

# The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

October, 2004

## NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 21, 2004

Fay Myers Motorcycle World

7:00 pm

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## 2004 Almost History

As we near the end of 2004, it is hard for this member to believe that we are closing out our 23rd year as a club. It was June 17th, 1982 when I stumbled upon a group of motorcyclists calling themselves Chapter "C" of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. As they say, a lot of water has gone under the bridge since June of 1982. We have seen our name change a few times, and our guidelines have been reduced in numbers, and the club is really laid back from our early years. We have seen some great changes, and some not so great changes, but we have still been able to maintain ourselves as a club.

The American Motorcyclist Association stated in an article a couple of years ago "The average life of a motorcycle club is only five years" looking at that, we are way ahead of the game. I knew twenty-three years ago when I walked into Uncle John's Pancake House that there was something special about the riders I was meeting. Even though a lot of our early members are no longer riding, the friendships remain and we keep in touch. Once a member, always a member, and when we see them or talk to them we can relive the past rides and good times.

This has been a strange year, for me as a member and president of the Colorado Freewheelers. I more than likely owe every member in the club a big apology for not running the club as well as I have during other terms. When I took on the task as president for the 2004 club

year, I had lots of time on my hands and was looking forward to trying a lot of new things with the club. Funny how things change.

Jumping back into the Automotive Service Department wars once again for sixty to seventy hours a week takes a little out of you when you get to be in the old guy mold. I have come to realize, that I do not have the energy level I once had to take on all the motorcycle projects that I so love to do.

With that said, you as the members of the Colorado Freewheelers need to really give some thought as to where we are going as a motorcycle club. I look at the Harry's Roamers Motorcycle Club who have been around for seventy some years, and the RMVTA motorcycle club who are going into their twenty-second year, and they as well as us are fighting the same concerns. How to we breath new life into a club? How do we get riding interest up? How do we make the club of interest, so there is something for all our members? These are all good questions, and all should be addressed. All three of these clubs are facing the same problem. Although a lot of us will not say it, the problem is aging membership.

When you get ready to vote for your 2005 officers at our November meeting, give it some serious thought. Where do we want to be in the next two to five years with our club?

*Pat "Thumper" McCombs*  
President

## Bake Bake Bake & Craft Too!!

For the forty-third time in twenty-three years, we are asking all of our Colorado Freewheeler members for their help. As most of you know you can belong to our motorcycle club without having to pay any dues or hidden costs. Unlike most clubs we have been able to maintain all of our costs through our Bake Sales, and our 1000/24 event each year.

On October 21<sup>st</sup> we will be having our second Bake Sale of the year. This one is for the charities we sponsor. Let's have a GREAT, GREAT turnout for the meeting. Bring those cakes, and brownies, pies & crafts to the meeting to be auctioned off. If you have something you think would be a good auction piece, bring it to the meeting. This is always a fun night, and the proceeds will go to very worthy charities.

If you have not been to a meeting in awhile, this would be the one to catch. You can have a good time catching up on what's been going on in the club, as well as munching on some great goodies at the same time. Hope to see a great turn out and some faces we have not seen in awhile. Sorry no credit cards, just cash and checks.

*Thumper*

# Meeting Minutes

## September, 2004

We were called to order at 7:03 pm. by Frank Heinzel in the absence of Pat, our president. As we lacked either of our Chaplains we remained "unblessed" and went directly to the business part of our meeting.

Frank welcomed two newcomers, Chris Donner & Steve Rogers. Both were warmly welcomed by the club.

Frank told everyone about Rider of the Year award & explained how it is possible for almost anyone to qualify to be considered for this award.

The minutes from August were read aloud & accepted as nobody present wanted to be secretary next year.

Bob Norton gave us some safety tips for riding at this time of the year. It is dark later in the morning and frost is on the way. Be prepared for a wide range of temps during a day's ride. Bob and Frank addressed the need for non-drowsy cold or allergy medicines if you do take them. Do a pre-check before you mount up. Check tire pressure and electrical before you leave home.

Frank told us about the success of the 1000-In-24 and explained the event for the benefit of our new comers. There were 82 entries, 12 riding 2-up, 7 no shows, and 6 didn't finish, (2 went to motels others went home), We had one break down, and one injury accident. The injured rider, Mike Baca is recovering slowly from multiple broken ribs. We all explained about 1000-In-24 and showed off our t-shirts to new comers.

The August dinner ride was a nice ride with only a few sprinkles, but only a couple of riders from the FreeWheelers were in attendance. Everyone else missed a good dinner at the Platteville Double Tree.

The planned picnic to Bruce Waters due to his work in Kremling. Bob, Frank, and Brain rode over there but never didn't find him. Since it was after 4pm. they assumed that his crew had knocked off for the day. The Glenwood Springs soak ride was canceled.

Frank Heinzel will be leading the Denver Mountain Parks tour Sunday Sept. 19th. He intends to show 20 of the 31 parks Denver has outside of the metro area. The September dinner ride will leave the Target parking lot on Thursday, Sept 23rd. Bring a good appetite.

The Dolores River Canyon run will be an overnigher Sept. 25th. They will spend the night in Cortez & return home on the 26th.

