karen & Steve Burgus – Meridian, Idaho
(208) 376-3876

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, MEZA 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

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is November 23, 2004



Fall 2004 Hi-way Cleanup

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 Thursday, Nov 11, 2004
 7:30 p.m.
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