

The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

October, 2008

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 16, 2008

Fay Myers Motorcycle World

7:00 pm

www.cofreewheelers.org/

Winter Open Rides

Sundays, October-March

Since the recent closing of Your Neighborhood Grill, we will be gathering for now at the Village Inn @ C470 & Broadway.

Meet for breakfast: 9:00 am
Ride 10:00 am

Destinations will be depend on the weather conditions. Ride leader will be whoever speaks up..

Charity Bake/Crafts Auction

Thursday, October 16th - 7:00pm

Location: Fay Myers Motorcycle World, 9700 E Arapahoe Rd.

This is our club activity that raises money for charity. The Anchor Center for Blind Children and the Community Ministries Food Bank will be the beneficiaries this year. Bring your craft goods, bake goods, or any other saleable items for donation to a most worthy cause. And above all bring your money!

Thank A Vet

I've made it a long time habit of calling my 91 year old father on the same day at the same time each and every week.

Besides phoning him once a week, I call him on his Birthday, Christmas and Veteran's Day, yes Veterans Day just to thank him for his service to his country and to his family.

We are losing our World War II veterans at more than a thousand per week. So I would like to encourage everyone to call and "THANK A VETERAN" on November 11th. And if you could thank a WWII veteran, all the better.

Alan (Husker) Hansher

Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Pete Chronis. We opened, as usual with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were fourteen members in attendance. The only visitor was Tom Shader. Not sure if Tom was once a member, and just hasn't been to a meeting in a long time, or if this was his first meeting. Most everyone knows Tom, as he has been around a long time. Not to say that Tom is an old fart, but well I had better stop now. Tom has a blog site, and chronicled his 3-Flags trip. The site is: <http://tshaderstrips.blogspot.com/>

The secretary's report of the August meeting minutes was approved as printed.

The Treasurer's report was also accepted without military action. Our treasurer, Floyd Thorne reported \$81.33 cash on hand; \$228.98 in the Christmas fund; and \$1,418.47 in the checking account, for a total of \$1,728.78. He noted that the 1000-IN-24 netted over \$900 to the good.

Past Rides: The **Natural Bridge Ride** to Wyoming on Sunday, 8/24 led by Bob Norton was well attended. The **Mt. Evans/Beau Jo's Ride** on Sunday, 9/7 did not include Mt. Evans, but did include Beau Jo's, and was a very nice ride in the mountains.

Upcoming Rides: There will be two single-day **Fall Color Rides** this year. The first will be 9/28 and will be going west, and the other will be 10/4 and will be going north and west. **Emily's Ride** will be 9/29, and will take the place of an Open Ride that day. Off-season Sunday Rides will commence beginning 10/5.

Frank Heinzl recently rode the 1000-IN-24 route as he could not do it in August. He had a full auxiliary fuel tank, but couldn't use it because the pump had been disconnected by a shop technician during service work and not reconnected. He went on to tell the group about his failing to reconnect the trunk latch mechanism after replacing light bulbs in the trunk. He ultimately had to take the hinges apart to get into the trunk. Frank was awarded the Mental Meltdown award for the trunk adventure. The good news is that he can now put the trophy in the trunk.

Frank also mentioned that he had recently had an external hard drive crash. It was the drive that contained the club records, and he had no backup.

There was some discussion about ways to get more female participation in the club. Some ideas included dinners and outings.

Floyd Thorne has purchased several sets of steel valve stems following a rash of stem failures in the RMVTA. He has them available for GL1800s for around \$7/pair. He also told the group about Faster Motorsports, a new motorcycle store with a service department. They mounted and balanced a tire for him for only \$15. Faster is located at 999 Vallejo.

There was some discussion about car tires on GL1800s. The new Dunlop "run flat" doesn't seem to be getting the high mileage expected. There are many experiments going on.

Sunny Norton will be contacted to see if she is willing to head up the Christmas party again this year. Bob is ill this evening, so she is absent as well.

Pete noted that the Children's Hospital Toy Run will be less formally organized than in previous years. There will be multiple starting locations, and helmets will probably be required at the hospital itself.

Bob Swanson's trailer is now at Brian Boberick's house, and is available for members to use. Bob would like to transfer ownership to the club, but the licensing issue will have to be resolved.

Don Lyle won \$19 in the 50/50.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Secretary, Bill Gillespie

Say It Ain't So!

With the Boys of summer almost finished, being replaced by those Gladiators that take the field on Saturday's and Sunday's (ok and Monday's and Thursday's).

With the nights getting cooler, the sun setting earlier and the leaves changing colors and falling to the ground.

All of these things are signals that another riding season is coming to a close.

It has been another GREAT year of rides. We added some new and interesting ones, while keeping all the old favorites.

I would especially like to thank Bob Norton with coming up with the "Great Zip Code Tour".

We've said goodbye to some old friends and hello to some new ones. We've had our share of laughs and a few mishaps. Ok, well maybe Pete's had more than his share.

With all this said let's hope and pray for just a few more weeks of good riding weather before we hear that dirty four letter word "SNOW".

Alan (Husker) Hansher

Thanks from Becky Gillespie

Dear FreeWheelers,

Many thanks for your donation to the church in memory of my dad. I am so grateful. Dad always wanted a motorcycle, but was just unable to get one. He really enjoyed hearing about the club's adventures, and wore his FreeWheeler's shirts and caps with pride. Also, thanks for everything during the time immediately after Dad's passing. My goodness, I am so blessed to be part of the FreeWheeler's family!

Thanks again, Becky

Fall Color Ride

September 29th

Photos by Don McKee & Don Lyle

