

**Northern CA State Staff Meeting
March 24, 2012
Yuba City Moose Lodge**

On March 24, 2012, the meeting was called to order at 10AM by Harry Davis, No CA State Director. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Harry.

Stand and introduce State Board, Regional, and National Staff.

Welcome:

JIMMIE PHILLIPS, Chapter L, has returned after his accident in 2010!
Steve and Ralphine Andrus – Region B Directors
Charles Horner - National Representative
John Hunrath - National Webmaster
Lynn Hollenback & Jana Van Housen - Mr.& Mrs. GWTA for N. CA
Skip & Sue Paquette - Region B Family of the Year

Minutes from last meeting (1-7-12); two changes, Annabelle Hetzer from Chapter Z is not ACD, she is secretary. Under Region reports we sold 27,000 tickets last year not 10,000. After noted changes, Minutes approved by those in attendance.

Introduction – Chapter Directors, Chapter Members, Any Changes

Chapter CD's in attendance:

- A- Manny & Lucille Bernstein CD; Jim and June Jackson ACD**
- B- Tom Garske CD**
- E- John and Delores Reynolds CD; Bill & Fran Jamison ACD**
- F – Kathy & Phil Honig CD; Phil and Charlie Messer ACD; Dave & Shelly Caudle;
Bill Mael; Butch & Connie Ditmars; Mel**
- L - Lynn Hollenback CD & Jana Van Housen ACD; Jimmie Phillips**
- O- Joyce and Les Long CD; Charles Horner**
- P- Harry and Karen Davis CD; Rich McMillan ACD; George & Elouise Brice**
- R- Doug Green CD**
- S- Jack Jackson & Debby McNeese CD; Dennis Therien ACD**
- T- Skip and Teri Trautman CD; Skip & Sue Paquette ACD; Ed Davis; George Wabie;
John Lopez; Jenny Genesoto; Mac & Adrienne McWhorter**
- V- Christi & Steve Cue CD; Joe & Mary Spencer; John & Charmayne Hunrath;
Ralphine Andrus; Joan Doolittle**
- X- Dennis Garton CD; Terry & Debbie Owen ACD**
- Z- Don Tolbert CD**

Region B Directors- Steve & Ralphine Andrus

Thank you members for getting “Board of Memories” to them to take back to Gold Rush; they are all very creative and wonderful. They must be size 22x28 and you can send more than one. 420 are registered for this 25th Gold Rush so far with 20 from Region B. If you are not attending you definitely want to send a board to represent your Chapter.

The 3-3-1 Program, 3 yrs 3 months 1 membership is in effect till May 1st and you can still go to Gold Rush and get in for \$150.00 and get 3 more years’ membership.

Selling bright yellow t- shirts for opening ceremonies, \$15.00 S-XXL; \$17.00 XXXL and up. Lanyards- \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00.

What Chapter has a new member in the last month (3 hands went up)? Closest date got a “you can, I did it” t- shirt from region.

National ticket sales are still our main money maker to keep us afloat. Region B just sent in 600 tickets. 8,000 tickets sold to this date, B is in the forefront! How about every Chapter buys 100 tickets if you have it in your treasury?

- Chapter T has a candy drive and pushes national tickets. They took 200 today and 400 not long ago.
- Don Coons- National RED goes out to eat and gives a ticket to the waitress and people come by to see what he has to sell. Region B Steve Andrus needs tickets back from Chapter Directors if you are sitting on them, so we don’t have to ask National for more before we really need them.
- Dave Caudle- if Chapter buys tickets out of Chapter funds decide ahead of time what you will do with the money. His Chapter did win a couple years ago and it created a controversy but the Chapter in the end decided to give back to National.
- Chapter L- bought 100 tickets. Suggests that you don’t take the money or taxes are owed on that; give back to National. When selling memberships, they bring up the 2 million 3rd party insurance that is part of our GWTA membership, and where else can you get that?
- Karen- how many of you do Readers Digest contests; how many of you go to the casino? This is just a tiny bit to put out to help our organization.

Gold Rush- Our 25th birthday July 23-26, 2012 at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. Theme - “Memories”.

National Board- Charles Horner

Charles just got up and handed every Chapter Director a book of tickets to do what each Chapter Director wanted with! Charles asked for any input from members to take back to National.

Jim Jackson of Chapter A asked - are we checking in with lifetime members to see if they still want the Touring News? Yes, actually we do but we are NOT printing the magazine without money to pay the printer when we print every time.

The owner of Lee's Honda of Redding passed away two days ago, supporter of Fallen Rider from the beginning. Service is Monday.

National Webmaster- John Hunrath

Good job John!

State Treasurer- Dave Caudle

\$2,301.39 DEPOSIT Spring Fling

\$420.00 DEPOSIT Fall Fiesta 2012

TOTAL in checking- \$6,117.71

N.CA State will buy 100 tickets from state treasury; tickets for GWTA No CA, care of Harry Davis. Dave Caudle motion that N.CA State buy 100 tickets and donate any winnings back to National, seconded by Cathy Honig, all approved.

We need 100 registered for Spring Fling to do well.

June Jackson challenges other states directors to buy National tickets and donate back. Region B directors will put out the challenge. Tom Garske says "send them a t-shirt" if they win"!

RED

Bill Mael has plans for Spring Fling this year, level 2 course, and CPR instruction just to know it or \$25.00 for certification.

