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Colorado FreeWheelers

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NEXT MEETING
Thursday, June 19, 2008
Fay Myers Motorcycle World
7:00 pm

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Member Medical Updates

Paul "Boots" Riemer

I spoke with Paul yesterday to check in as I had not visited with him in nearly a month. He sounds really good - he claims to feel 30 years younger although his body hasn't gotten that message yet.

You probably know, but during the second surgery the doctors were able to open up the artery that had been 100% blocked which I think is why he feels so much better - just that much more blood flowing.

When I asked if he was still overrun with visitors he became a little somber as he stated that really no one has come by since he went in for this follow-up surgery. Someone from CMA took him to the hospital but unlike after the initial surgery the MRA folks have stopped looking in on him. He has even taken to baking a pie now and again, calling folks to invite them over for pie and then they fail to show up.

Sounds like he could really benefit from many more phone calls if folks can't find the time to go over to the house and visit. He has a nice big deck and Paul is even getting outside to garden and tinker in the garage. He is talking about joining the gym in the neighborhood and he is also hoping to find some small/odd tile jobs, etc. to occupy his mind and supplement his income.

I suggested he might want to be extremely cautious with the workout and job ideas until his stamina improves - he is only up to walking about 1 mile and hasn't been cleared yet to return to physical therapy since the 2nd surgery.

Anyway, I encourage you all to get in touch and at least have a chat on the phone

with Paul. Knowing that friends are interested and encouraging is a big help mentally in moving forward after a cardiac incident.

Brian Boberick

Willy Taylor

Willy had shoulder surgery earlier this year to repair a torn rotator cuff. Unfortunately, it didn't work out well. According to Willy, one of the three anchor points broke loose, and a second surgery was necessary. He said the second time has been more painful, and he is in a more restrictive sling.

His doctor has told him this time had better work, because there will be no third. We all wish Willy well.

Bill Gillespie

Bob Swanson

Written 6/1/08

Hello Freewheelers!

I thought I would tell you that Bob Swanson is in St. Joseph's Hospital. Apparently he has a heart, the doctors finally found it, took them three days and a high powered microscope. They said something about doing a whole bunch of bypasses on Monday. We had suspected his heart was not in good working order, why else would he associate with the friends he has? So his heart is not in good working order, Duh! I could have told them that without having to run up any medical bills.

He is a retired rocket scientist, so we know his IQ can't be too high either. Kind

of like putting a new fuel pump in a 1952 Nash Rambler. Even if it works, it still won't break any speed limits. We asked the doctors if they could do a brain transplant at the same time, nothing fancy, just something to get him out of the negative numbers. He counts from 10 to 1, instead of one to ten. That is why his golf score is so low. He starts scoring at 200 and goes backwards, it's the only way he can be under 100, claims that is not cheating, its just part of being a rocket man.

The good news to come out of this is that the doctor said he can not ride for a few months, that means I will have to run the fuel out of his bikes so it does not get stale.

Tory Brown

6/16 update: Bob is home now following his open heart surgery, and in the recovery mode.

Galen & Debra Hansen

The Hansens were involved in a motorcycle accident on May 31st. Debra was hurt the worst, with 8 broken ribs, broken collar bone, broken shoulder blade, and bruised lungs. She is now in rehabilitation. Galen said all their injuries are recoverable with time.

Although Boots, Willy, Bob, and the Hansens have had their motorcycle riding seasons interrupted, we wish them all the fastest recoveries possible, and hope to see them back in the saddle as soon as their respective doctors will allow.

Now, that's about enough of that stuff, folks!

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-President, Alan Hansher. The lone guest was Rob Wall. Actually, Rob was on a ride with the club not long ago riding as Jon Loftsted's "passenger", and received a nickname. Since I would like to see Rob again, I'll not print that nickname in these pages. Rob rides a 750 Kawasaki, but is in the market for a larger bike. Tory Brown made the observation that if Jon & Rob would put their heads together, it would look like Dolly Parton.

