

The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

July 2003

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, July 17, 2003
Burt Chevrolet
7:00 pm

<http://www.msnusers.com/RHNWebPages/cfwhomepage.msnw>

Upcoming Rides

Children's Hospital Run to Blackhawk

Sunday, July 27

Leave from: Rocky Mountain Harley Davidson - Call ride leader for time
Ride Leader: Pat McCombs, 303-971-0568

Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Harley Owners Group, a number of Colorado FreeWheelers have done this ride over the years. It is always a full day of fun and rubbing elbows with all types of bikers. It is a poker run on bikes and on foot. We will meet for breakfast, then ride to the sign up. Details at meetings, or call the Ride Leader.

1000-IN-24 Pre-ride

Saturday, Aug 2 - Sunday, Aug 3

Approx. 500 miles each day
Ride Leader: Frank Heinzl, 303-295-7137
freewheelinfrank1@msn.com

Leave point and time to be determined after we decide on the route. We do this to scope out the route for any hazards or construction we need to make the riders aware of, and for questions for the passport. If you plan to go, you must contact Frank.

T-Run

Saturday, August 9

Leave from: Cracker Barrel, I-25 & I20th - 6:00 am SHARP!
Approx. 800 miles
Ride Leader: Pat McCombs, 303-971-0568

So you want to ride some miles in a day? This will be the ride. We're going to the Black Hills Motorcycle Classic in Sturgis for T-Shirts. We will do our shopping, check out the rally, have a nice lunch, and boogie back to Denver, all in the same day. More details at meetings or call the Ride Leader.

19th Annual 1000-IN-24

Saturday, Aug 17

Approx. 1000 miles (duh)

There's still time to get in on our annual "Day Ride". At this late date however, you should probably call Frank at 303-295-7137.

From the President's Saddle

I apologize for not submitting an article for last month, but I simply forgot before it was too late. I do like the Adobe Acrobat PDF option Bill came up with though.

By the time this comes out the "Ladies Run of Colorado" will be history so I want to thank all the members in advance for their help as volunteers for this worthwhile charity run.

The "All Patriots Poker Run" that I mentioned at the last meeting was a successful one raising over \$1200.00 for the Colorado State Veterans Home at Fitzsimmons. I even managed to attend and buy a poker hand after riding to Bent's Old Fort with Alan Hansher.

If you plan on riding the 1000-IN-24 this year, please try to bring the money for the run to this month's meeting. I'll have entry forms there for you to fill out & sign. We've got a good crew lined up for the pre-ride on August 2-3, and I have almost enough volunteers for the ride check in duties, I could use a few more though.

As of this writing we have 30 riders signed up, and (I hope), more coming in daily.

That's all the rant for this month, see ya at the meeting.

Freewheelin' Franklin'

Meeting Minutes

13th Annual Boys Steak Run

Colorado FreeWheeler's meeting for June 19, 2003, was called to order shortly after 7 PM by the Prez - Frank H.

The invocation was given by the chaplain in reserve Gary Davis. Chaplain Boots was among the missing.

Secretary's Report - Anne Hudson (A big thanks to my stunt double for standing in for me while I underwent the terrors of the dentist's chair.) It was moved and accepted that we approve the minutes as they appear in the "Eagle Times". Approved.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Woolery As of 6/18 the club's net worth is \$2045.41. Motion to approve, seconded. Approved.

Rides - Pat McCombs The Trail Ridge Ride on June 14 was well attended, and fun had by all. Riders tried to find the moon all the way up the ridge and finally found it at the top. They got home after 1:30 in the am. Sunny's Annual Fish Ride - June 22 - leaves Sunday from Gunther Toody's at 8 am for a day of fishing, riding and fun; Bent's Fort Ride - June 28 ; Keystone Ride - July 4-6; July 12 - the Ladies' Run; Boy's Steak Run - July 18 - leaves Denver for Green River, WY, next day ride to Lander, WY, following a trip to Hudson, WY where there is sure to be the greatest steak ever, the last day ride home.

