

# The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

July, 2007

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Thursday, July 19, 2007**  
**Fay Myers Motorcycle World**  
**7:00 pm**

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

## Upcoming Rides

### End of Pavement Ride

**Sunday, July 22, 9:00 am**

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

Approx: ? miles

Ride Leaders: Jon (Nomad) Lofstedt &  
Pat (Thumper) McCombs

*The ride leaders have no clue at this point where this ride will go, but with their collective knowledge of little known roads in the mountains, it should be a fun day. Bill has recruited the help of Jon & Pat, so maybe he won't lose everyone this year. Note: This ride has been swapped with the Sponsor's Picnic. The Picnic will be September 9th.*

### RMVTA July Dinner Ride

**Thursday, July 26, 6:15pm**

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

Approx: ? miles

Ride Leaders: Sam & Susan Ashley

### Rocky Mountain HOG's Children's Hospital Benifit Run

**Sunday, July 29, 8:00 am**

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

Approx: ? miles

Ride Organizer: Rocky Mountain HOG

*Our favorite HOG group continues to raise funds for one of our favorite charities.*

### 1000-IN-24 Pre-ride

**Sat-Sun, Aug. 4-5 6:00 am**

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

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

Ride leader: Frank (Freewheelin')  
Heinzel

*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.*

### 23rd Annual 1000-IN-24

**Saturday, Aug. 18, 2:00-4:00am**

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

Approx: 1000+ miles (in 24 or less  
hours)

Ride Organizer: Frank (Freewheelin')  
Heinzel

*After doing this annual club fundraiser for 22 years you'd think we'd have run out of routes that were not duplicates of previous rides, but we still have a few tricks up our collective sleeves. The longest running event of its kind, this years ride promises to leave no one involved disappointed. As in the past discounted IBA SS-1k certification is available upon ride completion in the allotted time. Pre-registration only by Aug. 3. \$50.00 entry fee per motorcycle, includes hat, shirt, & pin. \$90.00 for couples. Extra goodies available to club members at cost, if they volunteer to work the event, and are not entered as riders. Go to the club web site for more information and an entry form.  
[www.cofreewheelers.org](http://www.cofreewheelers.org)*

# Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by President, Jon Lofstedt. Our visitor this evening was Daryl Shulte. Daryl rides a Honda ST1300 as well as a Nighthawk. Welcome, Daryl.

The minutes of the May and April meetings were approved without a big, ugly scene. Treasurer, Floyd Thorne reported \$81.33 in cash, \$1,503.99 in checking, and \$102.00 in the Christmas Fund for a total of \$1,687.32.

Past Rides: Brian reported on the Club's interception of the **Ride to the Wall** journey. The group rode to Trinidad, then rode behind the cross-country riders to Limon. Snowden Matthews and Young Willingham were in the group. Five members attended **Hyder Seek** in Hyder, Alaska over the Memorial weekend. Jon rode along with Brian Boberick, Bob Norton, Don McKee and Floyd Thorne as far as somewhere in Idaho, then went on to Seattle to visit family. Bill Gillespie brought up the rear, leaving a day later than the others. The McCombs', Willy & Leah, Gene Porter, and Rex Young took a tour of southern **Utah** and parts of **Arizona and New Mexico** over the same time frame. Five people, including the Kappenbergers, Gillespies and Frank Heinzl rode to Canon City for the **Royal Gorge Train Ride** on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bill, Brian and Gene rode over to Gateway on June 9/10 on the **Gateway Auto Museum Ride**. Our Western Slope member, George Barnes met up with us near Grand Junction. Other rides included Cliff Eudy's **Aluminum Butt Ride** on June 16<sup>th</sup>, and Open Ride to the **Easter Seals Run** on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and the **Hamburger Stand Ride** on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming Rides: Rides discussed included: **Figure 8 Ride** (6/24), **Haunted Places Tour** (6/30), **Firecracker 5280** (7/4), **Drive-In Movie Ride** (7/6), **Firehouse Rally** (7/8), and the **Ladies Run** (7/14-15).

There has been some confusion about open ride times. Open rides, that is any Sunday when no named ride is planned, open rides will start from Your Neighborhood Grille at 9:00am. Get there around 8:00 if you plan to eat breakfast.

