

The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

February, 2007

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, February 15, 2007
Fay Myers Motorcycle World
7:00 pm

www.cofreewheelers.org/

The New Prez Speaks

In great tradition I will attempt to produce an article for each of our Colorado Freewheelers monthly *Eagle Times*.

As I begin I think back to the great year of fun we have shared, which ended with a wonderful Christmas party, I was encouraged by the numbers that turned out. The party was well attended with wonderful fellowship shared by one and all.

Also encouraging to me was going down to the city for our Polar Bear ride, or breakfast as it turned out. You all know the weather conditions that prevailed the morning of 1/1/07, but even still we had more than 20 members show up to start the year off the right way... with friends. I sincerely hope that this will be a sign of the participation that we will see with all event this year.

Now, I may not be able to get my bike out of the mountains for a while, but I will attempt to make every function that we schedule.

Before closing this small article I want to thank all the officers and chairpersons who stepped up last year and brought our club through yet another successful year. And a thanks to Floyd who has balanced our books and has us ready to begin the new year. GREAT JOB ALL OF YOU! My hat is off to you! And that's a BIG cowboy hat too!!

I hope to see every member at our February meeting

Jon "Nomad" Lofstedt



The top of the 2007 leadership team, President, Jon Lofstedt and VP, Pat McCombs.



Brian Boberick was bestowed the Mental Meltdown Award at the January meeting. The award was NOT for his performance as President in 2006.

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President, Brian Boberick. There were no visitors.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Floyd Thorne reported \$81.33 in cash, \$2,054.85 in checking, and \$323.50 in the Christmas fund. That brings the total financial worth of our little group to \$2,459.68. Floyd indicated he was concerned about a check for about \$800 to the Iron Butt Association, and one to the Anchor Center for \$635. Neither check had been cashed. Frank said he sent the check to the IBA for the Saddle Sore certificates paid for by 1000-IN-24 riders. He mentioned that the IBA usually runs far behind. I revealed the reason the Anchor Center hadn't cashed their check from the October bake sale. I hadn't sent it yet.

Dick Mundell, long-time active and alumni member passed away in Ogallala, NE where he lived. Dick was the father of Fay Myers parts manager, Scott Mundell. Local services will be held December 2nd at Foothills Bible Church. Dick had many close friends within our club, and will be missed dearly.

The Christmas Party Committee, Sunny & Pat informed us on the menu choices and prices for the upcoming gala. Also the Toy Run to Children's Hospital will be 12/3. Jon made a motion to donate \$200 to the hospital and the motion carried.

Elections were then held for 2007 officers. Our new officers will be: Jon Lofstedt, President; Pat McCombs, Vice-President; Floyd Thorne, Treasurer; and Bill Gillespie, Secretary. After the short process was completed, Tory Brown said, "We do know how to run a railroad."

Frank Heinzel volunteered to head the Ride Committee, with members being Bill, Bob, Chris, Pat, Floyd and Brian.

Frank and Brett have the website looking very nice with mileage stats up to date.

Chris Donner won the 50/50 for \$24, and donated it to the Christmas fund. There will be no meeting in December because of the Christmas party.

Submitted by Secretary, Bill Gillespie

Brendon Alexander Norwood Hudson

(December 13, 1993 - February 5, 2007)

We are saddened to report the untimely death of Tom and Anne Hudson's grandson, Brendon, age 13. He apparently died in his sleep.

The thoughts and prayers of us all go out to Tom, Anne and their family.

Brendon was a lover of wildlife, and donations in his name can be made to the World Wildlife Fund at www.wwf.org or call 1-800-CALL WWF.

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President, Jon Lofstedt. There were no visitors, no Norm, no "Boots", and no 50/50.

The minutes of the November meeting have yet to be transcribed, and will be printed in the February newsletter.

Treasurer Floyd Thorne reported \$81.33 in cash, \$1,015.02 in checking, for a total of \$1,096.35. The Christmas fund was empty after year-end distribution. There was a discussion about the financial condition of the club, during which Floyd indicated that more funds would have to be raised if we were to be as generous toward charitable causes as we have been.

The Ride Committee will meet February 3rd to plan the 2007 schedule. Current activities include Harry's Roamers ice races with the championships on 2/18, and the Colorado M/C Swap Meet the end of January. Jon suggested we have a sponsor ride to visit those who have sponsored the club through the years. Pat suggested a BBQ or picnic on a Sunday with the sponsors invited. Both ideas will be discussed at the committee meeting. The 1000-IN-24 will be August 18th, and routes are being solicited now.

