

The Venture Voice



Partygoers at the annual RMVTA Membership Appreciation Party and Awards Banquet

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Officer Speaks

Submitted by: Sherri Barrett

First, I would like to thank Brian Graves and all his helpers for another great Member Appreciation Party. I compared it to Christmas. You start planning and looking for gifts etc., two months in advance and then in 3 hours it's all over. HA! The food was good and we even ate early. Then it was time to distribute all the goodies. Thanks to all who stayed and helped make the clean-up a cinch. I even made sure Sam Ashley was paying attention; his turn will be next year.

Second, I need to remind everyone that membership dues are now due. You may pay at anytime. If you need to mail me a check, please note the new PO Box that we have on the RMVTA home page. Okay, I'll give it here just in case you don't want to look it up. PO Box 3744 Englewood, CO 80155-3744 Anything to make getting your money in on time easier. Remember No Dues No Ride Book!

Third, the ride book is coming along great. I even got a sneak preview, but I was sworn to secrecy. Most of the ride captains have turned in their rides for the year, which I know has really helped

Stan & Lloyd. It gives them a chance to work at a slower pace and at their convenience. When they are happy, we all are happy. We will be distributing the 2007 Ride Book at the meeting on March 8th. So mark your calendars and plan to attend. I think we should suggest to President Sam that we have some kind of pot luck that night. I'll do that at the February meeting, so you might want to check the website if you're not at the February meeting to see if it was voted on and what kind of potluck we might be having.

Fourth, it was voted on to keep the Favorite Ride of the Year going again this year. So keep it in mind as you enjoy our rides this year. Of course, you will have had to attend at least 2 of the rides that are up for voting. And you can't vote for a ride that you didn't go on. Some tried that last year. HA! The email ballots worked great, so I will do that again for this year.

Fifth, please check out the website regularly. We update news and events that are happening that are not in the ride book. Especially the winter activities and we have added Dinner Rides starting in January now. So check the news and calendar to see what's up. Brett has worked hard and the website is working

the best it ever has.

Last I hope you riders aren't having PMS (parked motorcycle syndrome). The snow will melt one day, maybe. HA! Or you can do what George does, starts it up so he can listen to it run. HA! I guess with the really cold weather that's not a bad thing to do anyways. I'm looking forward to another great year of riding with friends.

"Goldwingmama"

Membership Appreciation



The "semi-official seal of our Membership Appreciation Party"

Next Meeting: **Thursday, Feb 8, 2007**
7:30 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World
9700 E. Arapahoe Road.

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**Minutes
RMVTA Meeting
January 11, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by President Sam Ashley at 7:38 p.m. The crowd was late arriving due to the inclement weather. It was noted that January attendance is usually the smallest. Brian Boberick noted that we have as many meetings in January as we have in every other month.

The only activities the past month have been shoveling snow. Bill has ordered a new snow blower and guarantees when it arrives there will be no more snow.

Sam said he would have to re-learn how to ride his bike because of the snow. Sherri said she would have to re-learn how to be a passenger.

Floyd said that Linda was celebrating her 36th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to Linda and Floyd and may you have many more.

**Officer's Reports:
Secretary:**

Incoming secretary Richard Bush asked if anyone had any issues with Bill's last set of minutes. With no comments to the minutes, Brian Graves made the motion to accept the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Sonny and the motion carried.

Treasurer:

Sherri reported \$1,036.53 in checking, \$2,732.99 in savings for a total of \$3,769.52. Four sponsors have paid and we have had two members renew. Dues are due by the March meeting so that you can get your ride book.

Brian and Sam will be contacting those sponsors who have not paid.

Committee Reports:

Activities:

The Member Appreciation Party will be held at the Club House on January 20th. The festivities will start at 6:00 pm. Debbie said that Paul would not be able to attend so she will bring Steve.

Brian has planned the tubing trip to Fraser on January 27th. We will meet at the park and ride at Ward Rd and I-70. Brian would like to know who would be

attending.

The snow mobile trip has been planned for February 24th. Brian needs to know who will be attending this fun activity.

Newsletter:

The deadline for submitting articles is, as always, the 23rd to Stan. I will continue Bill's tradition of cut and pasting this from newsletter to newsletter. Sam said everyone is welcome to submit articles.

Website:

Brett has fixed the problems with logging into the website with Internet Explorer 7. All you need to log in is the password.

Rides:

No rides scheduled for December. We did have a wonderful Christmas party. Thanks Ron and Joyce.

There will be a January Dinner ride. We will be going to the Mongolian Bar B Q on Arapahoe road.

Old Business:

Dena was able to get the incorporation paper fixed with the State. The cost was \$50, which will be reimbursed by the Club. Dena has listed her firm as the point of contact and will receive e-mails as reminders to send in the renewal fee of \$10. Sherri will be added to the list so that she will also receive the reminder e-mail. Thanks Dena for getting all of the paper work in order.

