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Officers Speak

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne
Vice President

Well, here we are into March. Depending on the place you are, or come from, you might say ALL READY or we might be saying it did not get here fast enough. In most respects I suppose that the majority of us say ALL READY. Unless you, like many of us, are anxious for the real riding weather to get here you might be saying none too soon. I guess what it all boils down to is that it's all a frame of mind. After all there are still 24 hours in each day, 365 days per year.

Many of us tend to wish our lives away. We are in the winter season and we wish it were spring. When spring gets here we will wish that it were summer or something else. Many of us are already planning on BIG trips and or activities that will be here before we even know it. Then as a result we will look back and say where oh where did the spring and or summer go? In that line of thinking I guess we need to slow down and enjoy the moment or the time we are in now.

On another note, it was discussed at the meeting in February about some expenses that we could trim. We have been historically been paying about \$28.00 per month to have the hard copy Newsletters printed. Then we have an additional postage expense of about \$10.00 to \$12.00 each month to mail out these hard copies.

Granted, we take in that much and sometimes more each month from the 50/50 program. We are not running negative by any stretch. But, we feel that in the world we live in that if we all, at least those of us that have the ability to get on-line and read the Newsletter and or download it and or print it out at home that we could significantly reduce those monthly expenses. Another plus about printing your own newsletter, you get it approximately 3 days earlier than by "snail mail". That should be incentive enough. Some people just like to read it on-line and not even print it off.

George has offered to start printing out the newsletters at his home, rather than going to Kinko's each month which will help reduce those expenses but he too

will not be doing that for free. He will have paper and printer toner expenses that he will pass along to the club. The other plus for many of us in printing them out at home is that we will get a color copy rather than black and white.

If, you do not have the capability of accessing the newsletter on the web site, we will continue mailing the newsletters to you. We will still have a certain amount of mailing expenses to our Sponsors and we always have a few hard copies of the newsletter around to hand to prospective new members.

But, if you have an e-mail address and internet access, the odds are pretty good that you could also be looking at or downloading the newsletter from the web site. In that case we would like you to let us know so that we can reduce the newsletter printing and mailing expenses.

If you think about the upside potential of this expense reduction, it means more monies to support the Presidents Picnic, subsidizing of the Christmas Party, fully

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Minutes

RMVTA Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2005

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie, Secretary

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by President, George Barrett. The sole visitor was Tom Shumaker. I think Tom has been here before, he looks familiar. Robin Reynolds and Sandi Redford were also in the house. Must have been girl's night out for them.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: No one had a problem with the January Secretary's report. Man, these people are just like sheep!

Treasurer: Floyd reported \$900.83 in checking and \$1,472.74 in savings for a total of \$2,373.57.

John and Sandi Redford have moved to their new home in Elizabeth, and Stan & Janet Stotz are returning from Ohio before they have moved. Actually, Janet decided not to accept the new position offered her because the job was apparently misrepresented. A job promotion misrepresented, imagine that. In any case, farewell Stan & Janet, and welcome back. Or is it the other way around?

Committee Reports:

Activities: Ron & Joyce are looking for ideas for activities. If you have one, please share it with them. One idea that seemed to be popular was a tubing expedition to Fraser.

Ancillaries: Stella has been waiting on the final decision on the logo before proceeding with items to "ancillared." It now appears the logo will remain the same. She too was looking for ideas. New club jackets seemed to draw the most interest. Brett Barrett modeled his jacket made for the Barrett family business, but some people seemed to favor the RMVTA logo over that of Home Computer Rescue. I suppose if we all had jackets like Brett's we would have to change the club name or something. I don't know, we'll just have to see where this leads.

Awards: Since the presentation of awards by the club officers with absolutely no planning or preparation went fairly well at the Member Appreciation

Party, it was decided to maintain the same plan, or lack thereof, for this year.

Finance: Stan handed out copies of the proposed budget for 2005. Based on historical income, it was only \$85 short of balanced. Since Stan was the only person who really understood the budget, it was approved in short order.

