

# The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

January 2004

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2004**  
**Burt Chevrolet**  
**7:00 pm**

<http://www.msnusers.com/RHNWebPages/cfwhomepage.msnw>

## Thumper's Corner

It has long been a tradition for club President's to put in an article to the Eagle Times each month. So I guess, as the president elect for 2004 I'd better not let down on the job. Before we get to far into this article, I would as a twenty-three year member of the Colorado Freewheelers, give a VERY BIG THANKS to Frank Heinzl. Frank for the last three years, has done an outstanding job as our club president. He has held the reins of leadership well, and stepped up to every task, that was asked of him. To say he is strong member, would be a gross understatement. Again Frank, thanks for a job well done, and look forward to your leadership on our 1000/24 Ride for 2004. With that said, what a great year the Colorado Freewheelers had in 2003. It was a year, that a lot of our members really got involved, and worked very hard to improve the workings of the Freewheelers. It was a year, that we saw a lot of club records go by the wayside, did some wonderful new rides, and saw some growth in the club. It was warming to see us help a number of charities, as we have done in years past. I found it very refreshing, that some people who use to ride with us have come back to the Freewheelers. The thing we have to guard against now, is not to let all our hard work go to waste. Let us hope, that we can make 2004 our best year as a club. Tell people you run into riding about the Freewheelers, invite them to a meeting or a ride. Let us make to Colorado Motorcycling Community aware, that the Colorado Freewheelers Motorcycle Club is alive & well. Things are already starting to roll for 2004. Bob Norton, who is heading you the ride committee this year, tells me things are cooking already. Our editor of the Eagle Times Bill Gillespie is making ready for another year, and is hopeful our membership will bury him in articles this year. Don't be affaid to share your thoughts with us. I know a lot of our members have got some great stories & tales of rides etc. Well, that's it for now. I hope to see one and all at the January 15th meeting. Remember, we only ask one night a month. So circle the third Thursday each month, and come on out and kick tires and enjoy your club.

**Thumper**

## Ride Committee Report

OK all you hard core biker dudes & dudetts, The Colorado FreeWheelers Ride Committee met and hammered out the basics of an awesome ride schedule for the 2004 riding season. The schedule can be seen at:

<http://www.msnusers.com/RHNWebPages/ccrideshtml.msnw>

Have a look see. You'll notice that there are plenty of Open Ride dates available. If your favorite ride is not on there, let us know. Instruction about how to contact the committee members are provided at the bottom of the calendar. Also! The above link will get you to the first six months of the schedule. To view to second half of the year, a link is provided at the bottom of the first six months schedule.

We hope you will come out and join us on a number of the rides this year. The more the merrier, we always say.

And remember, each Sunday through the end of March we will be meeting at the Village Inn (C-470 & Broadway) for breakfast at 9am. If the weather permits, we will ride somewhere starting at about 10. See you on the road.

**Bob Norton**, for the 2004 Ride Committee



*Some shots by Willy Taylor from the Children's Hospital Toy Run. A fun day for riders and very delightful for the kids at Children's.*

# 20th Annual Polar Bear Ride

When I arose on Thursday morning after four and a half hours sleep, I wondered if I really could get it together. It must be an old people thing, but had promised the bride that I would see in the New Year for 2004. I might add, that the last few years I have been out and gone by 10:00 p.m. First thing to do is check the temperature, and peek outside to see if riding is an option for the 20th Annual New Year's Day with the club.

25 degree's at 6:00 a.m., no clouds, and the early weather guy tells me it will get into the middle 50's. No excuse but to dress warm and get the Iron Horse ready to roll. As I pull into the Village Inn at 8:40 a.m. it's a full blown heat wave, with the temperature now at 32 degree's. Chuck & Chris Janssen are already here, and have our table all lined out. It was nice to see that they rode to breakfast, as they have not been able to ride much the last few months. Chuck was talking to a new



