

**Northern CA State Staff  
Yuba City Fairgrounds  
Tortilla Toss  
September 28, 2013**

On **September 28, 2013**, the meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Harry Davis, N-CA State Director. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Harry.

**Welcome to all -**

Skip Paquette is leading a lunch ride for anyone who is interested.

**All State Staff Board members were introduced, including the new State Staff Board member Terry Owen, Sergeant at Arms. Steve Andrus, Region B Director and John Hunrath, National Webmaster were introduced. Dave, Shelly, Dillon, and Laney Caudle, Region B Family of the Year were introduced.**

**Minutes from our last meeting of March 23, 2013 accepted; Motion by Mary Spencer, seconded by Dennis Garton, all agree. George Mabie – Nay.**

**VOTE-** cell phones off please or pay fine of \$5.00 to go to GWTA National. 12 hands agree- 7-8 hands disagree. Please silence phones during the meeting.

**National Board Member – Charles Horner**

Charles reported there isn't much going on at the Board level right now. Send Chapter's list of rides and he will try to attend. His new address is 2220 Newcastle Rd, Newcastle CA 95658 (PO Box 1050, Newcastle CA 95658. Phone 530-524-8145.

**National Webmaster – John Hunrath**

No Updates

**Region Director Report – Steve Andrus**

**National tickets** are out- \$5000.00 cash is the prize. Washington Region has thrown the gauntlet down for selling tickets. Steve happened to be at their meeting and said he had them. Sue Lemons has already sold 200 tickets! Members are encouraged to buy National tickets. Who will be the first to share if you have a money making idea?

**New recruitment-** Sign up for 2 years @ \$150.00; The 3<sup>rd</sup> year is free and then renewal will be \$50.00 a year if the member renews BEFORE the renewal date. Don't let it lapse! The recruitment program goes through Dec 31, 2013.

If you have just signed someone up in the last month please contact your Region Director Steve Andrus. If you have a recruit from another club and they have time on their membership that they are worried about losing, talk to Steve. Discussion commenced about Life Memberships. Skip Trautman wondered if that program would ever come back with a caveat of an additional minor fee yearly, for instance.

**Wreaths Across America** – Wreaths can be ordered online, specify Region B, for \$5/ea credit back to GWTA. The deadline to order wreaths under this program is December 2.

**Gold Rush 2014** – BOYNE MTN, Michigan. Mardi Gras is the theme. Things are changing, and some members feel we are becoming a social club and not a riding club. Club members can involve riding and join other clubs for their events. If you know of any other clubs that are having yearly theme rides let GWTA Region Directors know. Change it up! Three (3) Flags next year starts in Boise and ends in British Columbia. ALL three check points will be manned by GWTA members. Some members feel that Gold Rush seems to be at high priced resorts; GWTA National will discuss this issue.

**Chapter Renewals – Send renewal forms and payments to Harry by Nov 1.**

All Chapters should have received a note that N-CA State will pay half or \$50 of the Chapter registration for GWTA year 2014. Any Chapter has the right to pay the full amount, donate the \$50 to National, or leave the \$50 in N-CA State funds.

**Chapter Directors and members in attendance, with Chapter reports:**

**Chapter A-** Dan Emerson. The annual **Polar Bear Run** will be **Jan 1**, same cost and same place as in 2013.

**Chapter B-** not present

**Chapter E-** Delores Reynolds. No rides scheduled in next year.

**Chapter F-** Kathy and Phil Honig; Phil and Charlie Messer; Char Bezanson; Steve Bezanson and his son Nick; and Dave, Shelly, Dillon, and Laney Caudle. **Mid-Winter Gathering** will be **Feb 1** in Rancho Cordova. The Chapter is still trying to find a place for Mother's Day Campout. **New website:** [www.river-city-wings.org](http://www.river-city-wings.org)

**Chapter L** - Lynn Hollenbeck and Jana Van Housen. Oct 12 is the date for the **Christmas Charity Fun Run**. Lynn and the Chapter have a sponsorship fund for struggling students in their area. They awarded \$300 to each of five students (\$2500 total last year). The Chapter checks with local businesses and asks a sponsor to pay \$100 to have their business card on the Chapter website. The goal this year is to raise \$5000. So far this year the fund has \$3100 for those going to local colleges. Lynn suggests that GWTA National solicit businesses and/or hold fundraisers in the same fashion. Note that the Chapter's administration fund is separate from the scholarship fund.

**Chapter O** - Not present. Terry Owen reported that there will no longer be Golden Throne or Fallen Rider events. Terry has tried to find other organizations to continue either or both events, with no success at this time. Terry is still talking to the Shasta Veterans Escort group. If another Chapter is interested, Terry has all the information and will assist others.

**Chapter P-** Rich McMillan; George Brice; Robert Taylor; and Harry and Karen Davis.

**Chapter R** – Tim Smith. Chapter R has new members.

**Chapter S** – Christy Sonneborn; Dennis Therien; and Jack Jackson. The **Lake Tahoe Campout** is planned for **August 8-10, 2014**. Pre-registration is very important; include the number of motorcycles per family while camping.

**Chapter T** – Skip and Teri Trautman; Skip Paquette and Sue Leamons; George Mabie; and Jenny Francis. The **Sycamore Ranch** is scheduled for **June 20-22**. The Chapter will also be

**camping** in Klamath CA on **June 9-13** and all N-CA GWTA members are welcome. The **Veterans Day Parade** in Marysville will be **Nov 11**; meet at Peachtree for breakfast at 8:00 am. Chapter T has three members enjoying a lunch ride today. Skip reported that a Chapter appreciation ride or campout is great for the whole Chapter.