The 3-Flags finally contacted Pat just today, and he told them they were a bit too late, and that the club could not organize the Colorado checkpoint at this point. They were to have contacted Pat by the end of November. He tried numerous times to get a response from them without success. There were several sponsors lined up for shirts, caps, etc., but they all had advertising budgets due in December.

The Safety Committee will continue to be the domain of Bob Norton, and the Rider of the Year Committee will be Pat McCombs. Pat would like to see more competition in 2007 for the ROTY. As for activities, Jon will try to recruit Becky and Donna. I personally wish him good luck on those negotiations.

There was a discussion about wearables with one idea being an anniversary shirt commemorating our 25th year. Jon and Pat will look into getting coffee mugs made with the club logo

to keep at the Neighborhood Grille. There was also a discussion about the venue for the Christmas party. Apparently, some people have suggested a change. A show of hands said that most wanted to stay at the Grille. It was said that for the price, it is pretty good deal.

Sunny Norton presented me with a trophy that was part of the award for reaching 300,000 miles in club mileage. The award was not completed properly in time for the Christmas party, and had to be returned to the trophy company after the party. When I opened the box to get the award out, the rider was headless! Seems the box was jarred at some point, and the figurine was broken. We all had a good laugh, and I hope it's not an omen of things to come.

Some expressed concern for a couple of members who haven't been around in a while; Mike Finneran and "Boots." Boots apparently ok, just overextended. He is trying to rearrange his schedule to permit him to attend more meetings. Pat will try to get in touch of Mike.

Pat nominated Brian Boberick for the Mental Meltdown Award. Brian made an effort to steal my jacket at the Christmas party. Being the only nomination, Brian got the award.

The motion to adjourn was made at 8:14 by Frank, and seconded by Sunny.

Submitted by Secretary, Bill Gillespie



The Headless Rider



After surgery

Richard H. Mundell

(October 5, 1939 - November 12, 2006)

On November 12, 2006 the Colorado Freewheelers lost one of its long-time members in Dick Mundell. Dick had ridden off and on with the Freewheelers ever since the start of our club. He was well known to all of the "Old Lakewood Honda" gang, and had been on many of the Colorado Freewheelers day and overnight rides. For the last few years, he had been living in Nebraska. Cause of death was a heart attack.

A lot of you may remember Dick from his son, Scott Mundell, the Parts Manager at Fay Myers Motorcycle World.

Our prayers are with the Mundell Family, and we will all miss a great fellow member.

Pat "Thumper" McCombs

2006 CFW Financially Speaking

Well, after having been the Treasurer of this organization for a full year I thought that it would be interesting to look at your Club from a financial stand point. Since there has not been a lot of other things to focus on the last few weeks other than the weather outside and the fact that it has kept many of us home bound.

The CFW started out the year with \$1,907.61 on the Checking Account and \$81.33 Cash On Hand. We also had \$1.00 in the Christmas Fund account. We finished up the year having \$1,015.37 in the Checking Account, still having \$81.33 Cash On Hand. We also collected money from the monthly Pop Sales and the 50/50 drawings that we into the Christmas Fund and then later transferred into checking for the Christmas Party in an amount of \$373.50.

This would show that we used and or went through more money than we took in. We had a

Total Expense of operation of \$8,513.82 and took in a total Income of only \$7,621.58 for a difference of (\$892.24.) BUT, when you look at how your Club used the money I think that you all should be very proud of YOUR organization. We donated \$1,883.50 or 22% of our total expenses to charitable causes. When you look at the CFW which still finds itself in a period of time that does not have the amount of participation or membership involvement that we would all like to see I think that it's pretty incredible the difference we have made, financially speaking, in the motorcycle community.

The 1000-IN-24 continues to be our largest fund raising activity with a Total Income of \$4,273.68 or 55% of our total operating income. But, by the same token it is also our largest Expense as well with that amount being \$2,958.72 or 36% of our total Expenses. This

would tell us that we made a profit from that activity of \$1,314.96. If there was ever any doubt about our continuing the 1000-IN-24 I think that this should calm those feelings.

