



The warmest spot was around the grill at the President's Picnic Ride

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Officer Speak

Submitted by: George Barrett, President

It is Saturday morning and all is quiet at the Barrett household. Everyone is still asleep but me. I sit here struggling on what to write for the next newsletter. I have so many great memories from motorcycling over the years but I am not sure they would be of any interest to you folks. I guess that is the main message in this month's article. I know that everyone is extremely busy these days. The world of computers and high costs of living have made companies load the employees that they still have, suck up two or three other peoples jobs that used to work there in order to still have a job. We take work home on the weekends or at night in order to keep up. The bosses set up their servers so that people can work on there files at night from their homes in order to try and keep up. This puts a tremendous load on the whole family. "Honeydew's" don't get done, kids don't get the attention from mom or dad like they should, and the yards get tall or full of weeds. There just doesn't seem to be enough time in the day anymore. Is this really progress? Some that are up to the tasks will say yes, others

that find themselves always behind the eight ball will say "hell no".....

We all have a lot of common interests, but the main thing that brings this group together is that we love to ride motorcycles. Most of the time, even if it is just a dinner ride that only lasts a few hours, recharges my batteries to full. I enjoy the company of you guys & gals when we do have a chance to get together. I would love to make all the rides and activities we have planned for this ride season but there may be things that arise that I will not be able to rearrange or get out of. There can be all kinds of excuses of why you can't make it to a ride or activity, please reconsider and try your best to make the time available to get out and join the club. There are all types of personalities in this club. Some meld together like glue, others are kind of like oil and water. The majority of you people are all adults and should be able to get out and just enjoy the ride or the weather or the company. Don't feel uneasy if your riding comfort is not that of some of the others in the group. We leave as a group and come home as a group unless you let us know you are peeling off for whatever reason to go

visit friends or need to get home early or the soup's too hot, or whatever. That is why we have ride leaders and tail riders, so we get everyone home safely and all together. Some people have to stop more than others for whatever reason. Some bikes don't get as good as gas mileage as others, so they might need to stop more often. With a little bit of creative planning all of these things can be addressed and worked out. If your spouse is unable to go, bring your son or daughter. Bring you brother or sister, take your friend out for a ride, or just come out by yourself. You won't be alone long..... When you get to the point in life that you can no longer ride, your memories will keep riding for years to come. Get out and make as many as possible. Hope to see you on the next ride!

"KMART"



Chef George whips up some goodies for the picnicers...nice tools Geo

Next Meeting: **Thursday, June 9, 2005 7:30 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 9700 E. Arapahoe Road.** The Venture Voice is a monthly publication of the Rocky Mountain Venture Touring Association, dedicated to promoting the club and its members. Editing Staff: Stan Stotz-Lloyd Nicholson

Real Signs - On Septic Truck: "We're #1 in the #2 business."

Minutes

RMVTA Meeting Minutes

May meeting minutes not available at time of newsletter finalization. Seems all the principals involved are expecting a 4 day Canyonlands Ride tomorrow.



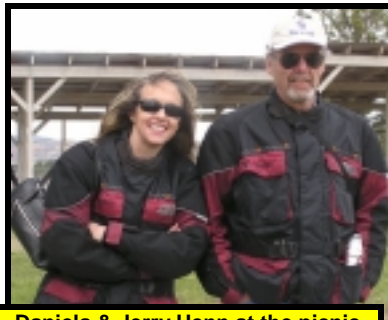
Going through the food line at the President's Picnic Ride



George & Ron pitch the bull (oops, I mean horseshoes)



George wins the Missing Link "season opener"



Daniela & Jerry Henn at the picnic



Bikes on the road to the Super Bikes Races at Pikes Peak International Raceway



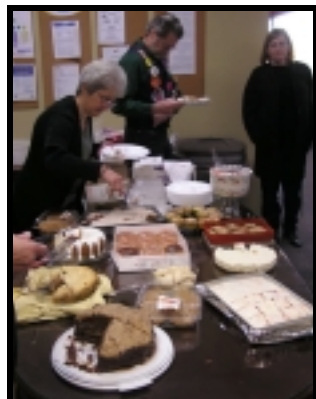
Larry & Diana knocking down the sugar pills



