

# The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

April, 2010

## NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, April 15, 2010**

**Fay Myers Motorcycle World**

**7:00 pm**

[www.cofreewheelers.org/](http://www.cofreewheelers.org/)

## The Bedrock Files

*Pete Chronis, President*

It's really been gratifying to see the turnouts we've had lately for breakfast at the Country Buffet, 301 Englewood Pkwy., Englewood, on Sunday mornings. The food's good, basic chow, with a lot of choices, and at the usual Sunday price of \$5.99 for all you can eat, it's one heck of a bargain.

Many thanks to Wing Commaner Gillespie and Bob Norton for suggesting the Country Buffet.

But aside from being able to go back for seconds (or thirds, even), one of the benefits of changing our Sunday morning meeting place is that a lot more people have been showing up, and that means more participation in the Colorado FreeWheeler's activities. Not only that, we've had some new folks coming to breakfast, and that's very definite plus.

Now that the weather's getting nicer, we'll be taking more rides, so we'll be expecting more folks for breakfast.

This may be a good time to remind you all to check the CFW website on ride times. We switch to rolling out at 9 a.m. on April 24, which means breakfast at 8 a.m., unless otherwise specified in the ride calendar.

Once again, there's a busy weekend ahead on May 1 and 2: On Saturday, Thumper McCombs will be leading the ride down to Canon City for the Canon Crusaders' Run for the Son poker run, and Bob Norton has put together another experienced riders course session for May 2. The next Saturday, May 8, we'll be going to the Warren Tech 3rd annual Car &

Motorcycle Show, a charity event to raise money for the students.

But Sunday May 9 is open, as are several other Sundays when we'll have open rides during the spring and summer seasons. Those open rides would be a good time for FreeWheelers to suggest -- and even lead -- trips to go place and do things that might be appealing to our "significant others" (that's the politically correct way to say "ladies"). Now some of our riders may not have noticed, but our rides lately have been awfully short of members of the distaff sex.

Could that be because a lot of the ladies don't think it's all that much fun to ride 300 or so miles with a scenic view of the back of your helmet?

So suggestions about relatively short jaunts to interesting places with good dining spots nearby -- say an outdoor folk or country music festival, a mountain town melodrama or a charity picnic in the foothills -- don't be shy about suggesting it for an open-ride Sunday.

Even spontaneous weeknight rides can be a lot of fun: Call a few of your fellow FreeWheelers and go out for a burger or an ice cream sundae in the middle of the week. And take the missus along!

Few independent motorcycle riding clubs have survived as long as the FreeWheelers, and we should be proud of that, but participation is the engine that keeps this puppy rollin'. It's more than just racking up miles -- it's spending time with good friends. **Our club is what we make it.**

*"Bedrock"*

## 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:**

Thursday, April 15, 2010

**Place:**

FreeWheelers Meeting  
**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.

# Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order a minute late at 7:01 by President Pete Chronis. We began, as usual with the Pledge of Allegiance. New member David Larsen brought his friend Pat with him to the meeting. There were no reports of anyone in sick bay.

**Secretary's Report:** The report of The February meeting was accepted as printed with one correction: Alan Hansher was mistakenly listed as 2009 Rider of the Year, when actually it was Frank Heinzl.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our treasurer, Floyd Thorne reported \$81.33 cash on hand; \$13.00 in the Christmas fund; and \$1,496.50 in the checking account, for a total of \$1,590.83.

**Ride Reports:** Don Lyle reported that Pete Chronis still leads the club in miles for 2010. The club remains in the Winter Ride Schedule. The first scheduled ride will be Norm's Wild Goose Chase on April 11th. Don also noted the club's credo should be the same as the USMC - "Never leave anyone behind." Don was talking about the fact that Pete got caught at a traffic light at the start of a recent ride, and never caught up with the group. With the lack of CB communication in the group, it was not known to the ride leader (Bill Gillespie) until the group stopped in Woodland Park for a break. Bill still remains the only ride leader to have lost members during a ride, a mark he holds with some warped sense of pride.

**Safety:** Bob Norton told everyone not to ride on Friday this week. The forecast calls for 5-10 inches of snow.

**1000-IN-24:** Frank has received the first entry for 2010 from Ray Stoye.

After realizing the 3-Flags Classic will be going through Deadwood, SD, Thumper suggested the club schedule a ride there to bid the riders farewell. He feels they will never come home from Mexico.

The Mental Meltdown award is still missing. A reward for it's safe return is being offered.

