

# The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

July, 2004

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Thursday, July 15, 2004**  
**Fay Myers Motorcycle World**  
**7:00 pm**

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

## Thumper's Corner Nice Job Bob "Knight-Rider" Norton

### Rides Anyone?

Looking at The Knight Rider's mileage standings for June 11th 2004, (latest update) it looks like the Colorado Freewheelers are off to a slow riding year.

We have had some excellent rides, and have mixed in some rides with the RMVTA as well. But for some reason we are way down on miles ridden this year. Do we need to come up with some newer fresher rides? Are the rides too long? Do you enjoy the mixing of the Colorado Freewheelers & the RMVTA? I guess these are all questions we can kick around. It seems the way everybody rushes around these days, that they never take time to do the things they really enjoy.

I know as a member of the Freewheelers, putting one night a month on my agenda is something I really look forward to - meeting night. It is a time to just kick back, and enjoy some time with old friends, and swap motorcycling stories with all. So if you have not been to a meeting for a while, come out and join us on Thursday night the 15th of July. We have got some new faces, but a lot of the old gang is still hanging out. Look forward to seeing one and all.

*Thumper*

Congratulations Knight-Rider on another successful Moonlight Ride. What a wonderful turn out for a night ride of some two hundred and sixty some miles. This ride really seems to draw people in, and was enjoyed by one and all.

A total of thirteen bikes and twenty-one people got a great taste of the Colorado Moonlight on Saturday, July 3rd. The Knight-Rider had laid out a nice route for the evening that seemed to have something for everyone. Well almost every one, but I don't think he found any dirt for the Wing Commander. It was a night that looked like rain, but it never was able to find us. The group pulled out of

RPM Motorsports at 6:10 pm and was about 50% Freewheelers and 50% RMVTA members. Light jackets were in order on our first break in Lyons, Colorado, and the ride through the hills there was very nice.

We were working our way to Estes Park for a little dinner before starting our 2nd Moonlight assault of the top of Trail Ridge Road. About twenty-five miles out of Estes Park the Knight-Rider pulled the group over to put on their rain gear. The Knight-Rider always concerned with his leading duties felt it was looking like we were about to take on a bunch of water.

Got into a little trouble here



*The ladies of the Moonlight Ride*

## Moonlight Ride, continued

folks. The Thumper broke off from the group, and informed our fearless ride leader that he was going on into Estes Park. That is all fine and well, until I hear this little voice in my helmet saying " Did you think to ask me if I wanted to put on my rain suit." And the quote back was "If I thought you were going to get wet, I would have stopped." Thank you lord, for a dry ride into Estes Park.

Most of the group enjoyed a nice meal at the Mountain View Restaurant in Estes Park, and the two ladies did a fine job of taking care of a large group just walking in the door.

About 9:30 pm now, and the group is climbing into their cold weather gear for our assault on Trail Ridge Road. We had a special guest with us this evening, and everybody is trying to dress her for the cool temps to come. Carol Council a long time member of the Freewheelers, had come in from California for a long weekend. By the time they all got her dressed, I thought we would need a fork lift to get her up on the Knight-Rider's bike. A little side note here: A lot of the guys who are going on the Don Council Memorial 14th Annual Steak Run in July got to meet Carol for the first time, and thought that was kind of neat.

Well, everyone is suited up. Oh did I forget to mention, that would be 99% suited up. The Wing Commander, prepared as always had his cold weather gear on his other bike. I wonder what 42 degree's feels like on top of Trail Ridge Road late at night with no cold weather riding gear. I would point out also, that this won Mr. Gillespie the "Missing Link Award" at Thursday's RMVTA meeting.

We are on top now, and no moonlight. We are down in Grand Lake, and no moonlight. As we pull in to Granby, Grady Dunham lets the Knight-Rider know the official time for the moon to show its face is 10:22 pm. That's all right Bob, we had a great time. The rest of the ride home was full moonlight, and a great time had by all. Had the Iron Horse in the barn at 1:40 am Sunday morning.

Thumper



Carol and Becky all suited up after dinner. The light circle is from Bill's half-million candlepower spotlight.

## A Big Hello

I was on the phone Sunday morning with a couple of long time Colorado Freewheeler members in Jacksonville, Florida. It doesn't seem like ten years since Steve & Jackie Kerns left the Denver area to take up a new life on the beaches of Florida.

They both wanted me to pass on to all our members how much they miss the riding in the hills of Colorado. Both are in good health, and have traded in there Honda Gold Wing and have taken up the sport of riding bicycles. Jackie is working to get in shape to ride a hundred-fifty mile event this fall. She has got Steve up to a strong twenty miles. *[Editor's note: I'd pay to watch that! Just kidding, Steve]* No surprise there, as Jackie has always be one to work out every day of the week.