*New Years breakfast at the Village Inn*



*Newlyweds & new Coloradoans  
Jill & Grady Dunham*

prospective member by the name of Don Mayeaux, who was riding a new Honda ST1300. Don had heard of our ride off the clubs web site, and was looking forward to the days adventure. Now for those of us who were trying to shake off our PMS (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome) this was turning into a nice first ride of the year event. By 8:45 a.m. we had fifteen folks who had ridden to breakfast, and by 9:15 a. m we had twenty-five folks enjoying the club breakfast. Was good conversation had by all, and some folks we had not seen in a

while enjoying breakfast with us. Sarah Porter brightened up the table with two big stars on top of her head, and seemed to be enjoying hanging out with a bunch of bikers. Her father Gene was beaming like most proud fathers do. Bill Gillespie was jumping all over the place taking pictures with his new digital camera, and making like Joe Tourist. Was nice to see Gary Davis (The Rev) and his crew from the Church of the Wind. Paul Reimer our club chaplain led a nice prayer for the ride and new year ahead of us. Well, it's 10:20 a.m. and time to ride. Our Ride Chairman for the year, Bob Norton is having a drivers meeting. The route is to work our way down to Colorado Springs, and get our good friends Grady & Jill Dunham out of bed to do some riding. Both have become very close to a lot of the Freewheelers, and are also members of the Iron Butt Association. As the ride starts, we have twelve bikes to enjoy the days adventure. This

members thanks to Bob Norton & Bill Gillespie, who took us on some great back roads to The Springs and back. It turned out that we did one hundred seventy-five miles for the day, and was in the middle 50's at the end. Thanks to all for a great first ride of 2004. A special thanks to Stan Stotz (President of the RMVTA) George & Brett Barrett, and Ron Nardellio, of the RMVTA Motorcycle Club for coming out. Let us hope, that we continue to have more great turn outs.

**Thumper**



*Thumper looking a lot like Santa*



# Rider of the Year 2004

I would like to thank the Colorado Freewheelers for the nice jacket & plaque for winning the 2003 Rider of the Year Award. What an honor to win this award for the sixth time. My goal was to win it in three decades, and 2003 allowed me to accomplish that goal. The thing it made me realize more than anything, was how much fun you can have with the club. Well, 2003 as they say is history. Now it is my job to get people involved making a run at the 2004 Rider of the Year Award. There are a lot of members, who with a little effort could win this award in a walk. This will be the 21st year of this program, and it could be you man or woman, rider or passenger. What does it take? Just a little bit of involvement, and a lot of fun while trying to reach your goal. Listed below, you will see what it is you need to do, to reach that goal and have a good shot at being the 2004 Rider of the Year.

## Rider of the Year Points Form

1. **Club Rides:** 1 point for each ride. Must have 10 rides minimum
2. **Committees: (last 3 years)** 10 points each. 1 minimum.
3. **Charity Events: (2004)** 5 points each.
4. **Club Meetings (2004)** 9 points each. 8 minimum
5. **Major Motorcycling Events (2004)** 3 points each. 1 minimum
6. **Prospective Members Becoming Regular Members (last 2 years)** 10 points each.
7. **Presentations at Meetings (last 2 years)** 5 points each. 1 minimum
8. **Articles for Eagle Times (last 2 years)** 8 points each. 2 minimum
9. **Other Motorcycle Club Meetings (2004)** 3 points each.

So there you are. Have a great 2004 with the club, and enjoy yourself along the way.

Do these names ring a bell? Bill Gillespie, Pat mcombs, Bob Norton, Leo Scott, Becky Gillespie, Frank heinzl, Rex Young, Walt Roberts, Brian Boberick, Bruce Waters, Sunny Norton. They are all previous Riders of the Year. 2004 the Winner is ?

*Thumper*

## Pictures from the Christmas & Awards Party



"Thanks" to The Activities Committee



"Thumper" was the 2003 Rider of the Year



Becky became the sixth member of the 100,000 mile club...

And Bill joined Bob Norton in the 200,000 mile club.



Marilyn Davis was there to present the newly renamed "Bud Davis Helping Hands Award" to Jerry Abboud of Fay Myers & the Colorado Dealers Assoc. Unfortunately, Jerry was ill and could not attend.



# In Memoriam

## Herb Schaffer, Sr. 1913-2004

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Herb Schaffer, Sr. on January 5th. Herb had become a regular at meetings in recent months, coming with son Herb, Jr. Herb is also survived by eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Memorial services were held in Longmont, and the club was represented by several members.

