

The Venture Voice



Ride Leader Brian Graves showing off in the fresh powder

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Office Speaks

Submitted by:
Steve Benko Vice President

The Holidays are over. Groundhog and Valentine's Days are done, even President's Day has come and gone. That can only mean one thing . . . SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!!!! Yes sir, it's right around the corner.

This year the RMVTA motto is "Revvin' for 2007" and I can feel the juices beginning to flow within me. We had our final ride book editing session last week and there are lots of great rides planned for this year. Everyone involved in putting the ride book together (especially Lloyd) has done a terrific job and this ride book will be the best one yet. Please try to attend the March 8th monthly meeting and be one of the first to have one of your very own.

With the riding season about to kick off (the Spring Polar Bear Ride is March 18th), it is very important that you give your bikes a good going over to ensure that it is ready to go. Items that you should check include the tires, battery, lights, audio and navigational equipment. Get the oil changed and get a new air filter, if needed. You should also look over your riding gear (helmet, jackets,

boots, gloves etc) to make sure they are still in good shape. Don't forget to support our sponsors if you find that your bike needs some service or you're looking into the new/extra gear or that "safety chrome" that we all love to have.

Connie and I are truly looking forward to getting out and doing as much riding as we can this season. We hope you all feel the same way. If you have any friends that ride, or may be interested in riding, invite them to a meeting or even better, to one of the rides. If you know of anyone who has ridden with us before and hasn't been around for a while, give them a call and remind them how much fun we usually have. I understand that words sometimes get in the way, but life is too short to let egos and attitudes stand in the way.

Lastly, I'm honored to serve as the club's vice president for this year. I have big shoes to fill, given the others who have served before me. It is my hope that the service I provide during my tenure is at least half as good as theirs was. If there is anything I can do for anyone to make their club experience better, do not hesitate to ask.

So, are you "Revvin' for 2007"?
 Steve

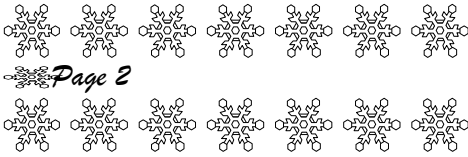
Revvin' in 2007

Submitted by: Sam Ashley, President

OK folks, we've waited long enough through a long, frigid winter. Christmas and New Years is over, and all the football games are history. The frozen tundra is thawing, and now it's time to tee off the 2007 riding season. Get your hands on the new ride book, polish up your riding boots, air up the tires, and gas up that land yacht for the Spring Polar Bear Ride on March 18th. No excuses - be there! Dress appropriately and we'll have a good time. I don't know about you but I'm going to have my butt welded to my bike this season to make up for a lack of riding this winter. Are you ready? Let's roll.

P.S. Remember that the Polar Bear Ride also kicks off the new year for Missing Link awards, so keep your eyes and ears open for potential nominees! Who knows, it could be you!
 "Yosemite Sam"

Next Meeting: **Thursday, Mar 8, 2007 7:00 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 9700 E. Arapahoe Road-Potluck Dinner.**
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Minutes
RMVTA Meeting
February 8, 2007

After a little encouragement, President Sam Ashley called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. There were no visitors. However several long-lost members were in attendance. Bill and Diane Lloyd returned from Florida, Jerry and Linda Hatfield, Paul Nez, and Cliff Eudy.

It seemed that everyone had cabin fever and was looking forward to getting out for a ride. Sherri said George and Brett used the sidewalk to get out for a ride.

Brian explained that he had found out it wasn't very healthy for the wing to be started and left idling in the garage. He said if you were going to do this, let it run until the fans come on otherwise some expensive repairs may result.

Being close to Valentines Day, Sam presented a very pretty bouquet of red roses to our "First Lady" Susan. Sam told about how this was Susan's first riding season and how she hung with him through the mach 10 rides and a few other incidents. Sam thanked Susan for not jumping off of the bike or just plain telling him he was number 1.



Prez Sam bribes Susan to ride with him again this year...Sue said yes!

