

The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

May, 2008

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, May 15, 2008
Fay Myers Motorcycle World
7:00 pm

www.cofreewheelers.org/



A family that motorcycles together. Long time Colorado Freewheelers, the Harkins Family. From left to right Larry, Liz, Eischen, and Grady. They were a big part in the CMA Poker Run in Canyon City being a big success on May 3rd. The Freewheelers appreciated the invite to the event.



Who is this alien sitting on his new rocket???

From the Chaplain

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

Update from Boots on his current health condition:

I had three more stents implanted on May 6, all went well. The artery that was 100% blocked [CX], they opened it and stented it. Plus another artery during some exploratory surgery procedures. Two on the RCA. Spent three hours on the table, but will do me so much good, as soon as I recover from the sore groin entry. Your prayers are warranted.

"Boots"

We all wish Boots a speedy and complete recovery from his heart problems.

The MRA folks have been wonderful to Boots during his ordeal. If you can offer Boots any assistance in getting to and from doctor appointments, bringing in meals, or other things, please give him a call. His phone is 303-288-4828. You can Email him at cbpr842@q.com.

Upcoming Rides

Armed Forces Day Ride

Saturday, May 17 - 9:00 am

Leave from: Your Neighborhood Grill, 1500 W. Littleton Blvd.

Approx: 150 miles

Ride leader: Frank (Freewheelin' Franklin') Heinzl

This was going to be a three day ride but for apparent lack of participation it was decided to make it a one day ride. We'll be going South to the Air and Space Museum at the Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs. The museum is located within an 8.3 acre Colorado State Historic District. Exhibits feature the WW II Peterson Army Air Base, the Binational (United States and Canadian) North American Aerospace Defense Command, US Air Force and Army Air Defense Commands, and the US Air Force Space Command. The Museum's Airpark collection includes sixteen aircraft and five missiles.

Due to security conditions, access to the Museum. is restricted to visitors with military identification (active duty, retired, or civilian employee) or I must provide the full names of any adults (16 or older) in your party, the last six (6) digits of their Social Security numbers or passport numbers for foreign visitors, and their Dates of Birth. On the day of our visit, all adults must possess a valid government-issued photo identification (such as a drivers license) to enter the base. Vehicle drivers must also provide a current vehicle registration and proof of insurance to the Visitor Center staff or security personnel for visitor pass processing. By accepting the pass, you permit security personnel to search your vehicle at any time you are on PetersonAFB. Also check the following link to see the required PPE on base. I have extra reflective vests if anyone wants to borrow one.

Because of the above mentioned security I need you to contact me by May 12 if you plan on attending this ride and going on base.

4th Two-Bits Rally

Friday, June 6 - 7:00 am

Location: Holiday Inn Summit, 1129 N Summit Blvd., Frisco, CO

Organizer: Randy Bishop

This is a 6 hour introduction to longer 12 or 24 hour rallies. It will start and end at the Holiday Inn in Frisco. check out the website for more information.

<http://www.concours.org/co/two-bits.htm>

Drive-In Movie Ride

Saturday, June 7 - 6:00 pm

Leave from: Ramada Plaza, 120th & I-25

Approx: 106 miles

Ride Leader: Floyd & Linda Thorne

This should be a really fun evening. Let's hope for a beautiful clear cloud free sky. We will leave the Ramada Plaza parking area and make our way north to Fort Collins. We will stop and have some dinner at a Red Robin or something like that before making our way to the Holiday Twin Drive-In Theatre, 2206 South Overland Trail. Some of us will be taking along trailers to carry snacks, drinks and lawn chairs for sitting on at the theatre. There will be further instructions as the date approaches.

2nd Annual Fill in the Blanks Ride

Sunday, June 8 - 9:00/10:00 am

Leave from: Your Neighborhood Grill, 1500 W Littleton Blvd.