John & Gloria Swenson visited the May meeting and also attended the President's Picnic Ride - Welcome



Linda Hatfield wins the coveted Golden Horseshoe Award



The dessert table at the May meeting

Blue Light Special

Submitted by: George Barrett

The ride season has started off with a bang and will continue to improve as we get into more conducive weather for motorcycle riding. As I get older, I find that I am getting to be more and more a fair weather rider. So in order to be more comfortable I am resorting to adding electric clothing in order to keep the young pups in sight. I know a lot of you have priced some of these accessories to find they are not cheap. Believe me though, once you finally take the plunge and purchase some of this gear for yourself or your passenger, you will not be sorry. As you know, riding can be one of the best things you have ever done, or with the help of Mother Nature it can be absolutely miserable.

I still hate to this day to stop and put on a rain suit thinking that if you keep going you will get out of it soon and maybe you won't get too wet. Sometimes this theory works, sometimes it doesn't. When it doesn't, I catch hell from the front and the back..... This is all part of the hobby. Take the good with the bad, if the bad gets too bad, get off for awhile. Find an overpass to get under or stop at Denny's for a couple of hours. I have even stopped and taken in a show for a few hours so the weather could change. I know the weather is something you have to contend with when enjoying this hobby. Also remember that there is only one of you, and it is easy to get in trouble by pushing yourself beyond you or your bike's abilities.

Check your lights; keep your fluids and tires to the proper levels. Remember that you live and ride in Colorado, and that riding the mountains is a wonderful thing, but I have been snowed on riding Berthoud pass in July. Anything can happen in our mountains and they are unforgiving. Give yourselves as much of an advantage as you can.

Ride It Like You Stole It! "KMART"

Only in America.....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Observations

Submitted by: Pat "Thumper" McCombs

Passengers

Over the past couple of years while riding with two motorcycle clubs the Colorado Freewheelers & the RMVTA, I am always amazed at times at some of the things I view while riding at the back of the pack. You see these concerns more from the inexperienced riders as a rule, but once in a while from those "Macho Guys" who have thousands of miles on the road. I wonder at times, if they realize and are aware that they have a passenger on board with them. Have they taken the time to explain some of the basics of motorcycling? How to ride? What to wear? What is there comfort zone for a ride, or just get on and tough it out for four hundred miles? These are all good questions, and maybe we need to refresh or pass on a little information to new riders to the sport of motorcycling. It seems like every motorcycle publication I read these days touches on this a little bit. I know at times that even with all the miles that Dino has ridden with me, there are times when I am not too bright in regard to her needs as a passenger. Here are a few tips that have helped over the years.

First Time Passengers

If you have a first time passenger, and they know nothing about riding, they will gather all their information about riding motorcycles from you, the driver. You want to promote a positive impression of riding. To someone who has never been on a bike, impressions are everything.

Correct Gear? You're responsible for your passenger's safety. Make sure your passenger is wear the correct riding gear for the days ride ahead. Dress them like you would dress yourself.

What Not To Touch! Make sure your passenger knows a little about the machine before starting out on a ride. When is it OK to get on and off the machine? What parts of the machine could burn them? Things they need to avoid to enjoy the ride.

What to Expect? Most passengers have

seen motorcycles lean a thousand times while driving on the road behind a motorcycle. But the first thing they do on a motorcycle while riding as a new passenger is try to lean the motorcycle upright. Before starting that ride, explain how to relax and look over your inside shoulder going into turns.

Joy Ride, or Terror Ride? This would not be a great time too show off all your years of motorcycling experience, or your Evil Knievel moves. Chances are they will be nervous at that first ride, and even a sedate ride will feel exciting. Take it slow & easy. A four hundred mile ride the first time out will not be there idea of a good time.