State Assistant Director- Don Tolbert

For Spring Fling 2012, there will be seven categories in the bike show.

Security- he is passing sign-up sheet around for members to indicate a two-hour increment of volunteer time, and every Chapter should be represented. The RV area is not our responsibility. If you don't know someone, introduce yourselves, what chapter are you from? Everyone should wear badges that are provided in the registration bag. We will use backup radios from trailer storage. Can we go back to the stickers on the bike headlights? Not approved, not all in favor.

Break 11:02 AM- 11:20 AM

Fundraising- Lynn Hollenback, Speaker

In Chapter L. a website was started a couple years ago. They figured out that the site could be used to get sponsorship for the Chapter's various community-based support (especially keeping the scholarship program going and going for each high school in Lake County). They already have \$700.00 by putting business cards on the website from business owners throughout the community. There is a bronze, silver and gold level for advertising. 15 businesses are \$100.00 ea., \$1,500.00 to scholarships. The student has to have a 2.0 grade point average with the Chapter's goal of reaching some kids who wouldn't otherwise get a chance. And the student has to be going to one of two colleges in the community.

Upon an accountant's suggestion they changed their toy run name to Charity Fun Run because the toy run was a bit misleading. If there is any money left over they apply the funds to their other charities such as the scholarships, etc.

Helping Hands

Harry Davis would like to see the Helping Hands assistance be at \$1,000 instead of the current \$500 amount. Ed Davis responded that originally it was only to help get someone home if they were stuck out on the road. Funds may not always be available, either. We need a better description about exactly what Helping Hands is. John Hunrath reported that we now have a committee that is better managing the funds. Note the Helping Hands explanation in The TA Way.

Ride For Kids- Oct 2nd

Task force needs help. You can also start a first-giving page and involve family and friends who would like to support Ride For Kids.

Lunch – Noon – 1:00PM

There will be a change in the lunches next year. If you would like a vegetarian plate or a special diet please let Karen Davis know. Harry will check with the Moose Lodge regarding the service and food capabilities that are available.

State Webmaster- Jack Jackson

Remember to send in your flyer for events and if you do not have one yet at least contact Jack so he can list the Chapter event on the calendar online.

2012 Chapter Rides

April 22 -- Chapter V - Delta Poker Run, \$20 per person, Woodland

April 28 -- Chapter O - Fallen Rider Memorial Run, register by 3/31, Redding

May 11-13 -- Chapter F - Mother's Day Camp Out, NEW FLYER, Chicago Park

May 19 -- Chapter X - Ronnie Lee King Memorial Ride, Red Bluff

May 20 -- Chapter L - Bob Reese Memorial Run, Lake County

May 25-28 -- State - Spring Fling, Sonora Fairgrounds

June 8-10 -- Chapter T - Father's Day Campout, Sycamore Park, Brown's Valley

June 22-24 -- Chapter S - Willits Campout, Willets

June ? -- Chapter F - Lunch ride to Tahoe in memory of Ralph Bezanson- date later

July 7 -- Chapter P -- Scandia and Jelly Belly, Nut Tree for ice cream, Fairfield

July 23-28 -- GOLD RUSH- 25th Anniversary- Lake of the Ozarks, MO

Aug 17-19 -- Chapter S - Tahoe Campout, pre-register, South Lake Tahoe

Sept 7-9 -- Chapter X reports the VietNam Wall will be in Red Bluff over the weekend

Sept 28-30 -- State- Fall Fiesta, Yuba City Fairgrounds

Oct. 13 -- Chapter L - Christmas Toy Run/ Taylor Tavern, Lake County

Oct. 20 -- Chapter T - Shriners Toy Run (morning), Sacramento

Oct. 20 -- Chapter X - 50's Sock Hop

Nov 7 -- Traveling Vietnam Wall- Sears Pt to Sonoma, Veterans escort, 400+ motorcycles

Nov 18 -- Chapter B - Toy Run, Sonora

Nov ? -- Chapter V -- Toy Run

Jan 1, 2013 -- Chapter A -- Polar Bear Run

SPRING FLING

Chapter skits will be featured on Saturday night. Grass skirts and coconuts are optional. Lip synching or singing ... or?

BATHROOM CODE -- Do Not give it out!

Tablecloths -- Do Not take off of tables during the event -- leave on all weekend.

SURFING -- Everyone in their costumes into the building for Hawaiian laid-back relaxing time.

Pre-registrations are being accepted NOW. You will get a postcard with your registration number on it after State receives your check. There will be a \$100. raffle prize for pre-registering; the winning name will be drawn at Spring Fling.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a swap meet at Gold Rush, with an auction of chaps, gloves, etc.

Please clean up tables, even though we don't have to put tables and chairs away at this meeting.

JIMMIE PHILLIPS – Got up to thank us as family for our prayers, cards, and letters. It gave him courage in discouragement. The nurses told him that his eyes would light up when he would hear and see the encouragement!

Harry said at the beginning of the meeting that if he makes a mistake in his reading of the agenda that he would pay \$5.00. By end of today he owed \$15.00 and did pay up.

50/50 - \$138.00 to Harry; \$140.00 to State.

100 National tickets won by Joan Doolittle.

NEXT MEETING

September 29 – Yuba Fairgrounds, Yuba City. Tortilla Toss camping weekend.

Motion to adjourn, Tom Garske, seconded by Charles Horner; all approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM by Harry Davis, N. CA State Director.

Submitted by,
Christi Cue
Secretary