The minutes of the February & March meetings were passed out to the members present. Those, along with the absence of the April minutes were approved as written (and not).

Treasurer Floyd Thorne reported \$81.33 in cash, \$93.75 in the Christmas fund, and \$1,486.73 in the checking account. That makes a total of \$1,661.81.

Past & upcoming rides were discussed, as was the Zip Code Tour contest. Donna McCombs has made Thumper a numbered towel for him to use on the Zip Code Tour. The towel is complete with the number 88, and a bunny rabbit. Bob Norton reported four participants so far.

As the Safety Committee chairman, Bob then told the group that since he has been riding in the back as of late, he has seen some things that need attention. He went over proper passing methods, including that bikes behind you need to get in front of the vehicle being passed as well. So, don't slow down too much after the pass. He talked about the recent ERC course, and got very favorable comments on his teaching abilities.

Willy Taylor rode his new Victory Vision to the meeting. He is now known as George Jetson. There is no truth to the rumor that riders of Visions must wear spandex. Bob Swanson has acquired a 2005 Harley Davidson Road Glide.

Donna would like to make a quilt out of each of the 1000-IN-24 T-shirts. Rex brought her several tonight, and she will let us know what others she will need.

There was discussion about the bake sale method of funding the club. With low membership, the proceeds are down from previous years.

Jon Loftsted won the Mental Melt-down award for his "crater adventure" in Woodland Park a few weeks ago. Jon and his "passenger" momentarily disappeared into a very large hole coming out of a gas station. Someone said passenger Rob was about 3-4 feet off the seat when the bike exited the hole. The vote was unanimous.

Tory Brown won \$16 in the 50/50. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12.

Submitted by Secretary, Bill Gillespie

Drive-In Movie Night

Saturday June 7, 2008

The weather was pretty wet earlier in the week but all predictions said that Saturday would be beautiful Colorado day. And, in fact it was a beautiful day. Saturday afternoon though, it turned cloudy and the temperatures dropped pretty drastically, relatively speaking. But, the show must go on as they say.

In spite of the weather and the fact that it is almost Summer, we still had a pretty good turn out. We had five bikes and two cars by the time it was all said and done. A total of 16 folks including Paul and Jennifer Nez's beautiful young children. Paul kept telling us that he had a family and we were finally graced with the opportunity to see and meet them.

We made our way to a Red Robin restaurant in Fort Collins for a very nice meal served by a very good, young waitress with abilities well beyond her years of age. She did a very good job taking care of our every need. I may have misjudged the time a little bit, (just a mental note for the next time) as we got into the parking area just in time to get the FM radio frequencies figured out before the movie started. Just good planning – yeah right. Just lucky – more like it, I think. That, and I guess I underestimated the popularity of a drive-in movie in a college town. It was packed and a little slow going to get through the ticket window.

It was cool, and about half-way through the first movie it started to be very moist and misty. Not enough to warrant rain gear or anything, but some were looking for cold weather gear and/or blankets. But, we all held out and made it through the new Indiana Jones movie. It was at that point that some of us decided to forego the second flick and head back home. We traveled on some much wetter roads in Southern Fort Collins where it had really rained quite heavy. Then, we were in some pretty good rain out on the interstate headed home.

Some stayed to watch the second movie – at least part way through anyway. Cliff even claimed to stay all the way through after getting into rain gear at some point to stay somewhat dry. The Nicholsons had made prior arrangements to spend the evening in Fort Collins at a local motel/hotel.

It was a very good time all in all. I think that it's something to keep in the idea hopper for a couple or three years down the road and do it again. That is providing there is still a drive-in theatre in existence at that time.

Thanks to all the participants for joining Linda and I for the evening and also let me give credit where it's due to Bill Gillespie for providing the idea. We had done it last year with the FreeWheelers and had such a good time it seemed like a great idea with our RMVTA group.

*Floyd and Linda Thorne,
(Mr. "T" and Mrs. "T")*

Photo submitted by an orange bear.



