



RMVTA booth (left side of picture) at Fay Myers open house....
Do you see the RMVTA neon sign in front of Brian's bike?

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Officers Speak

Submitted by:
Larry Gutt, Vice President

Fay Myers Motorcycle World had their open house last Saturday March 18. They had stunt riders and hot dogs on the grill. Floyd and Brian plus other members were monitoring the club booth. It was good to see some other club members out enjoying the day. I took advantage of getting an oil change at a discount. At about 1:30 p.m. the sky toward Idaho Springs was looking a little ominous so I decided to head for home but I couldn't resist taking the long way home. When I got to Evergreen it started to snow so I didn't waste any time getting home.

The bike is buried in the snow up to the brake rotors so I drove the truck to the March Dinner Ride. We had a good turn out at the Pepper Pod Restaurant in Hudson. When we arrived, parking was at a premium. I think every one in that small town was there. Every one had a wonderful meal with ample portions.

Tom Shumaker rescheduled the spring polar bear ride for March 26. I'll be digging the bike out for this ride. The next long ride is the Chimney Rock Ride. I would like to remind everybody to check

the tires, brake shoes and battery and get the oil changed and brake fluid checked. Also, replace any burnt out lights because no matter how many tools you carry, you'll always need the one you left at home. Don't forget the safety chrome.....speaking of safety, we're all a little rusty after a long winter so be sure to practice your riding skills because asphalt has a personality all its own. Respect it and you'll never get to see it up close. Ride safely and don't be afraid.

"Wild Card"

PAST RIDES

Spring Polar Bear Ride
Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

By this time, I hope that everyone knows the March 19th ride had to be postponed due to weather, and was rescheduled for March 26th.

Much to my surprise, 16 bikes and 20 brave souls ventured out into the 37 degree foggy damp weather to make this ride. We left Gunther Toodies on 104th and I-25, went east to the twisty Riverdale Rd, then north to Brighton where we intersected with Hwy 85 and onward north toward Ault. We made a pit stop in Eaton and by the time we left there, the wind had started to blow with a

heavy duty force. We turned East onto Highway 14 at Ault and were pushed nearly all the way to Sterling.

After fueling the bikes and spending nearly an hour for a Mexican food lunch we headed so-west on Hwy 6 to Atwood where we turned south onto CO 63. The next 55-60 miles we were hampered with southeast high-speed winds, which made riding a little challenging. We turned West at Anton onto Highway 36 where we met up with Steve and Connie Benko and headed home through Last Chance, Byers and into Denver. Considering the diverse weather we encountered today, I do hope that everyone enjoyed the ride. I know I surely did.

I would like to say Thank You to all who were able to make this ride, as it is all of you that made this trip a complete success. May all your journeys be safe.

"Dagwood"

Next Meeting: **Thursday, April 13, 2006 7:30 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 9700 E. Arapahoe Road.**
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Minutes

RMVTA Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2006

President, Brian Graves called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Since it is "Ride Book" night and members are crawling out of the woodwork, it took a few minutes to get everyone settled. Then Brian told everyone the ride books weren't ready. After some very ugly grumbling and just before he was to come under attack, he said he was just kidding. And, in fact he had brought a cake to celebrate the 2006 ride season dubbed "*Still Riding for Kicks in 2006.*"

Steve & Connie Benko told the group about their recent Hawaiian vacation. Connie said she was going to wear her grass skirt, but it was too cold.

Stan Stotz and his new knee are both doing fine after his minor accident last Sunday. He apparently hit some sand in a pretty slow curve on his FJR and he and some plastic parts on his bike became very well acquainted with the road surface. Also on that ride, Paul and Debbie Maynard acquired a nail in the rear tire of their Voyager. For safety's sake, Debbie rode back to Denver with Floyd, which prompted their next acquisition shortly thereafter – a nearly new 2004 Candy Red Gold Wing.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: Once again, no unwanted criticism. Guess no one else wants this job.