Frank gave a mileage report, seeing Brian Boberick with the high total for recent rides. Bill is high for the year, and Bob Norton is just over 3,000 miles from joining the 300,000 mile club.

Club shirts commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club's formation were discussed. Shirts will cost about \$50, with a few bucks more for your name on the front. A color will be picked at the July meeting, and the order will be placed after that. There will be only one order. The July meeting (or before) will be the only chance members will have to get a shirt. A reminder will be run in the July newsletter.

1000-IN-24: Frank reported twelve entries so far with one inquiry from Tasmania of all places. Entries must be in by August 1<sup>st</sup> for riders to receive their items at the start. Frank passed around a proof of the pin. He will be setting up the schedule for volunteers very soon. Contact Frank if you can help with the event in August. The 2-day pre-ride will be August 4/5.

Jon began a discussion about possibly awarding club miles to those who attend meetings in an effort to bolster attendance. The discussion ended with no decision. In further discussion about participation topics were speeds on rides, ways to attract new members, and getting standing members to participate more. Jon will take the topic to the other officers and report back in July, when discussion will resume.

50/50: Pete won \$19.50.

The meeting was adjourned, but I didn't write down the time.

*Submitted by Secretary, Bill Gillespie*

# 25th Anniversary Shirt



This is the shirt that has been proposed for the 25th Anniversary of our club.

- The perfect shirt for travel and adventure
- Large button chest pockets
- Zip pockets behind chest pockets are large enough for airline tickets and passport
- Compass pocket on left sleeve
- Shoulder epaulettes
- Roll up sleeve tabs
- Two button cuff adjustment
- Fabric - washed and brushed cotton
- Colors - Khaki, Indigo and Stone
- Sizes - XS-3XL

A color will be chosen at the July meeting (Indigo, Khaki or Stone), and orders will be taken. This will be the only chance you will have to get a shirt, as the price we are getting them for will not allow the embroiderer to fill small orders. The price will be around \$50 for the shirt and an embroidered 25th anniversary logo on the left chest. There will be a small extra charge if you want your name on the right chest. If you can't make the meeting and want a shirt, you better call Jon and try sweet-talk him into floating your credit. No guarantees there.

# Figure Eight Ride

Floyd "Mr. T" Thorne

Photo by Don McKee

I was working around the house Saturday, actually doing some yard work (my wife would chime in and say for a change) and my little buddy from across the street happened on the scene.

Alex, is a really good little eleven year old fellow that is at an awkward age for our neighborhood. There are children younger than he and a few that are older. As a result he often just sulks around with his head hanging down with nothing to do. Anyway, I have had Alex on the back of my bike before on a short hop here and there but never a long ride. I asked "what are you going to be doing tomorrow?" His reply was that he had nothing on his agenda.

So, I asked if he wanted to go for a scooter ride. He of course jumped at that opportunity as any eleven year old boy would do. I said that we would have to get his Mom and Dads permission first and that it was going to be a long day. We would have to leave the house at 6:00 a.m. to make it to Pine Junction to meet our ride leader and other participants. He was more uneasy about the 6:00 a.m. departure than anything because now that it's summer it's generally 9:00 or 10:00 before he's rolling out of the sack.

When I was growing up in ranching country in Wyoming, we were never allowed to do that because of livestock to feed and cows to milk, to say nothing of the fact that breakfast was then served at our ranch house by my Mom, the Cook, for our family and other ranch hands, at 6:00 a.m. If you missed it you better make sure you're at lunch (dinner they called it there) served at 12:00 noon. Otherwise you had to get dinner (called supper then) served at 6:00 p.m. But, I guess for these city kids, I could say that they should enjoy it because once they get into the work force they will not have that opportunity later on.

At any rate my door bell rings Sunday morning about 5:55 a.m. and Alex is ready to go. Not bright eyed and bushy tailed I might say but excited about the day ahead. We get loaded up and head "out of Dodge" as they say. Alex is a little chilly on his early morning leg up to Pine Junction but not too bad. We decide that if after breakfast if it's still not warmed up we would add a layer for him. But, as we expected it's nice and warm and he now has a full tummy of sausage, eggs and toast. We decide he is good to go with his previous level of outerwear.



Riding through the Hayman Fire burn area.

