

The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

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NEXT MEETING
Thursday, February 19, 2004
Burt Chevrolet
7:00 pm

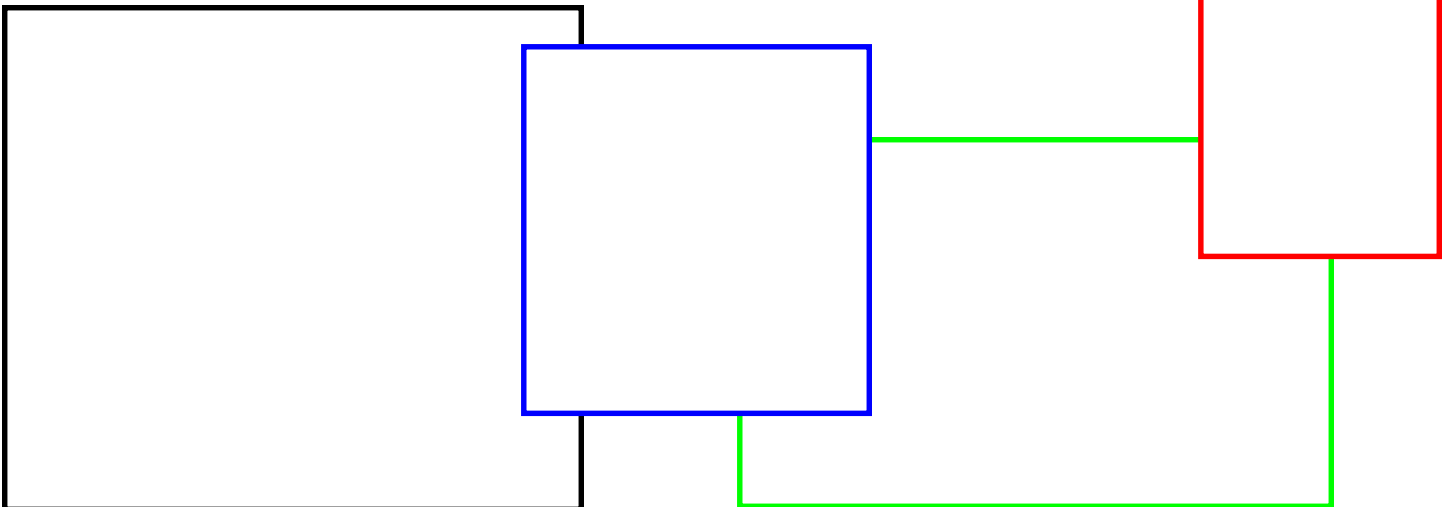
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Thumpers Corner

It's that time again, and part of my duties as President is to do an article for our club newsletter. Pesky little thing seems to pop up every month. It is hard not to think of motorcycling when there is 6" inches of snow on the ground, and the old thermometer is inching down to the zero mark. You walk through the garage and the Old Iron horse looks just as cold, and gives you that "Thanks a lot Look" or let's ride to some place warm. I know this rider has a really bad case of PMS (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome) Hopefully things will break soon, and we can

start enjoying some of our Sunday open rides. For those of you who think everything shuts down when we cannot ride, think again. Even on the Sunday mornings we can't ride, folks are still showing up for the breakfast part and kicking tires and swapping adventures of the past. Last week was a classic, as Willy "I Can't Get A Hot Date" Taylor was there. It seems that Norman Roeder has been bugging Willy Taylor about his love life. I'm here to tell you that Willy made Norman eat those words last Sunday. Willy brought with him his new riding "Hot Date" She was good looking,

very well mannered, and did not try to walk on Willy when he spoke. She sat at the table and retained great respect, and kept the group entertained. What was amazing to me, was she was only three feet tall. Her name is Betty, and look forward to seeing her on the rides. Willy did real good when he picked out his three foot blow up sheep. Let see you top that Norman! As they say, it's a slow news day. Hope to see you all at the meeting on Thursday night the 19th of February. By the way, I wonder if Bob Norton still has Hilda?