Treasurer: Sherri reported \$615.73 in checking and \$1,876.92 in savings for a total of \$2,492.65. Ride books are already paid for. But, Sherri is keeping perfect track of who has paid dues, and who has not. Trying to sneak a ride book past Sherri without paying dues is like trying to sneak a pork chop past a Rottweiler.

Committee Reports: Vice-President, Larry Gutt presiding.

Activities: Brian reported that it was a cold, but fun snowmobile outing. A few got stuck and had to dig out. Paul Maynard actually tried to bury his sled so no one would know he got so stuck. The only casualty was to the sled that Jamie's daughter Tamara was riding. She was riding a friend's machine when she

"kissed" a tree. Tamara wasn't hurt, but Brian & Jamie are now the new owners of a slightly damaged snowmobile.

Awards: No report.

Finance: Brian & George handed out pictures of little piles of matchsticks with Post-It notes. Actually, they came up with a very official looking budget proposal that was approved in short order beginning with a motion by Mr. Stotz. The 2006 budget shows projected income of \$6,335, with expenses of \$6,075.

Historical: Floyd brought the club scrapbooks for all to see. They are very nicely done.

Member Relations: The Benkos took some birthday and other cards on their vacation, and mailed them from the islands.

Membership: Two new members since the last meeting. The club saw 21 new members in 2005.

Newsletter: The deadline for submissions is, as always, the 23rd to Stan. I just cut and paste that sentence from month to month. Stan thanked Pat McCombs for the articles he submitted.

Website: Stats will be available next month, as Brett & George are still trying to work out some issues with the new site. Ride book information can be accessed on the website in two ways from the calendar link. Either page through the months, or click on the 2006 Rides link at the bottom.

Rides: The 2006 ride season begins with the Polar Bear Ride on March 19th.

During the break those in attendance were treated to a video of the snowmobile trip while the ride books were being passed out.

Old Business: None presented.

New Business: Brett has been contacted by Frank Heinzl of the FreeWheelers asking if it would be possible to host their site on our server. Brett indicated that it should not affect our site at all. The membership decided to host the FreeWheelers' site at a charge of \$10/mo. Plus a possible one-time charge to upgrade the server.

Announcements: There will be an open house at Fay Myers on Saturday, March 18th. George Barrett passed out flyers offering to replace steering head bearings on GL1800's with the tapered roller type for \$250.

Missing Link: We're just about to start giving this treasured award to the most deserving in our group again. Brian and George should both be dusting off their respective mantels.

50/50: Jerry Henn won 3rd place. I failed to write down how much Jerry won, but it was most likely somewhere around 15 bucks. I did note that Ron Nardiello got 2nd for \$25, and Dena Nielson got the jackpot of \$40. Brian Graves brought a 20% discount coupon, won by Diana Gutt, and a few hats to give away.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41.

Submitted by Secretary, Bill Gillespie

April Birthdays:

5th - Joyce Hindman
5th - Brian Graves
8th - Anne Long
16th - John Redford
24th - Robin Reynolds
25th - Becky Gillespie
26th - Jamie Melies
29th - Jack Dunwell

April Anniversaries:

24th - James & Sue Pasono



UPCOMING RIDES

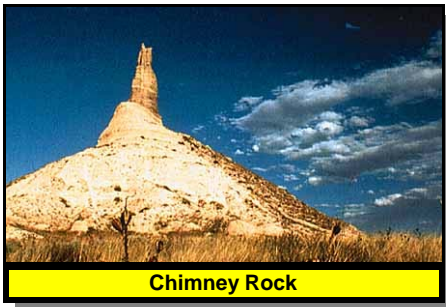
For further information, see your Ride Book or go to the Web at <http://www.rmvtta.org> and select "Calendar". Ride Leaders are encouraged to send upcoming ride information to the editor (Stan Stotz) by the 23rd of the month before your ride or any upcoming ride information no matter how late it is in the season.

