



# Gold Wing Touring Association Northern California Newsletter

Spring 2014

**From the State Director's Desk...**  
By Dave Caudle, NC State Director



## Events 2014

### April 2014

26 X - Fallen Rider Memorial Run

### May 2014

03-04 C-NV Hobo Reunion  
09-11 F - Mother's Day Campout  
17 X - Ronnie Lee King Memorial Ride  
18 L - Bob Reese Memorial Run  
23-26 State Spring Fling

### June 2014

09-13 T - Camping, Klamath, CA  
20-21 T - Father's Day Campout  
28 P - Scandia Event

### July 2014

21-24 National - Gold Rush XXVI

### August 2014

8 S - Campout by the Lake

### September 2014

26-28 State - Fall Fiesta & State Staff Meeting

### October 2014

11 L - Christmas Charity Fun Run  
18 X - Sock Hop

### November 2014

11 T - Veterans' Day Parade

### December 2014

13 Wreaths Across America Day

Hello Northern California GWTA!

And welcome to the Northern California Newsletter. So what would you like to call this newsletter? Back in the 90's, we had a newsletter that was called The Northern Hub. The other thing we need is a logo for Northern California.

Anyway, I want to thank Jenny for putting this together. She will be publishing this newsletter four times per year, at the start of each season. We will also submit it to Touring News for national publication. I will be asking the Chapter Directors to submit an article with pictures after they hold an event. To advertise your event, please forward it either to Jenny at [genesoto@syix.com](mailto:genesoto@syix.com) or to myself. Additionally, if you like to contribute stories, jokes, or any other content that would be appropriate for the members, please feel free to submit them. The deadlines will be: March 1 for the spring edition; June 1 for the summer edition; September 1 for the fall edition; December 1 for the winter edition. The newsletter will be published on the website. Chapter Directors, please print copies for members who do not have Internet access.

The State Staff Meeting is coming up on March 22nd. Instead of calling it the State Staff Meeting, I am thinking of calling it the Northern California Business Meeting. Some old timers (including myself) may continue to call it the State Staff Meeting. State Staff seems kind of limiting and GWTA is a member run organization. This is an opportunity for any member to help make decisions that affect GWTA Northern California. This meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

I have spent the last month reviewing old state director binders, notes, and also looking at old photo albums. It has been interesting seeing the changes that have progressed through the years. One particular thing I have noticed was the lack of spirit lately. In looking at old pictures from rallies, most members were in costume. Campsites have very elaborate decorations. Many skits were performed. So lately, is the spirit missing? Is Spring Fling just a reunion of sorts to remember the good old days? What can we do to change? How do we create new memories? We will be talking extensively about Spring Fling at the March State Staff Meeting. Bring ideas! Bring enthusiasm! This is **YOUR GWTA!**

So, with spring comes the riding season, although this winter has been very dry I have heard of many great rides. Remember to get those bikes fine-tuned and ready for lots of miles. I appreciate the support I have received so far and I hope the future is as bright as it appears.

*Dave Caudle*  
State Director

# News from Region B Directors

by Steve & Ralphine Andrus



Welcome to GWTA NorCal's first (in a very long time) newsletter!

We'd like to first congratulate Dave & Shelly Caudle for accepting the position of State Director and co-State Director. Our congratulations also extend to the income and existing State Staff Board who will be assisting the State Director. At the end of the last State Staff meeting, it was very nice to see quite a few people who offered to step-up to volunteer and assist the State Director. We personally know that Dave & Shelly have quite a bit in store for Nor-Cal's to ensure ongoing communication, successful events, camaraderie, and much more. As you may already know, this is YOUR State Staff, so your input is critical and very much welcomed, and we know that Dave & Shelly will try and assist you in any way possible. We look forward to working with all of you!

## Membership

The Membership Special Program is still in effect! The membership special is \$50 per year. This rate is locked in for future years as long as the member renews on a timely basis. Please pass this information to all members.

## Member Participation

As just about every chapter in Northern California holds 1-2 events each year, we ask that you, as a member, to please continue to try and attend and support the chapters. Just think of how much more fun it is when more people attend.

## Touring News

### **WE NEED ARTICLES AND PICTURES!**

Remember, it doesn't have to be about a specific GWTA function, but perhaps your chapter has gone on a dinner or ice cream ride, or your chapter went riding through some awesome twisties. We just want you to share your memorable experiences and let some one else know just what we do for fun our here in the Western "neck of the woods!" Send your articles and pictures to TN Editor Glenda Boggess at [touring.news@gwtaco.com](mailto:touring.news@gwtaco.com).

