

# The Raindrop

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November 2008

## Side Roads From the President



Come join us for an evening of fun at the Red Door Saturday, December 12 @ 5:30 for the Rainmaker Christmas Party. Contact a board member if you can help with the party and remember to send you your money to reserve your place. Each meal this year will cost \$15.00 per person and this includes gratuity.

On a sadder note, Past Rainmaker President Darrel LaVoy passed away Sunday October 26th from complications of cancer. We send our heartfelt condolences to Janice and the family. Darrel was an active Rainmaker, enjoyed riding his Goldwing and will be truly missed. Services were held for Darrel, Thursday October 30th at Smiths Funeral Chapel West @ 2:00.

Just Ride Baby Ride! *John*

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## Monthly & E Board Meetings

The meetings are monthly at **The Red Door**. Monthly meeting starts with dinner @ 6:30 & meeting @ 7:30. E Board meetings are the last Wednesday of each month @ 6:30. ALL members are welcome to attend.



## What's Happening Rainmakers

**November 26**— E Board meeting at the Red Door @ 6:00 to finalize the Christmas Party.

**November 27**— Happy Thanksgiving!

**December 13**— Rainmaker Christmas Party at the Red Door. See details on page 7 for the Christmas party.

**January 1, 2009**— New Year's Day Ride to Columbus. We will meet at McDonalds @ 12:00 noon and ride to Columbus for lunch and 50/50 drawings.



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## Subject: Older Dog

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The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: 'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'

**Does anybody else feel this way besides me?  
I need a nap!**

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## Rainmaker Birthday's & Anniversaries

### November Anniversaries

15th– Bill & Shirley Downs

### November Birthdays

6th Dave DeBoer

9th– Cathy Wasia


13th– Darlene Hess & Celie Alder

15th– John Vanover

21st– Ron Blaquiere

26th– Al Koski





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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RainmakersMC/>

**From the Editor.....** The Raindrop is posted to both websites each month. **No email ?** I'll mail you a hard copy! **I can always add you to the email list if you get email!**

Deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month. **It's nice when you contribute!** Contact me @ 252-7704 or email @

bcpmmach@bresnan.net. *Cheryl Blaquiere—editor*




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#### Miscellaneous Websites :

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## **Rainmaker Memorial**



Darrel D. LaVoy 4/21/1941 - 10/27/2008

Darrel D. LaVoy passed away after a courageous battle with cancer, Oct. 27, 2008.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m., at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West in Billings.



Darrel was born on April 21, 1941, to Marvin and Adeline LaVoy in Mitchell, S.D. Darrel grew up in South Dakota and graduated high school in Chamberlain, S.D., in 1959. After graduation he joined the United States Army in 1960 and was stationed in Germany. In 1963, he received a honorable discharge and returned home to Chamberlain.

On April 27, 1963, Darrel married Janice F. Fisher and they made their home in Pukwana, S.D.

In 1968, Darrel moved to Montana and was employed with Ryan's Western Warehouse foods, where he managed the Western Warehouse grocery stores in Lovell, Wyo., Glasgow and Havre for 10 years. In 1978, Darrel decided to pursue a career in sales and trucking with Bert Tillman at Tri County Implement in Havre. In 1984, he moved his family from Havre to Buffalo, Wyo., where he went back to work for Super Value (Ryan's) located in Billings, as a non-foods sales representative and serviced the IGA grocery stores in Wyoming and Montana.

Darrel moved back to Billings in 1992 and continued to work for Super Value until his retirement in 2004.

Darrel's interests included riding his motorcycle, and he was actively involved in the local Rainmakers motorcycle group. He served as the Rainmakers chapter president for the last three years. He loved his family and his wife with all his heart. Nothing meant more to him than riding his motorcycle (with Janice on the back) and being with his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Darlene Myers.

He is survived by his wife, Janice; sons Brett of Havre, Craig of Billings; daughter Dawn Maertens and husband Tom of Banner, Wyo.; stepdaughter Wendy Eskins and husband Mark of Yankton, S.D.; six grandchildren and one step-grandson; his brother Roger and sister Marla.



**Colorado Trip 2006 - "Follow the Red bike!"**

# Rainmaker Meeting Minutes

## October 8 , 2008

John Vanover called the meeting to order on October 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. and had 19 RMC attend this month's meeting.

September minutes were accepted.

Treasury Report: \$534.34

Old and New Business

1. Mike handed out the 2009 ride schedules.
2. The Christmas party was discussed and the menu was voted on.
3. The October dinner ride will be at Gusick's 10/15/08.
4. Ingomar Ride had 15 bikes, 18 people – great ride and beautiful day. Gene Wasia won poker for high hand and Bill Blaquiere for low hand. Jack called several people to remind them of the ride and personally invite them. Thank you Jack-that was nice.
5. Montana Hannas ride had 13 bikes, 18 people. excellent ride, good dessert!!!!
6. Magic Mystery Ride had 17 bikes, 22 riders.

50/50 winners was Mike Henry for \$9.00 Shake a day added another \$9.00

Motion to adjourn by Dave Alder and seconded by everybody.

