

**Our 2010 RMVTA Officers**



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**Officers Speak**

Submitted by:  
Floyd Thorne, President

Let me start out by saying thank you for your support for myself, Floyd Thorne, as your President and Paul Maynard as Vice President in the recent election of officers this past November. We are very proud to have this opportunity to serve and look forward in doing so with Gloria Messier as your club Secretary and Debbie Maynard as your club Treasurer.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Richard Bush as your past President, Debbie Maynard as your past Vice President, Bob Junker as your past Secretary and Sherrie Barrett as your past Treasurer. They served throughout 2009 and did a very admirable job in spite of some challenges and for their service I say "Thank You" and a job very well done.

In this past year the Website proved to still be a source of major concern. There was more than one meeting dealing with the subject. I sincerely hope that the Website issues are about to come to some sort of closure. Stan Stotz, another

of our more senior members (in terms of membership longevity with the club) has stepped up and spent untold hours creating a new HTML based Website for your club, that by all indications will have all the functionality (pictures and Sponsor information) and ease of maintenance that we were not able to realized before. Early previews look very, very good.

We also have opted to move the Website to a new Commercial Web Hosting Site that has many advantages. They boast a 99.9% up time, Unlimited Giga Bites of Space, Unlimited Giga Bite's of Transfer, FREE Domain name for life and 24/7 Live Technical Support. All this was able to happen for the fee of \$165.00 for four years. That figures out to be \$41.25 per year or \$3.44 per month.

All of this will basically be transparent to you, the end user of the site. You will still log into the site as you always have at [www.rmvta.org](http://www.rmvta.org). You will notice a difference in the site design, but I think you will find it very easy and quick to navigate. There will be some changes coming down the pike regarding the "Members Only" area of the site. These changes are involve confidentiality rea-

sons and we will get that information out to you as soon as it's fully functional.

We will continue to be using the Flickr Website for all the photo galleries accessible through the RMVTA site. It seems to be working out really well and there too we have an unlimited amount of space for photo storage.

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**Next Meeting:** Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010  
7:00 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World  
9700 E. Arapahoe Road.

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## Minutes RMVTA Meeting

December 10, 2009

Submitted by:

Bob "Vaderwing" Junker, Secretary

President Richard Bush called his final meeting as President to order at 1909 (late as usual). We had no guests attending tonight. Meeting ensued.

Secretary's Report: Linda made the motion to approve the October minutes. Paul seconded; everyone agreed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sherry is absent, but Little Bit has the numbers:

Checking:	\$2026.49
Savings:	\$636.55
Total:	\$2663.04

Fun Stuff: Not much to report. PMS (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome) ensues.

Brian & Cyndee moved last month. Congratulations ensued.

Five club members helped George Barrett move into his new townhouse last weekend. Sore backs ensued.

We are still in need of an Activities Chairperson. This individual would propose activities outside of riding for the club to participate in, kind of like Julie the Cruise Director on *The Love Boat*. Solicitation ensued.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Historical: Floyd spent some time with the historical items and has them in a semblance of order!!! Applause ensued.

Member Relations: Stella is under the weather. Little Bit ensued. Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Stan & Paul proposed to change the website and hosting. Stan had a very impressive demonstration of the proposed website, its' capabilities and features. Demonstration ensued. Steve made the motion to adopt the new website. Dave seconded. Voting ensued. Motion carried.

Floyd brought up web hosting options. Discussion ensued. Floyd made the motion to use Just-Hosting. Little Bit seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion ensued.

REMINDER: Debbie needs everyone's payment tonight for the Christmas Party scheduled for Sunday, December 13 at the Westminster Saltgrass Steakhouse.

Traditionally at this point in the December meeting, the gavel is passed to the newly elected officers. They are: Floyd Thorne, President; Paul Maynard, Vice-President; Debbie Maynard, Treasurer; Gloria Messier, Secretary. Turn-over ensued & that's that!!

### NEW BUSINESS:

Floyd expressed his gratitude for Richard and the other officers' service in 2009.

Debbie will need to look at check-signing authority as the new Treasurer.

Bill Nielson let everyone know that David Burke has been named the new Sale Manager at Fay Myers. David has been a long-time supporter of the RMVTA at his previous employer and brings that support with him to Fay. Everyone is invited to stop by during normal business hours and say hello to David.

Reminder that January 16<sup>th</sup> is the Member Appreciation Party (MAP). The party is in the clubhouse at Fay Myers. Socializing begins at 6 PM. Dinner begins at 6:30 PM.

Bill and Dena will provide snacks for next month's meeting.

The following slogans have been provided as suggestions for 2010:

2010 and Having Fun Again

On the Road Again in 2010

Let's Go For A Spin in 2010

2010 and Riding Again

RMVTA Doing it Again in 2010

2-Wheelin' with Kin in 2010

And the winner is:

### On the Road Again in 2010!

Floyd brought forth a proposal to track a member's 2-wheel mileage and include it as part of the points system. Basically, a member would report the odometer reading on their bike (s) at the beginning and end of the year. Points would be awarded for miles. A more thorough breakdown of the proposal will appear in the newsletter with these minutes for each member to contemplate prior to the January meeting.

