

The Eagle Times

Colorado FreeWheelers

April, 2008

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, April 17, 2008
Fay Myers Motorcycle World
7:00 pm

www.cofreewheelers.org/

Bake & Craft Sale

Just wanted to get your attention.

If you have any money left after dealing with various governmental agencies, please bring it to the meeting this Thursday night. We will be having our annual "In Lieu of Dues" charity bake sale. And the charity is you!... and all of us. The money goes to our treasury, not the US Treasury.

The members decided many years ago to have a fundraiser instead of dues to support the club's expenses. Although a bake sale may not be the most original idea for a fundraiser, it's worked pretty well over the years. After all, we all like to eat.

Several of the members bake items each year that have become somewhat of a tradition. Others will pay way too much for a store bought delight. The club also possesses some members with actual talent. Those people make some very sought-after items in the craft category.

Our treasurer, Floyd Thorne is always complaining how little money we have, and this is our chance to make him smile. The traditional auctioneer is Bob Norton, aided by his lovely assistant, Frank Heinzl.

It's sure to be the social event of the season. Well, maybe not, but it will be a fun evening, and tasty too. We'll have a short business meeting, and get after the goodies and treasures about 7:30.

So, if you care about your club, bake something, make something, buy something to sell, or come buy something at the sale, but we need you there!

Word from "Boots"

The following note was received from Paul on March 22nd:

Good morning one all,

Yes I'm home. Got here last night about 18:30. Sure good to be at home. I will not make this note a long one today, but had two massive heart attacks last week. One on Monday evening and then the one that took me to the hospital Friday morning.

Considerable damage has been left behind. only fifty percent of the heart is still working, so my recovery will take a while. I'll write more later when I can muster more strength.

Paul

Paul is being well cared for mostly by members of the MRA. Some FreeWheelers members have also been to see him, and take him for meals. Paul recently celebrated his 69th birthday. We're all very thankful he was able to, and wish him many more.

Boots, we're all thinking about you and keeping you in our prayers.

Wild Goose Chase

Pat McCombs

On Sunday April 6th, Norman "Monkey Wrench" Roeder led us on his annual Wild Goose Chase. Turnout was good, the weather great, and most, if not all of the winter "Cabin Fever" was left out on the blacktop.

It is always fun to watch a large number of bikes following a trike all over the place. At 10:00 a.m. Norman started the elusive chase for the Wild Goose. We went west, we went south, we went north, we went East, and at times got dizzy figuring out which direction was what. It is amazing to this rider how much Denver and the surrounding area's have grown. Guess I need to get out of the Southwestern part of town more often.

Norm as usual, did a great job and all the riders seemed to enjoy themselves as well. We ended with lunch at the Red Robin at around 1:30 P.M. Some folks had other afternoon plans, others wanted to catch the Rockies, and one couple from Fort Collins needed to get back up north, as it looked like a front might be coming in.

Four of us, Jon Lofstedt, Bob Norton, Brian Boberick, and the Thumper, decided we were in some serious need of twisties. So off we went to escort Jon home to the Bailey area. Now Jon lives on top of a mountain, and to nobody's surprise, it was snowing when we got to his house. Thanks to his bride Callie, the hot coffee was on the counter when we pulled in. The weather shifted many times while we were there, and the ride back to 285 was uneventful. The sun had come out again, and made for a speedy return to Denver.

One thing though, I have chased that stupid Wild Goose now for twenty some years, and have never even gotten a feather. I am beginning to wonder, if Norman shot him a long time ago.

Thanks Norman for a nice day. Got the club off to a nice start for the 2008 riding season.

Thumper



Our Fearless Leader.



After much thought, I have decided to pass on becoming a Master Rider & Instructor in the GWRRA. Although the extra patches and bars would be nice, I have come across a more appealing program. I feel that the "Prospect Program" in the Street Soldierz Motorcycle Club would better fit

my needs. Their large PROSPECT & P really stands out on their vests. I did point out to them, that a large "Bull's Eye under the PROSPECT & P would be very helpful if they were to attend a Hell's Angel's Convention.

Thumper

Canyon City Blossom Festival

& CMA Ride for the Son Poker Run

Pat McCombs

Just a reminder, that once again long time Colorado Freewheelers member Larry Harkins has invited to club to join in a Saturday of riding, and fun events. The club has been to the Canyon City Blossom Festival over the past twenty-six years.

A few years ago Larry moved his family to Canyon City to raise his family in "Small Town USA" As a long time rider, Larry got very involved with the local CMA Chapter in Canyon City and has been their president for the last two years.

In 2006 Larry started inviting the Freewheelers down for the CMA's poker run that takes place before the Blossom Festival Parade and all of the days activities.