Chimney Rock National Historic Site
Ride Leaders: Cliff and Nedra Eudy

On April 9, 2006 we will be taking a day ride up to the Chimney Rock National Historic Site (<http://www.nebraskahistory.org/sites/rock/index.htm>). Just so that you fully realize the significance of this site, it is the landmark that is, or will be, featured on the back of the new Nebraska Commemorative Quarter (http://www.usmint.gov/mint_programs/50sq_program/states/index.cfm?state=NE).

In the event that you have not paid your Dues yet to get the beautiful new 2006 Ride Book, this ride meets at I-25 and 120th Avenue at the Ramada Plaza parking lot at 7:45 a.m. and will leave at 8:00 a.m. Make sure that you have your tanks (yours and the bike that is) full before departure.

“Pipebender”



Chimney Rock

Saturday, April 22, 2006 Spring High-Clean-Up Ride – Ron Nardiello

Sunday, April 23, 2006 International Bells Museum – Ride Leader Bill Gillespie

Thursday Evening, April 27, 2006 April Dinner Ride – Ride Leader Brian Graves

Saturday, April 29, 2006 Sponsor Appreciation Ride – Ride Leader Brian Graves

Blue Light Special

Submitted by: George Barrett

Just got home from the March meeting, which turned out to be a great one. It was sure good to see some of you guys. The meeting was full of many new things discussed and recussed. Sherri was making sure that she had her act together and that you had to get the nod before you got your new ride book. I am

just a little partial to Sherri, but all in all, she does one hell of a job keeping her ducks all in a row. I do not know the exact count, but I am sure it had to be 35 to 45 people there for the handing out of the beloved new ride book. And even though I had my nubby little fingers in it, I think the ride book is a big success. Packrat does an excellent job putting that thing together. I made sure that I walked up to him and shook his hand and said thanks. I hope some of the rest of you did also. The rides that are planned for this year look stellar, and I am ready to get at it...Which brings up something I wanted to discuss at the meeting, but there were so many things going on, that I did not want to hold anything up.

There needs to be a couple things re-established before this ride season gets into full swing. I hope that the ride captains and tail riders try to do a better job this year of keeping people informed as of where it is they are going and where to meet when we all get there. There was some talk started at the end of last ride season, and there is already some hints this year, of the types of riding that some people do. I know that I am considered one of the more aggressive riders in this group. There are several people that really like to get out and rip some times. Please do not feel obligated to try and keep up with these people such as myself when we get out and stretch. Make sure that you just continue to ride at your and or your spouses comfort level. Thumper is a perfect example of this. He likes to ride in the back and stop often to take pictures, or look at something. This does not mean he is not part of the group. He knows where we are going and will be along in due time. The thing everyone needs to remember is, we are out to have a good time, see some beautiful country and enjoy the fellowship of other people who also enjoy riding motorcycles. If you are unclear of something, please ask. If you want to stop and look or see something, just let someone know, so that when we stop and take a head count, somebody knows why you ain't with us. There is absolutely no reason to feel queasy or scared because your try to keep up with KMART. I may just be running up the road away so that I can get your picture on the way by.

“KMART”

Partisanship Versus Fellowship
Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

It's no mystery that several members of the Colorado Free Wheelers and of the Rocky Mountain Venture Touring Association have what has come to be called “Dual Citizenship.” Each of us having this dual citizenship distinction deal with, or struggle with it in different ways, in terms of our loyalties, depending upon how our respective affiliations came to be, most likely.

I certainly don't think that our dealing with or struggling with, as the case may be, is a bad thing and each of us are entitled to our loyalties. We live in America after all, the finest country in our world, even though I haven't any world traveling to compare it to other than Mexico and Canada last year on the Three Flags, which could hardly even be considered.

Personally, I think it's a wonderful opportunity to plug into an activity and or group of people on almost any given weekend, or many weekday evenings, to be around people that have a similar interest that we share, that being motorcycle enthusiasts. Yes, there are distinctions between the two clubs (but, I am coming to believe that those distinctions are not as varied as some others might feel) that each should be very proud of and continues to hold dear.

