

The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

January, 2005

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, January 20, 2005
Fay Myers Motorcycle World
7:00 pm

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Thumper's Corner

Pat "Thumper" McCombs, President

169,885 miles. That's a lot of fuel, sets of tires, tired butt's, and a lot of smile's from our club members roving all over the countryside. For the second year in a row, our members have let out the cry "Let's Ride." We set a new mileage record in 2003, and blew that away in 2004. A lot of credit has to go to the ride committees for the last two years for all there time and efforts, in putting together some super ride schedules that all of our members could really enjoy.

As I start into my twenty-fourth year as a Colorado Freewheeler, I have seen a lot of renewed interest from quite a few of our older members, and some great input from new members who have joined the club in the last couple of years. It is a nice balance, and brings forth some new and refreshing idea's to improve our club and rides.

Two-thousand-four was a very interesting year for the club, as it had some ups and downs. We did some joint rides with our new found friends from the RMVTA Motorcycle Club, and got some great involvement from some of their leadership. I would like to give special thanks to Stan Stotz, George Barrett, Floyd Thorne, and Bill Gillespie for all their help in making this joint venture work. They

put in a lot of time working with the Freewheelers to make it enjoyable for everyone. What can you say about Chuck & Chris Janssen? They are two of the hardest working members the club has ever had. No matter what task you ask of them, they just get it done. What a GREAT JOB they did on the Christmas party. They seem to have something for all our members. What a nice turn out, as seventy some of our members enjoyed the evening. A job WELL DONE, by Bob Norton as Chairman of the ride committee, and the record speaks for it's self. We saw one of our members Anne Hudson receive a new kidney, and what a great Christmas gift. Two of our members suffered the death of their mothers this year, and so our prayers go out to Norman Roeder, and Stan Stotz. Bill Gillespie gave us another banner year of the Eagle Times, and has done so for the last twenty years. It is a great deal of work, and to Bill we say a BIG THANK YOU.

Well, so much for 2004. As they say "That's History," and look forward to all of the new adventures down the road in 2005. We hope to still see great turns outs at the meetings, and another super riding year from all of our Colorado Freewheeler members.

Thumper

Get Well Wishes

Pat McCombs & Bill Gillespie

For those members who are not aware, one of our long time members is very ill. Paul Becker, who has been a Freewheeler for at least twenty years continues to fight the battle of his life at University Hospital. He suffers from an intestinal condition known as Crohn's Disease, which so far has necessitated the removal of his colon. Just when he seems to be getting better, there has always some type of set back. Some of our members have been keeping very close track of Paul, and we look forward to their updates. Frank Heinzl sent me this update on January 9th. "Paul's voice is still very raspy, and his condition is still very guarded. There is no cure for Crohn's and suppressant drugs are out until he recovers from the surgery." Our Chaplain, Boots has also visited Paul several times. Our prayers are with both Paul & Rhonda as they try to work through this major health issue. Funding is very tight right now for the two of them, as Paul did not have medical insurance. They are looking to sell both of their bikes and trailer (see ad in this issue). If you have some time, drop them a card or go by for a visit. I'm sure it would be welcomed by both of them. **Get well soon Paul, we are all pulling for you.**

On a much brighter note, Anne Hudson received her new kidney last month. She had been waiting a long time for the transplant, and what a great Christmas gift she received.

The surgery went very well, and she was released from Porter Hospital only a few days later. In a recent phone conversation she sounded wonderful, and said she was doing just great! She has had a couple of follow-up visits to the doctor so far, and is showing no signs of organ rejection. She also said to say hi to all and thanks so much for the many prayers and well wishes.

Tom & Anne are hoping to make the February meeting, and it would be great to see them.

Blooms 2005

Each year the founders of the Anchor Center for Blind Children offer spring flowers as a fund raiser for the school. These plants are always very healthy and beautiful, as they are from the Busch Greenhouse.

See the order form in this issue for the opportunity to brighten up your gardens and offer a small helping hand to the Anchor Center for Blind Children. The Anchor Center has been one of the beneficiaries of our annual October bake sale.

From the Chaplain

Colorado FreeWheeler's Resident Chaplain,
Paul Reimer - "Boots"

It's January already? This is the beginning of a new insertion into the Eagle Times, which I trust all of you will enjoy. I'm no Gene Amole, but will try to keep your interest with a wide variety of assembled words. This column may not be the first you read every month, but as a Chaplain, I will raise your awareness to many venues of life. Please take them to heart.

Another season awaits us with unexpected events, that in some vernacular we may not be prepared for. We tirelessly plan for the future in many aspects, like financial, vacations, etc.

Some events occur without any planning involved on our part. Try as we may, we may not always be prepared to face some situations, regardless how well we think we are in control of our capabilities. Take the Tsunami disaster for instance, thousands were caught without notice or the lack of space to react. Motorcycle accidents occur with the same absence of notice. However, we have been taught how to react to certain conditions, when they happen. Praying when such incidents are in motion is not always feasible.