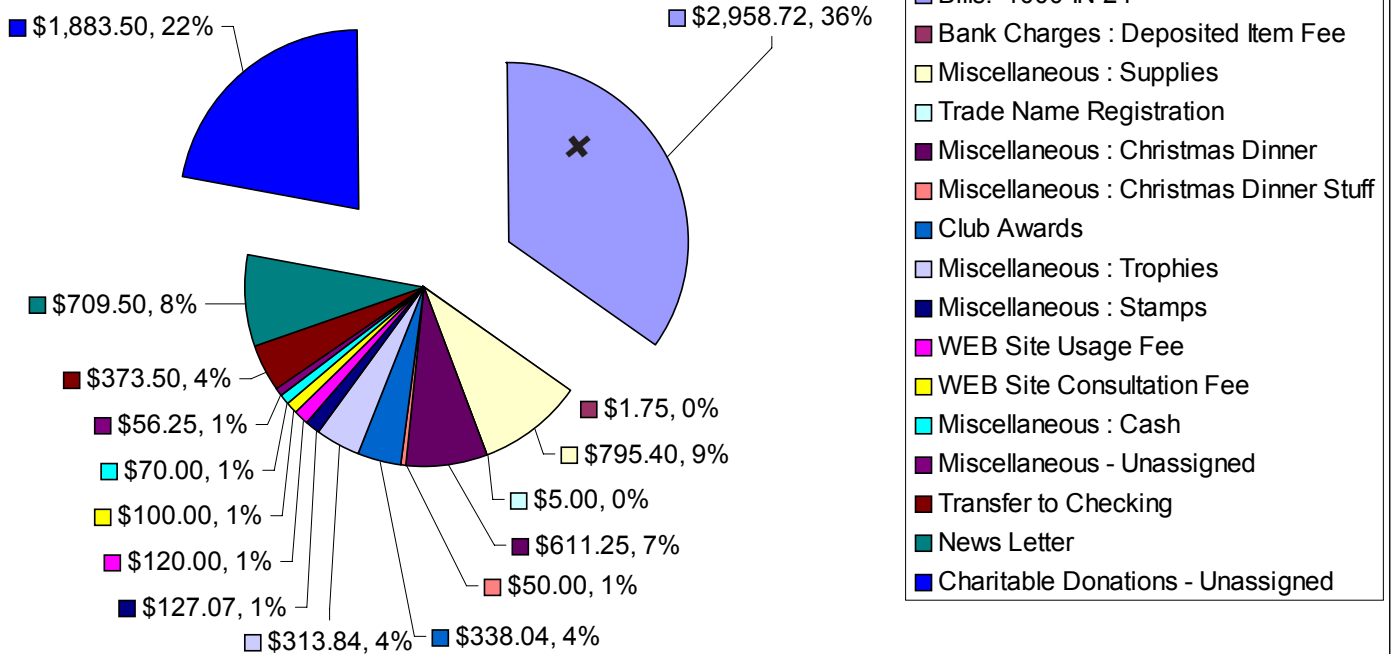
In spite of the CFW organization being in a lull the last few years, if we can or should say that, you can all be proud of it. If we can grow in numbers and put together a good, interesting and diverse riding agenda for 2007 we can continue to be and do the things that your organization chooses to be.

I wish you all a safe and Happy New Year in 2007. Share your organization with those that you come in contact with. Invite them to check out our WEB Site, come ride with you on one of the CFW rides and then later get them to join you at one of our monthly meetings.

Floyd Thorne, Treasurer CFW

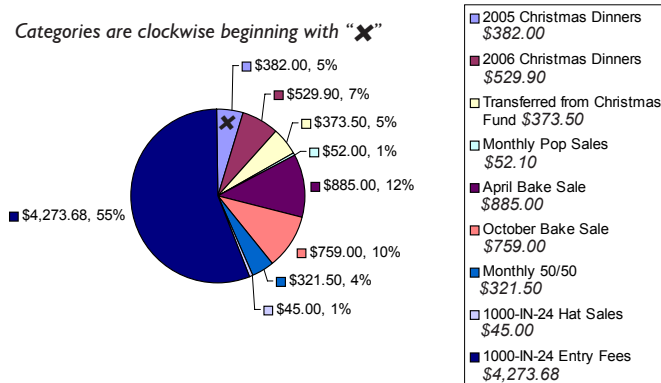
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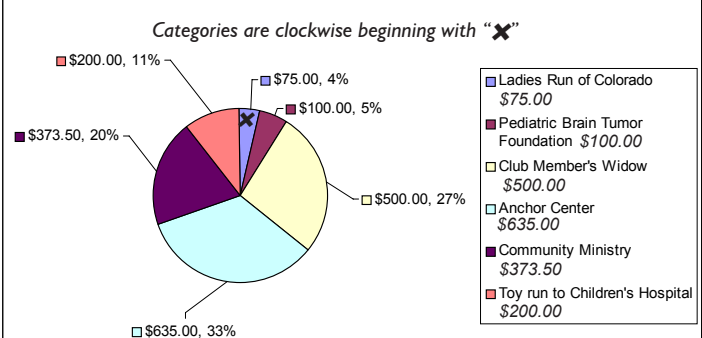
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Charitable Donations Breakdown