This all brings me to the concept and or thought to be brought out by my title “Partisanship vs. Fellowship.” If you enjoy getting together with other motorcycle enthusiasts regardless of if they are male, female and or couples to enjoy a ride and or a meal, we all need to know that we are openly invited to and encouraged to participate in the activities of these two clubs or certainly other clubs. We all have different personality and riding style preferences and the only way that we are going to realize where we enjoy being and fit best is to participate with several and make those determinations.

So, don't be so hung up on “Partisanship” but rather look at the “Fellowship.” Oh, there is still going to be the kidding that takes place, like “he, and or she, is one of THEM.” Just like the kidding that takes place between the

various "H" bike riders. That does not make you or me a bad person but, rather makes us individuals with our own preferences.

What brought this all to a head for me was the March Dinner Ride that took place on March 23, 2006 at the Pepper Pod in Hudson, CO. This was a pretty cold evening but for many of us the gauntlet was thrown down and several of us rode the motorcycles as a result. But, the point was that there were 24 men women and children there to enjoy each others company and some pretty darn good groceries. This activity only exists in the RMVTA ride book, at least at this point primarily because it is published already. But, I think that it and all future Dinner Rides are to be in both ride programs.

At this evening activity there were several "dual membership" people in attendance with not a one single mention that I heard, about CFW vs. RMVTA affiliations or loyalties. We were just a bunch of folks that have some common bonds, we like to eat and we happen to enjoy motorcycles and the folks that ride them.

I have asked that this be published in both the "Venture Voice" and "The Eagle Times" because I know that on both sides of the fence there are folks that have not come to one or the others meetings and or attended one or the other's rides or functions. I encourage all of us to overcome those hurdles and explore. You may be very happy where you are and I certainly hope so, but you might be "ECSTATIC" with more opportunities.

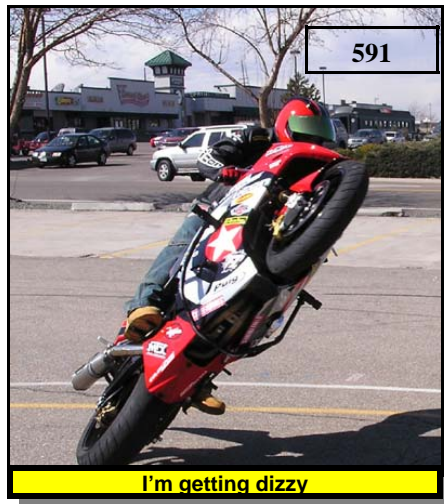
The RMVTA www.rmvta.org meets on the second Thursday evening of each month at 7:30 p.m. and the CFW's (www.cofreewheelers.org currently in the construction process) meet on the third Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. Both meet at the Fay Myers club meeting room.

In the what ever it's worth category, the CFW's continue to have a NO DUES policy where the RMVTA charges \$30.00 for a couple and \$25.00 for a single, a pretty darn good value in both cases.

Regardless of where you hang your helmets and regardless of what kind of bike

you ride remember to do so safely and often. Leave the "Partisanship" to our paid professional government elected officials.

"Mr. T"



Live to Ride or Ride to Eat
Submitted by: Pat McCombs

I was chatting with Jim White and Jack Dunwell one day years ago at a CAM meeting, and not even sure how it came up in the conversation. I had asked them for what ever reason, if the RMVTA had any kind of slogan that went with the club. This as I remember, brought a huge smile from both and a very large chuckle. Both replied together, and were going to try to tell me with a straight face. Well Thumper, we would guess that most any kind of motorcycle club would have some kind of saying or slogan that would go with their club. In our case it is probably what would fit our members best. Where a lot of clubs would use "Live to Ride", ours would most likely be "Ride to Eat". We love to ride, but are always looking for a good place to "Ride to Eat".