Steve thanked everyone for their concern for his mother during her recovery from surgery.

Officer's Reports:
Secretary:

No objections were heard to the secretary's first attempt at meeting notes. A motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Paul and seconded by



Stella. The motion passed. Bill Nielsen noted that his e-mail address was incorrect in the newsletter. Cliff also said he noticed his e-mail address was also incorrect. The newsletter will be fixed up for the next printing.

Treasurer:

Checking balance is \$622.76 and the savings balance is \$2,032.99 for a total of \$2,655.75. Sherri said she still owed George \$70 + for the MAP but had to wait for the credit card statement. George seems to have missed placed the receipt. Several sponsors had not paid for their ads in the ride book. We should see an additional \$900 for these ads.

Committee Reports:

Activities:

Brian reported on the tubing day. Three vehicles with ten people made the trip to Fraser for a great day of tubing. It was bright and sunny with the temperature around 40. The group stopped for breakfast complete with birthday candles in the pancakes in honor of Floyd's birthday. Floyd was treated to a chorus of "Happy Birthday" sung by the group. After a great day of tubing, everyone enjoyed lunch and were home by 4:00.

It was noted that one of our favorite haunts, Bruce's Bar had closed.

Newsletter:

By the time you read this, all ride write-ups should be in to Stan and Lloyd and the ride book will be well on its way to printing. Newsletter articles are due by the 23rd of the month. Stan encouraged all members to submit articles. Wow, didn't just cut and paste the usual this month.

Web Site:

Brett is busy working on the website and keeping it running. Brett, your hard work is much appreciated by all.

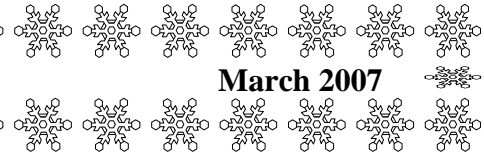
Member Relations:

Connie said no news is good news. Let Connie know about anything so she can send a card.

Jamie is a first-time grandmother. Congratulations Jamie.

Donna McCombs had surgery and is doing fine.

Former members, Tom and Ann Hud-



son's grandson passed away last Sunday. A service will be held this Saturday, February 10 in Brighton.

Historical:

Floyd said to send stuff.

Rides:

The January Dinner Ride was attended by 18 hungry members who traveled in the four wheelers due the very inclement weather. Everyone had a good time and no one went home hungry.

Brian will be hosting the February Dinner Ride on the 22nd. We will meet at Aurora Honda. Brian has a couple of ideas of places to go.

Brian will be hosting the second-annual snow mobile trip. The snow is great and everyone should have a great time. The cost is \$110 per person, which includes all your gear and the sled.

Brian said the gear being provided would be boots, one-piece suit and an open-face helmet. Brian suggested everyone bring protection for their face. Brian says he likes to wear a motor cross helmet with binoculars. Actually he wears goggles.

Old Business:

Brian requested everyone who is going on the Yellowstone Ride to get their hotel reservations made. There are 7 bikes and 13 people signed up. The rooms will only be held for until March 1, 2007. Brian said he understood that the rooms were quite expensive and that he had worked very hard with the hotels to get the best price possible. It was an extremely difficult job. He will be taking the scenic route to Rawlins and there will be some free days in Yellowstone so everyone can enjoy the park, as they like.

We took a short break for Cake and chocolate mice provided by Stella and coffee brought by Sam and Susan. It was all very good....thanks to Stella, Lloyd, Sam and Susan.



So much chocolate, so little meeting time.

New Business:

There will be a poker party at Brian's this Saturday. Everyone is to bring a plate. There was a question about the plate needing to have food. Yes, you do need to bring something to share with everyone.

Connie and Steve sent their jacket liners to Gerbings to have heaters added. They got them back will let us all know how they work. The cost was about \$159 and took about 2 weeks.

Steve asked for anyone who would like to chair a committee to let him know. We have a few people who have been committee chairs for quite a while and would like to take a break.

The Hare and Hound ride will be switched with the President's Mystery Ride.