Pat mentioned that former member John Cribbs is in the ICU of Lutheran Hospital. He is very bad condition.

Activities - Chuck Janssen Several member of the club saw "Footloose" on June 15. It was the largest number of Barnstormers used in any production, Chuck knew about, the greatest use of both stages he had seen. In January "Annie Get Your Gun is the scheduled event, to celebrate December and January birthdays. In March and April, "Mousetrap" will be playing.

Safety - Bob Norton Absent. You are missed.

Rider of the Year - Fill out those purple record books. There are many categories: rides, meetings, presentations, committees,

articles in "Eagle Times", charity events, activities, etc. The points do add up, and rides are not the big pointers. Billy G. mentioned that ride captains should give him information about the rides (with pictures if possible) for the "Eagle Times".

After the break, Frank mentioned rides by other clubs that had flyers: the Ladies' Run on July 12 & 13 starting at Hampden and Kipling and ending in Fairplay; the All Patriots Ride to benefit Colorado State Veterans Home at Fitzsimmons on June 28 (a worthy cause); also on June 28 the United Ride of Colorado with sign up at the Grizzly Rose from 10 am to 12:30pm and all day venue of racing; for more information call Dave Przygocki 303.618.3768; and Support American Freedom Poker Run & Pig Roast on July 20. For more information contact 303.424.9918.

Our guest speaker, Tony Wilke of 2 Wheel Transport, talked about his business. He picks up motorcycles by appointment or because of an accident. He helps with flats, storms, exhaustion, and even when the biker has partied to much and needs a safe ride home (at taxi rates). He has pickups and trailers set up to handle bikes only. He doesn't do cars. He even has secure storage if needed. His phone number is 303.693.2219.

Bill has placed the "Eagle Times" firmly in the 21st century. He will now e-mail you the newsletter each month. All you need is Acrobat Reader. E-mail Bill at BGTWICE@aol.com if you want your copy of the newsletter sent to you this way.

Pat moved to have George Barnes speak on his ride of the 2001 Iron Butt Rally at the July meeting and have a bake sale in August to help sponsor his ride of the 2005 rally. Seconded by Tom Hudson. Passed unanimously.

50/50 - \$26 for the club and \$26 for Pat McCombs.

Meeting adjourned to our secondary meeting place for some repartee and victuals.

Anne "one term only" Hudson

As many of you know, we opened up the "Boys Steak Run" to a few more people this year. The response has been wonderful. We have one of the largest groups we have ever had.

The ride will leave at 6:00 a.m. sharp on the morning of Friday, July 18th and will return on the 20th of July. All rooms are booked, and dinner reservations are set for Saturday night in Hudson Wyoming. This years theme is "let's ride". We will be doing about 360 miles each day.

This years rider's include a lot of veteran riders, and a couple of rookies. All riders have been mailed letters, and have all the information on the trip. The following riders are on this years event; Pat McCombs, Bill Gillespie, Willy Taylor, Pete Cronis, Norman Roeder, Mike Woolery, Rex Young, Cliff Eudy, Bill Lindquist, Frank Heinzl, Kent Beach, Brian Boberick, Mike Finneran, Dale Beal, Stan Stotz, Eleven Colorado FreeWheeler's, three RMVTA, and one non-member.

See you all on Friday morning the 18th, Mrs. Thumper will have coffee & donuts.

Thumper

Colorado FreeWheeler's History

I would like to thank all fo you for the nice comments I have been getting on the articles about our club history. This will continue in our August Eagle Times. I have been doing a little bit to much riding this month, and time kind of got away from me. It takes some time to do the research, and next month we will take up with 1984.

Thumper

John D. Cribbs

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It is with great sadness that we report John's death. A longtime member of our group, John will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sandy, John Jr., Linda and Eddie.

Few people realize many of their dreams. John lived more of his than most. Although his life was cut short, it was one filled to the max. In recent years John spent a good portion of his time living aboard and adventuring on his boat in and around Seattle. He hesitated to call it a

yacht. He didn't think it was large enough for that distinction.