As I was searching the web the other day, I came across a site that listed the "Best of the Best" when it came to eating in the Denver metro area. So if the above, has any merit to it, the information should be passed on to the RMVTA membership. Now understand that since we have finally joined the RMVTA we have come to appreciate dining on bikes, and all the perks that go with the group on a dinner ride. So here is the voting for 2005. You may have tried some of these or not, but found it to be of some interest.

2005 Best of the Best

Dining in the Denver Metro Area

Best Hamburger

1. Cherry Cricket - Denver
 2. Bud's Café & Bar - Sedalia
 3. Jim's Burger Haven - Arvada
- Thumper's # 1 Pick - Bud's Café & Bar - Sedalia - If you are looking for fries with your burger here you should have gone to McDonald's. No fries

Best Ice Cream:

1. Bonnie Brae Ice Cream - Denver
 2. Gelato d' Italia - Denver
 3. Liks Ice Cream Parlor - Denver
- Thumper's # 1 Pick - I am sure, they will never let me vote, as those Dairy Queens on the road sure do taste good on a hot ride

Best Lunch Spot:

1. Panera Bread - Downtown Denver
 2. Wille G's Restaurant - Denver
 3. Bastien's Restaurant - Denver
- Thumper's # 1 Pick - The South in Englewood & Lone Star in Lakewood

Best Steak House:

1. Brooks Steak House: Party of four \$450.00 (??? Ed.) Average steak, Lousy service, been there twice now and nothing has changed. Won't make a third trip. Greenwood Village
 2. Texas Road House - Thornton
 3. Morton's The Steak House - Denver
- Thumper's # 1 Pick - Aurora Summit Restaurant - Still the best steak in town after thirty years. Aurora.

Best Seafood:

1. Wille G's Restaurant - Denver
 2. McCormick's Fish House - Denver
 3. Del Mar Crab House - Denver
- Thumper's # 1 Pick - Del Mar Crab House. For lobster, Aurora Summit Restaurant.

Best Sandwich:

1. Pat's Philly Steaks & Subs - Denver
 2. Chedd's Gourmet Grilled Cheese - Denver
 3. Heidi's Brooklyn Deli - Denver
- Thumper's # 1 Pick - Platte River Bar & Grill - Littleton

Best Romantic:

1. Morton's Steak House - Denver
 2. Chinook Tavern - Denver
 3. Potager - Denver
- Thumper's # 1 Pick - This one was

tough. Aurora Summit Restaurant table # 43 is really cool. The Palace Arms in the Brown Palace Hotel is top of the list as well. Fourth Story is right there.

Best Pizza:

- 1. Mici - Denver
 - 2. Parisi - Denver
 - 3. Bonnie Brae Tavern - Denver
- Thumper # 1 Pick - Three way tie. Bonnie Brae Tavern - Franks Pizza - Angie's Littleton

Best Outdoor Dining:

- 1. Chinook Tavern - Denver
 - 2. Highland's Garden Café - Littleton
 - 3. Platte River Bar & Grill - Littleton
- Thumper's # 1 Pick - Melting Pot - Littleton or Platte River Bar & Grill - Littleton

Best Mexican Food:

- 1. Hacienda Colorado - Englewood
 - 2. Jack-N-Grill - Denver
 - 3. Tafolino's Mexican Restaurant - Golden
- Thumper's # 1 Pick - Now to be fair, I should not even pick on this one. It is no big secret that I really don't care for Mexican Food. But at times am forced to go. Hacienda - Lakewood or Jose's in downtown Littleton

Best Italian Food:

- 1. Mici - Denver
 - 2. Bambino's Ristorante - Denver
 - 3. Ristorante Amore
- Thumper's # 1 Pick - It appears to me that none of these people that voted, ever went up to North Denver to eat Italian Food. Still very hard to beat The Three Sons Restaurant - Patsy's - Pagliaccl's - Garramone's - And our favorite, which was voted # 5, Café Jordano in Lakewood.