Brian suggested that the club purchase a new copy of Streets and Trips so that any ride information created by this program can be added to the web site. Brian also would like to look into to some new or updated publishing software to help with the newsletter and ride book. This item was tabled until costs for the software can be determined.

Sam has a list of sponsors who have not provided their ad and fee for ride book. He will be contacting the sponsors again.

March's meeting will start at 7:00 with a potluck dinner. Everyone is requested to bring a main dish, salad or dessert. We will also be handing out the ride books to those members who have paid their dues for the year. Get those dues in. We have planned a great ride season and you don't want to miss out on all of the fun.

Sam suggested that the club have a night at the movies on March 3. A new moving, "Hog Wild" will be out. This looks like a fun movie. More details will be sent out via e-mail.

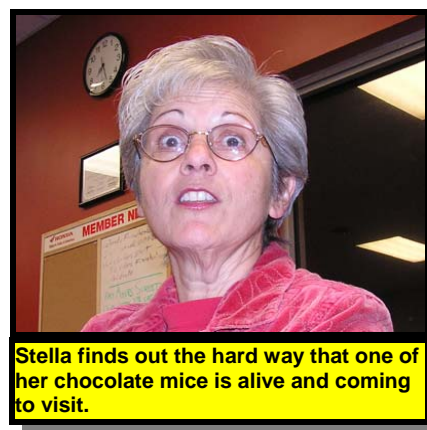
50/50:

Bill collected \$112 with \$56 going to the club. Cliff, "I never win", Eudy won first prize of \$28, Paul won second prize of \$ 17 and Stan won the third prize of \$11. Brian provided a car emergency kit, which was won by Janet. Jerry Hat-

field won the emergency information zipper pulls provided by Connie and Steve.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Richard Bush, "Kickstand".



Stella finds out the hard way that one of her chocolate mice is alive and coming to visit.

March Birthdays

- 4th - Shawn McConnell
- 14th - Lloyd Nicholson
- 15th - Larry Gutt
- 21st - Daniela Henn
- 23rd - Tim Kah
- 26th - Debbi Farnum-Torrence

March Anniversaries

- 5th - Cliff & Nedra Eudy
- 14th - Jack & Cheryl Dunwell
- 20th - John & Gloria Swenson
- 24th - Tom & Brenda Shumaker
- 29th - Evan & Jan Johnson

Goldwingmama's Fun Facts (As of February 23rd)

February Meeting – 29 people.
 February Dinner Ride – 16 people – 4 bikes (true riders were George & Sherri Barrett, Brian Graves, Tamrin Melies, Brian Boberick, Paul Maynard)

Thanks to all the people that have paid their dues early. It sure makes the March meeting easier on me. If you haven't paid yet, please get your dues into me as soon as possible.

The 2007 Ride Book is all printed and ready to be handed over to Bill Gillespie for covers and bindings. It looks like another great year to ride. Kudos to ALL involved in getting this year's ride book put together. It really is a team effort. "Goldwingmama"

PAST RIDES:

January Dinner Ride
 Submitted by: Richard Bush

The January Dinner Ride had 18 hungry people and 0 bikes in attendance. We went to the Yuan Mongolian BBQ on east Arapahoe Road in Centennial. Everyone had a good time and filled up. Some went back for seconds. I don't quite know what was going on at the other end of the table. Brian seemed to be trying to get some chocolate cake for dessert. I believe he was told to go to Village Inn if he wanted cake. He did get some fortune cookies for his trouble. I would like to thank all those who attended.