Submitted by Beverly Mundschenk

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Long Sleeves- \$13.00 to \$15.00

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### Rainmaker Items for Sale:

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Large Stickers	\$4.00
Rainmaker Pins	\$2.60 ea
Rainmaker Patches	\$7.00 ea
Large Rainmaker Patches	\$18.00
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Rainmaker flags	\$12.95
Montana Flag	\$10.95

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### Memory Patches

**Darrel LaVoy**– patches will be available soon.

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# Tell the Sex of a Fly—by Jack Byrnes



JUST TOO CUTE.

This is the cleanest joke I've come across in a long while.

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her  
Husband stalking around with a fly swatter

"What are you doing?"

She asked.

"Hunting Flies"

He responded.

"Oh. ! Killing any?"

She asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 Females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked.

"How can you tell them apart?"

He responded,

"3 were on a beer can,  
2 were on the phone

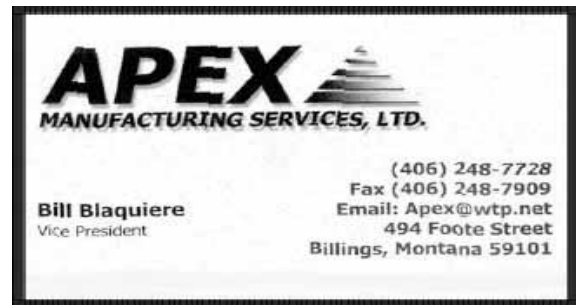


## Heath Tips

### Easy Ways to Save your Skin

1. Use sunscreen appropriately and re-apply every two hours.
2. Avoid the sun's danger hours (between 10 am and 4 pm).
3. Use protective clothing and wide brimmed hats and swim shirts.
4. Say 'no' to tanning booths and beds.
5. Be aware that water, snow and sand act like a mirror reflecting rays, even on cloudy days.
6. Get vitamin D though a healthy diet and supplements.
7. Visit a dermatologist or general physician for regular screenings.
8. What to do all those long words on the bottle of sunscreen mean? In general, look for a product that notes "broad spectrum" coverage for the best coverage. For maximum protection, you should choose a sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB rays.

Even though we are not in full swing with riding season. Now is the time to visit your doctor and take care of these little matters. You never know, you could possibly save your life with an annual body check.



## Thank you Rainmakers.....

I personally would like to thank each and every Rainmaker who attended or assisted at Darrel's funeral service on Thursday October 30, 2008. Darrel was a devoted Rainmaker until he passed away. He would have been very pleased to see such camaraderie and friendship.

Thank you to those who participated in the memorial ride for Darrel from Zoo Montana to Smith's Funeral Home West. Thank you to Bill Blaquiere for organizing and leading the 'pack' of over 20 bikes consisting of Rainmakers and Chapter B members.

Thank you to the following gentlemen, Larry Nichols, Al Koski, Don Bushman, Bill Blaquiere, John Vanover and Dave Alder who served as pall bears for Darrel. That must be a very difficult task to escort a friend to their final resting place. You serve the club well.

Thank you to the ladies of the club who provided nourishment for after the service. Ethel Kniss, Carol Byrnes, Darlene Hess, Judy Balzar, Kendra Bruget, Mary Hodges, Celie Alder, Ginny Davis, Alice Slagowski, Bev Mundschenk and myself, Cheryl Blaquiere. A special thanks goes to Ethel & Carol for getting things started in the kitchen and the other ladies for pitching in and helping clean up.

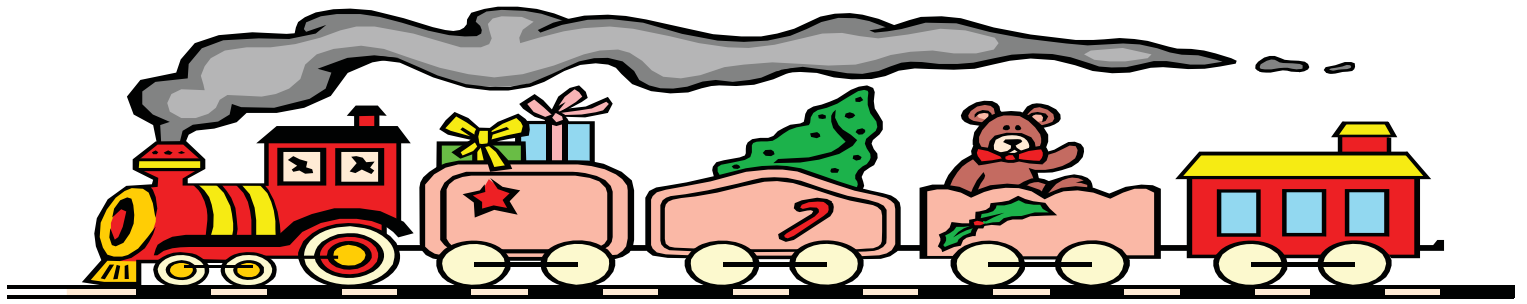
The Rainmakers is truly a great group of friends. The friendships amongst each other make each of our lives and those lives we touch just that much richer.