Approx: 150-200 miles

Ride Leader: Pat (Thumper) McCombs

Breakfast before the ride at 8:00am. You will need to put on your thinking caps, have a good pen or pencil, and be able to keep a close eye on your odometer. Riders can start heading out anytime after 9:00am, and no later than 10:00am. Route sheets will be given out at the start. It should be a fun day, and will finish at a good location for some good food. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers, and the top 3 couples.

Aluminum Butt Ride

Saturday, June 14 - 4:45am

Leave from: Fay Myers Motorcycle World, 9700 E Arapahoe Rd.

Approx: 695 miles

Ride Leader: Cliff Eudy

This is Cliff's annual "lets get out and put some miles on our bikes" ride. We can always have a ball seeing vast quantities of real estate and test our riding skills on this one.

Four Canyons Ride

Wednesday, June 15 - 8:00 am

Leave from: Your Neighborhood Grill, 1500 W Littleton Blvd.

Approx: 150 miles

Ride Leader: Frank (Freewheelin' Franklin') Heinzl

This ride will be on the four most popular front range canyons to include, Clear Creek, Golden Gate, Coal Creek, and Boulder.

Haunted Places Tour

Sunday, June 22 - 8:00 am

Leave from: Your Neighborhood Grill, 1500 W Littleton, Blvd.

Approx: 251 miles

Ride Leader: Alan (Husker) Hansher

Colorado has a haunted past and we strive to uncover some of it's more colorful places in this tour. After a scenic ride down US-285 to Jefferson, then South past Tarryall Reservoir, the first haunted stop will be Florissant at the Costello Street Coffee House, then on to Cripple Creek to check out three haunted places: the Fairley Bros. & Lamoman Building, the Imerial Hotel and Casino, and lastly the Palace Hotel and Casino. From there we head North to Divide and Back home via US-24 and I-25. Maybe we'll get to see a ghost or two.

Buffalo Bill Museum Ride

Friday-Monday, June 27-30 - 7:00 am

Leave from: Denny's W. Alameda Ave. & S. Santa Fe Dr.

Approx: 1,150 miles

Ride Leader: Pete (Bedrock) Chronis

The big attraction in Cody is the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, which includes the Buffalo Bill Museum, the Cody Firearms Museum (essentially the Winchester collection); the Draper Museum of Natural History, and the Plains Indian Museum. Admission is \$15 for adults _ \$13 for those over 64, and it's good for two days at all four museums,, which is good because there's a lot to see. The Buffalo Bill Museum eclipses that collection up on Lookout Mountain, and the Winchester firearms collections is truly something to behold if you like guns (and if you don't _ well, just how American are you?) And of course, the Plains Indian Museum is a must see to better appreciate the free spirits who were the Arapaho, Blackfeet, Cheyenne, Crow and Lakota (Sioux) tribes. The center is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 1 thru mid-Sept.

We'll head up to Thermopolis, where we will stay the first night at the Holiday Inn. Jaqueline Chittick, of sales & catering, has set aside a block of five double rooms for us at \$116 per night plus 9 percent tax & will hold same until June 13. You have to call her at 307-864-3131 to individually reserve your room on your charge card. The assumption is that riders will double up on the rooms, with one reserving the room on their charge card and then divvying up the cost among themselves. We can avail ourselves of the hot mineral baths at the Holiday Inn.

Thermopolis is about 83 miles from Cody, so we'll be blasting out early Saturday, June 28, for Cody. We'll be staying at the Cody Legacy Inn for two nights, at \$139 a night. Contact there is Kellie, 307-587-6067. They'll hold the FreeWheelers Block until June 14. Again, one person reserves the room on their charge card & the roommates split the costs. There's lots to see at the museum complex & we're allowing plenty of time to see it, but anybody who wants is free to go exploring on two wheels. This ride is on a first-come, first served basis, so contact me as soon as possible to let me know you're coming & also make your reservations as soon as you can so we won't have any logistical crises. My home phone is 303-744-0575 and my cell is 303-332-3504.

