

The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Fay Myers Motorcycle World

7:00 pm

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From the Chaplain

Colorado FreeWheelers' Resident Chaplain, Paul Reimer - "Boots"

New Years 2010

Well, I survived the transition from 2009 to 2010, and trust you did too. Slept clear through the ordeal, with no adverse complications.

I began the process with a breakfast with ten other scroungy bikers at the Village Inn. They called it the Polar Bear Run, but I didn't see any polar bears. What a way to start the new year! Oh well, when that wrapped up, I headed down the road to kill some time, at a Army Surplus store (just looking). Hmmm, if I had some spare cash, I could have eliminated some weight from the hip pocket. Okay, I wasted enough time, so down the road I went, to a gathering of about seventy more bikers. Seems that's all I could end up with. Most of which just wore the garb, riding in their four wheeled vehicles keeping toasty warm, since it was about thirty degrees out. At least these guys & gals were somewhat civil. They called themselves Christian bikers. They celebrated a program of being kinda kin for 30 years. Some of these riders I had not seen for almost that long, but quite a few seemed to know who I was, even though our faces had changed a bit over the decades. Others wondered why I was called Boots when I was wearing tennies? Several names had to be refreshed to memory. But the presentation was quite interesting to say the least. After several pieces of anniversary cake, several members headed for another place to feed the mortal bodies, others relinquished the invite and apparently headed for their warm abodes? So now we look forward to another 364 more days and we do it all over again? To all: Ride safe & have a great and blessed new year, and don't ride alone!

Should you ever need to contact me, I am available. My phone number is 303-288-4828. You can Email me at cbpr842@q.com. Until then, ride safely, and remember you do not have to ride alone.

Chaplain "Boots"

Cotopaxi, CO

November 13, 2009, 2:00 pm.

It appears that we have lost another long standing member of the Freewheelers to the *institution* of marriage. Our beloved resident Chaplain "Boots" received a call from a seasoned single male, (biker in fact) to perform nuptials at his residence, near the town of Westcliffe. It seems as though another local resident (friend of the bride) had something to do with the introduction of the two, making the gentleman defenseless. Therefore, the groom bowing to the act of committing the art of playing his flute for the bride to be, who was escorted by son-in-law of the bride down the rough mountain path toward the rear deck of the house. While the two exchanged their prepared vows, in western attire, exchanged rings, lighting a unity candle, the snow began to fall. The best man robed in a black trench coat armed with a nine millimeter, made sure the vows were proper. The couple was introduced to an audience of about thirty, and a lovely dinner followed. Happily the two journeyed to Arizona and warmer weather for a honeymoon. Not only was the couple introduced as; Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Waters, but Bruce immediately became a Grandpa as well. The bride was; Margaret Latimer. We wish you both the best that life has to give.

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Chaplain "Boots"

Meeting Minutes or "Get Caught up Here"

August 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order at promptly six bells by President Pete Chronis. The lone visitor was Mike Crawford.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as printed. Smart group.

Treasurer's Report: Our treasurer, Floyd Thorne reported \$81.33 cash on hand; \$122.50 in the Christmas fund; and \$2,778.76 in the checking account, for a total of \$2,982.59. The 1000-IN-24 has shown income of \$4,565.66, and expenses of \$3,351.20, for a gross profit of \$1,214.46. There are still some checks out, so it's not quite complete yet.

Ride Reports: Frank gave a report on the 1000-IN-24, and thanked all the volunteers. There was one minor accident, and the rider was not seriously injured. Carla Finn of Fay Myers told Frank the clubhouse was left a mess afterwards. Frank was going to clean the room again, but the janitor did it first. As a token of our appreciation, the club will send a gift basket to Carla and crew.

Upcoming Rides: The next ride will be a very boring ride to a very interesting place, Ayers Natural Bridge in Wyoming.

Mental Meltdown: Don McKee won the award this month for leaving his very expensive heated riding gear in his closet during the 1000-IN-24. In his acceptance speech he noted that it looked very nice hanging in the closet.

Bill Gillespie asked the club to sponsor George Barnes in his attempt to become the first two-time winner of the Iron Butt Rally. Floyd will send George a check for \$200.

Frank won the 50/50 for \$26.00.
Meeting adjourned at 8:02.

Submitted by Bill Gillespie, secretary

September 18, 2009

Pete's bell rang at 7:08, so I guess that's a frazzle past 6 bells. Our visitor was Richard Knudson.

Secretary's Report: Delayed 'till the secretary can get the report done.

Treasurer's Report: Our treasurer, Floyd Thorne reported \$81.33 cash on hand; \$149.50 in the Christmas fund; and \$2,496.66 in the checking account, for a total of \$2,727.49.

