

# The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

June, 2010

## NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, June 17, 2010**

**Fay Myers Motorcycle World**

**7:00 pm**

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

## Land of Enchantment Ride Photos

*Photos by Pat & Donna McCombs*



*Along the Devil's Highway in Arizona*



*Mission Chimayo along the "High Road to Taos" in New Mexico*



*Sherri, Brian & Don at White Sands, New Mexico*



*The Group during a stop at Bishop's Castle*

# Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by President Pete Chronis. We began, as usual with the Pledge of Allegiance. Tonight's visitors included Roger & Judy Whetstine who ride a 1983 Suzuki Cavalcade.

Happy birthday wishes were made to Don McKee complete with a cake baked especially for the occasion by Becky Gillespie.

Secretary's Report: The April meeting will be left to everyone's memory. Bill was watching the Rockies play the New York Mets, so Thumper took the notes. Suffice it to say we had a meeting, a bake sale, and the meeting was adjourned sometime that evening.

Treasurer's Report: Our treasurer, Floyd Thorne reported \$81.33 cash on hand; \$42.00 in the Christmas fund; and \$1,908.50 in the checking account, for a total of \$2,031.83.

Ride Reports: Don Lyle reported that the open ride last Sunday was good for about 100 miles. Bruce Vinson has a new bike. Don recapped other recent rides and plugged some upcoming ones. The club as a group has logged 21,845 miles so far this year.

1000-IN-24: Frank has received three entries so far.

The brick project at Kermit's was brought up, but Thumper was not in attendance.

The Mental Meltdown award is still missing. A reward for its safe return is being offered.

Judy Whetstine won the 50/50 for an undetermined amount.

Meeting was adjourned 7:40.

Submitted by Bill Gillespie, secretary

# New Group on the Block

Pat McCombs

Have you ever heard of the Colorado Motorcycle Touring Club? Probably not, as they have just turn up in the last few months or so. This group is just starting from scratch as we did some twenty-nine years ago.

Brian Graves, long time RMVTA and sometimes Colorado Freewheelers member decided to start the new club, and they are calling themselves the Colorado Motorcycle Touring Club.

As any motorcycle group that supports the sport of motorcycling, we wish them well in their new adventure. Starting

a motorcycle club is not an easy task, and takes many hours of dictation, hard work, and a support staff that has the same values.

I do not have a lot of details on the new club, but I am sure details will be forth coming as the months go on. It is my understanding that they will hold their meetings at the Family Dentistry Training Center located at 1855 West 84th Ave, in Federal Heights, Colorado. The meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, with a start time of 7:00 P.M.

Thumper

## April Bake Sale



Some of the items up for auction at the April fundraiser.



Photo submitted by Bob Norton

The John Deere "Super Trike" is very popular in the midwest, but not well suited for mountain roads in Colorado.

# Communications & Notices

# Colorado FreeWheelers 2010 Theme Ride Competition

Bob Norton

## Condolences

Our deepest sympathies to Paul "Boots" Reimer, whose older brother, Rueben passed away April 6 in Wheat Ridge. Rueben was born in Meade, Kans., on Jun 8, 1925. Condolences to Rueben's widow, Vi, and their children, grandchildren, three other surviving brothers, and other relatives. The funeral Friday, April 9, at North Hills Church of God in Thornton was well-attended including several FreeWheelers. Some us didn't know Rueben, but we do know Boots. Pastor Mike Hammond delivered a beautiful eulogy about the kind of man Rueben was: A fine husband, father and Christian, who gave generously of his time to help steer young men and boys in the paths of righteousness. "He built men," said Pastor Hammond. And many of the youngsters who were in Rueben's youth group for boys grew up to become church leaders themselves, the Pastor said. All his working life, Rueben, who was married to Vi for 63 1/2 years, was a bricklayer, and slides of his truly beautiful work were shown on the projection screen at front of the church. It's no surprise to those of us who know Boots that his brother Rueben was a fine man, too. Clearly, it runs in the family. God rest him.

*Pete Chronis*

## Notes from Aluni

It's fun to still be on the Freewheelers email list, and nice to know y'all are still eating well, even when you can't ride.

*Dr. Judy Palier*

Glad to see that I am still on your mailing list. Its nice to see what you guys are up to. I have had to quit riding due to a bum ticker. Can't drive either. Life is a bitch at times. The best to all.

*Your ol bud, Marc Beaulieu.*

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.

# Upcoming Rides

## Aluminum Butt Ride

**Saturday, June 19 5:00am**

Leave from: Sofa Mart Parking lot  
NW corner of 6th Ave & Kipling  
Approx: 600 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.

## Full Moon Ride

**Saturday, June 26 6:00 pm**

Leave from: RPM Motorsports,  
1251 Wadsworth Blvd.  
Approx: TBD  
Ride Leader: Bob (Knight Rider) Norton

This ride is Bob's answer to breakfast rides, we'll leave from the motorcycle dealership where he works and ride to a nice evening meal then through the Colorado countryside where we can see the full moon in all it's glory. Then on home and bed.

## Fireworks Ride

**Sunday, July 4 7:00 pm**

Leave from: TBD  
Approx: TBD  
Ride Leader: TBD

This ride is still to be determined as to the location of the fireworks, it could be as close as Lookout Mtn., or as far as Dillon.

## 24th Annual Ladies Run of Colorado

**Sat-Sun, July 10-11 9:00 am**

Leave from: Xcel energy,  
Hampden & Kipling  
Approx: 180 miles  
(200 club miles, Charity Event)  
Ride Organizers: Ladies Run Committee

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](http://www.ladiesrun.com) If you'd like to volunteer to help out call 303-862-9856 for more details.

## Fill In the Blanks Ride

**Sunday, July 18 9:00 am**

Leave from: TBD 9:00-10:00am  
Approx: ? Miles  
Ride Leaders: Pat (Thumper) McCombs  
& Jon (Nomad) Lofstedt

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.