We discussed the upcoming bake & craft sale. This will take place during our Oct. meeting. The money we raise will be equally divided between the Community Ministry (to aid their Christmas outreach program), The Anchor Center for blind children, and Children's Hospital (to purchase wagons). Everyone please bring something in the way of food or crafts.

We did without our usual smoke & potty break & drew for the free Christmas dinner & 50/50. Both were won by Young Willingham. I think the fix was in!!!

We adjourned at 7:55pm.

*Sincerely, Chris Janssen*

# Christmas is Coming

*The annual Christmas party and Awards Banquet is fast approaching. Here are the details:*

- Date:** Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
**Place:** Boulevard Grille  
1500 w. Littleton Blvd. (*Woodlawn Shopping Center*)  
**Renew Vows:** 5:00 pm. (*See invitation below*)  
**Drinks & Visiting:** 6-7 pm.  
**Dinner & Awards:** 7 pm.

## Menu

- Pasta primavera - \$11.00  
Honey-Dijon Fried Chicken - \$12.25  
Filet of Salmon - \$17.25  
Sirloin Steak (12oz) - \$18.25  
Margarita Shrimp - \$???.?  
Boulevard's Best (*steak & shrimp*) - \$27.00

**Please make your choices & payment by the November meeting.**  
Chuck & Chris: 720-495-2897

## To All Our Colorado Freewheelers Friends

**We ask for your presence for the renewal of our wedding vows on Saturday, December 11th, 2004 at 5:00p.m.**

**The ceremony will be held at the Boulevard Grill prior to our Christmas dinner.**

**Please come help us celebrate this very happy event.  
*We look forward to your company!***

*Chuck & Chris Janssen*



# Rider of the Year

It's hard to believe that at the 2004 Christmas Party we will be handing our 21<sup>st</sup> Rider of the Year Award.

As the winner of this award in 2003, it is my job to tally all the information for who is going to be the 2004 Rider of the Year. Judging from what I have seen on the rides this year, and the various articles in the Eagle Times there are a number of members who have a shot at the award this year. If you are going to take a shot at winning the award, time is getting short. You have the month of October, and eighteen days in November to get it done. **All Rider of the Year information must be turned in at the November 18th club meeting.**

I would remind everyone, that you do not have to be a driver to win this award. It was designed so any member in the club could win the award. Passengers have won in the past. If you are not sure what the guidelines are, listed below are the category's to be met.

1. Club Rides - 1 point each - 10 rides minimum
2. Committees (last 3 years) - 10 points each - 1 minimum
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
6. Prospective Members becoming Regular Members (last 2 years) 10 points each
7. Presentations at meetings (last 2 years) 5 points each - 1 minimum
8. Articles for the Eagle Times (last 2 yrs) - 8 points each - 2 minimum
9. Other Club's/Chapters Meetings attended 2004 - 3 points each - 1 minimum

That's it folks!! gather up all your information, rack your mind, and tally up all your points for the 2004 year.

For our newer members, we have had two of our lady members win the Rider of the Year award. Becky Gillespie was the first lady to receive the award in 1989, and the second was Sunny Norton in 2000.

*Thumper*

# Howard "Bud" Davis Helping Hands Award

As near as I can tell from all of my Freewheelers records, this will be the 21<sup>st</sup> year the club has presented an award to someone for their invaluable support of our sport.

As many of you may remember, the club changed the name of the award last year to honor one of our long time members, Howard "Bud" Davis. The award over the years has been received by both club members, and people from outside the club as well. It is an award that the Colorado Freewheelers have handed out with great pride each year to someone who has been of great help to motorcycling in Colorado. They may or may not ride, but have worked very hard to support the sport of motorcycling.

Last year we had somewhat of a little embarrassment, as the party that was to receive the award (Jerry Abboud) was ill, and could not attend our Christmas Party dinner. This was the first time that had ever happened, and we are hopeful that Marilyn Davis will join us again this year to present the award in honor her late husband, Bud.

Nominations for the award are always being sought. If you know of someone who would be deserving of the award, please bring it to my attention at the October meeting, or you can call me at 303-971-0568. Your input is always appreciated.

*Thumper*

# Special Thanks

As our riding year is quickly coming to a close, I would like to take this time to give a BIG BIG THANKS to all of the RMVTA MEMBERS who came out this year and supported the Colorado Freewheelers Motorcycle Club.

I found it very refreshing to be part of the interaction between both of our clubs this year. We saw some different riding views from both clubs. I think we all came away with a good feeling on the different rides both clubs put on this year. The overnight and dinner rides have been wonderful, and have given our members a chance to enjoy both clubs.

A lot of us now have membership in both clubs. A little special thanks to Stan Stotz, Floyd Thorne, George Barrett, Bill Gillespie, and Cliff Eudy, who really made an effort to make this work this year. I am hopeful that this will continue in the years to come.

*Thumper*

# Open Ride Season

The end of the scheduled rides for the year brings us to the "Open Ride Season".

Each Sunday from now until the 2005 ride schedule begins in April, we will be meeting at the Village Inn (C470 & Broadway) at 9am for breakfast. If the weather permits, we will ride at 10. We have already had some great open rides.

Even if the weather is bad, we still have to eat!

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