**Chapter V** – Christi and Steve Cue; John and Charmayne Hunrath; Joe and Mary Spencer; Steve Andrus; and Joan Doolittle. Chapter V has several new members. The **Toy Run** is **Nov 3**, and the **Mid-Winter Gathering** (with Chapter F) is on **Feb 1**.

**Chapter X** - Dennis Garton; Terry Owen and Debbie Warren. The **1950's Sock Hop** is coming up **Oct 19** in Los Molinos. There is a challenge to all for lip-sync! **May 17** will be the next Ronnie Lee King Memorial Ride. This Ride raised \$1300 last year for donation to local agencies.

**Chapter Z** – Not present

**Chapter events coming up:**

October 6- Ride For Kids, Fairfield

October 12 –Christmas Charity Fun Run, Lake County – Chapter L

October 19- 1950's Sock Hop, Los Molinos – Chapter X

NOVEMBER- REGION B “WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA” fundraiser

November 3 – Toy Run, Woodland – Chapter V

November 11- Veterans Day Parade in Marysville with Chapter T

December 14- Wreaths across America wreath placement, Dixon

**Break 11:15AM-11:30AM**

**State Webmaster – Jack Jackson**

Jack requests everyone to proof read and spell check the flyers before sending them to him.

**Treasurer - Dave Caudle**

Checking balance- \$9,795.71

Deposits out \$500.00

Total Available- \$10,295.71

Dave reported we need to keep \$5,000.00 in the bank at all times because of deposits on upcoming events. Spring Fling made \$2,594.61 which brought us up to financial stability. The cost for the building at Fall Fiesta is \$150 for one day, not including insurance, etc. There are many volunteers who make all of this possible. Special thanks to Phil and Charmayne for their efforts in the kitchen.

**We need to get different Coffeepots.** Anyone can purchase the current coffeepots. N-CA State will buy four 100-cup coffee makers. Phil Messer built a beautiful carrying box that holds all the kitchen tools in an organized manner. In addition, N-CA State has purchased some serving utensils and Phil Messer has engraved them for identification purposes.

We have 4 **pop ups** in the trailer, 2 large and 2 small and are not using them. If you would like to buy one or more please let us know, just a lot of weight we do not need.

The Iced Tea is very good; everyone enjoys having iced tea available.

**State RED – Dennis Garton**

Dennis wondered if our first aid kits are up to date. He distributed a very nice article from Cycle World and a picture about what you need to keep in your kit. Members can subscribe at [www.GoldWingdocs.com](http://www.GoldWingdocs.com) to receive Gold Wing updates on tires, etc. In July, an article described first aid for an accident responder. Keep scissors if you have to cut off any chaps. Use latex gloves without powder. Carry a collapsible umbrella and carry a flashlight. There are CPR items available with a one-way valve.

**SPRING FLING N-CA 2014 - Theme: Cartoon Town - Looney Tunes**

Charlie Messer asked about the tentative **schedule** available at this meeting; it is DRAFT only. Contact Karen with any changes that may be needed. Steve Cue announced that he would be in charge of the **kitchen**, including breakfast on Saturday morning and the spaghetti dinner on Friday night. Steve will find volunteers to assist with the kitchen.

Skip Paquette recommended Clyde Stewart for **karaoke** at Spring Fling. **Motion** by Dennis Garton to have karaoke, seconded by Shelly Caudle. Approved and all agreed to include Clyde Stewart at the 2014 event!

N-CA State has offered a pre-paid Spring Fling registration for maximum 2 **NEW Chapter members**. Registration forms will be mailed to new members when the forms are complete. Those members can include camping, etc and send in their Spring Fling registrations.

Dennis Garton found a great McArthur breakfast, north of Susanville, with good food and lots of food! He plans to have a **breakfast ride**.

Adrienne's coffee- The family travels from Southern California to participate and continue her mom Sam's tradition of coffee in the morning with donations to Helping Hands. Adrienne is on the Spring Fling schedule for coffee, although her work prevents her from planning too far ahead. All present hope that Adrienne and family will be in Susanville in 2014. Those who want **early morning coffee** should see Adrienne in the area next to the building we are using.

There will be some planned Spring Fling **rides** as well as opportunities for great individual rides. Harry will also be setting up a wash station for all bikes.

**GOLD RUSH 2014**

John Hunrath said that Boyne Mountain, Michigan for 2014 Gold Rush is a return event. He remembers how fantastic the light parade was and the town kept the downtown open till midnight and the townspeople were lined up on the streets to see the bikes go by. There were bands playing downtown; gives you goose bumps just remembering it! Good place.

Harry Davis asks all members to get active and stay involved. N-CA State won the Spirit Award at Gold Rush! N-CA State was also the largest state in attendance. Region B sold most National tickets. Chapter F of N-CA won the family games.

**OLD BUSINESS**

N-CA State needs to purchase a new sound system that can also be operated by battery. Charles Horner is interested in the old system and amplifier. The treasurer will handle sales of old State equipment. N-CA State will research the cost of a new system.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**50/50 -- \$84.00 State; \$83.00 Sue Leamons**

Next State Staff meeting January 11, 2014, Moose Lodge, Yuba City

Motion to adjourn by Charlie Messer, seconded by Terry Owen; All Approved  
Meeting adjourned by Harry Davis, State Director, at 12:55 PM

**ON TO TORTILLA TOSS AT 4PM!**

Submitted by  
Christi Cue  
Secretary