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Upcoming Rides/Events

-Saturday Casual Rides

Every Saturday (except when scheduled rides occur). Meet at Sam's #3 for breakfast at 8:00 am. Depart from BMW of Denver-2910 S. Havana at 9:00 am.

-October 11th Ride to Harry Mathews Collection in Arvada

Our Ride Chairman, Wayne Sheffield, was able to use a little of his charm to get us into the famous Mathews Collection this Saturday. Entrance into the collection is not usually granted to the public, but Wayne was able to make it happen for us. Those who have been there can attest that it is well worth your while. There are some vintage BMW bikes there that Roy Blakney will introduce us to. If you want a taste of what the collection looks like, go to this link:

<http://www.mathewscollection.com> Also, Mary and Ed-owners of MotoGear Outlet, one of our club sponsors, have invited us to have coffee and doughnuts at their facility prior to going over to the Mathews Collection which is nearby. So here is our plan...

Meet at 8:30am this Saturday to head over to MotoGear Outlet. We will visit there until about 9:40, then over to the Collection for our 10:00 am tour. If it is more convenient for you to meet the group at MotoGear Outlet, we should be there about 9:00am.

-October 21st-2009 Ride Committee Meeting

Join us on October 21st at 7pm for suggestions and ideas for our 2009 ride schedule. We need all our members input and that is why our Rides Chair Wayne Sheffield sent out a survey to get your feedback on what you liked and did not like in 2008. So come with your ideas, suggestions, and ride routes that you want us to have in 2009. The meeting will be held at Wayne Sheffield's house at 7215 Houston Waring Circle in Littleton, CO. You can contact Wayne at rides@rmbrc.com or (303) 795-3623 for more information.

OCTOBER CLUB MEETING By John Walt

The monthly club meeting was held back at our home away from home-Windsor Gardens. The evening's events included a visit from one of our sponsors-Mary Simons& Ed Iwanicki of MotoGear Outlet. They brought samples of new riding wear-specifically the new Kilimanjaro & Katmandu jackets from First Gear along with the new (pearl ivory) N 103 helmet from Nolan.

Remember that members of the RMBRC get a 10% discount on all riding apparel plus an additional \$50 discount through what MotorGear calls their "Customer Loyalty Discount" program when you buy \$600 of merchandise over a 12 month period.

MotoGear Outlet is currently located at 6425 West 52nd Ave, #7 in Arvada, **Effective November 1, 2008 MotoGear Outlet will be relocating to their new location at:**

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2009-2009 Club Officers

For those of you who were unable to attend the election meeting last week, our new officers and at-large board members are:

President - Dave Fiack
Vice President - Pere Wickes
Treasurer - Tom Doggett
Secretary - Rick Valdez
At-Large Board Members - Chris Spanos, Mike Fox and Bob Wright

The new officers will be appointing the committee chairs in the coming weeks. If you are interested in a committee chair or assisting the chair, please let one of the officers know of your interest. We always need help.

Big thanks to Ed Padalinski, Roy Blakney, and Bob Wright who have worked hard during the last year, and before, to build club membership and insure that our activities are well organized. Ed, Roy and Bob will not be strangers to the club, and we will always appreciate and look forward to their continued involvement.

2008 Photo Contest

The deadline is fast approaching for your submission to the 2008 Photo Contest. We will be drawing from all entries for great prizes, so get those photos to us as soon as possible so have a chance to have an entry to win. You will receive one raffle for each photo entered. At the November 6th meeting we will announce the winners and draw for all prizes. You must be present to win! Come share your photos and 2008 rides with your other club members.

Please submit them digitally to photocontest@rmbrc.org

2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Club Membership information is available online at www.rmbrc.org or contact Dan Kearney at (303) 582-3384

President:	Ed Padalinski	president@rmbrc.org
Vice President:	Roy Blakney	(303) 756-2547
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Board Member:	Wayne Sheffield	rides@rmbrc.org
Board Member:	Chris Spanos, Sr.	programs@rmbrc.org
Membership	Dan Kearney	membership@rmbrc.org

CLUB STORE

We are now stocked with many items for sale from our Club Store. We are in need of a volunteer to help keep items in stock and bring them to any meetings or events for sale to members and non members. Contact Ed Padalinski (720)384-5855 or Chris Spanos, Sr. (303) 340-1317 for items and/or to volunteer for our 1st Club Store Chairperson.