A little debriefing goes a long way. At the end of the day, talk about the ride. If there is interest there they will let you know. Point out things about the ride, and how they handled themselves. Keep it upbeat.

Next month, we will touch on this some more. What about our long time and loyal passengers? The ones who have ridden thousands of miles with their drivers. A few tips on that, as I think at times we forget they are back there behind us. Until then, let's all have a great riding season. Be safe, be aware, and make the right choices.

"Thumper"

(Ed. Note: On behalf of the editing "crew" and anyone else who enjoys safer riding, Thank You for your comments. I, for one, welcome them. L. Nicholson "Packrat")

Real Signs - Pizza Shop Slogan: "7 days without pizza makes one weak."

UPCOMING RIDES:

Telluride or Bust Ride

Well, hopefully you have your plans made to travel with us to Telluride, CO on June 11 and 12, 2005. If not please feel free to contact the motel listed in the Ride book to see if they have a room. The rooms I reserved were released by now.

Linda and I have never been to Telluride personally so we are looking forward to this quick trip to see it, briefly

anyway, for ourselves. The club has gone there a few times over the years but for what ever reason we were not able to go. So, I thought I would lead a ride there myself and invite you all to join us.

There is a message in that last statement. Did you get it? If there is someplace that you would like to go and or see, plan a trip there and we'll all try to join you. We may not have seen it either.

At any rate, we hope that are able to join us if possible and if not then perhaps next time. In the mean time ride/travel safely and enjoy one another.

Floyd & Linda Thorne

Time to Pester

Submitted by: Bill & Dena Nielson

The Black Hills Ride is on a 3-day weekend over Labor Day weekend (September 3rd – 5th). I'm writing this early, not just to remind you of the ride, but the hotel rooms will need to be reserved by July 1st. After that date, they will be released. We will be staying at the Gold Country Inn, in Deadwood. The hotel phone number is 1-800-287-1251 or 605-578-2393. The reservations are in the name of RMVTA or Bill and Dena Nielson. Room rates are \$59 Queen, \$64 Double & Twin, \$69 2 each Doubles, and \$79 two Queens. Refer to the RMVTA Ride Book for further details.

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Dena and I will be leaving June 2nd for our two and half week trip. Our bike ride will take us into Canada through Sault Ste. Marie, MI, over to Montreal for a couple of days, then spend 4 days at Lake George, NY for Americade. We intend to spend another couple of days at Niagara Falls, and then it's homeward bound. Hopefully we'll bring back lots of pictures.

Let's go have some fun!

Bill & Dena

Only in America.....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

PAST RIDES:

President's Picnic Thank You
Submitted by: Floyd & Linda Thorne

I would like to express a huge Thank You to our President, George Barrett and his family once again for a GREAT day on Saturday May 14, 2005 for the Annual President's Picnic Ride. Not only does George make the sacrifice of not riding on this day (and you may not really know how much he loves to ride) but he transports most of the food items down in his van and then does the grilling of the burgers and dogs for all of us.



Chef George is well equipped to feed the hungry masses

There are many folks to thank for putting this activity together like Janet Stotz for her very tasty baked beans, everyone for jumping in and helping out wherever they can throughout the day and especially the clean-up efforts. Lloyd and Stella really came to the plate also for being there early and staying late to help with the setup and clean-up. Last, but not least, we would like to thank all of those that were able to join us for the day. These types of activities really don't measure up to their fullest potential without a good level of participation for you, the membership.

The weather certainly could have been nicer as it turned out but, that is Colorado in the spring time. It's like a box of chocolates, "you never know what you're going to get." Sounds like a saying from a movie or something doesn't it.

At any rate, the next time you see or communicate with George and his family, give him a big old bear hug and a thank you for all that he does for you and me, the membership of the RMVTA. He cares for you all more than I am sure you even know.