The group rolls out of the parking lot and headed south. It's a beautiful Colorado day. The skies were clear and blue. There was some chatter on the CB and the scenery with beautiful and plentiful. Our first real stop was at the overlook at the top of Wilkerson Pass. Restrooms were getting utilized, cameras were clicking and lots of conversation between our twelve riders on ten bikes.

It was not long based on the spinning of the clock hands but more than a couple hundred or more miles on the odometer that Alex is expressing his desire for lunch as were

the rest of us I think. It had now warmed very nicely and we were ready for some cool clear water or other fluid replenishment plus nourishment. The lunch stop as picked by our leaders seemed to fill the bill on all counts.

Our original plan was to stop at an ice cream

parlor in Fairplay as we headed home but it was only 35 miles or so from our lunch stop and I think all of us felt that we were stuffed so we headed on. But my little buddy was nodding off before we got to Fairplay so after some of the group getting gas Alex went in and got him some Milk Duds. That sugar hit seemed to help and he was good to go the rest of the way home.

Alex is a quiet guy generally but I could tell he had a GREAT time. He enjoyed the trip, and the interaction between the participants. I am pretty sure that all the adults enjoyed his company as they invited him to ride again. He did well on the longer trip and is more than welcome to tag along with me in the future if there is an empty seat back there.

Good ride Jon. We had a very good day in every way, even had a very good turnout.

Photo by Don McKee



Much better scenery here.

# Drive-In Movie Ride

Photos by Floyd Thorne and Pat McCombs



Enjoying pizza before the movie



Picking out our parking spots



We're ready. Start the movie!



Bob & Sunny Norton, getting in hugs from long time Freewheeler Carol Council. She was here from California celebrating her birthday with family. What a nice surprise for the Drive-In Movie Night.



Our hard working Freewheelers' President, Jon Lofstedt at the Drive-In Movie Night, July 6th. Maybe thinking of the ride home at Midnight.

# PPSS

By George Barnes

*This was written a number of years ago, but it's one of those pieces that just cries to be reprinted from time to time. No matter if you have read it before or not, it should make you laugh. George has been a member of our club for many years. Living in the Glenwood Springs area, he doesn't get a chance to attend many meetings or rides, but we see him from time to time. George is also an Iron Butt Rally veteran with some impressive credentials. He set a new IBR mileage record on his way to victory in the 1999 Rally with 13,346 miles during the 11-day event. In 2001, while arriving at the finish in Alabama just a tad late coming in from Deadhorse, Alaska, he finished back in the pack, but did better his own mileage record in the process. Next month George will be attempting to become the first 2-time winner of the Iron Butt Rally when it begins in St. Louis on August 20th.*

On a ride over the weekend I had the chance to test BMW's new ABS-TCS-ISS-PPSS system. I was riding third in a group of three riders. Bill Gillespie, an experienced rider on an ST1100, was leading. Next was Jeff, a young rider, also on an ST1100, but with far less experience than Bill or I. As we approached the south end of the last run up to Douglas Pass, I decided I wanted to ride this section a little more aggressively than we had been riding.

I pulled into the left lane (of a two lane road), and passed Jeff. I continued in the left lane for a while, having a good time leaning the bike way over in the left hand sweeper. I was accelerating hard in second gear and, apparently, was having too much fun to notice a warning sign indicating that a slow, right hand corner was fast approaching. The suggested mph on the sign must have been something like 5! As I approached the turn at

70 mph, I realized I was WAY too hot and some serious braking was in order.

I got on both brakes very hard and slowed very quickly. At the last minute, I flicked the bike to the right to enter the turn. It was then that the back tire broke loose, sliding the rear of the bike about a foot to the left. The bike dropped so far on the right side that my foot was knocked off of the folding peg. I grabbed a handful of throttle and managed to bring the slide under control and continue through the turn.

The whole incident took only a fraction of a second, but was apparently enough to unsettle Jeff, who was close enough behind me to see the whole thing but was never in any danger. I continued on, passing Bill and having a great time going up the pass. Jeff caught up to Bill and pulled him over to tell him what had happened. Jeff asked Bill to remind him later to ask me how I managed to keep from dropping the bike.