- Club Polo Shirts \$25.00**
- Club Decals \$3.00**
- Club Pins \$5.00**
- Club Hats \$16.00**

Club Activities:

All Monthly Meetings are held in one location at Windsor Gardens Restaurant 597 S Clinton St. Denver (unless otherwise noted). The Meetings begin at 7pm and food is served from 5pm to 630pm

- All Monthly Board Meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at 700pm at the home of board member Kip Rogers (303) 750-6234. All members are welcome to attend!
- Our monthly membership meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. The November meeting will take place on **Thursday, November 6th** Windsor Gardens-597 South Clinton St., Denver. The general program starts at 6:30 pm, and the topic of this month's meeting will be the results of the Annual Photo Contest. Winners will be announced and we will review of all members' photos for 2008.

Do not forget the Monthly Raffle. Last months winners received several very nice gifts as donated from our many fine sponsors. It could be your chance to win next month, but you must be present to win!!

From your President....

Presidents Column October 2008

The fall is upon us and we are all trying to get in as many rides as we can before the snow starts flying! I headed out myself this past weekend alone to just reflect and ride at my own pace, stop when I wanted, for as long as I wanted, and ride the route I wanted. While I enjoy the camaraderie of group rides, sometimes I need to be alone without constantly checking the rearview mirror to make sure my co-riders are still there. I am sure many of you who have lead rides know what I am talking about. So enjoy the group rides, but do not make that your only reason to ride.

Speaking of group rides, we are getting our 2009 Ride Book together soon and will have a Rides Committee meeting scheduled for 7pm on October 21st, so watch our website and check your email to make sure you know where we are going to plan the rides for 2009. We need all our members input and that is why our Rides Chair Wayne Sheffield sent out a survey to get your feedback out what you liked and did not like in 2008. We would also like some new members come out and lead a ride of their own design and choosing. So come with your ideas, suggestions, and ride routes that you want us to have in 2009. It is our club members who determine the rides for the upcoming year, not just your board of directors. Speaking of board of directors I want to congratulate all those new board members, thank those of you who will continue on, and certainly those who have decided not to be a part of the board in 2009. We still have many committees that can

THANK YOU SPONSORS!!!!

The RMBRC would like to welcome Colorado Tourbike Rentals and Sales as a new sponsor to the club. Colorado Tourbike's mission is to provide high quality motorcycles for accomplished riders at reasonable prices. Check them out at www.tourbikes.com or call them toll free at (866) 337-7810.

Please understand that many of the activities of your club would not be possible without the generous support from these fine organizations. Please ensure that we thank them by purchasing their goods and services.

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FOR SALE: R1200RT Stock Replacement Windshield

Brand new hardly used for the newer RTs 2005-2008 \$150.00 or best offer. Ed Padalinski (720)384-5855 or president@rmbrc.org

FOR SALE: Gel Pro Butt Pad

Motorcycle saddle pad for added comfort, like new \$50.00. Please contact Chris Spanos (720) 859-6434.

FOR SALE: 2003 R1150RT Only 13,615 miles. Always garaged with many options. Includes AMFM Cassette, Side cases with touring lids, heated grips, Throttlemeister cruise control, Highway Pegs, C Bailey windshield, all other standard BMW options Price is \$9600.00. Contact Jon Bowers abeready@yahoo.com for more information.



FOR SALE: Elf Pegs for R1200RT

These are a set of foot pegs designed specifically for the newer 2005 and on R1200RT. They fit into the cylinder heads over the spark plug wires. You can see them at www.cyclegadgets.com/Products/Product.asp?item=ELF
 Contact Mark Bickford at (303) 358-1313 or bickford@mac.com if you are interested in purchasing a set.

TENTATIVE TRACK DAY WITH GO4IT RACING & MICHAEL PETTIFORD-OCTOBER 18

The RMBRC is trying to gauge interest for a track day with Michael Pettiford of GO4IT Services. This track day would be held on October 18, 2008 in the Northwest Metro Denver area (track to be finalized based on member's interest).

Located near Boulder, Colorado Go 4 IT Racing Schools offers quality, private instruction for both drivers and motorcycle riders alike. GO4IT Services is a high performance safety and racing school specializing in basic through competition techniques for cars and motorcycles.