The FreeWheelers will miss this delightful man, and our thoughts and prayers are with Herb, Jr. and his family.

## Meeting Minutes

November, 2003

Meeting was called to order by President Frank Heinzl. There was no invocation. Neither Chaplain Boots Reimer or Gary Davis were present.

**Secretary's Report** - Approved as printed in newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report** - We have a net of \$3155.07, approved as read. The Christmas benefit has a total of \$286.50 plus \$27.00 plus whatever is received in tonight's 50/50.

**Safety** - Bob Norton. Be careful when riding in the morning as temperatures will still be colder due to wind chill.

**Activities** - Chuck Janssen. Please get your money in for The Unsinkable Molly Brown and the Christmas Dinner.

**Rider of the Year** - Get your books turned in tonight or e-mail Frank with the information.

### Elections

Nominations:

**President** - Frank Heinzl and Pat McCombs.

Vice President - loser of presidential race will be vice president

**Secretary** - Chris Janssen and Herb Schaffer

**Treasurer** - Make Woolery agrees to stay treasurer

**Elected:** **President** - Pat McCombs, **Vice**

**President** - Frank Heinzl, **Secretary** - Chris Janssen, **Treasurer** - Mike Woolery.

Moved and seconded that the president appoints the committee chairs. Approved.

The ride committee will add Willy Taylor to last year's committee list: Pat, Bill, Becky, Bob, Sunny, Frank and Donna.

Frank will stay 1000 in 24 chair. Bob will stay Safety chair.

Chuck will stay activities chair.

### Break

We received a letter from Robert Kemp in Spearfish. He is "in jail" for the March of Dimes and needs help. Moved and seconded that we send a minimum of \$100 to get him out of jail. Approved.

Paula Moeller sent a check for postage of newsletter. Moved and seconded to give Paula's check to March of Dimes and send letter stating what we did with her check. Approved.

Cycle Fest donated \$200 to club for the work our volunteers did for them.

Moved and seconded to increase money for March of Dimes to a total of \$200. Approved.

Approved to add \$50 to needy Family at the Community Missions for a total of \$717.50.

Activities Committee needs \$150 for Christmas Party. Approved.

Moved and seconded to buy two red wagons for the Children's Toy Run for Children's Hospital. Approved.

**50/50** - \$30 to Tory and \$30 to Christmas benefit. Meeting Adjourned.

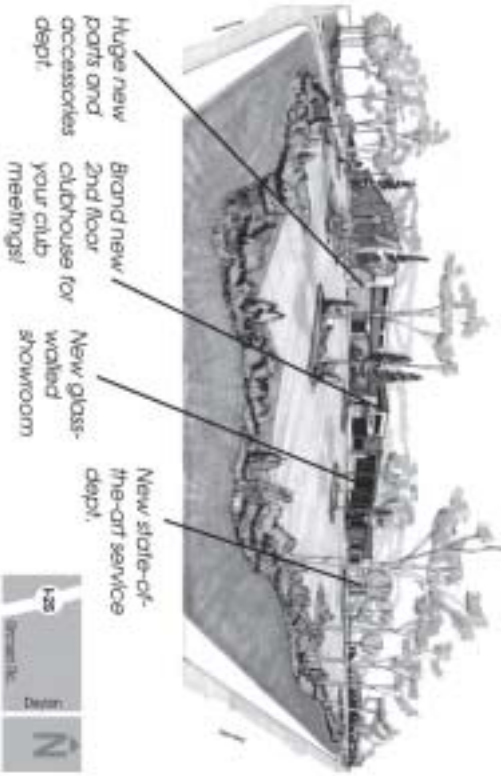
Anne (last secretary's report) Hudson



## The future is bright at Fay Myers Motorcycle World

"Every cloud has a silver lining", and we at Fay Myers Motorcycle World have taken every set-back and turned it into an opportunity for better customer service. We are breaking ground at our facility on Arapahoe Road to provide you with the best motorcycle shopping experience ever. More room, more comfort, more accessories and the best professional services. Including a new clubhouse with private exterior access.

Artist rendering of our new facility, coming spring 2004



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