The Missing Link Award has been put to bed for the year.

Fifty-Fifty:

\$75 collected

\$7 for third to Bill.

\$11 for second to Karen.

\$20 for first to Linda.

Steve made the motion to adjourn. No one seconded the motion, but we all left at 8:44 pm anyways.

## Membership Appreciation Party (MAP)

The Member Appreciation Party (MAP) will be held on **January 16, 2010 in the Club House at Fay Myers**. It will start at **6:00 p.m.** with drinks and time to catch up with friends. We will start dinner around 6:30 pm. The menu is still being worked on but promises to be very good. Please email Richard at: [bushre@yahoo.com](mailto:bushre@yahoo.com) or Debbie at [little\\_bit@live.com](mailto:little_bit@live.com) if you plan to attend and if you will be bringing a guest. We would like to know numbers by January 11, 2010.

Thanks for a great year of riding in 2009 and please join us for much more fun in 2010.

Have a very Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and ride safely. We want you all back next year.



Debbie winning the coveted "Golden Horseshoe" til the Spring Highway cleanup Ride.



The following people have BIRTHDAYS in January:

- Bill Gillespie Jan. 4
- Cheryl Dunwell Jan. 5
- Cliff Eudy Jan. 9
- Bill Nielson Jan 13
- Janet Stotz Jan. 22
- Floyd Thorne Jan. 27



ANNIVERSARYS:

- Bill & Dena Nielson Jan 2
- Floyd & Linda Thorne Jan 11



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

Officers Speak

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I would like to express the club's sincere gratitude to George Barrett for setting up and maintaining the RMVTA Server in his home for the last several years. And to Brett Barrett for all the time and effort that he put into the (soon previous Website) design and maintenance for the last several years. As things change and evolve new opportunities unveil themselves. Web Hosting has become very inexpensive over recent years making the commercial hosting site more financially feasible. Now George will not be getting those unhappy calls because the server is down and hopefully with a more simplistic HTML approach to the site design it can be more easily changed and maintained, and by more than just one individual. Brett has become much busier in his life and did not have the time to devote to all the issues on the former site. But, all that being said, these two fellows stepped up when the club needed them and we are forever grateful.

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The Membership Appreciation Party is pending and will take place soon and we hope that you plan to attend. It's always a good time - more information to come. We are also in the thick of planning the rides and activities for the 2010 ride year. If you want to lead a ride, know of a neat destination and want someone else to actually lead the ride for you or any other suggestions, please let myself or one of the Executive Officers know.

We will have another month or two where the weather is not as favorable for riding necessarily as summer, but perhaps it's a good time to be thinking about bike maintenance issues and hopefully find a good day here and there to get out and get some fresh air to ward off the PMS (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome.) If you do get out please be careful and dress accordingly.

Mr. "T"

Random Thoughts for the New Year

Submitted By: Hal Schwartz

1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.
2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. How the heck are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
6. Was learning cursive really necessary?
7. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
10. Bad decisions make good stories.
11. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
12. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection...again.
13. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page research paper that I swear I did not make any changes to.
14. "Do not machine wash or tumble dry" means I will never wash this thing I have--ever.
15. I hate when I just miss a call by the last ring (Hello? Hello? Darn it!), but when I immediately call back, it rings nine times and goes to voicemail. What'd you do after I didn't answer? Drop the phone and run away?
16. I hate leaving my house confident and looking good and then not seeing anyone of importance the entire day. What a waste.
17. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.
18. My 4-year old grandson asked me in the car the other day, "Grandma, what would happen if you ran over a ninja?" How the heck do I respond to that?
19. I think the freezer deserves a light as well...
20. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet, on any given Friday or Saturday night, more kisses begin with a beer than with a Kay jeweler product.



~ Christmas Party 2009 ~  
Sunday, December 13



### “Tidbits”

Submitted by:  
Stella “Wrong Way” Nicholson

Happy New Year to everyone. I wish you all many blessings in this coming year. I thought you might all like to hear a true story:

The story of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer: Did you know the origin of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer?

A guy named Bob May, depressed and brokenhearted, stared out his drafty apartment window into the chilling December night. His 4-year-old daughter, Barbara, sat on his lap quietly sobbing. Bob's wife, Evelyn, was dying of cancer. Little Barbara couldn't understand why her mommy could never come home. Barbara looked up into her dad's eyes and asked, "Why isn't Mommy just like everybody else's Mommy?" Bob's jaw tightened and his eyes welled with tears. Her question brought waves of grief, but also of anger. It had been the story of Bob's life. Life always had to be

different for Bob. Being small when he was a kid, Bob was often bullied by other boys. He was too little at the time to compete in sports. He was often called names he'd rather not remember.

From childhood, Bob was different and never seemed to fit in. Bob did complete college, married his loving wife and was grateful to get his job as a copywriter at Montgomery Ward during the Great Depression.

Then he was blessed with his little girl. But it was all short-lived. Evelyn's bout with cancer stripped them of all their savings and now Bob and his daughter were forced to live in a two-room apartment in the Chicago slums. Evelyn died just days before Christmas in 1938. Bob struggled to give hope to his child, for whom he couldn't even afford to buy a Christmas gift. But if he couldn't buy a gift, he was determined to make one - a storybook!