On average, the cost for this course is \$450 per person if there were a total of 4 members in attendance. Obviously, if more members decide to attend, this rate would be reduced. For those of you that are interested in scheduling a track day, contact John Walt at editor@rmbrc.com. Michael Pettiford can be reached directly at www.go4itservices.com



MOST BIKERS CAREFUL BY PAUL SANTOS

Contrary to K.M Whitehead's musings, the vast majority of motorcyclists do not speed. In fact, if every on-road, four wheeled vehicle driver were taught how to ride a motorcycle, fewer motorcyclists would be killed and maimed.

It takes a lot of skill and due diligence to ride a motorcycle safely. When the rubber meets the road, the actual contact patch of a tire has a footprint smaller than a baby's palm print. Think about this: Two tiny palm-size prints keep a motorcycle on the road, and that's when the bike is upright. It shrinks drastically when leaned over.

Now add to this riding on wet and slick surfaces, where spilled diesel fuel and oils rise up to challenge the most seasoned rider. Then there's the ever-present potholes, sand, gravel, wet leaves and, of course, inattentive car drivers. Let's face it, the vast majority of car drivers are sadly unaware of what's going on around them when out in their steel cages. They are too busy eating muffins, drinking coffee, talking on the phone, etc.

The majority of motorcycle fatalities are due to left-turning vehicles driven directly into oncoming bikers. I encourage K.M. Whitehead and others to chat with an experienced biker. Experienced bikers would never endanger others or themselves; they know the steel cage wins every time.

MOST MOTORCYCLE DEATHS CAUSED BY INEXPERIENCE

BY BILL LOCKHART, RMBRC MEMBER-WAVERLEY, NOVA SCOTIA

Contrary to a recent letter to the editor, a vast majority of motorcyclists do speed but to be fair, this vast majority is composed of bikers that happen to ride so called "crotch-rockets" designed to go like heck and stop, with luck, in the same area. Cruisers, dressers and Harleys are seldom seen breaking the sound barrier and the riders of these bikes seem to possess an average smattering of common sense.

Not having access to the latest statistics on death by stupidity, my most recent awareness of motorcycle accidents is that speed and loss of control, due to the blatant lack of rider knowledge of the power and unforgiving natures of their motorcycles, seem to be factors.

Please do not blame the majority of bike deaths on car drivers. Take a closer look at the cause of the accidents that do not even involve cars. Speaking of muffin-eating, coffee-drinking, cell phone-yapping car drivers, have you ever seen a CB-babbling, intercom-chatting, smoking, coffee-drinking biker on a cruiser with GPS and four-speaker stereo blasting?

Anybody ever do a study on the meeting of a novice biker and his first steed? A known factor is that many first bikes are overpowered, street legal racing machines and the biker has only ever had experience on a bike with pedals. The contributing factor in rider/bike mismatch uses testosterone as the catalyst. (Lady riders, supply your own reason).

I believe I have earned the right to express my opinion, having ridden a motor-powered, two-wheeled vehicle almost continuously for the past 70 years, starting at the tender age of seven.

I trained motorcycle riders for the Canada Safety Council as a senior instructor for over ten years and had only one accident in 70 years which was the result of sheer stupidity-mine-with no injuries other than pride.

The public see only bikers riding way too fast and believe they represent the majority of all bikers. Painting everyone with the same brush is human folly but serves a purpose if it gets the unnoticed majority of non-knuckle dragging real bikers to pressure the cowboys to quit ruining the image of the average rider.

Stupid kills and you can't fix stupid!

SAFETY FOOTNOTES BY ROY BLAKNEY-SAFETY DIRECTOR RMBRC

A footnote to these varied opinions regarding your safety:

- **Any rider** be it on a "crotch rocket", touring bike, cruiser, or even a motor scooter should take a motorcycle safety riding course to upgrade their riding skills.
- **Any rider** should not ride too far above the posted speed limit.
- **Any rider** should know that we may not be visible to other vehicle drivers around us, especially in traffic, at intersections, at night and in the rain.
- **Preventive Measures**
 - Always ride with your headlight or driving lights on, use your high beam on during the day.
 - If your taillight is small or not very bright, add another one.
 - Never assume that no one will run a red light or pull across in front of you.
- **Habits**
 - If you continually ride close to your limit and have gotten away with it, statistics tell us that ***one day you won't***. After all, who are you trying to impress? Nobody cares, but we DO care about your safe riding ability.
 - Enjoy this great sport!

use your help and direction.