Inspired by the Slim Pickens character, Maj. "King" Kong in the movie *Dr. Strangelove*, The ever inventive Hiney Brothers, Big Red and Thor, have once again outdone themselves with the "Bomb Bike". You may remember their motorcycle/sidecar unit built with a Russian military tank engine featured in the *Eagle Times* this past February.

From the May Meeting



There will be no mistaking Thumper's Zip Code towel.



Jon protects his latest award.

From the June 8th Open Ride



Jon looks prepared for a wet ride.

The Fill-In the Blanks Ride was postponed 'till August 31st. This open ride started out wet, but the skies quickly turned sunny for a very nice day.



New member, Rob Wall on his "small" bike.



Bill & Frank get ready for the rain.

Upcoming Rides

Haunted Places Tour

Sunday, June 22 - 8:00 am

*Leave from: 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 its 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.

22nd Annual Ladies Run of CO

Saturday-Sunday, July 12-13 - 10:00 am

Leave from: Xcel energy, Hampden & Kipling

Approx: 180 miles (200 club miles, Charity Event)

Ride Organizers: Ladies Run Committee

The club has been involved with this run in one way or another since its inception. currently, The club also sponsors the Long Distance Lady Rider Trophy. The charities this year include the South Park community Relief Fund, Project Safeguard, the Hep C Connection, and Realities for Children. The ride up to Fairplay includes a poker run, w/stops at the top of Crow Hill, then Como for the ever popular

Treasure Hunt, then ends up in Fairplay. In Fairplay there is free camping at the Fairgrounds, a ride in bike show, street bike only parking, street games, tattoo competition, live music, 50/50's, trivia question prizes, vendors, and much more. Saturday night there's the Ladies Run Dance at the Legion Hut, where the trophy's from the days event s are presented, door prizes, are given out, and games such as the Fun Buns, and the Wooly Bully are held. Sunday's events will include a Dart & Horseshoe competition, vendors and more prizes. Their web site is: www.ladiesrun.com If you'd like to volunteer to help out call 970-308-6142 for more details.

Leadville Scenic RR Ride

Saturday, July 19 - 7:30 am

Leave from: Neighborhood Grill, 1500 W Littleton Blvd.

Approx: 250-300 miles

Ride Leaders: Bill & Becky Gillespie - 303-781-0032

The scheduling of the Rio Grande route between La Veta and Alamosa doesn't work well, so we have changed this to a one-day ride. We'll take a route to Leadville including Hooser, Vail and Tennessee Passes in time for lunch before a trip on the Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad. The train departs at 2:00pm for a 2½ hour round trip north some 1,000 feet above the Arkansas River Valley with spectacular views of Freemont Pass, and Colorado's two tallest peaks, Mt. Massive and Mt. Elbert. Cost for the train ride is \$28.50. Call Bill for a reservation or take your chances when you get there.

1000-IN-24 Pre-ride

Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 2-4 - 6:00 am

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

Approx: 1000+ miles (500 + or - each day)

Ride leader: Frank (Freewheelin') Heinzl

This ride is to reconnoiter the route for the club's annual "Day" ride to raise funds for the club. We'll be stopping overnight at approximately the halfway point. So advance reservations are necessary, call Frank at 303-295-7137, or email Frank for more information.

Sturgis "T" Run

Saturday, Aug. 11 - 6:00 am

Leave from: Perkins Restaurant, 120th West of I-25

Approx: 890+ miles

Ride Leader: TBD

This is a hard one day ride to the Black Hills Motorcycle Classic (better known as Sturgis). You will be riding almost 900 miles for the day to "power shop" for motorcycle apparel. On this ride we have seen it all in the last few years, but it's always an adventure. Fuel & coffee stop in Cheyenne, WY, breakfast in Lingle, WY at the Stage Coach, fuel stop in Lusk, WY, a break if needed in New Castle, WY a short stop after running Spearfish Canyon at the Spearfish, SD golf course, and then on into Sturgis. Return to Denver time to be decided in Spearfish, Dinner in Torrington, WY, and another fuel stop in Cheyenne, WY.