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24th Colorado Freewheelers "Rider of the Year"

It is February, and we still digging out from major snow falls in December and January. We have had lots of cold and lots of ice to go around. So you have to ask, why would anyone want to write about the Rider of the Year program? Probably a good question, when none of us can even get our machines out of the garage. Truth is, the 2007 quest for the Rider of the Year started on January 1st.

If you were at the Polar Bear Breakfast on January 1st, and at any open ride Sundays (ie: breakfasts), you have already got a start on this years award.

This will be the 24th year the award has been handed out to one of our members who want to be really involved in the Colorado Freewheelers. If you make a run at trying to win this award, I should think you will have had a very enjoyable riding year in 2007.

What do you get for your efforts? You get a nice plaque to hang on your wall, a nice new special club jacket, a \$100.00 gift certificate to RPM MotorSports, and a very big Rider of the Year trophy to keep in your home for a month. And most of all a lot of fun along the way.

As a seven time winner of this award, I challenge a number of our members to make the run this year for the award. And remember, you do not have to be the driver to win this award.

Take time to write an article, check out a charity ride, take in a national event, make a number of the rides, and most of all get out and enjoy the Freewheelers.

Hope it is you slipping into the jacket in December, and enjoying some of the great club history that goes with this award.

Thumper

26th Year...

My bride and I joined the Colorado Freewheelers (then GWRRA, Chapter "C") in July of 1982. Had you asked us then if we would still be members in 2007, I'm are not sure what the response would have been. We're both in agreement though, that it has been a great run. We have made lifetime friends over the years, and had more adventures than we can count, with memories enough to write the "Great American Motorcycling Novel."

This year we start down the road of many new adventures. We have a new President in Jon Lofstedt, who has never held the post. After talking to him, we're sure he'll be bringing some fresh new ideas to the Freewheelers. We saw some new members come in last year, which is always a good sign that our club is headed in a positive direction.

There are a number of members, who have their own great riding stories, memories, and adventures. Do take a few minutes to share those with other Freewheeler members. All you need do is type it out and send it by e-mail to our Editor, Bill "Wing Commander" Gillespie. Bill does a great job on the *Eagle Times*, but is always looking for input from our members. Don't worry about the length. After all, it only took Bruce Waters most of last year to get us to Mexico and back.

One other thing you might want to do. Frank Heinzl is heading up the Ride Committee in 2007. If you have some "Special Ride" you want to get listed, there are still some open dates on the schedule.

The snow will stop one of these weeks, and then we can all get out and play on our iron horses.

Thumper

THANK YOU! Colorado Freewheelers Supporters

For the last twenty-three years, it has been my pleasure to gather all the door prizes for the Annual Colorado Freewheelers Christmas Party. When it gets to be the end of October each year, it is time to hit the streets in search of quality gifts for our members to receive at the Annual Dinner & Awards program. The first couple of years doing this where a little shaky at best. Not a lot of folks knew of us, and were very reluctant to part with merchandise that they could otherwise sell to customers. Over the years however, we have come to know a lot of folks in the motorcycle industry who really believe in the Colorado Freewheelers.

For the last twenty plus years now, a number of supporters, or sponsors if you will, have donated thousands of dollars of merchandise to the Colorado Freewheelers Motorcycle Club for their Annual Christmas Party each year. Without their help, it would take a lot away from our event each year.

Over the years, we have received free trips, sets of leathers, complete automotive detail jobs, high dollar dinners at some of the finest restaurants in the Denver metro area, hundreds of dollars in gift certificates from various motorcycle dealers in the metro area, and the list goes on. Our club has truly been blessed with kindness, from folks inside and outside the club.

Some have been with us for the entire journey, and have supported us in whatever project we have taken on, are many. Some have gotten out of the motorcycle industry, but a number are still with us.

