



Look at all the kids that were out having fun in the Sun and Snow !!!

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Officer's Speak

Submitted by:
 Debbie "Little Bit" Maynard;
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If an LPC CAC II were to submit an ICD code to the APA for inclusion in the DSM-IV-TR™, and call it say, 301.M, DPD:M, do you think professionals would recognize the severity of PMS?

Huh?

Okay, let's break it down. We all know about Parked Motorcycle Syndrome (PMS).

This is a condition that motorcycle enthusiasts commonly experience between November 15 and March 14 (yes, this is a bit of an exaggeration in 'snow today, gone tomorrow Colorado' but I think you get the idea.) You might think I'm going off on a tangent, you might think I'm trying to be funny, but the sad fact is that many, *many* riders (and passengers alike) suffer with long-range symptoms that have yet to be identified, categorized or much less recognized by the American Psychiatric Association (APA).

Wha...?

Okay, okay let me start from the begin-

ning. As many of you know, I am a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Certified Addictions Counselor II (CAC II) and this idea began to form when Don McKee asked me, "What is the DSM code for addiction to motorcycles?" I did some research and to date there is no code that fully identifies with this affliction. I believe this may be of global significance and we must begin an asphalt-roots movement to illuminate this issue with HID headlights. To begin, we will need an International Classification of Diseases (ICD) code and a definition to submit to the DSM-IV-TR™, (aka: the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, Text Revision, 2000.)

Now, I don't like to label people with 'diagnoses' and I prefer to focus on strengths and solutions but I also recognize that we must know the issues before we can begin the healing process. With this in mind, I completed some qualitative research within my own social stratum and was humbled by my findings.

I first discovered elements of what might be called *Catatonic Disorder due to Parked Motorcycle Syndrome*, but I don't want to come-off like a fanatic

(hello) so I settled on 301.6M, Dependent Personality Disorder: Motorcycle. Below is the diagnostic criterion for this syndrome; but proceed with caution as many of you may recognize yourself in these characteristics.

Diagnostic Criteria for 301.M, Dependent Personality Disorder: Motorcycle

The essential feature of 301.M is a pervasive and excessive need to ride that leads to clinging (to the handlebars) behavior and fears of separation from one's bike. This pattern begins with one's first motorcycle experience and is usually fully manifested by adulthood. This condition is present in a variety of contexts, as indicated by five (or more) of the following:

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Next Meeting: Thursday, March. 12,
2009 6:30 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle
World 9700 E. Arapahoe Road.

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Editing Staff:
 Paul Maynard - Steve Benko

Minutes RMVTA Meeting

February 12, 2009

Submitted by: "Vaderwing" Bob Junker

And so it came to pass, on this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord two-thousand and nine, at precisely seven hours, one minute, and thirty-four seconds past the hour of high noon, the honorable President Sir Richard Bush, accompanied by the honorable Vice-President, Lady Debbie "Little-Bit" Maynard did call the February meeting of the Rocky Mountain Venture Touring Association, currently in celebration of it's twenty-fifth anniversary of formation, to order. (At that exact moment, members Glen & Lori Bird were sitting at home eating Hamburger Helper 3-Cheese Flavor & watching TV. Slackers.)

We received a thank-you letter from Aurora Honda in appreciation of our inclusion of them at our annual Member Appreciation Party. They also provided prizes for this evening's 50-50 drawing.

Officer's Reports

Secretary:

Last month was my first incursion into the writing of the minutes. Imagine my relief when Stan made the motion they be accepted as written, Paul seconded & everyone else agreed. Kind of like having a healthy baby...except without the pain, poopy diapers, financial responsibility for the rest of your life, smart-aleck, talkin-back, ungrateful, disobedient...Okay, okay, it's nothing like having a baby. Nice to have that first month behind me, though!

Treasurer:

Sherrri reported \$456.64 in checking, \$636.49 in savings for a total of \$1093.13.

Committee Reports

Membership:

Membership dues must be paid by the March meeting or you will not get a 2009 Ride Book.

Activities:

Sam had car trip to view the Budweiser International Sculpture Championships in Breckenridge. Contestants are given a 10'x10'x12' block of ice into which their imaginations get carved.

Several folks went and had fun slipping & sliding on the ice paths between the sculptures.