Steve continues to work, and both are enjoying the good life. Steve mentioned that there are a lot of motorcycles in Jacksonville, but most seem to be Harley's, and don't do much over fifty miles a day.

They are now a family of three, and the newest member has picked up all of Steve's bad words. His or her name is Tu Tu, and Steve is not going to spend the money to find out if it is a boy or girl. From the sound of it on the phone, it must be one big bird.

We wish them well, and miss them each time we ride one of the great roads a lot of us traveled with them.

Thumper

## A little Help, Please

I was sitting with Floyd Thorne at the RMVTA meeting on Thursday night. For those of you who do not know him, he puts a lot of the things together for the RMVTA newsletter.

We were kind of swapping notes, and he was telling me how hard it is to get articles out of the RMVTA club members. I was in total shock. *(yeah right)*

As one member who has been known to write a few articles now and then, I understood what he was relating to. It seems everyone enjoys the newsletters from our club & the RMVTA as well. The newsletters seem to just pop up on paper once a month at your home or on your computer.

I hear lots of people reminiscing about all the great adventures of club rides and trips they have taken. Why not take a few minutes to share some of those great adventures with the rest of our members in the monthly *Eagle Times*?

The newsletter is for you the members, and we have a lot of very creative people in our club. Lets see some more input. I know this member would enjoy reading of other folks motorcycling adventures.

Thumper

## Correction

Please note an error in the ride schedule on the web site. The NASCAR Ride scheduled for July 24th has been cancelled. The Flying W Ride originally scheduled for July 17th has been moved to July 24th.

The web site may already be corrected, and the final version of the ride book is correct.

And speaking of the Flying W Ride, Bill will need an approximate head count by the July meeting so he can make the proper reservations. If you can't make the meeting, and want to go on the ride, call Bill at 303-781-0032 daytime.

## Bonfils Group

A donation group has been set up in the club's name at Bonfils Blood Center. Those wishing to donate blood may designate the *Colorado FreeWheelers* as the group to credit.

## Ride Pics



Group shot at Colorado Gators on the Black Snakes to Alligators Ride, over Memorial Weekend. Do you suppose those reflective strips on your jacket do any good?



Jon Loftsted and your humble scribe at the Summit House on the Over the Top Ride. Yes, that's the same light jacket I was wearing on the moonlight ride. It was warmer this day. Photo by Franklin.

The group of riders (minus Frank, who took the picture) at Bent's Old Fort. It looks like Frank is in the line of fire of the cannon! BTW, nice legs, Alan.



## Rider of the Year

This year the club will be handing out it's 21st Rider of the Year award. The question is, will it be you?

This award was designed to reward the best member in our club, who put forth the most effort into the Colorado Freewheelers in a calendar year. It covers a wide variety of categories. The main reason the award was devised was to get you the member really involved in the club. Anyone in the club, has a good shot at winning this award. Four members (Frank Heinzl - Bob Norton - Brian Boberick - Pat McCombs) have walked away with the award thirteen of the last twenty years. Two of our lady members (Becky Gillespie - Sunny Norton) have won the award. This is a challenge to all of our club members to make a run at winning the award this year. If you are not sure as to what it takes to win this, here are the category's you need to do to win the award.

1. Club Rides (2004) 1 point each - (10 minimum)
2. Committees (last 3 years) 10 points each (1 minimum last 3 years)
3. Charity Events (2004) 5 points each (1 minimum)
4. Club Meetings (2004) 9 points each (8 minimum)
5. Major Motorcycling Events (2004) 3 points each (1 minimum. list any event that you attended that was advertised in any national motorcycling publication.
6. Prospective Members Becoming Regular Members (last 2 years) 10 points each. These are folks you invited to a meeting, who became members.
7. Presentations at Meetings (last 2 years) 5 points each. (1 minimum)
8. Articles for the Eagle Times (last 2 years) 8 points each.
9. Other Motorcycle Club meetings (2004) 3 points each. (1 minimum)

There you are folks. All it takes is a little bit of extra time, and you will have a lot of fun along the way.

Thumper



**Come see us now!**

Fay Myers Motorcycle World welcomes you to our new clubhouse! All of us at Fay Myers would like to thank the Colorado Freewheelers for their wonderful housewarming gifts! We look forward to a long-lasting friendship.



**Summer Hours**  
 Mon.-Sat  
 9a to 6p

**Winter Hours**  
 Tue.-Sat.  
 9a to 6p



**9700 E. Arapahoe Rd.**  
**Greenwood Village, CO 80112**  
*Just 2 blocks East of I-25*  
**303-744-6632**  
[www.faymyers.com](http://www.faymyers.com)

Colorado FreeWheelers  
 P.O. Box 1886  
 Englewood, CO 80150-1886