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will be here soon.

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Officer's Speak

Submitted by: Floyd "Mr. T" Thorne, President

Here it is December – again and we are wrapping up another calendar year for all of us and the RMVTA. I, as your presiding officer for the year, feel very good in general about the club year having just past. I felt as though we had a lot of good rides and we saw lots of new and different things in our travels.

We started our riding out early in the year in March with our Spring Polar Bear Ride led again by Tom Shumaker. This was followed up by our going to the Greeley Freight Station Museum., which was a very interesting find and enjoyed by all. We had had some fun seeing the Carousel of Happiness and having the real treat of visiting with the artist and

hearing his story and the story of carousels around this country and how that led up to him having the unit in Nederland. Then we had the first of perhaps more to come RMVTA Open Golf rides. The weather turned against us then after the calendar said it was Spring and we started having winter weather conditions. This prevented us from completing our annual spring time civic activity of the "Renegade" Highway Clean-up Activity.

We wanted to return to Fish Creek Falls near Steamboat Springs and found it covered in several feet of snow. But, looking at the bright side, it was a beautiful day to ride and an interesting opportunity to ride clear highways with many feet of snow on either side. In May, several of us made a day ride and rode out to Atwood, KS for a very good car show. (continued on page 3)

Persons of fun we should know:

THE RMVTA CLUB:



Members #'s: ALL #s !!

Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011
 7:00 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World 9700
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN VENTURE TOURING ASSOCIATION

November 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by: Gloria "Mini G" Messier

President Floyd Thorne called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Visitors: None

Officer's Reports

Secretary: Minutes approved as published.

Treasurer: Checking: \$2800.74, Savings: \$1622.37, Total: \$4423.11

Membership Report: Stan had second surgery on his finger Monday. This time they took a couple of tendons from his wrist to repair the finger.

Richard Knudson is up and around. Stopped by to George's store. Richard had a brace on his knee and cast on his wrist. Debbie Ritz is back to work. She seems to be recovering really well.

Committee Reports

Activities: Breckenridge snow sculptures. A notice will be sent out to the group.

Awards: Still looking for any awards for the MAP.

Finance: Done for the season. Getting ready to start up again for 2012 budget.

Historical: Still collecting stuff.

Membership: No notes from Stella. Everyone must be doing ok.

Member Relations: No report.

Newsletter: Steve and Paul got her done again.

Webmaster/Website: Paul provided the following info: For September, we had around 2400 hits, 80 visits per day, 12 pm was the busiest time that the newsletter was the most visited, and the most visits were from the Russian Federation. For October there were about 2700 hits, 87 visits per day, the busiest times were around 5 am and 10 am, images and newsletter were the most visited pages and again the most visits from the Russian Federation.

Rides: Floyd reviewed the past rides and looked forward to our last scheduled ride for the year, the Fall Polar Bear ride. The clean up ride lacked support this year, which meant a lot of work for those who attended, and a much longer time to complete. This cut into our riding time.

Old Business: Volunteers for officers. Steve Benko has volunteered for Vice President and Sherrie volunteered for Secretary.

New Business: Floyd thanked the veterans for their service, which provide us the opportunity to ride.

Since there were no other volunteers for officers, the officers for 2012 are: Floyd Thorne – President, Steve Benko – Vice President, Sherrie Broderson – Secretary, Debbie Maynard – Treasurer.

Board of Directors elected: Gloria Messier to finish Debbie Ritz's term, one year left. Ron Nardiello for a 2-year term and George Barrett for a 2-year term.

Upcoming Rides: Harry's Roamers Turkey run, November 13. Veterans Day breakfast cancelled, Polar Bear Ride, November 19, Christmas party 12-11-11.

Missing Link: Sherrie declined the nomination for this coveted award.

50/50 Drawing:

Third Place: Paul
Second Place: Paul (you can't win if you don't play!)
First Place: Linda

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.



Incentive Point Leaders

Submitted by Debbie "Little Bit" Maynard

The final results will be revealed at the MAP!!!



**"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men."
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

**Please remember to join us on 12/11 for
our annual RMVTA Christmas Party !!**

Officer's Speak

(cont.)

Later that same month we had the Great Sand Dunes Adventure scheduled but it was canceled due to a lack of interest. This does not happen often, but it does happen.

Bill and Becky led us again down to Colorado Springs for Dinner and a Ball Game. This activity has proven to be fun for the second year now. Paul and Debbie led our group up to the Pine Creek Cook House for lunch. Linda and I could not attend that one but heard that it was very good. Brian and Sherrie led us this year on the Cliff Eudy Memorial Aluminum Butt Ride. Then, in the later part of June, Linda and I finally, leading our group, made it to Telluride without it raining. We made a large loop in Colorado, we had the Shake Rattle and Roll, and the Moon Light.