Sam has a bowling activity planned for February 21st at Brunswick Zone located at Yosemite & Park Meadows. No reservations have been made in advance since so few folks expressed an interest. So, if you want to go, just show up and bowl in open lanes.

Historical:

Floyd is still collecting stuff. Big surprise there, huh?

Finance Relations:

Steve Benko says the budget will be ready for next month.

Newsletter:

Get your articles in by the 23rd. Excellent job by the publishers!!

NOTE: Bill & Dena came in late!

Past Rides:

Stella had a dinner ride where one bike (Can you guess who?) showed up. Everyone else showed up in cars, so Bill G. decided to hitch a ride in a car. Despite Stella's sense of (in)direction, they made it to the restaurant where the waitress called Stella Grandma.

Future Rides

About half of next years rides have been turned in. Ride leaders need to get their write-ups in to Brian as soon as possible. For some reason, Sir Richard is holding up progress. Also, Ride Leaders are encouraged to use the newsletter to pimp (or is it pump?) their upcoming rides. The more bikes the merrier.

New Business

Dena renewed our SOC3 which allows us to operate as a non-profit organization. It cost her ten bucks. I made the motion we pay her back, Brian Graves seconded it. Everyone else agrees, so

Dena now has ten bucks she can spend on the 50-50 drawing coming up! Read on.

Next up was the discussion about the board meeting. Why was the board meeting held without general membership? Can the board even do that? Is that the new standard established? Steve Benko says the bylaws do not address it one way or the other. Discussion ensued. And ensued. And ensued.

Here's the jist of it: the Board designated a committee to coordinate the website & address some issues that some folks had with it. The URL belongs to the club. The website content belongs to someone & Brett doesn't care. The website coding belongs to Brett. The hard drive belongs to George. "Period, end of story."

Some more discussion ensued. We all agreed it will be nice to get back to riding!

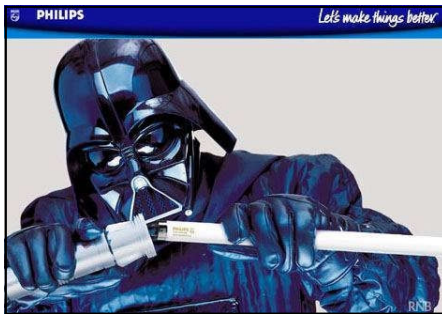
The motion was made to accept the minutes from the Board meeting as written. Second by Don McKee. Hal Schwartz made the motion to amend the minutes as clarified. Don moved, Paul seconded. Everyone else agreed the minutes would be amended. Brett says he didn't sign up for this stuff. Me neither! Debbie didn't have to write this much last year! It just isn't fair!

Brian moved we do not accept the proposed plan for the website. Discussion ensued. (There was an awful lot of talk at this meeting, that's for sure!) Motion ended up getting voted down.

Floyd is passing around the idea of an RMVTA belt buckle or other such doodads to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the club. The cost is about \$25 each. To get that price we would have to order about 60 buckles. General consensus was we need to find out if there is enough interest to accommodate that many. Some also suggested a pin. Discussion ensued, but nothing firm ever came of it.

Hal needs a commitment for the Palo-Duro ride so he can make some hotel reservations. I said a hearty "Aye, aye". Enough others chimed in so Hal is going to make the call and get the reservations.

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Dues are due by next months meeting
OR
NO RIDE BOOK FOR YOU, LUKE!

Snacks for next month's meeting: Lady Little Bit said she'd bring some fixin's for us'ns ta eat.

Thanks this month for the eatin's to Lloyd & Stella (probably more Stella's than Lloyd). Man that WAS A GREAT CAKE! It went straight to my hips!

Missing Link

Retired until next month's meeting. Dust it off, Paul!

50/50

We collected \$82.00

\$41.00 to the club

3rd Place: Yours Truly \$8.00

2nd Place: Bill Gillespie, \$13.00

1st Place: Gloria \$20.00

Aurora Honda gave us a gallon of oil & an oil change for \$10.00. Dena won that. Sir Richard said she's already well oiled?? I'm not sure about that one.

Oh, and one more thing: Dinner ride at the chicken place (White Fence Farm) on the 4th Thursday. Meet at Fay Myers at 1815, depart at 1830. call Brian if you're going so he can kinda get a head count and make sure we all can sit together.