Historical: Floyd still needs pictures and/or memorabilia from ride destinations and club activities.

Member Relations: Jerry Hatfield noted that the huge going away party scheduled for Stan & Janet at the Pepsi Center has been cancelled.

Membership: Part of Sherri Barrett's job as Membership Chair is collecting money. She is very good at her job. Dues are delinquent after the March meeting. Sherri's rule: *No Dues - No Ride Book.*

Newsletter: As usual, the deadline for input to the newsletter is the 23rd. I think I'll make it this month. If you generally read or download the newsletter from the web site, and toss the mailed version in the trash, you can save the club some money. Just send Stan an e-mail opting to not receive the snail-mailed version.

Website: Brett is archiving the 2004 pictures and starting a new listing of pictures for 2005. January site visits were 11,060.

Ride: Stan has hyperlinked all '05 rides on the website. Just go to the calendar and click on any ride for details. Ride books will be proofed by the Ride Committee on 2/12. There was some discussion about Polar Bear ride numbers. It seems that roman numerals are not the strong suit of the Ride Committee members. George has volunteered to print the ride books in full color this year. They will be ready for the March meeting. Lloyd has done a wonderful job on page layout, while Stan, Floyd and most others have worked very hard on organization. The co-chair, Bill has been selfishly and cleverly allowing everyone else to experience the full realm of responsibilities.

Old Business: George brought a catalog with many styles of jackets for all to review. They all look better on the models

in the catalog than they will ever look on any of us.

New Business: Floyd suggested a pot luck supper at the March meeting. After a brief discussion, the idea was adopted. The food theme will be Mexican, and we'll start at 7:00 p.m. on March 10 instead of 7:30 p.m.

Then there was the discussion about whether the club should buy the steaks for RMVTA members for the steak fry with the FreeWheelers on June 4th. Seems we're always thinking about food. Anyway, Stella Nicholson made a motion to have members defray the cost of food up to \$10 per person. Sandi Redford seconded, and the motion was passed.

George and Floyd showed members a new recruitment poster for dealer sponsors to post in their finance offices. The posters will congratulate new buyers on their motorcycle purchase and advertise the club to them.

Rooms for the Steamboat Balloon Ride will only be held until March 15th. George is holding 14 rooms in Albuquerque for the Balloon Fiesta Ride in October. Contact him if you would like one of them.

Missing Link: Retired until spring, fortunately.

50/50: Diana Gutt received 7 free tickets for finding her membership number in the January newsletter. It didn't help her win though, as George Barrett got 3rd for \$9.50; Floyd Thorne was awarded 2nd for \$14.25; and Lloyd Nicholson got the big money of \$24.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 0347 Zulu.

Submitted by Secretary Bill Gillespie

Notice: March 10 meeting time 7:00 pm for a Mexican-theme pot-luck dinner. See Floyd's article for further information.

One (Hard-to-Get) Ticket for the Three Flags Classic

I have one extra ticket for the 2005 Three Flags Classic. I will release the ticket back to the Three-Flags waiting list on April 1st, so act soon if you want to participate. Call Bill Gillespie, (303) 781-0032.

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paying for the Membership Appreciation Party and other activities that we as a group all enjoy, eating drinking etc., etc..

We look forward to seeing you at the March meeting during which time we will be passing out the Ride Books. We will be having a Pot luck (read more about it in this issue.) And please if you are able to stop getting the News Letter in hard copy format please let us know.

"Mr. T"

Notice – Correction for February Newsletter:

For those of you who have not heard, Janet and I will not be moving to Columbus, OH after all. Janet decided not to accept her promotion and we plan to spend the next quite a few years in the Denver area. Thanks for all the really nice notes from many of you. We are glad to be back! We are both really happy about our final decision!

Janet and Stan Stotz

**March 10 Meeting
Potluck Dinner –
7:00 p.m.**

Submitted by: Floyd and Linda Thorne

After having such a successful food function at the meeting Fay Myers meeting room for our Membership Appreciation Party I felt that it might be fun to have more such activities. As a result, it as discussed at the February meeting about the possibility of having a Potluck Meeting in March and it was widely accepted.