A Memorable Trip

Floyd Thorne

I woke this morning and what was uppermost on my mind was memories of a similar morning nearly a year ago. Four other fellows and I had spent the night in Radium Hot Springs, British Columbia, Canada. This was our second or third night spent away from home on this trip so far. We were on our way to Hyder, Alaska for the 9th Annual Hyder Seek.

We got cleaned up and ready to go and the rain was continuing to POUR down and the only deviation that it made from time to time was there was huge wet snow flakes in the air along with it. The bikes were packed and we were all standing around trying to decide our best course of action. The decision was to go have breakfast and hope that things cleared up.

Well, we had breakfast anyway but, the other part of that equation did not come to fruition. But, at least it was more into day light timeframe anyway, and if something ugly was going to happen at least we had our bellies full.

We headed north to Golden, B.C. and along that portion of the trip we encountered two or three stretches where you had to stay in the ruts made in the four to six inches of snow by cars traveling ahead of us. They were relatively short stretches and we continued on. From Golden, B.C. we headed east towards Lake Louise in the Banff National Park.

By now the weather had stopped precipitating at least, but the temperatures were consistent with Latitude and Longitude. I have stated before that this is the trip that paid for, or certainly validated the necessity of my new Gerbing electric garments, purchased a few weeks prior to our departure.

As we continued north we made our way into Jasper National Park. It was still very COLD but dry and the roads were clear. The scenery was SO BEAUTIFUL, and the Canadian Rockies are so incredibly majestic. I have never seen them in the apex of Summer but the many pictures that

we took on this trip can never do justice to what we have seen and experienced first hand on this incredible trip.

If you have never seen the Canadian Rockies, it would be my hope and prayer that you have the opportunity in your lifetime to do so. And, I am sure that there is NO BETTER way to do so than on the saddle of the motorcycle of your choice. Be keenly aware of the time of year and the possible conditions that you might encounter that far north and be sure to take your camera. While the pictures won't do justice to the scenery, at least they will help to jog your own memories.

The only thing that could have made it any better would have been to have had my loving spouse along to share the experience. But, that being said, on this particular trip she would have been FROZEN and would have been very uncomfortable for sure.

We did make it to Hyder, Alaska. We did the Seek and left to come home. The trip out/up there was the wettest and coldest. It was cold or definitely cool the whole trip. Would I do it again? Money and time permitting – in a heart beat...

Floyd

Bake Sale Report

Well, we did extremely well last month at the Bake Sale, considering that there were only about 12 members present. We also had a couple fellows that made contributions and/or sent checks along to contribute to the cause.

Thanks to all for your support. I am reasonably certain that these Bake Sale numbers might grow in spite of the lack of attendance and knowing some of our supporting members.

Bake Sale Proceeds: \$717.00
Total Deposit: \$867.00

Submitted by Treasurer,
Floyd Thorne

Help Please!

As many of our members know, Donna "Dino" McCombs has been making unusual crafts for the club bake sales for the last twenty-six years, and has brought in a lot of money for the charities and club. This time she is looking to the Colorado Freewheeler members for some serious HELP. She is planning to make a 1000-IN-24 quilt. This will be quite an undertaking by her. The help she needs is a 1000-IN-24 T-Shirt from each year the club has run the event. That would be 24 counting the event this year. If you could check your closets, drawers, attic's, etc, it would be appreciated. She feels that this one of a kind quilt could bring in a serious price at one of the bake sales when it is completed. She thanks you in advance, and is looking forward to starting this project.

Thumper

PS: Many of mine went to the Good Will etc. I seem to have gotten taller. Right! Just wider.

Meeting Minutes

Since the Secretary was ill last month, and could not attend the meeting, no minutes were recorded. We must therefore rely on the memory of members who were there.

I queried one such member, and he told me he recalled the following:

- 1) Meeting called to order.
- 2) Visitors recognized
- 3) Club business addressed
- 4) Bake sale
- 5) Adjourned



Now that's a twisty road! Looks like fun, though.



Even more fun at night!