Later, when Jeff asked, I explained that it wasn't my skill or experience that had allowed me to save the bike, although I wished it were. "No", I said, "it was BMW's new ABS-TCS-ISS-PPSS system that had saved me from a catastrophic incident." Jeff asked, of course, what all of that stuff meant, (ah, the curiosity of youth!). I explained it his way;

BMW has had ABS (antilock brake system) for years. It senses when a wheel lock-up is imminent upon hard braking and then releases and re-applies the brakes, preventing said lock-up. Honda introduced the TCS (traction control system) on it's ST1100 (which BMW has apparently adapted). TCS senses imminent rear wheel spin when too much throttle is applied and retards the ignition, lowering power, and preventing the spin.

Jeff said; "I understand those two systems, but what is ISS and PPSS?" I continued;

"The ISS stands for Inclination Sensor System, which measures lean angle. The whole system works as a unit. In my case, this is what happened; As I entered the turn I was hard on both brakes, yet I was also beginning to roll on the throttle and lean the bike to the right. The ABS sensed that the front brake was about to lock. The TCS sensed that the rear tire was about to spin, and the ISS sensed that the bike was leaning over to the right. The master control computer (MCC) put all of this information together and determined that the rider of this machine, (me), was in a deep shit situation! (DSS!). The MCC then activated the PPSS and I was able to pull out of the above mentioned DSS!"

Jeff asked what the PPSS was, so I explained. "PPSS stands for Pooper Pucker Servo System. It is a collection of servos mounted in the outside edges of the seat, which upon activation, squeezes the rider's butt cheeks together. This pressure pre-puckers the rider's anus. This action has two effects; first, relieved of this necessary task, the rider has more free resources available for getting out of the DSS! Second, it helps to hold any loose fecal matter in the body, saving cleaning time later on."

"Of course", I continued, "the PPSS has a manual override switch that allows the system to remain in operation until the rider is in a location where he or she can safely and discreetly remove him or her self from the machine in order to perform any necessary processes."

I feel lucky to have had the chance to teach a younger rider about the advanced working of a complex mechanical system!

All in all, it was a great ride!

Photos by Thumper



Long time Freewheeler & 1998 Rider of the Year, Bruce Waters takes in the sites at the 2007 Ladies Run of Colorado. That hot dog looks bigger than Bruce, but was working his way through it.



Colorado Freewheelers member Gene "The American Icon" Porter shops for more pins and patches at the 2007 Ladies Run of Colorado. Hard to tell where the display ends.

# The Stranger

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small Texas town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger...he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind.

Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity,

for example, was not allowed in our home... Not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our longtime visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush.

My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol But the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked... And NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures. His name?...

We just call him, "TV."

He has a wife now — we call her "Computer."

*Submitted by Floyd Thorne*

# Frank Heinzl

*(Steps down from Ladies Run of Colorado)*

It is hard to believe, that twenty years have gone by for The Ladies Run of Colorado. I can remember sitting in a CAM (Colorado Association of Motorcyclist's) planning meeting on a very cold Saturday in January 1987, when we first heard of the Colorado Ladies Run of Colorado. Jo Harris & Eileen Correia were explaining their vision to some forty motorcycle clubs that day.

The room was filled with mostly men that day, but the idea of really bringing women riding motorcycles to the attention of Colorado Motorcyclist's got rave reviews from all in the room. More and more women were riding, and these two ladies, wanted all of the Colorado Motorcycling Community to know about it. To them, it did not matter what you rode, but just be a part of it.

The Freewheelers, were big supporters of this event. A number of our members have played many small support parts in this over the years, and have both worked and ridden it for many years.

One of our long time Freewheeler members Frank Heinzl found the Ladies Run of Colorado to be a real passion, and for the last twenty years, has been a driving force in promoting the event. After twenty years, Frank is stepping down as a working member of the Ladies Run of Colorado various committee's. A job very well done, and has kept the Freewheelers involved all of those years.

A number of Freewheelers were at the 21st Ladies Run of Colorado on Saturday July 14th, and can tell you the Ladies Run of Colorado is alive & very well. Fairplay Colorado was over run with motorcycles, vendors, good food, and folks having a great time.

From this members stand point, who has enjoyed this event for many years, and made many new riding friends over the years from it, my very **SPECIAL THANKS TO FRANK HEINZEL.** Because of you, this is one of the reasons it is still successful after twenty-one years.

*Pat "Thumper" McCombs*