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There's more to be  
seen in 2014

Moose Gathering on the  
"BRD Day Ride"

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## Officer's Speak

Submitted by: Bernie "Berndog" Spivak,  
Vice President

Ever heard of Murphy's Law? Goes something like "Whatever can go wrong will go wrong".

Mathematician Augustus De Morgan wrote on June 23, 1866, "what-ever can happen will happen if we make trials enough."

The guy who actually coined the phrase "Murphy's law" was an apparently frustrated 1950's Aero-Space engineer named Edward Murphy.

**However;** the folks who can probably relate better than most to this probability issue are us motorcyclists. The probability of a mechanical problem while riding your motorcycle is always above 0%. (no perfection in this realm). The key is to making that probability as close to zero as possible is preventative maintenance.

PM is a lot more than kicking the tires and a visual once-over. The PM that

moves the % mishap needle toward 0 is an aggressive T-Clock inspection, preferably before and periodically during ride season, and most certainly, before an aggressive multi-day ride.

For those of us (like me) who can't remember what T-Clock means, here it is:

T - Tires / wheels  
C - Controls  
L - Lights  
O - Oil / all fluids  
C - Chassis  
K - Kickstand

We can find a T-Clock inspection worksheet on the "Motorcycle safety Foundation" website. Each of the six headings drills down to several detailed sub-headings that you can check off as done, when performing an inspection. You might print it off and use it as a guide.

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Places of fun we should know:

*AMERICA,  
THE GREAT LAND*



Member #: 4th

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 10, 2014  
7:00 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World  
9700 E. Arapahoe Road.

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# Minutes RMVTA Meeting

June 12, 2014

Submitted by: Steve "8 Ball" Benko, Secretary

President Floyd Thorne called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. There were no visitors in attendance.

Bernie reported on his recent trip to the Carolinas with Johnnie and Ruthie Lane. Spence reported on his ride with the Honor Guard – over 5,900 miles in 14 days.

## Officer's Reports

**Secretary:** The May meeting minutes as submitted by Steve Benko were approved by all.

**Treasurer:** Our current total is \$3,044.89 (Checking - \$1,865.33, Benevolent Fund - \$1,179.56).

## Committee Reports

**Activities:** Still looking for a chairperson to take over this committee.

**Awards:** Keep watching out for funny incidents that we can nominate for the Missing Link and/or to acknowledge at the MAP (Member Appreciation Party).

**Finance:** With the passing of the budget at the April meeting, the work of this committee is complete for the year.

**Historical:** "Mr. T" is still collectin' stuff.

**Membership:** No report.

**Member Relations:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Don't forget the deadline of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month to get items included.

**Webmaster:** Paul said that they are working to try and get the members' pictures area updated. No statistics were available as "someone" (not mentioning any names though) left them at home.

**Rides:** Floyd proceeded to give a recap of the rides that had transpired (Fay Myers Open House, May Dinner, Memorial Day Weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf, BRD and the Pediatric Brain Tumor) and the upcoming rides (Aluminum Butt, Maroon Bells, June Dinner, July 4th Weekend Trip, and the Dinner and a Ball Game). Brian Boberick provided hotel information for the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Ride and encouraged everyone to make their arrangements.

## Old Business

Floyd reported that his quest to get hats is back on.

## New Business

Steve reported that he was looking into switching the date for the Movie Manor Ride as the county fair is in town on the planned

date and that has caused an increase in the price of the hotel rooms. Bill Gillespie made a last call for reservations to the Dinner and a Ball Game Ride.

## Missing Link

Bernie Spivak was awarded this "prestigious" award. He was the tail rider on the BRD Ride and ended up leaving the parking lot of the meet place even though Bill Gillespie was not ready to go. Apparently, Bill had misplaced his bike key and was still searching around for it.



"Bernie, your holding it backwards." See ya next month!

## 50/50 – Linda Thorne

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize:	Debbie Maynard	\$13.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize:	Richard Bush	\$ 9.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize:	Richard Bush	\$ 5.00
RMVTA share		\$28.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$55.00

**Meeting Snacks** – Paul & Debbie Maynard volunteered to bring snacks for next months' meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Baked goods are all the rage. Love Krispy Kremes!

## Officer's Speak

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If you do not feel qualified to work through any of these points, have a qualified tech perform the task. Maybe there will be some up-front money needed to ensure that your bike is "tight", but compare that cost to the "non-PM Murphy's Law" possibility of breaking down miles and miles from home or an appropriate motorcycle repair place.

Do the preventative maintenance and enjoy a low stress, fun and very likely a mishap free ride season.

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## Incentive Points Update

Submitted by: Bernie "Berndog" Spivak, Vice President

Thanks to all members and guests who are taking part in the 2014 RMVTA events!

With twenty seven events in the books through the Maroon Bells Ride, Floyd has opened up a commanding 14 pt. lead over Steve Benko and Bernie Spivak for top spot in the rider's division, with Lisa McGee just a few points back.