Floyd & Linda Thorne

Cabela's Spring Fling Ride

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

This was another very successful and enjoyable joint venture between the

Colorado Freewheelers and the RMVTA. It was led by "Knight Rider" Bob Norton of the Free Wheelers. The number of participants from both clubs was pretty evenly split. We had a rolling total 12 bikes and 14 +/- people on the day.

I say rolling because once we got to Cabela's and looked around for a while and had a bit of lunch, two RMVTA bikes and three riders headed back to Denver. We were then joined by two additional Free Wheelers riders on their way back from Omaha, NE. So we were still 12 bikes and now only 13 people traveling as a group on the way back home.

The weather could not have been any nicer all day. Oh yes, we had some wind along the way and there at Cabela's in Nebraska but not bad at all. There was no SMOG to be seen anyway. It was good to have weather that it was comfortable enough to shed the coats and ride in shirt sleeves.

If you have never been to Cabela's you are missing a real treat. It is not only one of the finest hunting and fishing sporting goods stores you will ever go into but it's a collection of some of the finest taxidermy presentations that you will ever witness. I have only seen one other store that beats them (at least that I have been in) and that would be the Bass Pro Shop in Springfield, MO.

Thanks, Bob Norton and the other Freewheelers for sharing the day with us, the RMVTA. It was a great ride on a great day. We look forward to doing it again soon.

Floyd & Linda Thorne

**Real Signs - At a Towing company:
"We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows."**

Spotlight on New Members

Brian Graves & Jamie Melies

Submitted by:

Debbie Farnum Torrence

Brian is from McCallister, OK while Jamie is a home grown Denver native. He currently works for RS & I Inc. as an Account Executive. RS & I works with Dish Network and Satellite radio.

You will find Jamie working for the Cherry Creek School District as an Administrative Assistant. She works in the office at Thunder Ridge Middle School.



Brian and Jamie

Brian has two children. His daughter, Brianna, is 13 years old and his son, Connor, is 10 years old. They live in Aurora with their mother. Brianna enjoys playing softball, soccer, and cheer-leading. You will find Connor playing football or baseball. Jamie has two children as well. Her son, Spencer, is graduating from Eagle Crest High School this year. He will start the apprenticeship program at Wagner Equipment to learn to be a diesel mechanic. Her daughter, Tamrin, is 15 years old and will be a junior at Cherokee Trails High School. She enjoys playing tennis and swimming.

Brian and Jamie met a couple of years ago through a mutual friend. They have been dating for that past couple of years. Jamie and Brian enjoy snowmobiling and motorcycle riding. You will also find Jamie enjoying working in her garden. Brian and Jamie have a group of people that they play Texas Hold'em with. They will host the poker game at their house.

I am sure they would love to connect with you other gamblers who enjoy Texas Hold'em. Brian and Jamie bought Jerry and Daniela Henn's Venture Royale Motorcycle. Jerry and Daniela recommended that they join our club. Let's give Brian and Jamie the usual RMVTA friendly welcome.

"Crazy Cat"

Only in America.....do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'

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Honda Line Heated Grips with Thermostat Control. Removed the grips from my 1800, and bought heated gloves. \$50. Bill Nielson (303) 907-4778

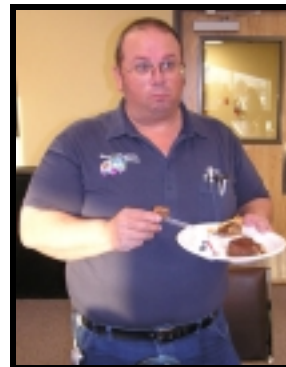
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Bill gets VIP treatment from Becky during "Dessert Night" at the May meeting



Ron & Joyce give out the Golden Horseshoe Award for the most unusual item picked up on the Spring Highway Clean-Up Ride



Oops, I ate the whole thing

50-50 Lottery

Don't forget to check this issue for your membership number. Come to the June meeting and claim your brace of 50-50 tickets.

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is June 23, 2005

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, June 9, 2005
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