From this members viewpoint, the words "A BIG THANK YOU" seems very small in comparison to all they have done for us over the years. Yes, we support them in many ways. But the balance always seems to fall toward them and their support.

Some need to have a much bigger THANK YOU! Like Vinny Terranova, Kathy Yevoli, and Troy Terranova, who have been with us in whatever we wanted to do since 1982. They are the founders of Rocky Mountain Harley-Davidson Motor Company. Their support of us has always been phenominal. They truly know the bonds that motorcycling can bring about. Jack Starr, Jim Blumenthal, and Dave & Kay Weinstock started the journey with us as well back in 1982. They were all part of the old Lakewood Honda, now renamed to RPM MotorSports. You would have to write a book to list all the things these folks have done for the Freewheelers over the last twenty-five years. Then there is radio personality Murphy Huston. He started with KHOW Radio in 1986, then switched over to KOSI in 1996. Murphy has been on many rides with us, given us lots of free air time for charity events, and more goodies than we could list. Gordon Markovich, Service & Parts Director at Burt Chevrolet for forty years, gave us a great meeting room to use in 1982. We held our meetings there until 2003. Gordon and Burt's showered us with lots of neat give-a-ways over the entire run of the club, and opened his service department to us each year to get ready for the Tri-State Auto Show.

To some of our lady Freewheelers, a special THANKS this year to Chris Jassen, Sunny Norton, Donna McCombs, Leah Kelly, and Linda Thorne. They brightened the room up with lots of extra goodies.

I believe I can speak for the Colorado Freewheelers Motorcycle Club, in saying that we appreciate every one of you for a great twenty-five year plus run. Just thanks, but it's from our hearts.

Thumper

25th Annual Colorado Freewheelers Christmas Party

On Saturday night, December 16th we had the usual wonderful turnout for our 25th Annual Christmas Party. *Your Neighborhood Grill* in Littleton was the setting, and the room was packed. The festive atmosphere (and some adult beverages) were overflowing.

Some of our members arrived early to add to the decor, but were pleased to see that the restaurant staff had filled the room with lots of Christmas warmth for the evening.

It was, as they say, "A Gala Evening." Our Christmas Committee of Chris Janssen & Sunny Norton, and a couple of other elves put together a nice cocktail & dinner party for all of the Colorado Freewheelers members.

The hour before dinner was nice, as folks kicked tires, swap lies, and caught up with friends they hadn't seen in a while. Talk of the year's rides was a hot topic. Bob Norton put together a nice slide show of our members on various rides throughout the year projected on a large screen. Brian Boberick, our outgoing President, was busy for the first hour, shaking everyone's hand and emceeding the program for the evening.

As we were dining, Brian was busy sending folks for door prizes. Thanks to all our "Special Folks" who help us out with door prizes each year, all forty-three guests came away with a nice gift. As we got to the homemade brownies and ice cream, Brian felt it was time to hand out some awards for the year to some of our members.

The 1st Award of the evening went to Bill "Wing Commander" Gillespie for becoming the first Colorado Freewheelers member to reach 300,000 miles riding with the club. The club gave Bill a nice plaque, and a 300,000 Mile club jacket for his all his efforts. What a great milestone for other members to try to reach. Bill has averaged over 13,000 miles every year on club rides, and in 2006 did over 21,000 club miles. Well done to a great rider!

The next Award was the 1st Annual **Chuck Janssen Achievement Award**. Those of you who weren't at the party missed seeing the proud glow on Chris Janssen's face. It brought great warmth to the room. The recipient of this award was Bill "Wing Commander" Gillespie, for all the time and effort he has given to the Colorado Freewheelers over the last twenty some odd years. From this rider's viewpoint, Bill did not see this one coming, and was more taken aback then

we he received the Gloria Valliere Good Samaritan Award at a 3-Flags Classic event in 1996. I think the award said it all.

Editor's note: Thumper is right on mark. I had no idea the award had even been conceived. And, in view of the person it is named after, I am extremely proud and humbled by the Chuck Janssen Achievement Award. I have made many great friends over the years, and have had their undying support for every mile. Thanks all. BG

The 3rd Award of the evening went to one of our newer members, who has called himself a Freewheeler for about four years. The **Howard "Bud" Davis Helping Hands Award** went to Jon "Nomad" Lofstedt. Jon came to the rescue of Gene Porter and the other Colorado Freewheelers riding the 2006 3-Flags Classic. Gene had become very ill, and was taken to a hospital in Chula Vista, CA. It became clear that Gene wasn't going to Canada, and since we weren't about to leave him there by himself, it wasn't looking good for some other members to make the start either.