Bob had created an animal character in his own mind and told the animal's story to little Barbara to give her comfort and

hope. Again and again Bob told the story, embellishing it more with each telling. Who was the character? What was the story all about? The story Bob May created was his own autobiography in fable form. The character he created was a misfit outcast like he was. The name of the character? A little reindeer named Rudolph, with a big shiny nose.

Bob finished the book just in time to give it to his little girl on Christmas Day. But the story doesn't end there. The general manager of Montgomery Ward caught wind of the little storybook and offered Bob May a nominal fee to purchase the rights to print the book. Wards went on to print Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and distribute it to children visiting Santa Claus in their stores. By 1946 Wards had printed and distributed more than six million copies of Rudolph. That same year, a major publisher wanted to purchase the rights from Wards to print an updated version of the book. In an unprecedented gesture of kindness, the CEO of Wards returned all rights back to Bob May. The book became a best seller. Many toy and marketing deals followed and Bob May, now remarried with a growing family, became wealthy from the story he created to comfort his grieving daughter.

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### Favorite 2009 RMVTA Ride

It is time to vote on your favorite 2009 RMVTA ride. They are listed below so please pick your favorite and send your vote to either [Richard Bush](#) or [Debbie Maynard](#) by Wednesday January 13, 2010. The website link for the 2009 Ride Schedule is: [http://www.rmvta.org/ride\\_center/09\\_index.html](http://www.rmvta.org/ride_center/09_index.html) Thanks for your voting support.

3/14/2009	<a href="#">Spring Polar Bear Ride XXIII</a>	Tom Shumaker
4/5/2009	<a href="#">Spring Highway Cleanup</a>	Ron Nardiello & Joyce Hindman
4/25/2009	<a href="#">Sponsor Appreciation Ride</a>	Richard Bush
5/9/2009	<a href="#">Photo Frolic</a>	Brian Graves
5/23/2009	<a href="#">Great Sand Dunes Adventure</a>	Lloyd & Stella Nicholson
5/30/2009	<a href="#">Aluminum Butt Ride</a>	Cliff Eudy
6/6/2009	<a href="#">Wild West History Tour</a>	Lyle Welsh
6/13/2009	<a href="#">7th-Annual RMVTA Memorial Reflection</a>	Floyd & Linda Thorne
6/20/2009	<a href="#">Gateway Ride</a>	Sam Ashley
6/28/2009	<a href="#">Ice Cream Dream</a>	Sam Ashley
7/5/2009	<a href="#">Snowy Range Romp II</a>	Richard Bush
7/11/2009	<a href="#">Steamboat Hot Air Balloon Festival</a>	Sam Ashley
7/17/2009	<a href="#">Come Play in the Canyon</a>	Hal & Karen Schwartz
8/1/2009	<a href="#">6th-Annual President's Picnic Ride</a>	Richard Bush
8/2/2009	<a href="#">Kit Carson Carousel Ride</a>	Sam Ashley
8/8/2009	<a href="#">Moonlight Ride</a>	Richard Bush
8/15/2009	<a href="#">Twist and Shout Run</a>	Stan & Janet Stotz
8/22/2009	<a href="#">Flying "W" Ranch Day Ride</a>	Floyd & Linda Thorne
8/29/2009	<a href="#">Hal's Amazing Surprise Ride</a>	Hal & Karen Schwartz
9/5/2009	<a href="#">Taos Tours Du Jour</a>	Brian Graves
9/13/2009	<a href="#">Progressive Dinner Ride</a>	Richard Bush
9/18/2009	<a href="#">Colorado Mountain Winefest</a>	Sam Ashley
9/26/2009	<a href="#">Fall Color Ride</a>	Brian Graves
10/3/2009	<a href="#">Oktoberfest Ride</a>	Steve & Connie Benko
10/10/2009	<a href="#">Fall Highway Cleanup Ride</a>	Ron Nardiello
11/14/2009	<a href="#">Fall Polar Bear Ride XXIV</a>	Tom Shumaker

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But the story doesn't end there either. Bob's brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, made a song adaptation to Rudolph. Though the song was turned down by such popular vocalists as Bing Crosby and Dinah Shore, it was recorded by the singing cowboy, Gene Autry. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was released in 1949 and became a phenomenal success, selling more records than any other Christmas song, with the exception of "White Christmas." The gift of love that Bob May created for his daughter so long ago kept on returning to bless him again and again. And Bob May learned the lesson, just like his dear friend Rudolph, that being different isn't so bad. In fact, being different can be a blessing!

### For Sale:



2004 Honda VTX 1300 Retro  
Contact: Jeff DeCristo: 720-308-5973  
[Jdd68@comcast.net](mailto:Jdd68@comcast.net)  
(see Sept 2009 Newsletter for more details)

The Deadline for the Next Newsletter is: January 23, 2010.

**Next Meeting:**  
 Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010  
 7:00 p.m.  
**Fay Myers Motorcycle World**  
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