John left us far too soon and we will miss his always upbeat personality. He will remain with us in memories though. Whenever something goes wrong with one of my bikes in the future, I'm sure I'll hear the consummate "toy hound" with his adage "I guess you should have just paid more for it". Godspeed, Captain John.

Bill Gillespie

Fireworks Over Mount Rushmore

or

The Black Hills Ride

Some times the best laid plans of motorcycling ride leaders just don't come together. Back in the cold months of winter, when we were putting the year's rides together at a ride committee meeting, this ride seem to have a lot of appeal to this member. Being the bright fellow that I am, I threw this ride into the pile.

Planning, planning, planning, that is the success to a good ride. Got the six thumbs up by the committee, and now just work out the details. The "Old Thumper" has got this one under control. Make the motel reservations for the group, so they will have a short ride after dinner to Mount Rushmore. Got this done first thing. Locked in the rooms, and only a two mile ride for all the 4th of July events. Lots to see that day, many events, and a great fireworks display over the faces on Mount Rushmore.

Now everything is in place for the ride. It is the 2nd of July, and just for grins I'm going to jump on the Internet and print out all the things to do when we arrive on the 4th. Will be a long fun day, and a nice



This is how the Mt. Rushmore fireworks looked in whatever year this photo was originally taken. Willy Taylor shot this picture of a poster in the hallway right outside his room. Altogether now, Ohhh, Ahhh.

evening of OHHHHHHHHH! AHHHHHHHHH! as the fireworks explode at Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota. I found a great site on the net, and it is printing. What's this? All the events & fireworks are on the 3rd of July. Misinformation from some of the locals, do you think someone at the motel might have clued me in --Nooooooooooooo!

Talk about all the air being let out of your balloon. Well, you live and learn. As it turned out the group of Bill & Becky Gillespie, Willy Taylor, Brian & Chris Boberick, Norman Roeder and Pat & Donna McCombs got to see the fireworks at 1:00 p.m. on the 4th of July in Newcastle Wyoming. It was on the front page of the Rapid City Journal in living color. As they put it "Fireworks fill the sky Thursday night over Mount Rushmore National Memorial. The program was viewed by thousands, and kicked off a round of Independence Day celebrations"

My thanks to the riders who made the trip, and help turn it in to a great three day weekend ride. My big moment of the ride was at the motel, and the entire group looking at a large

photo of "Fireworks Over Rushmore going Ohhhhhhhhhh! Ahhhhhhhhhh! The "Old Thumper" will never hear the end of this one.

Thumper

Editor's note: He's right about not hearing the end of it. In fact, Thumper caught so much flack from the other riders that he has given up motorcycling altogether. The Thumper has joined the Pro Rodeo circuit in the Giant Jackalope Riding competition. His first event was in Wall, South Dakota, where he received his first official "saddle sore". The spectators were amused.



Bent's Old Fort Ride

The day began bright and clear at 7:00am, from Fay Myers Motorcycle World on Arapahoe Rd.

Two riders, one on a Goldwing the other on a Royal Star, headed East and then South on some would say the less traveled path to a distant destination. Distant in both miles and time. After about 200 miles and 4 hours they arrived at the 1830's era fort built by the Bent brothers. Noticing the different layout, larger parking lot and additional book-

store, our intrepid travelers dismounted their steeds and sauntered in to the bookstore to pay the required \$3.00 entry fee. The store had plenty to look at and purchase as well and this chronicler felt compelled to buy a patch & pin, to commemorate the event.

The wanderers then proceeded to hike the 1/4 mile or so to the fort to partake of it's wonders of a past way of life. The leader of the pair took many pictures, and told his companion of the

many facets of the fort's architecture and lifestyles. The fort has seen some modern improvements, a water fountain, and restrooms, but these are well hidden as to not disturb the rustic scene.

After the tour the riders headed back to La Junta to partake of lunch and return home.

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