Ride Reports: Bill gave a report on the 3-Flags Classic. The ride started in Mexicali, and ended in Lethbridge, Alberta. It was a very interesting and scenic route, and the banquet in Canada was one of the best in years. Bill also noted that the 2010 event will start in Regina, Saskatchewan, and finish in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico. Also called "Rocky Point" the finish is a beach resort about 60 miles south of the Arizona/Mexico border at the northern most point of the Gulf of California.

Frank gave a brief report on the Iron Butt Rally as well as a detailed report on the 1000-IN-24. The 1000 saw one minor accident when a rider from Belgium (yes Belgium) on a rented Harley went down in some gravel on Trail Ridge Road. Most riders who tried for a Saddle Sore Certificate from the IBA completed the task. Mark Brozina from Delta completed the route the quickest, averaging 54 mph.

Mental Meltdown: Herb Schaffer was the recipient this month. Seems nature had called Herb when he was to join Frank & Bob for the group assault on the 1000-IN-24, and he was indisposed at the time.

Pete won the 50/50 for \$21.00 and donated it to the Christmas fund. Meeting adjourned at 8:12.

Submitted by Bill Gillespie, secretary

October 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:00 by President Pete Chronis. There was a US flag in the room, so Pete led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thumper just received word from his doctor after a recent visit that he has acquired diabetes, and has an underactive thyroid among other things. After he changes his lifestyle and eating habits he should be feeling better. Chris Janssen is down with the flu.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Our treasurer, Floyd Thorne reported \$81.33 cash on hand; \$171.50 in the Christmas fund; and \$2,785.00 in the checking account, for a total of \$3,037.83

Ride Reports: Frank gave a report on the 2009 ride season – a good one overall. The mileage total for the club was down about 40,000 miles from 2008. Don Lyle had a mishap on a recent Fall Color Ride. He hit a pavement edge in a construction zone and lost control. Don had a few bumps and bruises, and so did his Suzuki SV.

Safety Committee: Bob Norton cautioned us about road surfaces in the fall and winter (and construction zones). Look for reflection off the surface indicating ice, a sudden color change, and be especially alert when approaching highway overpasses. Overpasses ice up first because of being open to the air temperature underneath. Also watch for leaves and debris on the road.

Upcoming Rides: We are now in our winter ride schedule – Sundays at the Village Inn, C-470 & Broadway. 9am breakfast – 10am ride.

Mental Meltdown: Award was not presented tonight. A rare occasion when nobody did anything stupid, or at least no one else knew about if they did.

The November meeting is the deadline for Rider of the Year tallies.

Richard Knudson won the 50/50 for \$16.50. Meeting adjourned somewhere around 8.

Submitted by Bill Gillespie, secretary

More Mtg. Minutes

November 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Pete Chronis, who led the group in a rousing oration of the Pledge of Allegiance in fine Marine Corps style.

Colorado State Patrol motor officers Phil Gallegos and J.D. Gibson were guest speakers tonight. They gave a very good informal safety presentation stressing the importance of proper training and gear. Some 39% of riders killed in accidents last year in Colorado had no motorcycle endorsement to their driver's license. A long discussion about riding techniques and distractions ensued. Defensive riding techniques such as having an escape route in mind when stopped, hazards like sand, leaves and marking stripes were also discussed. They also made a point of the importance of a pre-ride inspection with tire pressure of extreme importance. The officers had some neck coolers and stickers for the group. We thank them both for coming to the meeting.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Our treasurer, Floyd Thorne reported \$81.33 cash on hand; \$191.05 in the Christmas fund; and \$2,738.62 in the checking account, for a total of \$3,011.00.

Upcoming Rides: RMHD Turkey run will be this Sunday. The RMHD Toy run will be in early December with details forthcoming. The Last Brass Monkey Run will be December 27th. Our annual Polar Bear Ride will be 01/01/10.

The Christmas party will once again be held at Mimi's Café in Lone Tree on December 19th. There will be no door prizes. We have decided to give the various sponsors a break this year. There was a discussion about whether the club should sponsor some or all of member dinners at the party due to our relatively good financial position. The "committee" will make the decision with the approval of the treasurer.

Election: All officers will remain the same for 2010 by acclamation.

Mental Meltdown: Award was not presented tonight.

Young Willingham won the 50/50 for \$14.50. Meeting adjourned somewhere around 9:15.

Submitted by Bill Gillespie, secretary

The Heaviest Element

Submitted by Floyd Thorne

A major research institution has recently announced the discovery of the heaviest element yet known to science. The new element has been named 'Governmentium.'

Particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of particles called peons. Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is inert. However, it can be detected because it impedes every reaction with which it comes in contact. A minute amount of Governmentium causes one reaction to take over four days to complete, when it would normally take a second.

Governmentium has a normal half-life of 4 years; it does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places. In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganization will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes. This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a certain quantity in concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as 'Critical Morass.'

When catalyzed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratium, an element, which radiates just as much energy as the Governmentium since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons.

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