A few pictures from recent rides...

Meeting Minutes

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Pat called our meeting to order at 7:03 pm. He greeted some new people & welcomed some returning members we haven't seen in a while. He mentioned that 2003 was the best mileage year in club history.

Boots, our Chaplain came up to ask us all if we where healthy & solvent? Most of us said we where healthy & broke. Boots then gave the invocation.

Pat then resumed the meeting by saying we are starting our 23rd year, this is quite an accomplishment because most motorcycle clubs only last 5 years. Of course, we are not even close to the record of "Harry's Roamers" but still a respectable history.

New members stood up & introduced themselves. They were Pete Chronis, who rides a woefully underpowered BMW, & Reyner & Lisa who ride 1500 & 1800 Gold Wings respectively. Gene Porter's beautiful young daughter was also present.

Mike Woolery then gave us a treasurer's report. Downside of the report - we are barely solvent. It is time for a bake/craft sale!

The Kemp Center sent a "Thank you" note for the donation we made in October. Bill Gillespie received a thank you call from the Anchor Center, and we are expecting to receive similar sentiments from the Community Ministry of Southwest Denver.

Two checks came in to cover postage for newsletters to alumni members.

Frank Heinzl stood & covered upcoming rides. Every sun through March is an open ride. We are to meet for breakfast at Village Inn at C-470 & Broadway & ride after if weather permits.

The deadline for getting a ride listed in the ride book is Feb. 19th & our first ride is Norm's Wild Goose Chase on April 4th. The Ride Book will have ride listed thru Sept.

Bill Gillespie mentioned we do not have a ride scheduled for Memorial weekend & suggested we join R M V T A for there "Black Snakes to Alligators" ride.

Pat asked if anyone would be willing to take over the Three Flags checkpoint, since he is once again gainfully employed and will not have time for it. There where no takers. Frank suggested we regretfully decline. This was seconded and approved.

Pat asked if the club wanted to move our meeting site to Fay Meyer's new meeting room. Rumor has it that Burt will be sold & we may not have our present room. This was seconded & approved.

Frank stood & told us about the 1000 in 24.

He has a list of shops where he wants to leave flyers. The Iron Butt will be listing the 1000 in 24 in their calendar. Yeah Frank!!! Frank explained for the benefit of our newcomers what the 1000 in 24 is & how it raises money for the club.

Chuck Janssen stood & asked if the 50/50 Christmas fund will be continued. A motion was made, seconded, and it was passed. Pat suggested we just help three charities this year, Community Ministry, Anchor Center, & Children's Hospital (for Wagons). This was seconded & passed.

Pat asked how many would be interested in seeing the Ice Races. Twenty-five raised their hands.

We had a 10 min. break & then drew for our 50/50. The Christmas dinner was won by Pat McCombs & Kathy Rogue won the money (\$37.00).

That is all,

*Christine Janssen
Transcribed by Chuck*

Odds & Ends

Ride Schedule

If you are planing to lead a ride in 2004 and have not yet turned in your itinerary and details for the ride booklet, please have it ready at the meeting this month.

If it is not ready, your ride will be cancelled. Just kidding, but really, get the details to Bill Gillespie so the ride booklet will be as accurate as possible.

You should include:

- Start location & time
- Destination or route highlights
- Detailed route, if you wish
- Total miles
- Motel info, if applicable
- Anything you feel is important

We're Moving!

The new meeting room at Fay Myers M/C World on Arapahoe Road is progressing well. It should be ready in April or May for our meetings, and we will be moving as soon as it is ready. Stay tuned for the actual date of the first meeting in the new facility.

Our thanks to all the folks at Fay Myers for their continued support of The FreeWheelers and our sport in general. The new meeting room is a large capital expenditure, and is very much appreciated.

Kept in Touch

Because of the cost of mailing the newsletter, please contact the editor every six months or so to be kept on the mailing list. You can send an e-mail to [bgtwice@aol.com] or call Bill @ 303-781-0032.