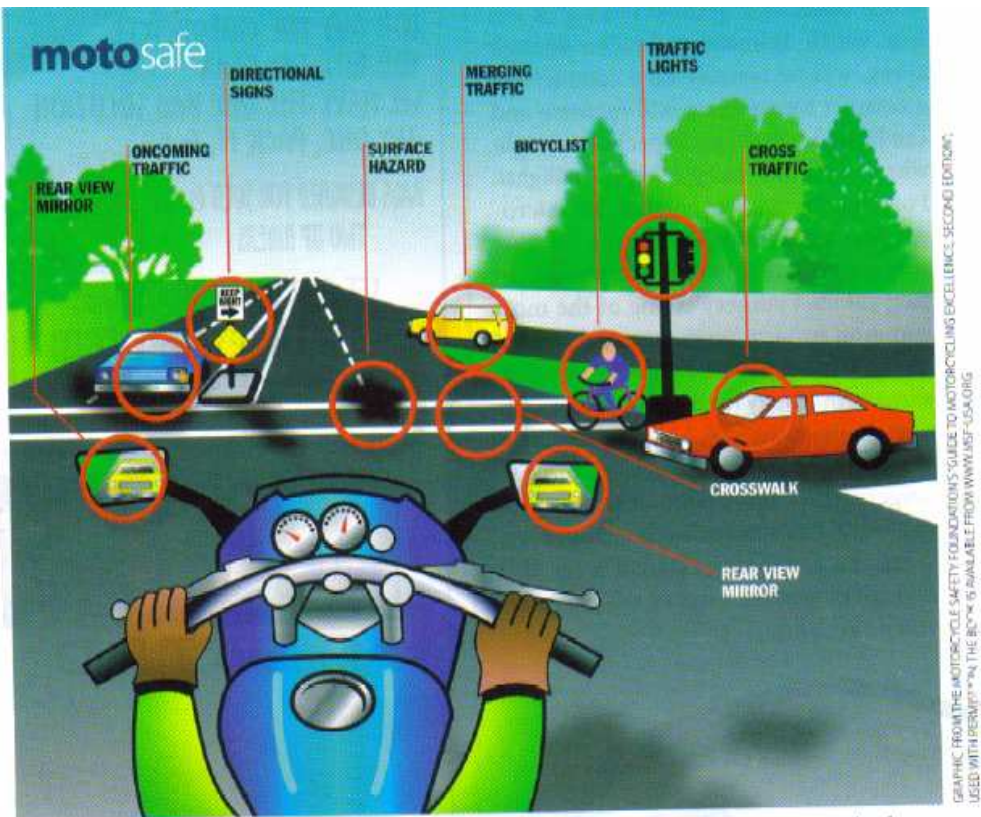
The 2008 ride season is coming to a close; however, we still have a few more including the infamous Turkey Trot Poker Run in November. Remember to check your ride book or the website to find out the details and we hope to see you there. I am sure since everyone is back in town from all their summer rides we will have to hear about their own personal experiences and the upcoming November 6th Membership Meeting Photo Contest will be the place to be to see and hear about all their experiences. Of course you have to remember to enter the contest yourself as there will be some great prizes!

Remember it is not all about the ride!

Ed Padalinski

President

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There are 16 different things to be aware of in this picture. A quiz will be held at the November RMBRC meeting, and a prize will be awarded to the winner!

You should be especially aware at intersections, where other vehicles can cross your path of travel. There are many things to scan for, including traffic devices, road surfaces, traffic, and pedestrians around you.

Toy of the Month

This month's **Toy of the Month** is not so much a toy, as it is a fun and informative book for all types of motorcycle riders (off-road, cruisers, touring). **Colorado Riding Guide** by Mario Caruso is a informative and detailed look at numerous rides throughout the beautiful state of Colorado. Caruso uses a system of centrally located "hubs" throughout the state as starting points for many rides. (Example: Rides from Gunnison & Rides from Woodland Park). Section 2 uses a system of connecting the various hubs previously outlined (Gunnison to Durango & Kremmling to Meeker). Section 3 discusses favorite roads throughout the state, and a route called "Around the State in 8 Days-More or Less. The book is small enough to fit into a tank bag, and has a spiral binding to easy of use. Copies can be bought directly from the author online at www.arkansasrider.com, or can be bought over the phone at (501) 318-5233. Mario will even sign a copy for you if you ask real nice! Cost is \$18.40 + shipping & handling