At his own expense and only recently out of the hospital himself, Jon unselfishly came to the aid of his fellow biker friends. He hitched up his trailer, drove straight through to southern California, and stayed with Gene until he was released from the hospital. Then loaded the Harley on the trailer and brought Gene and his bike back home. Gene has since made a full recovery, for which we are all thankful.

Our special thanks to Jon. Not only did he help a biker in need, but made it possible for a number of us to complete the 3-Flags last year. "Nomad" personifies the Bud Davis Helping Hands Award.

The 4th Award of the evening was the **23rd Annual Rider of the Year**.

This year's winner was moi, Pat "Thumper" McCombs.

I was fortunate enough to win my 7th Rider of the Year award. Enough on that, but I sure do like that jacket & plaque.

Last, but by no means the lesser of awards was handed out by Jon Lofstedt, our President for 2007. Jon gave Brian Boberick, our outgoing President, a nice plaque for his outstanding job in 2006. Thanks Brian!

Well, another Colorado Freewheelers Christmas Party has come to a close. The feedback was along the lines of "What a wonderful evening", and everyone is looking forward to our new road adventures in 2007.

Some great quotes from the party:

"This is more than a dinner, it's also a tribute to some great motorcycle riders." - Don McKeen.

"I love you Jack." - Becky Gillespie, four times to Jack Starr, General Manager of RPM MotorSports. No wonder she always gets 50% off.

"My girl friend made me do it, I love that Donna McCombs." - Jon Lofstedt.

"I keep coming to these parties, and in 2012 I'll get a plaque for turning 90." - Walt Hankinson.

"I just hope I'm still riding at 84" - Pat McCombs.

"Bob never saw a picture he didn't like" - Sunny Norton.

And last, the Commander who couldn't make a quote, because he was on his 4th Jack Daniel's on the rocks.

Pat "Thumper" McCombs

Odds & Ends

Walt Hankinson

As many of you already know, Walt was hospitalized recently with some serious health issues. We're happy to report he has gone home, but remains very ill. We should all keep Walt and Gina in our prayers, and wish him the very best over the next months. Get better, "Fossil!"

Website

Frank Heinzl says to be sure to Check out the website for the latest club news, mileage standings and rides. Updated weekly. www.cofreewheelers.org

Mail List

Remember, you will only be kept on the snail-mail list for six months (or until I get around to purging the list) if we haven't heard from you. If you want to receive a snail-mail copy of the Eagle Times, you need to come to a meeting or ride, call Bill at 303-781-0032, or send a note to the mailing address on the back page every so often. If you want to save the club some pennies and just get it e-mailed, give us that info as well. I'll keep you on the e-mail list until your address bounces a couple of times.

Classifieds

For Sale: Canon Digital Rebel SLR, 6.0 Mega Pixel, additional battery, 18 to 55mm lens included. \$300.00.
Contact Willy: willytay@qwest.net
303-980-6654.

There are Friends, and then there are Biker Friends....

FRIENDS: Never ask for food

BIKER FRIENDS: Are the reason you have no food.

FRIENDS: Will say "hello"

BIKER FRIENDS: Will give you a big hug and a kiss.

FRIENDS: Call your parents Mr. and Mrs.

BIKER FRIENDS: Call your parents mom and dad.

FRIENDS: Have never seen you cry.

BIKER FRIENDS: Cry with you.

FRIENDS: leave when you have to work on your motorcycle.

BIKER FRIENDS: will laugh and take pictures (plus loan you some tools and wire)

FRIENDS: Will eat at your dinner table and leave

BIKER FRIENDS: Will spend hours there, talking, laughing and just being together

FRIENDS: Borrow your stuff for a few days then give it back.

BIKER FRIENDS: Keep your stuff so long they forget it's yours.

FRIENDS: know a few things about you.

BIKER FRIENDS: Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

FRIENDS: Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.

BIKER FRIENDS: Will kick the whole crowds' a\$\$ that left you.

FRIENDS: Would knock on your door.

BIKER FRIENDS: Walk right in and say, "I'm home!"

FRIENDS: Are for a while.

BIKER FRIENDS: Are for life.

Submitted by Willy Taylor