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Don Council Memorial Ride

In 1991, I guess maybe I had a little to much time on my hands. I was trying to think up a new ride, that would include some of my motorcycling friends. It seemed to me that we needed something a little different, a little off the wall, and the old male bonding thing.

The first year we did the "Boy's Steak Run" we left Burt Chevrolet at 12:00 noon on Saturday, had dinner at the Lown House in Spearfish, South Dakota that evening, and then hit the rack, and back to Denver on Sunday. For twelve years the ride pretty much stayed to the same plan we started out with. We changed a few things, like making to ride a three day event instead of a day and a half. As it turned out, it became a ride that all of us looked forward to each year, and always seemed to be the first to lock in for the following riding year. The faces have stayed pretty much the same over the years, with some new folks joining in now and then. Some great friendships have grown out of the ride.

In 2003 we lost one of our perennial riders to cancer. Don Council had been on eleven of our thirteen Boys Steak Runs. To say Don was a legend on the Boys Steak Run, would be one of the biggest understatements ever made. Don made us laugh, kept us all entertained, and was one of the best friends you could ever have hoped for. It was interesting to me at Don's Memorial service in late 2003, that after all the tears had been wiped away, the stories of Don's Steak Run adventures started to flow. Shortly after Don's passing, I was talking with Bill Gillespie on how we could best honor our friend. Knowing how much Don enjoyed the Boy's Steak

Run, we changed the name of it to the Don Council Memorial Ride. With that said, and wiping a couple of tears out of my own eyes, we look to the 14th edition of this adventure.

The 2004 event is going away from the Black Hills for the second year in a row. This year's event will again have a lot of riding, and will take in some wonderful roads. The dates to lock in are Friday, July 30th Saturday, July 31st & Sunday, August 1st. I cannot give you the whole route at this printing, but I can tell you this much. Our first night out we will be staying in Monticello Utah, and the 14th Annual Steak Dinner, will be held at Texas Red's Steakhouse in Red River New Mexico on our second night out.

As many of you know, this ride has been by invitation only for a number of years. This year we have opened it up to members of the Colorado FreeWheelers, and the RMVTA. However, space is limited due to accomodations, so if you have interest in this event, let me know PDQ.

Previous riders will be shown preference for the available spots. The following people will have first claim on availability for the 2004 event: Pat McCombs, Bill Gillespie, Bob Norton, Rex Young, Pete Chronis, Norman Roeder, Mike Woolery, Willy Taylor, Frank Heinzl, Mike Finneran, Stan Stotz, Bill Lindquist, Dale Beal, Brian Boberick, Jon Lofstedt, Kent Beach and Gene Porter.

If your name is on the above list, please confirm your participation with me ASAP. I will begin taking reservations from the "newbies" at some point, and you don't want to be left out.

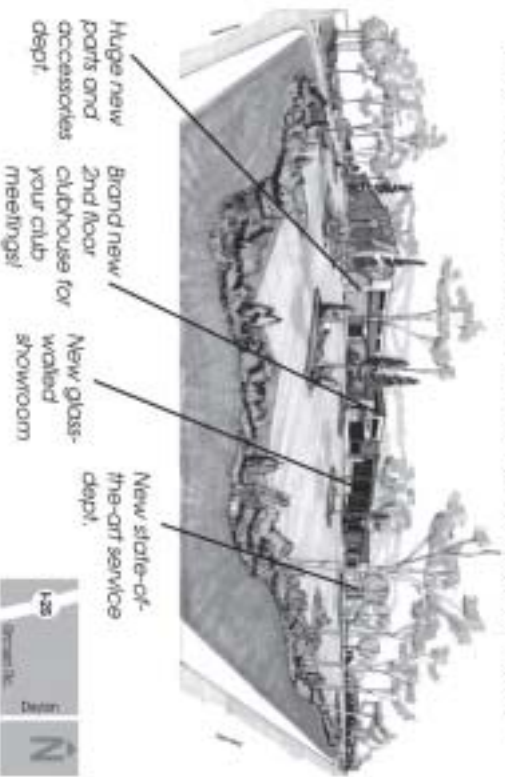
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