

Northern CA State Staff Yuba City Moose Lodge March 23, 2013

On March 23, 2013 the meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Harry Davis, N-CA State Director. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Harry.

All State Staff introduced

Welcome

Steve and Ralphine Andrus- Region B Directors
Doug Green- National RED
John Hunrath- National Webmaster
Skip & Sue Paquette- Region B Family of the Year

Minutes from our last meeting of January 12, 2013 accepted; Motion by Joe Spencer and seconded by Kathy Honig, all approved.

State Directors in Attendance:

Chapter A- Manny & Lucy Bernstein, Jim Jackson
Chapter B- Not Present
Chapter E- Delores Reynolds
Chapter F- Kathy & Phil Honig, Phil & Charlie Messer, Butch & Connie Ditmars,
Chapter L- Lynn Hollenbeck. Jana Van Housen
Chapter O- Not present
Chapter P- Harry & Karen Davis, Rich McMillan, Virginia St. Clair & Cesar Higuera, George Brice
Chapter R- Doug Green
Chapter S- Jack & Debby Jackson, Dennis Therien; Michelle & Christy Sonneborn arrived late.
Chapter T- Skip & Teri Trautman, Skip & Sue Paquette, George Mabie, Ed Davis, Adrienne & Mac McWhorter
Chapter V- Christi & Steve Cue, John & Charmayne Hunrath, Joe & Mary Spencer, Ralphine Andrus
Chapter X- Dennis & Jeannie Garton, Terry Owen & Debbie Warren
Chapter Z – Not present

Chapter events coming up:

April 20 - **L**, 1st Annual Scavenger Hunt & Chili Cook-off, Lakeport
April 21 - **V**, 4th Annual Delta Poker Run, Woodland
April 27 - **O**, Fallen Rider Memorial Run, Redding
April 27 - **E**, John Reynolds Memorial Ride, Fresno/Clovis

May 10-12 - **F**, Mother's Day Campout, Rollins Lake
May 18 - **X**, Ronnie Lee King Memorial Ride, Red Bluff
May 19 - **L**, Bob Reese Memorial Ride. Lake County
May 24-27 - **N-CA** State, Spring Fling, Susanville

June 7-9 - **T**, Father's Day Campout, Sycamore Ranch
June 15 - **F**, 2nd Annual Ralph Bezanson Memorial Ride, Rancho Cordova
July 15-18 - **GWTA GOLD RUSH**, Big Sky Montana
July 27 - **P**, Scandia Event, Cordelia Junction

August 9-11 - **S**, Campout by the Lake, South Lake Tahoe

September 27-29 - **N-CA** State, Fall Fiesta, Yuba City
September 28 - **State**, Staff Meeting @ Fall Fiesta

October 6 - **Ride For Kids**, Fairfield
October 12 - **L**, Christmas Charity Fun Run, Lake County
October 19 - **X**, Sock Hop, Los Molinos

NOVEMBER- REGION B "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA" fundraiser

November 3 - **V**, Toy Run, Woodland

November 11 - **T**, Veterans Day Parade with Chapter members, Marysville

December 14 - **Wreaths Across America** wreath placement, Dixon

JANUARY

January 1, 2014 - **A**, Polar Bear Ride

Region Director Report - Ralphine Andrus

Ralphine and Steve went to Washington State Staff Meeting and promoted N-CA Spring Fling here and now Ralphine is promoting Washington State rally on July 4th weekend. Cost is \$40 per person before April 30. Some Washingtonians will be showing up to our event.

National tickets- 3,900 tickets received so far mostly from Regions A & B, Chapter T in Yuba City doing well.

Touring News- Joe Spencer (V- N-CA) graced the cover of the February issue! Get one year membership or a shirt if you get on the cover.

- Articles needed for our next "focus" on Region B by May 12th to Touring News.
- Will send more information regarding the camping at Gold Rush; close to showers.
- Still need volunteers at Gold Rush to sell 50/50 tickets for our Region 2-hr time slots
- Gold Rush theme is "Riding High in Big Sky"; bringing back the 60s; wear tie dye or hippie clothes
- Have 2 shirts left for members to wear at National opening ceremonies- \$15.00 ea.
- Wreaths Across America, Region B made \$165.00.
- Helping Hands needs a new National director.

National Webmaster Report – John Hunrath

The website is being redesigned - CMS, captive management system – with a possible area for members only. John answered some questions about members and their computers. Empty your cache and get the latest Adobe version for best computer usage. When a Chapter webmaster won't update and won't assist the Chapter, it may be necessary to create a new website. Two important items are the Domain name and the Host location. John will make an instructional list and distribute to everyone.

