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CD NOTES BY SKIP TRAUTMAN, CD



Coming Events

September 2017

- 01-04 Oregon State Rally
- 04 Labor Day
- 02 Chapter T Meeting
- 11 Patriot Day Observed
- 19 T Dinner Ride
- 22-24 Fall Fiesta
- 23 State Staff Meeting

October 2017

- 07 Chapter T Meeting
- 14 Sock Hop
- 21 T Dinner Ride

Skip & Teri Trautman

Hi all

Hope this finds you in good health. Well, we have made it almost to the end of another year. After all, it is September.. . Yes, that's what I said -September! But the year is not quite over yet.

There are still some things to do. We are not sure what the future holds but if you really want to know first hand what is going on with GWTA, then you need to plan on attending the Business meeting to be held during Fall Fiesta @ Sycamore Ranch, 10 A.M.. Sept 23rd, and then plan on staying for lunch and the Tortilla Toss later that afternoon.

Gold Rush this year was a success, all that attended had a great time. Gold Rush 2018 will be in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Register early to get the best deals!

The 15th annual Veteran's parade will be held November 11 at 11 AM. This is Saturday, so no one has an excuse to not be there. There should be quite a turn out this year!

Our bestest buddy, that would be Sue, said as of August 23, there were not enough people signed up for chapter appreciation camp out. But as of today, August 30, all the sites are gone. Hope you weren't the one who missed out. But never fear, you are still more than welcome to join us for pizza Friday night, or potluck dinner on Saturday night. If you really still want to camp out just let Sue know and we can get an adjoining site for you.

Remember this is for **YOU** and it's really great that **YOU** called so we knew we need to buy you a steak. Otherwise you get hot dogs.

Oh - did I mention it is free if you bring a dish for Saturday dinner. Date is September 8,9,10. Hope to see you there! TTFN...

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Ride Safe... Be Seen!

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Celebrate!

September Birthdays

03 Jenny Genesoto

11 Paquette

15 Hilda Sanchez

October Birthdays

26 Adrien Genesoto

September Anniversaries

12 Skip & Sue Paquette

October Anniversaries

11 Al & Gloria Mazon



We have new members who aren't on our Chapter T Celebration list.

Please share so we can help you celebrate.

All we need is month and day, unless you're over 90.

CHAPTER OUTING SUGGESTIONS

Everyone should be participating in planning the events we attend each month, even beyond dinner rides.

Here is a suggestion form we would like you to fill out to make suggestions and remarks so that we can possibly change things up a bit. Remember: The more you list, the more we ride!

Where would YOU like to go eat?

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Are you willing to lead any of these rides? Y /N

What would YOU like to go and visit? How long of a trip? Approximate mileage?

1 Day

Weekend

Some suggestions:

Museum, art gallery, park, camping

Willing to set it up? If not, are you willing to assist?

Encore: Re-visit?

Is there someplace you have been that others might really enjoy, even if you are not interested in seeing again?

We know it is hard to get everyone together every time, but we are really missing out on a lot of riding time, and we are not getting any younger!

Please fill this out and email it back or bring it to the next meeting. You do not have to include your name unless you want to lead it. Your input is very important to us and we really want to hear back from each and every one of you.

Thanks Skip & Teri T.

FROM THE DESK OF The State Director

FALL FIESTA

Fall Fiesta is coming up quickly. The flyer is on the website and if you plan on camping, please register BEFORE SEPT 1. After that date, I cannot guarantee campsites to anyone. We only have one group site reserved and if we need more sites, we need to know as soon as possible. We will have our State Staff Meeting at Fall Fiesta. There we will be discussing the status of Northern California and GWTA overall. This is open to all members and most importantly, IT IS FREE unless you are camping.

MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

As you know, we are not receiving regular reports anymore. This is due to the transition process at National. They are still working on getting the new Website up and running and we have a new Executive Director. As you remember, I converted all of the reports for Northern California to an Excel file. I sent each Chapter Director their roster and had them make any corrections and return them to me. I mailed them back to National. I receive another report (printed out) and most of the corrections have not been made. I am still working to get an up to date CORRECT report. In the meantime, I will send all of the Chapter Directors my Current report next week. At that time, if you do not have a current GWTA card, Chapter Directors, please send me a list which I will forward to Steve & Ralphine. With your help, we will have every member a card by Fall Fiesta.

VOLUNTEERING

This is a big one for me. I hear constantly from Chapter Directors that most of their chapter members won't help out. If a certain chapter is holding an event, only one or two couples do all of the planning and hosting of the event. This needs to change immediately for our organization to survive. Remember, this is OUR organization. This is a member run organization. What does that mean? That to me means EVERY member should contribute something to this organization. There are currently several members who have held several positions either at the chapter, state, or national level for many years. Meanwhile, other members say they will help out but never do. Try to help out your chapter directors. Volunteer at one of your chapter events. It doesn't have to be much but if every member were to help out a little, it would go along way.

ATTENDANCE

Each year, we seem to lose another event. This is caused by one of the following two things. Either there is no support from the chapter members or the attendance is so low, it is not worth holding the event. GWTA Northern California starts planning the calendar for the following year at Fall Fiesta. I encourage every member to go through the GWTA calendar BEFORE planning family vacations and trips. Try to avoid as many overlaps and conflicts as you can. I know everyone won't be able to attend every event but if we all start with GWTA, it will help everybody.

STAY INFORMED

I am hearing complaints from members who claim they are not being informed of upcoming events at the chapter, state, and national level. As far as I know, every chapter has a monthly meeting where all upcoming events are mentioned. Several chapters have monthly newsletters which contain articles of past rides and a calendar of upcoming events. I know this because I am on the email list for several chapters and I know who the emails are being sent to. At the state level, we try to put out a quarterly newsletter, however, in 3-1/2 years, we have received only two articles. Our state has a website (gwta-norcal.org) that has a full calendar as well as flyers for all upcoming events. This is updated on a constant basis. Our region directors put out a quarterly e-news report via email. The information is out there. The best way to get information is to attend your monthly chapter meeting.

PROBLEMS AND DISAGREEMENTS

If you have a problem with your chapter director, state director, and/or region director, you can talk with anyone of them. There is no ladder or pecking order. You are not stepping on anyone's feet or going behind someone's back. Please let someone address your issues in order for this organization to succeed.

PERSONAL ISSUES

I am adding this so I don't have to repeat this over and over. I put this last because I don't want to sound like I am making excuses. Shelly and I are still trying our best to help lead the state. Laney started high school yesterday and our focus is on our family. However, we still love GWTA and will still be involved as best we can. On July 1st, our health insurance was involved in a contract dispute with our doctors. Effective that date, we were no longer able to see any of our doctors or specialists and had to establish care with a new primary doctor and get new referrals with new specialists. We each had primary doctors, physicians assistants (secondary doctors), and three specialists. Some prescriptions were also cancelled until new referrals go through. Along with three trips to the ER, this has occupied most of the summer. We had to cancel all vacations other than Tahoe. We continue to support GWTA and Northern California but need someone to take over soon. I will be available to assist a new state director until they get settled. Alrighty then here is another chance to win a prize. If you read this entire email then send me an email to ncagwta at aol dot com, put it in standard email form, with the phrase I love gwta and care about this organization. At fall fiesta, I will draw a name and give a prize to the winner. Yes this is disguised in this paragraph to see who is reading the entire email.

So in conclusion, we need volunteers. We need attendance. We need participation. We need to keep this organization going. Otherwise, we might as well just throw a grand finale party and say goodbye. I don't think anyone wants to see this.

Thank you all for your support and I hope to see everyone at Fall Fiesta. And I mean EVERYONE

P.S. Don't forget about the great Tortilla Toss too.