It was discussed that it would have a theme and the theme chosen was to be Mexican food. We will also be starting the meeting at 7:00 p.m. that evening because we will be having our dinner there.

I would suggest that you bring anything Mexican that will feed four to six folks. The club will be furnishing soft drinks and the table settings. Don't forget the chips, salsa or other dips.

If you would like to send me an e-mail with what you intend to bring then I can

assemble it and send it out to everyone. This will avoid too much duplication and also allow others who have yet to decide on what to bring and idea to fill any voids in the menu.

We look forward to seeing a large crowd there to enjoy the food, fellowship and of course the business at hand of the monthly meeting. We will also be passing out the Ride books that evening which is always a big draw for March. I think that you are all going to be really impressed with the ride program planned for this year and you are going to look forward to showing and bragging about this years ride books to friends and prospective new members.

See you there.

Mr. "T" and Mrs. "



BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL

Submitted by: George Barrett, President

I would like to take this opportunity to update you all on the progress of the ride book. At this writing, it is in the capable hands of the Wing Commander getting the final touches done to it before distribution i.e: pages cut and collated, clear covers put on and bound. This years ride book is going to be a real beauty. The effort by all who attended the ride meetings this year will be proud to have been a part of it's collaboration. Speaking of that, I would like to personally thank all who did show up for the ride committee meetings this year. Some of the comments were, I didn't do much.....believe me, your help in putting the trips together and checking all the info that was to be put together made the job a lot easier, and will make this ride season a great success.

I have been on the ride committee for the

last two years, and will continue to be as long as they allow me in the door, as I want to be involved in the discussions of where I will be riding in the coming ride season. Last year was kind of a struggle to get people to show up to help, but Steamer pulled it off, and had a great ride calendar for us all to enjoy. I think the results speak for themselves with the amount of participation we had at the rides. If I remember right we had 5 or 6 people on the committee last year, and had 4 or 5 meetings to get it all put together. It was stressful for all. This year's ride committee was a much bigger group. And we were able to knock it out in two sessions.....Many thanks to the following people

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| Thumper | Bob Norton |
| Bill Gillespie | Floyd Thorne |
| Dick Bush | Sherrri Barrett |
| Brett Barrett | Cliff Eudy |
| Dena & Wild Bill Neilson | |
| Daniela & Jerry Henn | 509 |

Once again I was lacking in my duties to write down everyone who attended these 2 meetings. If I forgot to thank you, please let me know and I will print a full addition in the next newsletter or at the meeting. The other two guys I need to mention are Stan Stotz and Lloyd Nicholson. These two fellas went way out beyond the edge and made this years ride book something you will want to carry around and show everyone you know what kinda class this group has. Thank You both for a superb job at putting this thing together.

Distribution should make the March meeting without much trouble, But remember Sherrri's rule. No dues = No Book, and as near as I can tell this years book cost us about \$7.40 cents per copy from womb to tomb. So if you want an extra, peel out another 10 spot and we will give you one. Also remember March meeting is potluck Mexican Dinner at 7:00 p.m. I will bring the queso and chips as this went over well at the MAP. Second chance for you people who missed the MAP to sample some of my cooking. Hope to see you all at the meeting.

RIDE IT LIKE YOU STOLE IT!!

"Kmart"

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PS.....Bob Norton, time to get up some greenbacks, I think you're in the ride book more than I am.....

Steve & Karen Burgus Rejoining RMVTA

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

I just got off the phone with Steve & Karen Burgus. They are sending a check to re-join RMVTA after moving to Idaho more than 2 years ago (member #s 322 and 323). Karen and Steve have been active in about 4 clubs in the Boise, ID area. They are coming back this summer on their bikes this June with some friends and will be touring Colorado. Let me know if you want to hook up with them. Welcome back Karen & Steve! We have missed you.

"Steamer"



Karen & Steve Burgus standing beside their Wings in Idaho.

