

The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

April 2004

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, April 15, 2004
Fay Myers Motorcycle World
7:00 pm

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What Mind?

Sometimes I wonder where my mind is. I know that now, that I have entered to what they call the "Golden Years" or the "Sixties" club, I write a whole hell of a lot of notes to keep track of things that need to be done. I must have misplaced the one about writing an article for the April *Eagle Times*. I was talking to our publisher Mr. Gillespie on Easter morning to see if I had put something in our newsletter. He informed me that I had not, and that the deadline was thirty minutes from the time I hung up the phone. Talk about pressure, I'd better get cooking here. I was talking with one of our long time members Vince Vincent after last months club meeting, and some how we got on the subject of people's passion for motorcycling these days. I still see a lot of my riding friends, that have been riding with me for the last twenty-five years. They for the most part, all seem to have this passion still in them.

I look a guys like Bill Gillespie, Brian Boberick, Bob Norton, Frank Heinzl, Norman Roeder, and many more that I could name, motorcycling is kind of a way of life. This has held true for myself, and the last forty-seven years of being really involved in the motorcycling community. But it seems in the last few months, that the fire for motorcycling has not been what it has been in the past forty-

seven years. What really scares the hell out of me, is I'm not sure why. In years past, if you said "Hey let's Ride" I was standing by my Iron Horse ready to go. Now it seems like an effort to get it out of the garage. Maybe, it's just the weather, or maybe because I'm just getting older, or maybe maybe maybe. Will keep you posted on this as we go along this year. But right now have to plan on making those "Thumper's Killer Brownies" for the club bake sale on Thursday night.

Thumper

New Meeting Place

Note the new meeting place in the oval above. We will be moving our meetings to Fay Myers Motorcycle World as of this month. The new meeting room is ready, and if Greenwood Village gives Fay Myers the OK, we will be in it this Thursday night. If GV doesn't give their stamp of approval, we'll be meeting in the newly expanded showroom. But upstairs or downstairs, we'll be meeting at Fay Myers, 9700 E. Arapahoe Rd.

Bake/Craft Sale!

It's that time of year again. Time for our annual Bake Sale fundraiser. One of the major reasons this club is dues free, the bake sale needs your support.

Date:

April 15, 2004

Place:

Colorado FreeWheelers Mtg.
Fay Myers M/C World
9700 E. Arapahoe Road

Time:

About 7:30

after a short club meeting

Put your baking skills to work and make that special treat that you're famous for. Then bring it to the April meeting to support your club. Many fine crafts have also been featured at the sale.

Also bring your friends, neighbors, family, kids, money, checkbook and appetite. But, leave your diet at home.

It is sure to be a fun evening.

Also, the completed Ride Booklets will be available at the April Meeting. If you want one, be there!

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2004

President Pat started the meeting shortly after 7 PM. No chaplain was present, so the meeting started anyway. We had one guest - George Potts. Welcome, George!

The minutes were approved without objection. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously. Our net is \$107.

No activities to report. The preliminary ride books are out. The final ride book should be out at next month's meeting.

The Ladies Run of Colorado is increasing their entrance fee this year. Preregistration is \$13 and day of the meet registration is \$15. The club agreed to sponsor a trophy for the Ladies Run for \$75. It was approved to sponsor the Long Distance Rider Trophy.

Bob talked about spring safety. This time of year streets and roads can be tricky because of the residue left by the street sweepers. When it gets wet, it can get slick or even muddy. Spring can also start out warm and turn cold or cold into warm or any combination of weather. Spring is windy and can be treacherous. Tunnels have their own set of problems with wind changing, swirling or even starting and stopping. Be careful. Be prepared.

Break

No old business.

Brian and Bill presented Chuck with a new seat for his motorcycle. The old one is shot. Chuck thanked them both.

March 27 is Fay Myers Open House. Our Information Office - Brian is setting up a table. Come one, Come all.

Open rides stop the weekend of April 4.

April 11 is the Bikers' Sunrise Service.

April 24 - Medved Automotive is having Welcome Home Vets Party. They want everyone to come and show their support for the US troops and vets.