We went back this year and tried a "camping" trip. None of us stayed in tents on the Ouray trip, but it was a good precursor to genuine camping. A couple weeks or so later some of our group did a real camping trip when they went to Nebraska.

We had a very good President's Picnic, thanks to Linda and our son Patrick at a location that worked out very well. Paul and Debbie led the motorcycle contingent down there. Then Paul and Debbie led us up to Leadville so that we could ride the Colorado and Southern train up high into the Colorado Rockies. Our annual Progressive Dinner Ride went off without a hitch and we had a very good time at each of the three venues. Paul, in Steve's absence due to other commitments, led us up to Breckenridge for the 17th Annual Octoberfest. Richard and Gloria led several of us on the Fall Color Ride. The timing turned out to be very good this year for fall colors. After having bad weather on the planned Fall "Renegade" Highway Cleanup Activity date, we were able to get out there on the back up date and do our civic duty before the snows of winter really set in. Tom Shumaker had some surgery that prevented him from leading the Fall Polar Bear Ride, but I stepped in and we had a good day (see article regarding it elsewhere.)

We also, throughout the year, had many well attended monthly dinner rides and lest we not forget the fun activities that Richard planned for the group in the heart of Winter to get the group out and together.

Yes, it was a very busy year, to say the least. Our year had started off on sad notes in our having to attend the memorial services of our "Founding Father" Jack Dunwell and followed up right away with another long time club member and the person behind the Aluminum Butt Ride, namely Cliff Eudy. I know that they continued to ride with many of us, in spirit anyway, throughout the year. They will definitely be missed.

I would be very remiss if I did not take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all the various committee chair persons that stepped in to help take care of regular day to day activities. Certainly I can not thank your Vice

President Paul Maynard enough for all he did throughout the year to keep me between the "Fog Lines." If I had something on my mind I found that it was always good to run it by Paul first before I ended up shooting myself in the foot.

Most of you do not even know the things that your Treasurer does to help out your organization and me personally. She may be called "Little Bit" fondly by many of us, but the contributions and efforts that Debbie puts forth for the good of your organization are nothing less than monumental. I know that she made and continues to make my life a dream with regards to leading because of all that she does to help me personally. Mini "G" or Ms. Gloria Messier has done a wonderful job this year in her capacity of Secretary for the organization and for that we all thank you. Please take the extraordinary efforts required to thank these people. They step in and contribute of their time and talents free of charge for the good of your organization. Thank you is the very least that they deserve.

As it turns out, I will remain with our group as your presiding President. It may not be as I had hoped, but I guess it is what it is, somebody has to do it. Debbie will stay on as your Treasurer for another year. Paul requested that he take a break from the Vice President responsibilities because of all that he does for us in regarding to helping out with the web site, in addition to Stan. Paul also has been very instrumental in getting your monthly newsletter out along with efforts and assistance from Steve Benko. Steve has graciously offered to step in and fill the VP slot for 2012. Gloria had decided that she should step aside as your Secretary due to numerous heavy responsibilities to care for her elderly mother, which is a good thing for her to do right now. In her place we will gladly extend a hand of welcome to Sherrie Broderson as your Secretary for 2012. I look forward to working with you all and hopefully we can have fun and serve the organization well.

I am very pleased with the organization over all and the direction that it's headed. Do I have concerns, certainly I do. What concerns me most of all, is our membership numbers. I believe very strongly that this is the biggest factor in our over all energy level and that each and every one of us needs to be aware of and take every opportunity that you can to promote your organization in an attempt to increase our active membership numbers.

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Thank you, all the members, for your support of the organization throughout the past year. I know that many of us are pulled in numerous directions with work, family and finances. Please find the time to participate and share in the many various activities and rides throughout the coming year.



THE WINDOW FROM WHICH WE LOOK

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood.

The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean", she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments. About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband: "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this."

The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life.

What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

THE POSITIVE SIDE OF LIFE:

How long a minute is
depends on what side of the
bathroom door you're on.

Birthdays are good for you;
the more you have,
the longer you live.

Happiness comes through doors you
didn't even know you left open.

Ever notice that the people who are late
are often much jollier
than the people who have to wait for them?

Most of us go to our grave
with our music still inside of us.

If Walmart is lowering prices every day,
how come nothing is free yet?

You may be only one person in the world,
but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun
to only make once.

Don't cry because it's over;
smile because it happened.

We could learn a lot from crayons:
some are sharp, some are pretty,
some are dull, some have weird names,
and all are different colors....but
they all exist very nicely in the same box.