A recent news briefing said that the earth is still reverberating from the strong shock over two weeks ago. And may have shifted Sumatra by as much as sixty feet. Another News article [Newstoday] stated that on December 22, the Department of Applied Geology, University of Madras, had predicted this quake, warning this area, however the magnitude was much greater than expected. Their predictions were accurate within 28 minutes, and location within 157.11 km. This brings me to a subject which has been predicted over two thousand years, and yes, some are still unprepared. I trust that each of us will take to heart what we have heard in our life. Life is brief, sometimes we are caught without any notice.

I am sharpening my pencil, plugging in the adding machine to see if some ventures outside the Colorado border are in keeping with my budget and time frame. And of course, continuing the Chaplaincy work with the MRA for the sixteenth consecutive season. With a retirement schedule many things are possible, that if I was on a forty hour schedule would not. Although the compensation isn't always as lucrative as before. I will endeavor to maintain the Freewheeler's schedule as much as possible. If not, know that you are in my prayers.

Should you ever need to contact me, I am available. My phone number is 303-288-4828. You can Email me at cbpr842@aol.com.

Until then, ride safely, and remember you do not have to ride alone.

Boots

2005 Toy Run for Children's Hospital

Floyd Thorne

I have had the opportunity to ride in two very worthy charitable activities in the last 24 months. Linda and I rode in the **Ride for Kids** for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, June 27, 2004. For this cause you were to get donations of money to be given to the PBTFA. This was the first time that this particular ride had been done here in the Denver metro area. It seems as though there are several bugs that will need to be worked out in the future. But, I can honestly say that we will probably do it again, given the opportunity. It is certainly a very worth while cause.

On Sunday, December 5, 2004, I rode with several others from the RMVTA and the Colorado FreeWheeler's, plus several thousand other riders from the metro area as we all participated in the **2005 Toy Run for Children's Hospital**. This activity celebrated it's 19th year here in Denver and was put together by the Rocky Mountain Harley-Davidson dealership. It was certainly much larger in size and with more experienced leadership, was run with more efficiency.

Here, the objective was to bring at least one new unwrapped toy for a child. There were many folks that we could see around us that brought several. They were strapped all over the bikes and/or the bikers to transport them to Children's Hospital. These toys are then distributed to not only the patients, but also to the siblings of patients where warranted by the hospital staff throughout the coming year.

There were several dignitaries on hand representing the hospital and Rocky Mountain Harley-Davidson who thanked the group as a whole for their very generous donations and all the work that went into the planning and execution of the event. The Toy Run has grown from approximately 500 people in 1999 to over 10,000 people in 2003 ... more than a 2,000% increase in only five years!. The numbers are yet to be totaled as of this writing but they thought that the number of partici-

pants exceeded the 2003 involvement. They also commented that next year on their 20th anniversary they hoped that the numbers would reach the 20,000 mark.

As I got up Linda decided that the 28 degrees Fahrenheit was too cold for her at 6:00 a.m. to be out and about so she rolled over and went back to sleep. I, in turn got down there at 6:30 and was the first one in line. George and Brett Barrett showed up very shortly after that

and parked right behind me. We had to listen to all sorts of whining because three Gold Wings were in front of a Harley sponsored/planned activity. Several commented that they might have to camp down there next year so they could be first in line.

Needless to say, aside from that being one of the most special and meaningful activities I have ever participated in, I was most tickled by the whining from the Harley riders.

I hope that you are able to be there with us and participate this coming year. But, you better get there early to beat me there.

Ride safely and often.

Photos by B. Norton

Mr. "T"



FreeWheeler's Floyd Thorne, Bob Norton, Bill Gillespie, Walt Hankinson, Pat McCombs, and Bruce Vinson.



Gene and Sarah Porter
Sarah is our youngest member.



Santas Thumper and Knight Rider
start their ride to Children's.

Polar Bear Ride

Bob Norton

The 2005 annual Polar Bear Ride saw 12 brave souls on ten bikes turn out to ride. There were more that joined in for breakfast at the Village Inn (VI). Those present included Gene & Sarah Porter, Sunny Norton, Norm Roder, Chuck Janssen, Walt Hakinson, Herb Schaffer, George & Brett Barrett, Floyd Thorne, Stan Stotz, Lean Kelley, Willy Taylor, Paul Riemer & his Cousin from Nebraska, Frank Heinzl and my favorite Sister-in-Law Audrey Wille. Chaplain Boots presided over the gathered buy offering New Years blessing over our meal. Out in the parking lot Boots once again (as he has done so many times in the past) blessed the riders, our bikes and wish us a prosperous and safe 2005 riding season.

When I was asked where we were going he just said, a little North, a little South, a little East and a little West. Heading out from the VI parking lot we took the first

know where Herb lived in Longmont. No problem! Herb was more than willing to take over the lead once we left the Boulder



"Chaplain Boots" at breakfast

City limits. Now, we all hoped that Linda (Herb's wife) wouldn't make him sleep outside with the rabbit for bringing eleven of his best buddies home for coffee unannounced. Another no problem! Linda took it all in stride and whipped up a couple of pots of hot coffee for the riders. Heck, she even gave tours of the bunny hutch (Bun's place), (ask Herb) and the upstairs deck.