Richard Knudsen won the 50/50 for \$22.

Meeting was adjourned 7:22.

Submitted by Bill Gillespie, secretary

# Colorado FreeWheelers 2010 Theme Ride Competition

Bob Norton

For 2010 riding season the Theme Ride Committee has pulled something out of it's helmet that we hope will be challenging, interesting & somewhat educational. The name of the ride is "The Bucket List Competition". It's based on the hit movie which starred Morgan Freeman & Jack Nicholson. The premise of the movie was, two dying guys put together a list of things to experience but never took the time to do until they were faced with the prospect of be faced with their final hour.

With that in mind here's how our Bucket List Competition will work. According to a reliable source (the internet) participants will have the following list to choose from based on things to do and see in Colorado.

## Colorado has:

- 26 Ski Resorts
- 4 National Parks
- 42 State Parks
- 15 National Forest & National Grasslands
- 25 Scenic & Historic Byways
- 10 National Monuments & Recreational Areas
- 72 Vineyards
- 100 Microbreweries
- 10 Scenic & Historic Railroads
- 1 Highest Continuous Auto Road
- 1 World's Highest Auto Tunnel
- 1 Highest Incorporated City in the U.S. (What is the Elevation?)
- 1 Oldest Wooden Merry-Go-Round in the U.S. (When Was It Built?)
- 1 Largest Hot Springs Pool in the U.S.
- 1 Highest Point (How tall is it?)
- 1 Oldest Town (When was it Founded?)
- 1 Largest Natural Lake (What County is it in?)

The rules are simple. While you are not required to actively participate in any of the offered activities some

of the sites have to offer (unless you want to) collect as many pictures of you, your bike, your numbered towel and your passenger (bonus points if you have one) as you can by the end of the 2010 riding season. Passengers are welcome to participate individually as well. Keep in mind that competing passengers must have their own distinctive towel number. Passengers can not submit photos which display different riders and bike on a single ride. However they are not limited to only submitting photos that include the same riding partner & bike all the time. Riders too may submit photos which show different passengers but not on the same ride. You are encouraged to mix categories throughout the list.

This is how the scoring will work. Pictures submitted which include the rider's bike numbered towel and something which identifies & verifies the location such as a road sign, the posted name of the subject the picture is being taken is good for 6 points. Figure out a way to add yourself into the picture for another 2 points for a total of 8 points. If you have a passenger for the day and you are able to include him or her in the single picture you get another 2 points for a total of 10 points. The rider with the highest accumulated total at the end of the 2010 riding season will be eligible to win a prize of undisclosed value (to be awarded at the Club's annual Christmas Gala) club bragging rights and appropriate chest puffing & pounding.

All digital photo entries should be submitted for committee approval to Bob Norton at email address [robnort@comcast.com](mailto:robnort@comcast.com)

As always, the decision of the judges is final as to weather a submitted picture to be considered for judging. Any attempts to deceive the judges will disqualify the ride for this and any future club photo competitions.



# Wild Goose Chase

Pete Chronis

We had a great turnout today, not only for breakfast but also for the Wild Goose Chase afterwards. There were 14 people for breakfast, and 13 went on the ride. (Jon Lofstedt's scooter is in the shop at RPM, but that didn't stop Jon from coming to the Country Buffet.)

We all missed having Norm Roeder out front in the search for the wild goose, but Bob Norton did an admirable job leading the ride down into El Paso County & back by the scenic route. The rest of the group included Thumper McCombs; Wing Commander Gillespie; Brian Boberick; Cliff Eudy; Frank Heinzl, Don Lyle; Floyd Thorne; Richard Knudson; Steve Donnafield and his friend, Chris; RMVTA member Jerry Henn, and yours truly.

It was clear from all the bikes we saw out on the road today that we weren't the only ones who were itching to get out there and ride, ride, ride!

To all who rode, thanks for riding with us. Such a big group made it an especially enjoyable and memorable day. Hope we have many more like it this riding season.

Pete "Bedrock" Chronis,



The South Forty in Elbert served up a nice lunch.



Jerry, Pat & Don enjoy lunch



RMVTA member Jerry Henn joined us today.



Richard & Bob



Don on his Wee Strom.



What happened to me patty melt?!



Goldwing hitching post at the South Forty



# Check Your Tires!

One of our members, who shall remain nameless until he returns from Florida, actually started a ride on the tire you see below....



....and after it went flat entering a curve at 60 mph, he and his bike ended up on the trailer you see above. We're just glad he didn't end up in the hospital or worse!