Best Breakfast:

- 1. Original Pancake House - Greenwood Village
 - 2. Racine's Restaurant - Denver - This is very good, have tried it several times.
 - 3. Dozens
- Thumper's # 1 Pick - No Name Café - Monument, Boulevard Grill - Littleton

Best BBQ:

- 1. Brothers BBQ - Denver
 - 2. M&D's BBQ & Fish Place - Denver
 - 3. Wolfe's BBQ - Denver
- Thumper's # 1 Pick - Ted's Montana Grill - Aspen Grove Center - Littleton

Best American Food:

- 1. Bent Fork American Grill - Aurora
- 2. Chinook Tavern - Denver
- 3. Sparrow - Denver

Well, there you have it. What is your favorite place? Did it come up on the Best of the Best for 2005. Looking at it, I am not sure many of these folks ride motorcycles. See you down the road, for that next great meal.

"Thumper"



Don't try this at home or especially on the highway!

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS:

Bill and Diane Lloyd
Submitted by: Brett Barrett

After calling Bill up on the phone and rudely interrupting him from continuing progress on his airplane he kindly agreed to answer a few of my questions. Bill grew up around planes since he was four years old and knew that's what he wanted to do. Going into the Air Force he served a total of 21 years, 8 of which being in Vietnam. Bill earned various medals during his service but didn't say much about his medals even after several attempts to ask him about them. Sometimes not saying much at all says more about your overall character than any medal ever could.

From one question to the next it became immediately clear that Bill's not the kind of guy who likes to boast about his accomplishments. He doesn't want to seem like he's better than someone else and that's just how considerate Bill is to his peers around him. I respect that immensely. After getting out of the Air force he pursued his Master in Business Management. While attending LSU in Baton Rouge Louisiana he met his soon

to be wife of 41 years and counting Mrs. Diane Lloyd. After getting his Master he soon learned that's not what he wanted to do. His love of airplanes and flying was indeed too great to let go, so he signed up with United Airlines and served 16 years with the company, 8 of which as captain. He was forced to retire at the age of 60 and has been flying privately and working on building his own airplane ever since. Retiring from captain, of which really became a part of him was one of the most difficult things he'd ever had to do.

Bill and Diane have 2 childrenBill Jr. 39 and Wendy 37. Diane's children really were a defining moment in her life. Ever since they were born Diane followed them through school by first substituting for teachers when they couldn't make it. She soon learned that she enjoyed helping children out so much that she went full time and became a teacher and has been at it ever since. Currently she's a counselor for West High School and this will be her last year in the public school district as she retires in 2 months. Now she's been flying around the country doing seminars with a program called College Summit. College Summit helps students find and get into colleges around the nation. It is really a good program that allows students to have more opportunities than they ever would normally have. Diane has helped many people in her lifetime through teaching and counseling and really takes pride in the fact that she can help open up doors to those who need them. Bill and Diane have been in the club 8 years and I can't wait to go riding with them in 2006.

"Clutch"

Cruising The Pipe Line

Submitted by: Pat McCombs

This could very well be, one of those articles that nobody understands, or might bring back a lot of great memories. I started thinking about this article the other day, after meeting with the Honda Representative for RPM Motor Sports, and a couple of Honda Service Managers. My question to them, was two-fold. The first part, was what was

the average age of people who buy Honda GL 1800 motorcycles?, and what percentage of those folks were new to the sport of motorcycling? I was a little surprised at the reply I got back from the three of them. To the first part they felt the average age of buyers was between forty-eight years to sixty, and that around forty-eight percent of them were new to the sport of motorcycling, and had never ridden before.

Now a great number of RMVTA members ride the big touring bikes, and I wonder how many of us fall into those statistics? If you do fall into the above statistics, then you will not remember some of what took place in this article. They were different times, but great times and memories.