The April meeting is the Bake sale. Bring your goodies and your money. This is a fun event. It should be held at Fay Myers as we are leaving Burt at this time.

50/50: Gene Porter won \$38.

Meeting Adjourned.

Anne "The Substitute" Hudson

Bud Davis Award



Photo by Brian Bobenick

Jerry Abboud was on hand at the February meeting to accept the Bud Davis Helping Hands award. The annual award was renamed in memory of Bud after his passing last year. Marilyn Davis was to present the award at the Christmas party in December, but Jerry was ill and could not attend.

For many years Jerry has been a staunch and effective advocate for motorcyclists. He lobbies the Colorado General Assembly in his capacity as Executive Director of the Powersports Dealers Association of Colorado. For many years Jerry has been instrumental in "assisting" the legislators in considering laws concerning motorcyclists. He is also the General Manager at Fay Myers.

Wild Goose Chase

The year's first scheduled ride was, as expected, an adventure. Norman Roeder first took us on a scenic tour of Park Meadows Mall, and Inverness and Meridian industrial parks before heading out to the eastern plains.

We got to Gun Club road and headed north. At Colfax one is fairly required to enter the E-470 tollway for a short time to go either east or west. Well, we didn't go east. The left turn to go west on Colfax went by, and the sign on the right said; "Toll Plaza - 1 mile". As we approached the



toll plaza with another sign telling us it was going to cost us a buck-seventy five each, I became sure of my suspicions - Norm was making up the route as he went along. I was pretty sure he hadn't planned this.

Just like a mother goose with her young in tow, we all pulled up to the booth and paid our tolls one after the other. Norm looked like he was in complete control of the situation, and we went on down the road. We exited E-470 well before the next toll booth.

I finally spotted some wild geese near Barr Lake, and caught sight of the Easter Bunny shortly thereafter.

It was a fine day to chase a wild goose. And thanks Norm, for a great wild goose chase.

If the first ride is any indication of things to come, 2004 should be a great year for riding. Come on out and join in the fun. Pick up a ride booklet at the meeting this Thursday night.



Who Are They?



Santa? Certainly not! But, do you know who this man is? Hint: He's been a member a long time.



This man rides a woefully underpowered BMW, and was a close friend of "Spider". Who is he?

My Mission Trip to Mexico 2004

by Paul "Boots" Reimer

A brief history of the United Mexican States, aka Mexico. It is the third largest populated landmass in the Western hemisphere covering 761,000 square miles of land. Only 12% of the area is fertile land suitable for farming. The geography includes tropical forests, dry deserts & fertile valleys, varies from mountainous to [66%] plateaus ranging in elevation of 18,700 feet to 33 foot below sea level. Mexico has a Federal Republic form of government, with 31 States. The currency is peso, at the current exchange rate of one US dollar for 11.397 pesos. Rich in mining of silver, gold, copper, lead and other metals. Industry includes manufacturing of automobiles, farming, exports of coffee, cocoa, corn, oil & electricity, to name a few. Aztec Indians were prevalent to about 1521, currently other Indians still occupy much of the territory together with Spaniards. Mexico gained its Independence in 1821 from Spain. The symbol of Mexico is the Cuauhtemoc Indian. Life expectancy is 70+- years. The average GDP income per household is approximately \$8,000 per year. 40 % of the 105 billion population is under the poverty level. Mexico is the leading supplier of marijuana, meth & heroin.

Purpose of the mission trip was, to assist in building a sanctuary for church services & education facilities for the *OLD COLONY GERMAN MENNONITES*. Which immigrated to the Colonia Alvaro Obergon [Rubio], from Montreal Canada beginning in 1921. The MAPS PROJECT [Missionary Abroad Placement Service] initiated by the Assemblies of God Missions Department in Springfield, Mo., invited people from all walks of life, vocations, faiths and States as far away as Ohio, to become volunteers in the work. Construction workers, Evangelistic Teams, Medical Teams, Dental practitioners, Youth & Kids Ministry Teams, and translation were just a few areas that 120 men & women participated in. Some of these individuals served for two weeks, others came and served for one week. Subsequent groups will follow to complete the structure. The building encompasses nearly 6,200 square foot, a sanctuary, classrooms, dorm facilities, kitchen, laundry & offices. At the end of the second week, walls, concrete floor, structural steel roof members, waste plumbing, water supply lines and radiant hot water floor heat were intact. A crane came in to set heavy steel trusses. Many volunteers

had very little or no construction experience, prior to this work, however, teamwork & coordination achieved great success. Several youth learned the concepts of construction, including learning how to weld, plumbing etc. While the local German women prepared our lunch & evening meals, others were busy in their assigned areas. The day usually ended with a worship service, originated in either Spanish, German or English.