A truly happy person is one who
can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Have an awesome day, and
know that someone
who thinks you're great
has thought about you today!

Hi Sweetheart,

I am sorry about getting into an argument about putting up the Christmas lights.

I guess that sometimes I feel like you are pushing me too hard when you want something.

I realize that I was wrong and I am apologizing for being such a hard-headed guy.

All I want is for you to be happy and be able to enjoy the holiday season.

Nothing brightens the Christmas spirit like Christmas lights!

I took the time to hang the lights for you today and now I will be off to the golf course.

Again, I am very sorry for the way I acted yesterday.

I'll be home later.

Love you.....



I hope
he has a
place to
stay for
a few
days!

Fall Polar Bear Ride XXVIII

Submitted by: Floyd "Mr. T" Thorne, President

Earlier in the week I got a call from Tom Shumaker saying that he had some surgery a few days before and he was wondering if I could step in and lead this years' Fall Polar Bear Ride. I, of course was happy to do so. I told Tom that the most important thing for him to do was to focus on getting well. The prognosis looks good, but he would certainly not be able to lead the ride.

So, I proceeded to plan a route that would take us west to the foothills and then north dropping us eventually down into Fort Collins with plans then to find some lunch and meander our way around heading back south towards the metro area and home respectively.

I showed up at our planned departure point, McCoy's Restaurant near I-70 and Federal Boulevard. I was a very brisk morning to say the least but the weather predictions were to have sunshine and dry at least until later on in the day. Life is good.

I proceeded to go in and order breakfast and wait for the others to arrive. As the others showed up and we were chatting about my plans for the day, it was brought to my attention that they had gotten snow in Longmont over night so it was not looking real safe or promising to embark on my original planned route. It was all programmed and sitting at the ready in my Garmin ZUMO 660. Oh well, another time perhaps.

Brian made a suggestion that we head south to the Colorado Springs area and go through the Garden of the Gods. Really off the cuff, with me leading, our group took off and headed out first east on I-70 to pick up I-25 southbound before picking up Sante Fe/US #85 down to Salida then SR #105 to Monument. Then we jumped back on to I-25 down to Garden of the Gods Road. We stopped right away for a "nature stop" before heading west and ultimately through the Garden of the Gods Park. Once through the park, I turned west and we went through Manitou Springs and then out to US #24 to Woodland Park where we then turned north on SR #67.

We were made aware here a while back that CR #96 road, South Platte River Road was paved and this was the second time that I had been on it. It takes you to the town of Foxton and eventually to US #285. We were only on US #285 for a very short time before getting off on CR #122 or Turkey Creek Road. The comment was made on the CB of how appropriate it was that we were on that road the weekend before Thanksgiving. Anyway, once we passed Tiny Town we were once again back on US #285 but again only for a very short time before getting off on CR #120 or Parmalee Gulch Road.

When we got to Kittridge we stopped at the Bear Creek Restaurant for an early afternoon and very good lunch. After lunch we continued east on SR #74 dropping us down to Morrison and C-470 where I headed north back home and the others headed mostly south also towards their respective homes.

It was another very good Fall Polar Bear Ride into the record books. It was a beautiful day and in spite of the cooler, bordering on COLD weather, we were all properly prepared for the temperatures. Most of us were wired into the machines with our electric garments so life is good once again.

Thank you to the seven other Polar Bears, five riders and two female passengers, for getting out and joining me on an impromptu route that turned out to be pretty fun. Other than the Toy Run to Children's Hospital, this was the last of the formally planned RMVTA rides for the 2011 riding year. It has been a real pleasure sharing this sport that we have in common for another year.

Have you got your rides all thought out and planned for 2012? It will be here before you know it and we will be back out there and at it once again. Until then have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Whooo Santa!!!

“Tidbits”

Submitted by: Stella “Wrong Way” Nicholson



Diary of a Snow Shoveler

December 8: 6:00 PM. It started to snow. The first snow of the season and the wife and I took our cocktails and sat for hours by the window watching the huge soft flakes drift down from heaven. It looked like a Grandma Moses Print. So romantic we felt like newlyweds again. I love snow!

December 9: We woke to a beautiful blanket of crystal white snow covering every inch of the landscape. What a fantastic sight! Can there be a more lovely place in the Whole World? Moving here was the best idea I've ever had. Shoveled for the first time in years, felt like a boy again. I did both our driveway and the sidewalks. This afternoon the snowplow came along and covered up the sidewalks and closed in the driveway, so I got to shovel again. What a perfect life.