Riding in the quote fifties, sixties, and seventies, was nothing like it is today. The products were not near as good as they are today, but James Dean ruled. Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper, and Jack Nicholson brought to the streets a new type of biker. The Hell's Angels had become front-page news around the country thanks to the works of Hunter S Thompson, and the British Wave, was not music, but motorcycles. If you cruised and were into motorcycles in the late fifties & sixties, and you did not ride a British motorcycle you were "Not Cool". Cruisers in those days, for the biggest part, not only belonged to motorcycle clubs, but were in car clubs as well. This, my friends, sets the stage for Cruising the Pipe Line.

It was a warm summer night in August of 1978, and was typical of a normal Friday summer night for what the Denver Post & Rocky Mountain had labeled as "Cruisers Night". They were great summer nights that you could show off your custom motorcycles and show cars. They were nights, without drugs, and guns, and all the crap that goes on today (although we may have tipped a Coors now and then). It was in fact a very festive time to be young. Donna and I were still very active in motorcycles and custom cars after thirteen of marriage, and our daughter had been raised around fast cars & motorcycles, and could not get enough of it. This would be a fun outing for the whole family tonight.

Now you have to remember, that computers, cell phones etc, were not a big thing back then and all was word-of-mouth or telephone, but the word always got around as fast as computers today.

When we got to the Brookridge Shopping Center at 8:00 p.m., at Broadway & Belleview, the lot was already three-quarters full, and the run down the Pipe Line did not start till 9:00 p.m. I was riding my 650 Triumph and the girls were driving our custom 1964 Chevrolet two door hard top. Already in the lot were more cars than the Saber's would draw for the Tri-State-Show, and three hundred bikes making it look like the "British Invasion". Custom Triumphs, BSAs, Nortons, Agustas (made in Italy), Ducatis (also made in Italy), Indians, and a few chopped Harleys. Now you may ask yourself, "why so few Harley's?" The biggest reason, is that in 1969, Harley-Davidson did a big merger with AMF- American Machine & Foundry Company. From 1969 to 1981 they did their best to bankrupt the company, and Harley had not answered to the "British Invasion". That would all change, when the Davidson Family buys the company back in late 1981.

It's 9:00 p.m. and you can hear the thunder for three miles in any direction. We are on our way, turning on to South Broadway and headed North. First stop, which is not a stop but a drive thru, is the "Old White Spot - Drive In. Had a friend of mine sitting in the White Spot that evening, and "I thought I had died and gone to heaven, as I had never seen so much iron". Back on Broadway, and headed to the Pipe Line. The Denver Police, have been with us for some time now, but nothing is said, because they are enjoying this as much as we are. 9:30 PM. and we are at the "Pipe Line" or "The Chute" as some people call it.

Left off of Broadway, and into the Pipe Line. Sixteen blocks, and one mile long, of steel and concrete canyons. We have just pulled onto 16th Street, Downtown Denver. No folks! it is not the 16th Mall, but 16th Street, and open to traffic. Custom cars parked on both sides of the one-mile chute, three lanes of traffic one way with wall-to-wall custom cars and rods, and more motorcycles than you can count, and none of them look the same.

Down the Pipe line to the 16th bridge, left over to 15th street, back up to Broadway, and back onto 16th street. You circle, you park, you circle. Burn up a tank of gas?, real good chance of that. Friends from North, East, South, West Denver. Arvada, Golden, Wheat Ridge, as far as Longmont. Club jackets & colors by the hundreds.

Well, it is 12:45 a.m., and time to call it a night, and what a night it was. It was the last night that motorcycles & custom cars ruled on 16th Street.

Today, the 16th Street Mall is the #1 Metro Tourist attraction to people coming to Denver. In early 1979 traffic was stopped on the 16th street, and work was started on the 16th Street Mall. The construction was completed in 1982, and open to the public for the Grand Opening. Today when I walk the mall, I can still hear the thunder of days gone by, and the great memories that went with those warm summer nights. If you remember some of this, I know you had a great trip down the Pipe Line. For those of you who never did it, you missed a part of Colorado Motorcycling History that can never be brought back.