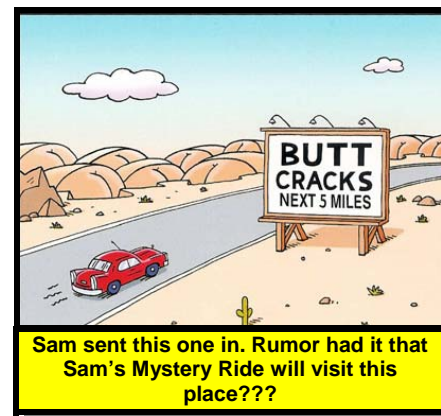
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"Kickstand"

**UPCOMING RIDES:
 Spring Polar Bear Ride**

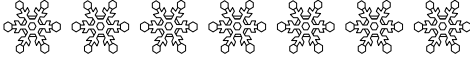
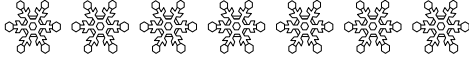
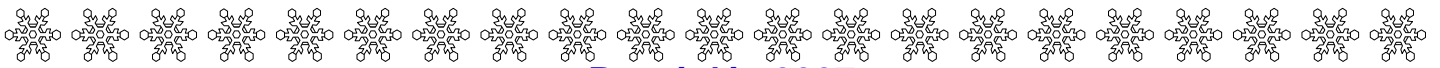
Submitted by: Tom Shumaker

It's hard to believe that the riding season is nearly upon us. It's time to dust off that scooter, check the tire pressure, battery charge, and all the fluids. Make sure the license plates and insurance cards are current, locate the riding gear and get ready to rumble down the highway. With the mild winter and lack of snow, I'm sure we will find plenty of pot holes and sand. Extra care will be needed to kick off the season.



Sam sent this one in. Rumor had it that Sam's Mystery Ride will visit this place???

As usual, Mother Nature will be a determining factor of where we will be able to go. The ride is scheduled for Sunday March 18, 2007. We will meet at Gunther Toody's at I-25 & 104th Ave. (2, blocks west of I-25) at 8:15 a.m. and leave at 8:30 a.m. or shortly



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thereafter. I will probably be there a little early to grab a bite and a cup of coffee while catching up on some of the group news. I will have my cell turned on after arriving at the meeting place, so if you are running a little behind don't hesitate to call. We don't want to leave anyone behind. My cell number is (303) 514-1734.

The ride will not go if the roads are icy, snowy or if it is snowing. Cool or cold temperature, welllllllll it's polar bear time. We will go somewhere, have lunch somewhere and return to Denver sometime.

If you need to contact me at home, my number is (303) 659-2231. I'm looking forward to seeing you for this early-spring ride.

"Dagwood"



Brian Graves takes guests to the Old Spaghetti Factory for the February Dinner Ride

Snow Machine Trip

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne

On the morning of February 24, 2007 I guess Brian woke up to about 6" of new snow on the ground at his house. After a quick phone call up the hill it was determined that the roads would be passable so the trip is ON. I on the other hand woke to cool temperatures and wind on the north end of town.

I was to meet the group at the RTD Park and Ride near I-70 and Ward Road. I made it there in fine shape and got a call from Brian's vehicle to let me know that they were in route. Brian, Tamrin and Brett got there and we loaded my stuff and we were off to higher altitudes.

On our way up Berthoud Pass we en-

countered snow in the air and packed on the highway but all in all the trip was not bad and uneventful. We arrived at the Snow Machine Rental place and Brett and I headed off to take care of the financial stuff, then to the gear shed to get gear and or dressed into our own gear. After instructions on the safe operation of the machines we were ready.



Ride Leader Brian Graves showmobiling

With Brian in the lead we headed up, up and away into the heavily falling snow. Once we got up into some wide open areas it was time to play in the DEEP powder newly fallen snow. What a kick it was to be doing 25 to 30 miles per hour and beautiful white Champaign in snow about 18" deep and having it blow up in front of the machines into our faces. Sure made Brett and I wish that we would have had goggles. My glasses and Brett's Sun Glasses would immediately fog over so we both ended up taking them off and struggling to see with the occasional lowering of our face shields.



This is what you call "burying the evidence"

We had a few of us get stuck in the deep powder snow, and need I mention that I had an encounter with a tree. Well, other than getting stuck there and needing

some help to get free there seemed to be no harm thus no foul. It would not be the first time I or the others got stuck.

On the way down we went on some mountain bike paths by summer, snow machine by winter. What a kick doing 15 to 20 miles per hour down a path if you will that is four feet wide and at least four feet deep on either side of you with trees on both sides within inches from our passing handle bars.