Again, I thank all the Rainmakers from the bottom of my heart.

I will finish with the quote that I left for Darrel and his family and friends when I spoke at the service. To Darrel "Darrel, Fly Like an Eagle, you are now free". To family and friends, " Faith will guide you and bring you peace."

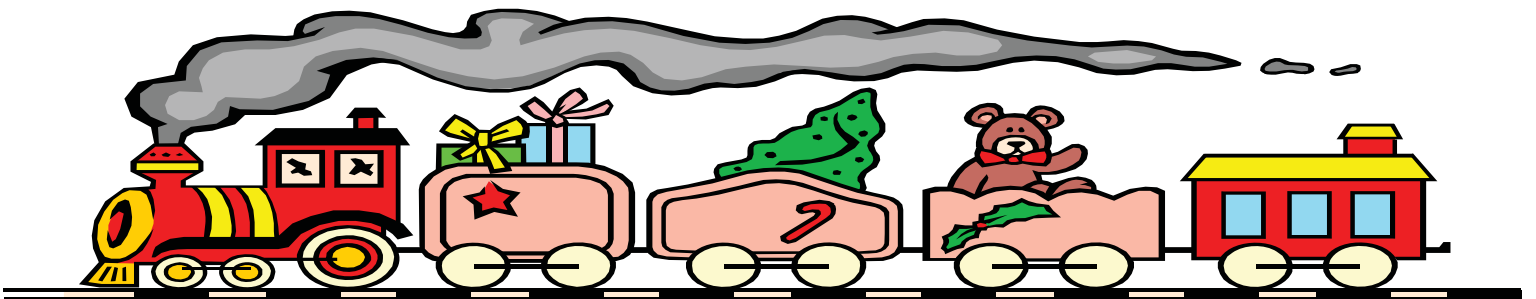
Love & Peace to All...Cheryl Blaquiere— editor

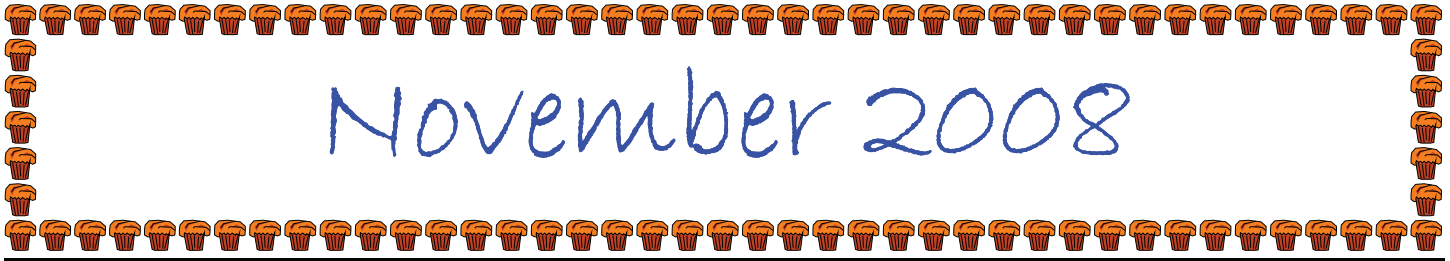




## *Rainmaker Motorcycle Club Christmas Party 2008*

- When:** Saturday December 13, 2008
- Where:** The Red Door on Grand Ave. 5:30 to 9:00
- Time:** 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour  
6:30 p.m. Dinner (see menu below)  
7:30 p.m. Fun, Games and Prizes  
Awards for 2008
- Bring:** A non-perishable food donation to be given to the Billings Food Bank.  
A positive attitude to have fun!
- Menu:** Beef Top Round Roast and Roasted Red Pepper Chicken.  
Including potatoes, veggies and desserts.  
\$15.00 per person. Please bring your payment to the next meeting on  
November 12<sup>th</sup>, or mail to the post office box:  
Rainmaker Motorcycle Club  
P.O. Box 23001  
Billings, MT 59104.
- RSVP by:** Saturday December 6, 2008.





# November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
All Show Up Rides leave McDonalds at time shown on calendar.						1
2 Show Up Ride @ 11:00  <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i>	3	4 <i>Election Day</i>	5	6 <b>B-Day</b> Dave DeBoer	7	8
9 Show Up Ride @ 11:00  <b>B-Day</b> Cathy Wasia	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 RMC Monthly Meeting— Dinner @ 6:30, Meeting @ 7:30 @ The Red Door	13 <b>B-Day</b> Celie Alder Darlene Hess	14	15 <b>Anniversary</b> Bill & Shirley Downs  <b>B-Day</b> John Vanover
16 Show Up Ride @ 11:00	17	18	19	20	21 <b>B-Day</b> Ron Blaquiére	22
23 Show Up Ride @ 11:00	24	25	26 E Board Meeting @ 6:30 @ the Red Door  <b>B-Day</b> Al Koski	27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	28	29
30 Show Up Ride @ 11:00						

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