December 12: The sun has melted all our lovely snow. Such a disappointment. My neighbor tells me not to worry, we'll definitely have a white Christmas. No snow on Christmas would be awful! Bob says we'll have so much snow by the end of winter, that I'll never want to see snow again. I don't think that's possible. Bob is such a nice man, I'm glad he's our neighbor.

December 14: Snow, lovely snow! 8" last night. The temperature dropped to -20. The cold makes everything sparkle so. The wind took my breath away, but I warmed up by shoveling the driveway and sidewalks. This is the life! The snowplow came back this afternoon and buried everything again. I didn't realize I would have to do quite this much shoveling, but I'll certainly get back in shape this way. I wish I wouldn't huff and puff so.

December 15: 20 inches forecast. Sold my van and bought a 4x4 Blazer. Bought snow tires for the wife's car and two extra shovels. Stocked the freezer. The wife wants a wood stove in case the electricity goes out. I think that's silly. We aren't in Alaska, after all.

December 16: Ice storm this morning. Fell on my ass on the ice in the driveway putting down salt. Hurt like hell. The wife laughed for an hour, which I think was very cruel.

December 17: Still way below freezing. Roads are too icy to go anywhere. Electricity was off for five hours. I had to pile the blankets on to stay warm. Nothing to do but stare at the wife and

try not to irritate her. Guess I should've bought a wood stove, but won't admit it to her. God, I hate it when she's right. I can't believe I'm freezing to death in my own living room.

December 20: Electricity's back on, but had another 14" of the damn stuff last night. More shoveling. Took all day. Goddamn snowplow came by twice. Tried to find a neighborhood kid to shovel, but they said they're too busy playing hockey. I think they're lying. Called the only hardware store around to see about buying a snow blower, and they're out. Might have another shipment in March. I think they're lying. Bob says I have to shovel or the city will have it done and bill me. I think he's lying.

December 22: Bob was right about a white Christmas, because 13 more inches of the white shit fell today, and it's so cold it probably won't melt 'til August. Took me 45 minutes to get all dressed up to go out and shovel, and then I had to pee. By the time I got undressed, peed and dressed again, I was too tired to shovel. Tried to hire Bob, who has a plow on his truck, for the rest of the winter; but he says he's too busy. I think the asshole is lying.

December 23: Only 2" of snow today, and it warmed up to "0". The wife wanted me to decorate the front of the house this morning. What, is she nuts!!! Why didn't she tell me to do that a month ago? She says she did, but I think she's lying.

December 24: 6". Snow packed so hard by snowplow, I broke the shovel. Thought I was having a heart attack. If I ever catch the son-of-a-bitch who drives that snowplow, I'll drag him through the snow and beat him to death with my broken shovel. I know he hides around the corner and waits for me to finish shoveling and then he comes down the street at a 100 miles an hour and throws snow all over everywhere I've just been! Tonight the wife wanted me to sing Christmas carols with her and open our presents, but I was too busy watching for the Goddamn snowplow.

December 25: Merry Christmas! 20 more inches of the shit slop tonight. Snowed in. The idea of shoveling makes my blood boil. God, I hate the snow! Then the snowplow driver came by asking for a donation and I hit him over the head with my shovel. The wife says I have a bad attitude. I think she's a fricking idiot. If I have to watch "It's a Wonderful Life" one more time, I'm going to stuff her into the microwave.

December 26: Still snowed in. Why the hell did I ever move here? It was all HER idea. She's really getting on my nerves.

December 27: Temperature dropped to -30, and the pipes froze. Plumber came after 14 hours of waiting for him; he only charged me \$1,400 to replace all my pipes.

December 28: Warmed up to above -20. Still snowed in. The BITCH is driving me crazy!

December 29: 10 more inches. Bob says I have to shovel the roof or it could cave in. That's the silliest thing I ever heard. How dumb does he think I am?

December 30: Roof caved in. I beat up the snow plow driver. He is now suing me for a million dollars; not only for the beating I gave him, but also for trying to shove the broken snow shovel up his axx. The wife went home to her mother. 9" predicted.

December 31: I set fire to what's left of the house. No more shoveling.

January 8: Feel so good. I just love those little white pills they keep giving me. Why am I tied to the bed?



LOL Just kidding. I love the snow and can't wait for a White Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah too! Happy Holidays to everyone! Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all.

The following people have BIRTHDAYS in DEC. & JAN.:

John Scanlan	Dec. 4
Joyce Kenaston	Dec. 10
Tina Turner	Dec. 16
Richard Bush	Dec. 31
Brian Boberick	Dec. 31
Janice Moore	Jan 2
Bill Gillespie	Jan. 4
Cheri Dunwell	Jan 5
Pat McCombs	Jan. 9

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