New Business:

19 ride captains have sent their write-ups in. There are 15 rides needing write-ups sent in. It appears that the majority of those rides are George's and Brian's. Several rides need ride captains. Those rides are on 3-31-07, 6-3-07 and the moonlight ride on 7-14-07. There are only two months left until the ride book is distributed. Ride captains need to get their write-ups to Stan.

Sam, Floyd and Sherri will schedule a time to remove Floyd's name from the checking account and add Sam's.

Jamie will be a grandma any day. Congratulations Jamie.

Dena said Bill would be the "next age" on Saturday. Bill thought he was just catching up with Dena. Dena was very

excited that both of them would be able to get the discount at Kohl's.

50/50:

Bill and Dena collected \$65 with \$33 going to the club. The lucky winners of the drawing were: Third Prize, Dena \$6.00, it does pay to be the 50/50 organizer. Bill wanted to know if the winner was his ticket or Dena's. Dena assured him that it was hers. Second prize of \$10 went to George and first prize of \$16 went to Dick.

Paul and Debbie Maynard brought a mystery gift, "Zen, The Art of Motorcycle Maintenance", which was won by Brian Boberick.

Meeting adjourned by Sam at 8:33 p.m. Submitted by Secretary Richard Bush,

"Kick stand"



Linda Thorne did an outstanding job having this masterpiece cake baked. It contained pictures from all our rides in 2006

February Birthdays:

- 1st - Nancy Siefken
- 6th - Lyle Welsh
- 11th - George Barrett
- 11th - Suzanne Sanborn
- 13th - Sue Pasono
- 18th - J.R. Reynolds
- 20th - Brenda Shumaker
- 23rd - Vaughn Richards
- 26th - Warren Long

February Anniversaries

- 14th - Ron & Joni Kucharski
- 25th - Leon & Nancy Siefken
- 26th - Bill & Diane Lloyd

Goldwingmama's Fun Facts

(As of January 26th)

January Meeting – 15 people
 Member Appreciation Party – 35 people
 January Dinner Ride – 18 people – 0 bikes

I thought I would publish the results of the Favorite Ride of the Year for those that didn't make it to the Member Appreciation Party.

Favorite Ride of the Year 2006

The Oklahoma Sooner Cave Tour Ride
 Captain George & Sherri Barrett
 With 6 votes

How the rest finished

With 5 votes each – Bishops Castle Ride & Bar "D" Durango Ride

With 4 votes each – Yellowstone National Park & Aluminum Butt Ride

With 2 votes each – End of Payment Ride, Buena Vista-Leadville Loop Ride, RMVTA Mini Rally, Walden Ride, Hare and the Hound Chase and Fall Polar Bear Ride

We had 7 rides with no votes.

We had a total of 36 votes.

Here are some of the comments I received.

* Everything about that day (Aluminum Butt), at least for me, was absolutely perfect.

* Even though we didn't make it, I would favor the Yellowstone attempt. It was definitely interesting, cold, but interesting. Also that was the trip Sam really showed his true self. With the oil and Brian's bike, I loved it.

* I thought the Bar "D" Durango was pretty good but then there were several VERY good rides.

* I thought the Buena Vista – Leadville Loop ride was spectacular.

* It was a tough decision but my vote is for the Bishop's Castle Ride – it was a beautiful ride that day.

* I only went on 2 of these rides, but I really enjoy the Oklahoma Sooner Ride.

* Of course, it has to be the Aluminum Butt ride.

* Of course, it has to be the Oklahoma

Sooner Cave Tour.

* I vote for the Oklahoma Sooner's Missile silo Tour Ride.

* I didn't get to go on many rides but I had fun on the Bishops Castle ride.

* My favorite ride was the Walden ride; it was my first, and a very exciting adventure.

* I vote for the Oklahoma Sooner Cave Tour ride, I never laughed so hard, Bill Nielson in the ladies room was priceless. Dodge City and the Cave was great, also, these were places I hadn't been before.

"Goldwingmama"



Another View From the Top

DORMITORY:

When you rearrange the letters:
 DIRTY ROOM

ASTRONOMER:

When you rearrange the letters:
 MOON STARER

THE EYES:

When you rearrange the letters:
 THEY SEE

THE MORSE CODE:

When you rearrange the letters:
 HERE COME DOTS



For Sale:

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. \$6,200.00 to a club member. Seller: Bill Gillespie, phone 303-781-0032 or 303-758-8804.



Tubers Getting Ready



Ashleigh was our littlest tuber



A view from the top

Member Notice
 Look for your membership number in this issue. If you find it, see the 50-50 ticket sellers at the next meeting for your free brace of 50-50 tickets. Don't forget to check .

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is February 23, 2007

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