Brett "Clutch" Barrett demonstrates why he should have "clutched"

This was not the first experience on snow machines as we had them in Wyoming as kids but it had been a VERY long time since I had been on one. It certainly brought back a lot of fond memories and I am sure that tomorrow and a couple days out I will also find some muscles that have not been used since those childhood days.

At any rate I would like to express a LARGE THANK YOU to Brian for putting together this outing and leading our little group. I know that things come up that might interfere with doing these activities such as this but, if you get the opportunity to go sometime you really must. It's one of the best remedies for the COLD and SNOW that we are all so very tired of this winter and that is to just face it head on and get out there and enjoy it. Just think, there are actually folks in much of the world that have never even seen snow. "When life hands you Lemons, make Lemonaid". Thanks again Brian.

"Mr. T"

From Brian Graves

The Pasta Diet

- 1) You walka pasta da bakery.
- 2) You walka pasta da candy store.
- 3) You walka pasta da Ice Cream shop.
- 4) You walka pasta da table and fridge.

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And for those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all the conflicting medical studies:

1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
3. The Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
4. The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausage and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

Not from Brian

Friend or Foe ?

A U.S. Marine squad was patrolling north of Fallujah when they came upon an Iraqi terrorist, badly injured and unconscious. On the opposite side of the road was an American Marine in a similar but less serious state.

The Marine was conscious and alert and as first aid was given to both men, the squad leader asked the injured Marine what had happened.

The Marine reported, "I was heavily armed and moving north along the highway here, and coming south was a heavily armed insurgent. We saw each other

and both took cover in the ditches along the road. "I yelled to him that Saddam Hussein is a miserable lowlife."

He yelled back, "Ted Kennedy is a good-for-nothing, fat, left wing liberal drunk."

So I said, "Osama Bin Laden dresses and acts like a frigid, ugly, mean-spirited lesbian!"

He retaliated by yelling, "Oh yeah? Well, so does Hillary Clinton!"

"And, there we were, in the middle of the road, shaking hands, when a truck hit us."

Physical

An 85-year-old man was requested by his doctor for a sperm count as part of his physical exam. The doctor gave the man a jar and said, "Take this jar home and bring Back a semen sample tomorrow." The next day the 85-year-old man reappeared at the doctor's office and gave him the jar, which was as clean and empty as on the previous day. The doctor asked what happened and the man explained: "Well, doc, it's like this - first I tried with my right hand, but nothing. Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing. Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand, then with her left, still nothing. She tried with her mouth, first with the teeth in, then with her teeth out, still nothing. We even called up Arleen, the lady next door and she tried too, first with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezin' it between her knees, but still nothing. The doctor was shocked! "You asked your neighbor?" The old man replied, "Yep. None of us could get the jar open" ..

Subject: The Texas Midget

The testicles of a Texas midget hurt and ached almost all the time. The midget went to the doctor and told him about his problem. The doctor told him to drop his pants and he would have a look so the midget dropped his pants. The doctor stood him up onto the examining table, and started to examine him. The doctor put one finger under his left testicle and told the midget to turn his head and cough, the usual method to check for a hernia. "Aha!" mumbled the doctor, and as he put his finger under the right testicle, he asked the midget to cough again. "Aha!" said the doctor once more, and reached for his surgical scissors. Snip-snip-snip on the right side... Then snip-

snip-snip-snip on the left side. The midget was so scared he was afraid to look, but noted with amazement that the snipping did not hurt. The doctor then told the midget to walk around the examining room to see if his testicles still hurt. The midget was absolutely delighted as he walked around and discovered his boys were no longer aching. The doctor said, "How does that feel now?" The midget replied, "Perfect Doc, and I didn't even feel it. What did you do?" The doctor replied "I cut two inches off the top of your cowboy boots."



For Sale:

1996 Honda ST1100 - ABS2/linked braking system, MR Accessories shelf, Clearview +4" windshield plus 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.

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 March 23, 2007

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