Their Ride for the Son Poker Run is well laid out, and the riding country they pick is always very spectacular in early May. This year, I am sure will be no exception. They tell me when we arrive in Canyon City, there will be hot coffee & fresh donuts to put in our tummies.

The Date May 3rd. Length and time of ride, is up to each individual rider. Some come back early in the day, and others stay for the day and take in the parade and other activities around town. There's lots to do, to fill out your day.

Group # 1: This group will leave our normal ride location Your Neighborhood Bar & Grill at 7:00 a.m. Sharp. If you would like to have breakfast, Ace and Darlene will be open for us. This will get us to Canyon City in time for the poker run. This group will be led by the Old Thumper.

Group # 2: Will be leaving Your Neighborhood Bar & Grill at 8:00 a.m. Sharp. This is for the folks who want to sleep in, and do not want to ride the poker run. Frank Heinzl as in years past will be leading this group.

Which ever group you come down with, plan for a fun day. The Blossom Festival Parade is right out of the movies. Small Town USA, lawn chairs, flag waving, and down to earth people. Plenty of home cooking food booths, crafts etc. Plus, you get in a nice ride.

Hope to see you on Saturday, May 3rd. By the way! Need your bike blessed? Not a problem before the poker run.

Thumper

Upcoming Rides

Annual Spring Club Fundraiser Crafts/Bake Auction

Thursday, April 17 **7:00 pm**
Location: Fay Myers Motorcycle World, 9700 E Arapahoe Rd.

This is the real club dues collection, time to support the club, help make a difference and get some goodies to boot.

3rd Annual Rocky Mountain Ride For A Cure

Saturday, April 26 **8:30 am-5:00 pm**
Location: Bass Pro Shops Northfield at Stapleton
Aprox.: 200 miles. (Charity Run)
Organizers: Riders for a Cure

Benefiting: The Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, Susan G. Komen For The Cure, The Children's Treehouse Foundation, and The Children's Hospital Foundation.
More information at their web site at : <http://www.riderscommittedtoacure.org/>

Wet Mountain Valley Ride

Sunday, April 27 **9:00 am**
Leave from: Neighborhood Grill, 1500 W Littleton Blvd.
Aprox.: TBD miles
Ride Leader: Bill(Wing Commander) Gillespie(303)781-0032

The Wet Mountain Valley lies in southern Colorado south of the Arkansas River. Bordered by the Wet Mountains to the east, and the Sange de Cristo Range to the west, a ride there this time of year should offer some very scenic views of the snow covered Sangres.

Canon City Blossom Festival Ride CMA Poker Run

Saturday, May 3 **7:00/8:00 am**
Leave from: Your Neighborhood Grill, 1500 W Littleton Blvd.

Approx. 270 miles
Ride leaders: Frank (Freewheelin') Heinzl/Pat (Thumper) McCombs

(303)295-7137 (303)601-3980

Once again we've been invited to join the CMA to join in their 21st Annual Poker Run charity fund raiser. The Poker Run starts at 9:00am so anyone wanting to join in should leave from the Boulevard Grill at 7:00 am, and take the direct route down to Canon City.

Anyone else wanting to just ride down to the Blossom Festival, the ride will leave at 8:00 am and take a longer more scenic route down. The Poker Run starts & ends in Canon City. The cost is a \$ donation, and the grand prize a new set of motorcycle tires of your choice. Free food & drink at the finish.

Either way both groups should make it down in time to catch the festival parade, and the crafts fair. The ride home route will be left up to the individual riders.

Experienced Rider Course

Sunday, May 4 **8:00 am**
Location: Jefferson County Stadium, Kipling St. & US-6
Aprox.: 75 miles (Open Ride)
Organizer: Bob (Knight Rider) Norton (303)915-7742

The class is now full, but there may be a cancellation or two. So, if you want to take the course, and haven't signed up, check with Bob.

Go Cart Run

Saturday, May 10 **9:00 am**
Leave from: TBD
Aprox.: TBD miles
Ride Leader: Cliff (Pipe Bender) Eudy (303)947-3854

Armed Forces Weekend Ride

Saturday, May 17 – Monday, May 19

7:30 am

Leave from: **Village Inn**; 16775 N. Washington St, Thornton
1/2 mile east of I-25 Exit 229, south side of CO-07

Aprox.: TBD miles

Ride Leader: Don (Orange Bear) McKee (303)525-2144

Celebrate the Value of Freedom; Honor the U S Military folks everywhere.

3 days, Sat-Mon, 17-19 May 2008, 1050 miles round-trip

D R A F T P L A N (more ideas desired and encouraged)

Day 1 - Saturday, 17 May 2008 - (N on I-25 and US-287, W on I-80 - 460 miles)

Breakfast - 6:30 am - **Wheels-up at 7:30 am**

Rapid route (ample time for R & R at motel) north on I-25, N on US-287, W on I-80.