National RED Report – Doug Green

- Doug has gone through many boxes and now received another box of records from State. Everything seems very old; he wants to get something going online (like tests, etc.) to get things started again to the chapters. The National program will stay the same. Info on the website. Contact Doug at dg.gwta.red@sbcglobal.net
- Doug told a story about running into a guy (John Pasqual) that was here in the states and he ended up to be the head guy from the France Goldwing Association. They use the original logo (or is the original) and he sent him a patch from the France Goldwing Assoc., they will definitely stay in touch. Harry gave him a vest button with chain to send to him, it matches the patch exactly!

Chapter Newsletter - Karen wondered if anyone would like to share newsletters, please send to them or articles in your local papers about something your club has been doing
Another question put out by Karen, what would you like to be called? There are all kinds of ways to say Northern California. N.C., N.Ca, Nor Cal...most agreed to say N-CA

Break 11AM-11:15AM

Since we are ahead of schedule, Karen would like to make a statement now instead of later under Old Business. When it was first put out that animals would not be allowed in event buildings, there was no announcement or warning of any kind in advance. Karen apologizes for not notifying anyone in advance. Now for the future, so everyone will know what to expect at Spring Fling and other State events. Because of the possibility of severe health occurrences at our events and Spring Fling, animals will NOT be allowed inside the fairground buildings due to the proximity of animals contributing to the respiratory distress of any of our members.

We are aware that there may be service dogs included in this restriction but due to severe threat to some of our member's health, the animals will be required to remain outside the confined space of the building. We encourage animal owners to rejoin us in the building to participate in festivities within. Please be aware that according to the Americans with Disabilities Act, an emotional support animal is NOT considered a working service dog under the ADA and is NOT granted unlimited public access. GWTA is a private organization and Spring Fling is not open to the public like a car show; ADA rules apply to public areas and facilities. At this time, we would like to appeal to the common courtesy that people should show to their fellow members and friends.

State Webmaster - Get Chapter dates and events to Jack Jackson as soon as possible

Treasurer- Dave Caudle was not in attendance; Kathy Honig reported for him.

Checking balance- \$10,087.51

Deposits for Spring Fling and Fall Fiesta - \$1,943.82

Total Available - \$8,143.69

National 100 ticket winner- Sue Paquette

Phil & Charlie Messer donated a pot to heat water for iced tea; State has purchased an iced tea pot; at the last board meeting we voted to have iced tea at events.

Lunch 12:00- 1PM

SPRING FLING N-CA - Theme: Western Movies

- We have a lot of western movies that were turned in as suggestions.
- Terry Owen and Dennis Garton (Chapter X) say do not worry about rides in the area; they will take care of it.
- Should we have bike games? Phil Messer talked up right away and said YES, he had already volunteered and has plans in motion.
- Frozen T-shirts? Not much discussion
- The updated weekend schedule will be on the website
- We hear there will be a surprise from Harry but he will not tell us....hmmm
- Don Tolbert will have some games during the day
- Turn in door prizes, dirty bingo prizes, Silent Auction items at this meeting
- Jim Jackson asked about the stock car races they hold there and are advertising, Harry assured us that they would NOT be having the races as long as we are there.
- There will be a horse corral group at the end of the fairgrounds so we might see horses entering or exiting from an entrance at the other end of the fairgrounds.
- Christy Sonneborn is concerned about the \$10.00 discount for bringing your bike. What if you are disabled? She wonders if National should look into this in case it could cause them a problem. Will amend this to include disabled until April 15th, same as the bike discount.

GOLD RUSH XXVI –

Who is going to Gold Rush???? Lots of hands go up in the room. There will be good attendance from N-CA!

Old Business - None

New Business

- John Hunrath brought up a new idea; in his chapter they take mileage once a year. Would we like to start this with State to see how everyone does for the year? John will do a spreadsheet on it and will do all the bookkeeping it takes. Everyone liked the idea. John will start or present the program at Spring Fling about what time of year to start. Most agreed that it would be nice to start at Spring Fling to just before the next one to be able to award to the winner at Spring Fling. John may choose to use the timeframe from April 1 to March 31, in order to have time to do the calculations to determine a winner. John will send or distribute instruction and information to all Chapters.
- Terry Owen wanted to thank everyone for the Kleenex in the mail after his nose operation.
- Terry also wants to put out to all Chapters to come to his Sock Hop on Oct. 19th with a skit to perform.

Other Business

Jim Jackson also asked what is the real price for GWTA membership. Ralphine responded that yes, it is \$75.00 now for new membership or if you do not get your renewal in before your membership expiration date.

Harry announced that we would not put out a can for donations near the donuts so that everyone can buy 50/50 tickets to support State.

Karen has patches (.50) and flags (1.00) she found in our supplies, to distribute at this meeting. If you need any store items from National it's all online.

50/50 - \$128.50 split between State and Jana Von Housen.

Next State Staff meeting will be September 28, Fall Fiesta, Yuba City Fairgrounds

Motion to adjourn by Joe Spencer, seconded by Manny Bernstein; All Approved

Meeting adjourned by Harry Davis, N-CA State Director, at 1:52 PM

Submitted by
Christi Cue
Secretary