In the Co-Rider division, Linda Thorne still commands the top spot, with Sherrie, Elaine, and Debbie not far behind.

Below are the standings thru the Maroon Bells Ride:

### RIDERS:

Floyd Thorne	39 Points
Steve Benko	25 Points
Bernie Spivak	25 Points
Lisa McGee	21 Points

### CO-RIDERS

Linda Thorne	17 Points
Sherrie Broderson	14 Points
Elaine Spivak	14 Points
Debbie Maynard	13 Points



Bernie and John manning the RMVTA booth at the Fay Myer's Block Party.

May Dinner Ride group.



## Aluminum Butt Ride

Submitted by: E Charles Steinman

As new members of the RMVTA, my son and I decided on the Cliff Eudy Memorial Aluminum Butt Ride as our official "First Tour" of the 2014 season. Meeting at an early 6:15AM at the Hampden/285 RTD Park N Ride we were greeted by Nedra Eudy who personally greeted all of the riders gathered for this tour named after her husband Cliff.

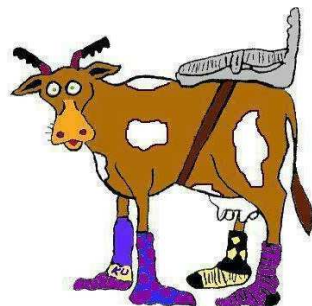
After heading for the hills, negotiating Berthoud Pass and ending up in Walden for Brunch....my son and I agreed nothing quite tastes as good as a hot breakfast after a "crisp" ride. Walden also was a gas stop....more on that later!

Our tour is apparently known for being planned by the "seat of the pants" and this was no different. We opted to do Snowy Range Pass.....lets just say that this pass is appropriately named! The last 500 mile ride I did was 10 years ago with my wife riding as passenger and Snowy Range was part of the course. It looked just the same...lots of snow on the ground...wet roads...and 32deg at the summit. In both cases ice was something to be watched for. Did I mention that the ride 10 years ago was my wife's last long distance ride?

Prior to heading to our next gas stop (Bags, WY) Brian asked if we had enough gas to make it to Bags....based on all of my experience on my Kawasaki Nomad (the bike was the same as my last trip over Snowy Range but a different year) I answered affirmative. About three miles short of Bags my bike gurgled to a halt. First time ever I ran out of gas! The only thing I can think of is that I got a bad tank of gas. Keep this in mind while riding. All gas is not necessarily the same. I must say that riding with a group was handy at such a time....a bunch of siphon hardware was brought out and Bill Gillespie was able to fill a bottle in order to get my Nomad to limp into Bags. It sure beats walking!



### Hillbilly Motorcycle



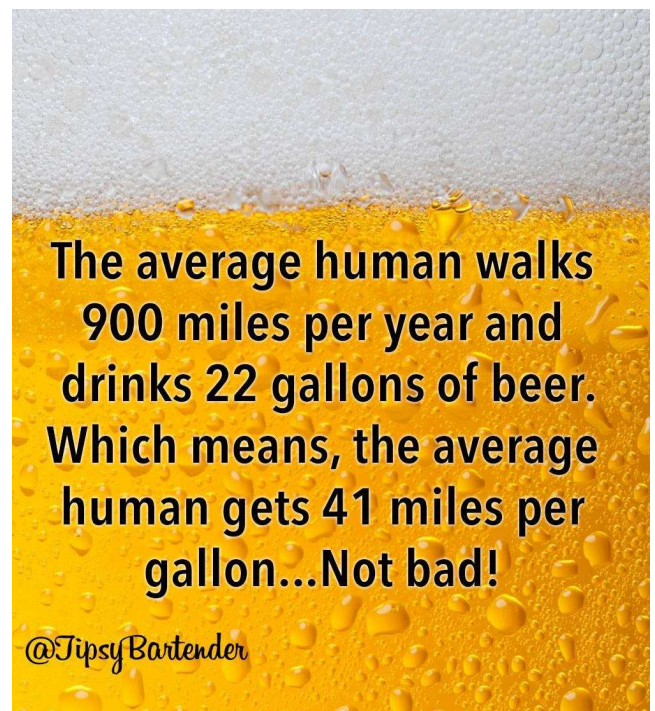
COW-A-SOCKY



Aluminum Butt Break-time.



Maroon Bells Ride.



**The following people have BIRTHDAYS in July & August:**

Ruthie Lane	Jul 22
Dawn Hangen	Jul 24
Ron Nardiello	Jul 30
Billie Berube	Aug 1
Bernie Spivak	Aug 2
Paul Coriell	Aug 12
Karen Schwartz	Aug 12



**ANNIVERSARYS:**

There are none during this period.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL that have been or will be coming soon!

**HAPPY 4TH TO ALL. HAVE FUN, BE SAFE!!**

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I just hate it when this happens. Maybe no-one saw me...



Some folks play better golf with 4 eyes.

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