George made the motion to adjourn. Okay, what he actually said was "Let's get the heck outta Dodge!" we all agreed, sooooo

Meeting Adjourned at 2025 & 23 seconds.

Later, Y'all!

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- 1) Needs motorcycle to assume responsibility as major mode of transportation.
- 2) Has difficulty expressing self in other forms of transportation for fear of loss of wind in the face and/or bugs in the teeth.
- 3) Ceases to attend functions outside of the home due to snow-packed roads rather than due to a lack of motivation or energy.
- 4) Exaggerated fears of being unable to drive or walk for himself or herself.
- 5) Goes to excessive lengths to get out of neighborhoods that have not been snowplowed and will clear the sidewalks of several neighbors to reach snow-free road zones.
- 6) Urgently seeks another motorcycle relationship as a source of care, support, and transportation when a close cycle relationship ends.
- 7) Ignores risk of hypothermia in order to ride.
- 8) Substitutes food and other basic survival needs for *safety chrome*.
- 9) Becomes grumpy with loved ones for no apparent reason (not my husband of course).
- 10) Wears helmet and protective gear while driving.

If the full criteria are met, specify its current clinical status and/or feature:

Acute: Severe but of short duration.

Chronic: Full criteria for DMD have been met continuously for 2 years or more.

Seasonal: Full remissions occur at a characteristic time of the year (in most cases the episodes begin in fall or winter and remit in spring.)

With Catatonic Features: Consciousness and feeling are suddenly and temporarily lost when roads become snow-packed.

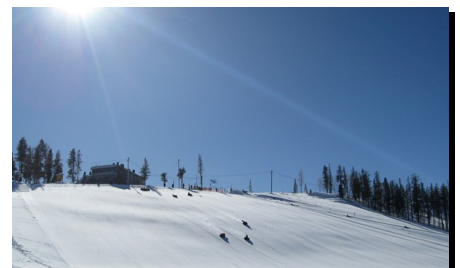
With Claustrophobic Features: Fear of enclosed neighborhoods often resulting in grumpiness or panic attacks.

Case Study:

41 year-old male, we'll call him "10-Pin" rides motorcycle to work if it is 23 degrees or warmer and the roads are clear (1) and (7). Subject wears an open-face helmet as part of his protective gear for his 8-minute "commute" (11 minutes with unfavorable stoplights) (2). "10-Pin" commonly insists that wife (we'll call her "Tiny Bit") or others provide transportation in 4-wheeled vehicles when roads are impassable (4); becomes irritable after 2 days of non-riding (9) and purchased a 2004 Gold Wing within 4 days of picking up a nail in the tire of his 2001 Kawasaki Voyager 1200 (6). Further, subject routinely advances the myth of 'Safety Chrome' whenever possible (8). Based on this criterion, it is clinically deducible that "10-Pin" suffers from 301M: Dependent Personality Disorder: Motorcycle; Acute, Seasonal, with Claustrophobic Features.

Reading this may induce feelings of despair, but there is hope for this devastating (yet super-fun!) condition. Join in and attend some of the non-bike RMVTA activities. Sam (the 'Julie McCoy' of our club) plans lots of fantastic activities for us all year round and does a wonderful job of keeping our minds off the 2-wheelers in the off-season. Buddy-up with other afflicted individuals and car-pool (gasp) to a dinner ride, spend quality time with your bike by completing repairs and performing routine maintenance. And finally, remember:

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!
The RMVTA Club is here to help.



Whooshing down the hill on a tube.

Have You Heard?

Will the 2009 Ride Book be ready for pickup at our March 12th Meeting?

We hear —

“Maybe, sure, ya no problem!”

Come and pick yours up - maybe!

Remember –dues are due.

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Have you some news about a fellow member we don't get to hear about at our meetings, dinners or other outings, have them posted here >

Help us start a conversation with others that we may not know yet...

For those who would like to have breakfast, I will be there about 7:00 AM, give or take. The route and distance will be dependent on the weather. Please come prepared to ride in the conditions that exist and that are forecast for the day. When I arrive at the meeting place, I will turn my cell phone on, so if you are running a little behind schedule, please call, as we do not want to leave anyone behind. My number is 303-514-1734. This ride will not go if the roads are icy, snowy or if it is snowing. Looking forward to starting another season.