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*We recently received the following notice:
"Unfortunately, I must notify you that Bruce Tannock has passed. He had extremely fond memories of his time with GWTA. He proudly spoke of his many outings with the group."*

Bruce, "The Balloon Man," was an active and well loved member of GWTA in those early years, and a true example of the GWTA motto "Destination Friendship."





Where Have You Been Lately?

Seriously, where have been? Did you go on vacation? Where? When? How long were you gone? Did you go alone... or with a group? Who all was in the group?

Any interesting "boo-boos" that we should know about?

Did you get any interesting pictures? (We'll allow an extra page if you send pix.)

You know, we all love to go on vacation and come home and tell folks about it and share pictures. Especially if someone got into a little hot water!

So come on, 'fess up and send us an article. It's easy to write 1 or 2 pages about a trip or event you enjoyed. Your article could have been right here in this spot.

So you can email: genesoto@syix.com or jennyq@syix.com and we'd love to hear about your vacation! Or "snail" mail: Jenny Genesoto, 1335 Oak Lane, Yuba City, CA 95993. See how simple that was? And if your arm is broken, you can call me and give me your article over the phone: - 301-3114 (my cell #). We've done that before, too.

My story about our Eclipse Trip will go into next month's newsletter. OK. It's your turn next. No excuses.





Double-Paned Windows

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind.

Today, I got a call from Home Depot who installed them. He complained that the work had been completed a year ago and I still hadn't paid for them.

Helloooo ,..... just because I'm blonde doesn't automatically mean that I'm stupid.

So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy told me last year... that these windows would pay for themselves in a year. Hellooooo? It's been a year, so they're paid for, I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up.

He never called back. Boy, I bet he really felt like an idiot!

Cold Water Tea

One day my Grandma was out, and Grandpa was in charge of me. I was maybe 2 1/2 years old. Someone had given me a little 'tea set' as a gift, and it was one of my favorite toys.

Grandpa was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought him a little cup of 'tea', which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my Grandma came home.

My Grandpa made her wait into the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!'

Grandma waited and sure enough, here I came down the hall with a cup of tea for Grandpa, and she watched him drink it up.

Then she said, (as only a grandma could, and only a grandma would know), "Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water is the toilet?"



Grandpa's Overnight Stay

Grandma and Grandpa were visiting their kids overnight. When Grandpa found a bottle of Viagra in his son's medicine cabinet, he asked about using one of the pills.

The son said, "I don't think you should take one Dad; they're very strong and very expensive."

"How much?" asked Grandpa.

"\$10 a pill," answered the son.

"I don't care," said Grandpa, "I'd still like to try one. Before we leave in the morning, I'll put the money under the pillow."

Later the next morning, the son found \$110 under the pillow. He called Grandpa and said, "I told you each pill was \$10, not \$110."

"Yes, I know," said Grandpa. "The hundred is from Grandma."



Phone Call From the Doctor

"Mrs. Sanders, this is Doctor Jones at Saint Agnes Laboratory. When your husband's doctor sent his biopsy to the lab last week, a biopsy from another Mr. Sanders arrived as well . . . We are now uncertain which one belongs to your husband. Frankly, either way the results are not too good."

"What do you mean?" Mrs. Sanders asks nervously.

"Well, one of the specimens tested positive for Alzheimer's and the other one tested positive for HIV. We can't tell which is which."

"That's dreadful! Can you do the test again?" questioned Mrs. Sanders.

"Normally we can, but your insurance will only pay for these expensive tests once."

"Well, what am I supposed to do now?"

We recommend that you drop your husband off somewhere in the middle of town. If he finds his way home, don't sleep with him."

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Next General Meeting

**Next Meeting
Breakfast
Meeting**

**October 7, 2017
8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.**

Next Dinner Ride

September 16, 2017

All meetings at:

**Peach Tree Restaurant
1080 No. Beale Road
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