Snack at Laramie (9: am) and again at Rawlins (11: am), Wyoming. Late Lunch at Green River, Wyoming (2: pm)

Sat night; Coalville, Utah (first of 2 nites)

Motel Options: (*Make your own reservations*)

Moore's Motel; 90 S. Main Street, Coalville, UT 84017 (435) 336-5991

Owner is Joan Judd

Blonquist Motel; 99 Main St, Coalville, UT 84017 (435) 336-2451

Sheryl Clark is the owner. This is the best motel.

Best Western Holiday Hills, 210 South 500 West, Coalville, UT 84017

(435) 336-4444 {west side of I-80}

First Day Mileage; 460 miles

Day 2 - Sunday, 18 May 2008 Hill A F B Aerospace Museum (90 miles round trip)

Breakfast 6:30 am

8:15 am, **C F W GROUP PHOTO** (outdoors), meet docent at Museum

FREE DAY (no fee, donation is a good thing); Tour Museum on-your-own (Open; 9 am thru 4:30 pm)

<http://www.hill.af.mil/library/museum/index.asp>

When on the webpage, Click the lower-right to watch the video (13 minutes)

Hill A F B Aerospace Museum (801) 777-6868 {Just south of I-84 and I-15 connect}

Hill Aerospace Museum is located on approximately 30 acres on the northwest corner of Hill Air Force Base, Utah, about five miles south of Ogden. The museum was founded in 1981 as a part of the United States Air Force Heritage Program and first opened in 1986.

Sunday night; Coalville, Utah (second of 2 nights)

Same motel accommodations

Second Day Mileage; 90 miles

Day 3 - Monday, 19 May 2008 (S on I-80, E on US-40 and I-70 - 483 miles)

Some may want to ride north to the Hot Springs in Lava, ID -- (add-a-day)

Breakfast; 6:30 am (local) Wheels-up; 7:30 am

Snacks at **Duchesne**, UT, and at **Dinosaur**, CO. Late Lunch at **Craig**, CO (1: pm)

Third Day Mileage; 483 miles

Return to Denver area by 7: pm Monday night (after Monday rush-hour)

CFW Great Zip Code Tour

Bob & Sunny Norton, Administrators

The Nortons have organized a wonderful season-long photo contest for the membership. It should be very interesting and fun to seek out post offices wherever we travel. Here is all you should need to know about participating in the contest.

RULES

- This contest will begin with the first scheduled ride of April 2008 and finish with the last scheduled ride of September 2008.
- Participating members must acquire a towel and select a number (1~99) which will be used to identify his/her participation.
- Selected numbers must be approved by the judges (Bob & Sunny Norton) to avoid duplication.
- Participating members must affix their selected number to the towel in some fashion and size which will allow it to be seen clearly from a distance.
- Participating members must submit photos which include the following:
 - The numbered towel
 - Their motorcycle
 - The location and Zip Code of the visited Post Office
- All 3 items listed above must be clearly recognizable (without need for magnification of any sort) in each photo.
- Only one photo per Post Office location may be submitted.
- Members must appear as individuals (NO GROUP SHOTS) in each submitted photo.

POINT SYSTEM

- Each submitted photo meeting the criteria is worth **4 points**.
- If you manage to get yourself in the photo as well you'll receive an additional 2 points for a total of **6 points**.
- An additional 4 points will be awarded if the photo contains a



Don McKee displays the photo procedure on a recent trip up "The Devil's Highway" in Arizona.

member and his/her significant other in the same photo for a total of **10 points**. No additional towel for the significant other is required.

NOTE: Remember! Only one photo per Post Office location will be accepted. Members cannot submit a photo showing a member and his/her significant other and a photo showing the member as an individual from the same location.

SUBMITTING PHOTOS

- Digital photos are acceptable.
 - Any manipulation of a digital photo meant to deceive the judges will automatically and totally disqualify the member from this and any other future contests of this type conducted by the CFW.
- Digital photos should be submitted to the judges via email to robnort1@msn.com. A verification message of receipt will be sent to the submitting member. It is strongly suggested members keep

these receipts to eliminate any disputes which may occur. If a member does not receive a verification receipt within 5 days after submitting a photo the member should contact the judges via phone (303) 973-9222. Leave a message if you do not speak to a judge directly.

- If a member chooses to submit other forms of photographic entries they must in some way contain the following information on the back of the photo:
 - The name of the submitting member
 - The date the photo was taken
- All questions concerning the rules of the contest must be directed to and can only be approved by the contest judges (Bob & Sunny Norton).

This contest is meant to be fun and promote interesting riding experiences to all those who choose to participate. Please use common sense and keep safety uppermost in your mind when acquiring your photos.

The decisions of the judges are final. We look forward to announcing the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place contest winners at the CFW annual Christmas Dinner in December.