"Thumper" Member #600



Watch out camera man

A FIRST-grade teacher, Ms. Brooks, was having trouble with one of her students, Harry. The teacher asked, "Harry, what's is bothering you?" Harry answered, "I'm too smart for the 1st grade. My sister is in the 3rd grade and I think I am smarter than she is! I think I should be in the 3rd grade too!"

Ms. Brooks decided to let the principal solve this problem. While Harry

waited in the outer office, the teacher explained to the principal about the situation. The principal and Ms. Brooks decided to give the boy a test. If Harry failed to answer any of his questions, Harry would return to the 1st grade and behave. Harry was brought in and the conditions were explained to him and he agreed to take the test.

Principal: "What is 3 x 3?"

Harry: "9."

Principal: "What is 6 x 6?"

Harry: "36."

And so it went with every question the principal thought a 3rd grader should know. The principal looks at Ms. Brooks and tells her, "I think Harry can go to the 3rd grade."

Ms. Brooks says to the principal, "Let me ask him some questions."

The principal and Harry both agreed.

Ms. Brooks asks, "What does a cow have four of that I have only two of?"

Harry, after a moment: "Legs."

Ms. Brooks: "What is in your pants that you have but I do not have?"

The principal wondered why she would ask such a question!

Harry replied: "Pockets."

Ms. Brooks: "What does a dog do that a man steps into?"

Harry: "Pants."

Ms. Brooks: What starts with a C, ends with a T, is hairy, oval, delicious and contains thin, whitish liquid?"

Harry: "Coconut."

The principal sat forward with his mouth hanging open.

Ms. Brooks: "What goes in hard and pink then comes out soft and sticky?"

The principal's eyes opened really wide. Before he could interject, Harry replied, "Bubble gum."

Ms. Brooks: "What does a man do standing up, a woman does sitting down and a dog does on three legs?"

Harry: "Shake hands."

The principal was trembling.

Ms. Brooks: "What word starts with an 'F' and ends in 'K' that means a lot of heat and excitement?"

Harry: "Fire-truck."

The principal breathed a sigh of relief and told the teacher, "Put Harry in the fifth-grade, I got the last seven questions wrong!"

GROWING OLDER ...

A very elderly gentleman, (mid nineties) very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel smelling slightly of a good after shave, presenting a well looked-after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady, (mid eighties).

The gentleman walks over, sits alongside of her, orders a drink,takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"



Why parents drink!

The boss of a big company needed to call one of his employees about an urgent problem with one of the main computers, dialed the employee's

home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper.

"Hello." "Is your daddy home?" he asked.

"Yes," whispered the small voice.

"May I talk with him?"

The child whispered, "No."

Surprised, and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, "Is your Mummy there?"

"Yes."

"May I talk with her?"

Again the small voice whispered, "No."

Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked, "Is anybody else there?"

"Yes," whispered the child, "a policeman."

Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman?"

"No, he's busy", whispered the child.

"Busy doing what?"

"Talking to Daddy and Mummy and the fireman," came the whispered answer. Growing concerned and even worried as he heard what sounded like a helicopter through the ear piece on the phone the boss asked, "What is that noise?"

"A hello-copper" answered the whispering voice.

"What is going on there?" asked the boss, now truly alarmed.

In an awed whispering voice the child answered, "The search team just landed the hello-copper."

Alarmed, concerned, and even more than just a little frustrated the boss asked, "What are they searching for?"

Still whispering, the young voice replied along with a muffled giggle, "me"

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One night a police officer was staking out a particularly rowdy bar for possible DUI violations. At closing time, he saw a fellow tumble out of the bar, trip on the curb, and try his keys in five different cars before he found his. Then he sat in the front seat fumbling around with his keys for several minutes. Everyone else left the bar and drove off. Finally he started his engine and began to pull away. The police officer was waiting for him. He stopped the driver, read him his rights and administered the Breathalyzer test. The results showed a reading of 0.0. The puzzled officer demanded to know how that could be. The driver replied, "Tonight I'm the designated decoy."



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