Following the coffee, the warm up and the pit stop Herb lead us over to Lyons for a tour of the downtown area. From downtown Lyons the group headed East along Hwy. 64 to 85 South. A quick stop for another warm-up and some lunch and

nourishment at McDonalds (boy, is that an oxy moron) we said our farewells and headed our separate ways. Looks like I was true to my word. A little North. a little East a little West and a little South. See ya next year if not before.

Knight Rider

Christmas Thanks

Pat McCombs

As President of the Colorado FreeWheelers Motorcycle Club, I would like to say a very **SPECIAL BIG THANK YOU** to the businesses who helped make it a very nice Christmas Party for the Colorado Freewheelers Motorcycle Club. All of our members enjoyed one of the nicest Christmas Parties ever. Without your help on the things you donate to the club to hand out for door prizes, it would take a lot away from our annual party we have done for the last twenty-three years. As always we appreciate all of your support of our club, and the motorcycling community.

This year as in the past, hats off to the group at **Rocky Mountain Harley-Davidson Motor Company**: Vinny, Cathy, Troy and Tom. You have been there every time for us. Jack Starr and the whole crew at **RPM Motor Sports**. Jack has had ties to the Freewheelers since he started out at the old Lakewood Honda. Murphy Huston from **KOSI Radio**, who started hanging out with us some eighteen years ago. And special thanks to someone new this year. Ping Lee Jung the General Manager at **Medved Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep** in Castle Rock. Thanks for all the T-shirts and barbecue sets.

Again, Thanks for your support.

Thumper

2004 Rider of the Year

Pat McCombs

On December 11th, The Colorado Freewheelers handed out their 21st Rider of the Year award at the annual Christmas Party. It was the second time this rider had won the award, and waited nineteen years between wins. Congratulations to Bill "Wing Commander" Gillespie for becoming the 2004 Rider of the Year.

What a year he had. Not only did he nail down all of the categories needed to win the award, but along the way logged in some twenty thousand club miles in 2004. A job well done. Now he can look at the trophy for a year, and get our members pumped up for the 2005 Rider of the Year. It will be a hard act to follow, but will be fun to try.

Thumper

Monthly Humor Award

Pat McCombs

Remember to get your nominations in for the Monthly Humor Award. We will vote on the names at the January meeting on who came up with the best name for the award. So far we have the following suggestions. Dennis Yamaguchi - **Wobbly Wheel Award**. Leah Kelly - **The Blonde Moment Award**. Brian Boberick - **Mental Misfire Award**. Pat McCombs - **Broke Spoke Award**. Donna McCombs - **Loose Nut Award**. and Mike Finneran - **The Rookie Award**.

If you have an idea, please bring it to the meeting this month.

Thumper



The Invasion of Herb & Linda's home in Longmont.

direction head on by heading for the foothills along C-470. Once the road turned North I got (what he thought was) a great idea. Why not continue heading North to Longmont thereby giving Herb an escort home. There was only one problem with that. I didn't

Mr. & Mrs. AMA

Pat McCombs

On December 22, 2004, while Donna & I were on holiday in Arizona we were able to catch up with two of the Colorado Freewheelers long time members, Marc & Jeannine Beaulieu. For those members who do not know them, they were both very hard working members for the club for many years. It was great to see them, as the last time we talked face to face was 1999, when Bob Richman, Donna and myself stopped to see them on our return from the 1999 Three Flags Classic.

Marc and Jeannine divide their time these days between Washington & Arizona, and I



A Man & His Toys -- The Big 2-Wheeled Toy



The Little 2-Wheeled Toy

guess you can call them "True Snow Birds." Both looked very well, and the good life seems to be in agreement with them both. They enjoy seeing visitors from the club come through from time to time, whether it be in Arizona or Washington. Marc continues to be very involved with motorcycling, as he has for the past fifty years. He is involved with a couple of clubs in Phoenix and the surrounding area. As Marc put it, "There is enough going on down here from October to April, that you can get involved and ride seven days a week."

Mark got his title of Mr. AMA for all of his years of hard work for the American Motorcycle Association, and all of his work he did to bring the Colorado motorcycling community together while living in here. Marc was the father of the Colorado Association of Motorcyclists (CAM) and the Colorado Rider magazine. CAM had a great ten year run,

and did many things to improve and promote motorcycling in Colorado.

If you stop in for a visit, you will have no problem spotting their trailer space in either Arizona or Washington. It has a bright yellow 1800 Wing, a bright yellow Mini Wing, a BMW Z-something, which looks very fast, and a large silver Dodge Durango. They do love their toys.

Thanks for the visit Marc & Jeannine, it was great to see you both. Marc said, "Tell Billy to keep those *Eagle Times* coming."

Thumper

Editors note: You bet Marc. Just send me a note when you head north or south so I'll know where you are.



The 4-Wheeled Toy

One Last Reminder

If you are planning to make a run at the 2005 Three Flags Classic, you are about out of time. Entries must be received by **January 27th 2005. Entry Fee is \$275.00 per person.** We have a number of Colorado Freewheelers & RMVTA members who have already sent in for the drawing. Should be a great run this year.

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Thumper

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