Upcoming Rides:

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Ride
September 30 – October 2, 2005

Submitted by: Stan Stotz

If you plan on going to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta with Prez George and Sherri, you need to call them at (303) 368-4203 to reserve your room. George & Sherri will fix you up for a room. They need to turn them back in on March 31, 2005 because of the popularity of the event.

"Steamer"

Spring Polar Bear Ride XV
Sunday March 20, 2005

Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

We will meet on Sunday March 20 at 8:15 a.m. at the Hops Restaurant parking lot, I-25 & 104th Ave. - 1 block west of I-25 on the north side of 104th. The ride will leave at 8:30 a.m. As usual, the route and length will be determined at



the last minute based on Mother Nature. Please come prepared to ride in the weather conditions that are forecast for the day. I will have my cell phone turned on, so if you are running a little late, please call so we don't leave anyone behind (303) 514-1734. If the roads are icy, snowy or if it's snowing the ride will automatically be canceled. For those that wish to have breakfast, Gunther Tooties is located right next to our meeting place. Come one, come all and let's have a good 2005 opening ride.

"Dagwood"



Get ready to see the "Polar Bears" during the Polar Bear Ride

Superbike Ride Ticket Information

Submitted by: Richard Bush

I received a call about tickets for the races. They have a special discount for a race ticket and infield/pit pass. Total ticket price is \$35 if purchased prior to March 17. They have a one-time \$5.00 fee for credit cards. The regular price would be \$45 and add the one time fee. A savings of \$10.

Could you pass this along to the group so they can take advantage of the discount.

Dick

Ride for Kids 2005

Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation

June 26, 2005

Submitted by: Floyd and Linda Thorne

The Ride for Kids event in Denver this year is going to be held Sunday, June 26, 2005. Come join thousands of your motorcyclist friends and help us help the medical research community find the cause and the cure of childhood brain tumors. When you ride with us side by side in that endless column of bikes, people waving at you at every turn, you know you're making a positive statement for our sport at the same time.



The ride will travel through some scenic countryside with a police escort. The **CELIBRATION OF LIFE** program at the endpoint includes awards presentations to individuals, chapter/clubs and festivities. It would be good for the clubs image, recruiting and exposure to have a large turnout there and be publicly recognized. There will be a **GRAND PRIZE** of a Honda Rebel 250, free coffee/donuts and a light lunch.

I know that many of you will not participate in this activity as a rider but the value of the cause is none the less important. As a result of that understanding, if you are not going to be able to participate in the ride, any contribution that you could would be greatly appreciated. Linda and I plan on doing it again this year and would be honored to take our combined Tax Deductible donations (yours and ours) to help and support these children and families affected by Pediatric Brain Tumors.

Checks made out to "PEDICATRIC BRAIN TUMOR FOUNDATION", "PBTF" or "Ride for Kids" will all work and be great appreciated. Thanks in advance.

Mr. "T" and Mrs. "T"

Doctors Office

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it.

"Impossible!" says the doctor. "Show me."

The redhead takes her finger, pushes on her left breast and screams; then she pushes her elbow and screams in even more agony. She pushes her knee and screams; likewise she pushes her ankle and screams. Everywhere she touches makes her scream.

The doctor says, "You're not really a redhead, are you?"

"Well, no" she says, "I'm actually a blonde."

"I thought so," the doctor says. "Your finger is broken"

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."

There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewable Vitamins.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it will digest itself.

.....Now you know everything

SO you think you know everything?

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.

A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years.

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.



For Sale:

1987 Honda Shadow 700 cc. Black - Approx. 16k miles, new alternator, and handlebar-mount windshield. It may need rear tire. Price \$2,000.00. If interested, call Rhonda at (303) 877-0347.

1999 Honda Goldwing SE. Silver/Grey - Approx. 50k miles, new alternator, floorboards, highway pegs, highway lights, 6-disc CD changer and receiver hitch. Comes with a color-matched Escapade cargo trailer. Price for both motorcycle and trailer \$10,000.00. If interested, call Rhonda at (303) 877-0347.

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.

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is March 23, 2005

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, Mar 10, 2005
 7:00 p.m.
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