I had the great honor to translate English to German [my native tongue]. Breakfast was usually served at individual locations, as were the motels we stayed in. Good accommodations served for a restful night, often hot water for showers was a bit cramped to our stateside routine. When one serves on missions, the object is to be Patient, Flexible for change of our way of life, not to infringe on their ways of doing things. Most often their culture is much decelerated than ours. Changes can be made anytime, so these virtues are necessary.

Culture & Faith, vary from our own in our hometown. They even vary from camp to camp. Rubio area is largely a German settlement with 120 camps [or darps] each individually controlled by elders & ministers, religiously & legally. Each camp has about 640 acres and all participate in the chores of that area, even children. Most of the land is flood / row irrigated. Modern farm implements are present, often the rubber tires have been replaced with iron wheels. Horse and buggies are often used to go to town for shopping.

Schooling is in small one room buildings up through the age of 12, in High German. Reading, writing, math & singing compose the core of education. The Bible is used as text exclusively. We had the opportunity to visit one such school in session. Girls were dressed in long dresses, and headdress. Boys wore bib overalls and simple shirts, caps were hung on racks above the long desks, seating five each. Writing paper & pencils are in short supply in the classroom. Only a blackboard graces the front of the classroom. Discipline and order are evident, speaking only when asked. A water cooler with one cup placed at the back of the room furnished drinking water to the entire class.

The older folks speak High German, & plaute deitch [not low German], children speak plaute deitch & Spanish as well the older folks. Broken English is spoken by middle aged and younger

people. It is anticipated that when you finish six grades you are to help the parents in the farming routines. Many youth leave the colony, to achieve higher education and often excommunicated from family & the camp.

While the tenants of faith are deeply routed in the Bible, some scripture is taken out of text & context, and individually interpreted. Most believe that their salvation is obtained through good works, leaving the grace of Jesus Christ to be determined at the Great Judgment seat of Christ. To know otherwise is boasting, which is considered a sin.

Simplicity & cleanliness are strong tenants of their belief system. Alcoholism, incest, drug use and physical abuse are 4 times higher than in the local Mexican culture. Most abuses are not dealt with, and the Mexican Government hands are tied to interfere. To be an outsider and intrude, may put your life at risk. The Mennonites have long been granted exempt status from serving in the Military, & swearing of oaths, which continues to this day. It is said it is better to move and retrench than to adopt a modern social way of life.

Therefore; some evangelicals and missionaries are establishing places of worship to encourage a freer way of life, though Biblical teaching & deliverance from abuses. Often missionaries are resented, and purchase of lands to build, are difficult to obtain or made unavailable.

My experience in this of three mission trips, this one has opened my eyes to a larger world than I have here in Colorado. My heart has been enlarged with compassion & conviction. While refreshing many forgotten words in the German language, it was a rewarding experience to dialogue and minister to my kindred peoples. The humble honor to interpret the sermons & one on one was an experience that I shall never forget. This journey gave me greater insights to who I am, where I have been, and my rich heritage. I have concluded that when I was a child, I thought I was an oasis, but now I have learned there where others that were kin to the environment I was raised in and still exists today. As much as I enjoyed working with our group of volunteers, it was even a greater blessing to be ministered to by so many. If you ever have the opportunity to serve in this capacity, please prioritize your desire, you will be enriched beyond measure.

"Boots"



Coming Spring '04...Phase One of the new Fay Myers

Fay Myers Motorcycle World is undergoing a transformation into the best motorcycle dealership in the West. Phase One will include a new clubhouse for your meetings. Fay Myers supports your club with good service, great value and the best selection of bikes and accessories that fit your riding style. Phase Two will begin late summer 2004.

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