REMINDER:

Annual membership dues are due by the March 12th meeting. A single membership costs \$25 and a family membership is \$30. If you do not pay your dues, you will not receive a 2009 Ride Book. Checks should be made payable to RMVTA and be given to either Brian Graves or Sherri Barrett.

March Monthly Meeting:

The March Monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 12th at 7:00 PM at the Fay Myers clubhouse. As this is the traditional month that we go over the ride book for the year, it will probably be a lengthy meeting. As such, we are having a potluck dinner prior to the meeting. The potluck dinner will start at 6:30 PM. If you are planning on attending, please bring a dish (appetizer, entrée, salad or dessert) to share with everyone.



**Bowling outing, and what are they all looking at?
Sam was our big winner with a ~ 149 ~!
The winning team was Brain, Paul, Dan and Judy.**

Spring Polar Bear Ride

Submitted by: Tom Shumaker
(Dagwood)

We will be meeting on Saturday March 14, 2009 at Gunther Toody's, located one block west of I-25 on 104th Ave. Meeting time is scheduled for 8:15 AM and we will depart at 8:30 AM.

CORRECTION: In the February Newsletter, the January Monthly Meeting Minutes had the wrong date shown. The date should have been January 8, 2009 vice December 11, 2008. We apologize for the error.

“Tidbits”

Submitted by: “Wrong Way” Nicholson



Happy St. Patrick's Day

A Success Story.....

A young cowboy from Wyoming goes off to college. Half way through the semester, he has foolishly squandered all his money.

He calls home. "Dad," he says, "You won't believe what modern education is

developing! They actually have a program here in Laramie that will teach our dog, Ol' Blue how to talk!"

"That's amazing," his Dad says. "How do I get Ol' Blue in that program?"

"Just send him down here with \$1,000" the young cowboy says. "I'll get him in the course." So, his father sends the dog and \$1,000.

About two-thirds of the way through the semester, the money again runs out. The boy calls home.

"So how's Ol' Blue doing son?" his father asks.

"Awesome, Dad, he's talking up a storm," he says, "but you just won't believe this - they've had such good results they have started to teach the animals how to read!"

"Read!?" says his father, "No kidding! How do we get Blue in that program?"

"Just send \$2,500, I'll get him in the class."

The money promptly arrives. But our hero has a problem. At the end of the year, his father will find out the dog can neither talk, nor read. So he shoots the dog.

When he arrives home at the end of the year, his father is all excited. "Where's Ol' Blue? I just can't wait to see him read something and talk!"

"Dad," the boy says, "I have some grim news. Yesterday morning, just before we left to drive home, Ol' Blue was in the living room, kicked back in the recliner, reading the Wall Street Journal, like he usually does. Then he turned to me and asked, "So, is your daddy still messin' around with that little redhead who lives in town?"

The father exclaimed, "I hope you shot that son of a bitch before he talks to your Mother!"

"I sure did, Dad!"
"That's my boy!"

The kid went on to be a successful lawyer, and then he went on to become the Governor of Illinois.
The End.....



The following people have BIRTHDAYS in March:

- David Howe March 13
- Lloyd Nicholson March 14
- Larry Gutt March 15
- Tim Kah March 23

ANNIVERSARYS:

- Cliff & Nedra Eudy March 5
- Jack & Cheryl Dunwell March 14
- Tom & Brenda Schumaker March 24



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

"Many marriages have been preserved with this phrase:
'You're probably right.'

Protecting your eyes from the sun by wearing a hat and sunglasses that block 100% UV radiation can help prevent cataracts, the leading cause of blindness worldwide. No mention in this source about **"onions"**. Hmmm.

" I haven't got the slightest idea how to change people, but still I keep a long list of prospective candidates just in case I should figure it out."
- David Sedaris

"People say that money isn't the key to happiness, but I always figured if you have enough money, you can have a key made."
- Joan Rivers

"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."
- Albert Einstein

Submitted by: Floyd Thorne Mr. "T"



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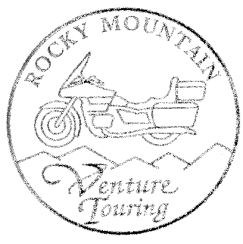


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