## National Tickets

Once again, it is a horse race between Regions A & B at first and second place. Currently, Washington / Region A has a pretty fair lead on California/Region B. Each chapter should have received a supply of national tickets and we are still waiting for several chapters to turn in their tickets or request more. If you have **not** received any tickets yet, please contact us immediately and we'll get them out to you ASAP. You'll notice that the grand prize is different than in years past, as it will be a cash prize of \$5,000 only. The drawing will be held on July 24, 2014, and the winner need not be present to win.

## Gold Rush 2014

We will be returning to beautiful Boyne Mt. in Michigan this year. This is one of our favorite places for Gold Rush, and we're hoping more of you will be able to attend because they are looking forward to our return, with a number of very positive surprises for us to enjoy. A special event is "Bike Night," which we started for them when we were last in Boyne Mt., and which the resort and town have maintained and continued to grow. The theme for 2014 is Mardi Gras, and you will have the opportunity to have a "Mardi Gras Float" or wagon that you can hand-pull in the parade at Gold Rush. The following are the rules from National:

1. Wagon must be **HAND** pulled in parade.
2. Judging will be based on:
  - a. The most original
  - b. Best use of theme
  - c. Most creative design
  - d. Best use of GWTA Logo
3. Size is open to whatever you can **HAND** pull

As other ideas/events come in for Gold Rush 2014, we'll get them out to you so that you can prepare, participate and have fun! Registration form and other information for Gold Rush 2014 can be found at:

[http://www.gwta.org/upcomingevents/gr/gr\\_info.info.htm](http://www.gwta.org/upcomingevents/gr/gr_info.info.htm)

In Friendship,  
Steve & Ralphine  
Region B Directors

## Good Afternoon, Northern California!

Well, I am still trying to settle into this new role as your state director. I have spent the last two weeks going through the binders and notes from our past state directors. I have been talking to most of the current state staff to gauge their feelings. And I have been talking to a lot of members to find out what they want. This has taken longer than I first expected, but I think I have a handle on it now.

Saturday, March 22, will be our next state staff meeting. I encourage all members to participate. We will be having the lasagna again and for those that wish, there is a vegetarian option available. Chapter Directors - can you please get me a head count of who will be attending the meeting by Wednesday, March 12, and whether or not they want the vegetarian lasagna. The price for lunch will be \$10.00 per person. Donuts will be available at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10:00.

We have some new state staff members that I would like to tell you about. First up is our new state treasurers, and that is Lynn Hollenback and Jana Van Housen. Lynn and Jana are members of Chapter L and are very active within the state. They were the 2011 winners of Mr. & Mrs. GWTA for Northern California. They will be handling all of the state finances as well as Fall Fiesta registrations beginning this year and Spring Fling registrations beginning in 2015. for this year's spring Fling, please continue to mail the registration forms to me. Shelly will be setting up the registration and will be working with Lynn and Jana prior to and at the rally. All three of them will be working the registration table at Spring Fling.

Next up is our new state newsletter editor and that is Jenny Genesoto from Chapter T. Jenny approached me with this idea and I thought it was brilliant. She will be publishing a newsletter which will be posted on our state web site. The newsletter will come out four times per year at the start of each season. I will be asking the Chapter Directors to submit articles and photos for chapter events held. If you have anything else that you want to put in there, let either Jenny or myself know. While looking through the old binders, I came across a small newsletter for Northern California from the late 90's. Some of you may remember it. I believe it was called The Northern Hub. Anyway, we will be talking more about the newsletter at the meeting.

There will be some more additions and changes to the state staff and these will be announced at the meeting. I am currently working on the meeting agenda, and there is a lot of material to cover. If there is something you would like brought up, please send me an email ahead of time. We will spend a good amount of time talking about Spring Fling. I think we will be pushed for time and I want to cover everything. The goal is to adjourn by 3:00 p.m.

Fall Fiesta and the infamous Tortilla Toss will be held during the weekend of September 26-28. It will be in Yuba City again this year. A flyer will be available on the website and at the meeting.

Remember to get those registrations in for spring Fling. The first deadline is coming up on April 15th.

See you soon.

*Dave*

### The Good Wife

One winter morning in northern Ohio's Bay Village, a couple were listening to the radio as they ate their breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We're going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street so the snow plows can get through." So the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later, the announcer said, "We're going to have 10 to 12 inches of snow today, so you must park your cars on the odd-numbered side of the street so the snow plows can get through." The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The following week the announcer said, "We're going to have 12 to 14 inches of snow today, so you must park..." and the power went out.

The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face, said to her husband, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street should I park on so the snow plows can get through?"

With the love and understanding exhibited by all men who are married to blondes, he replied, "Dear, why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"

## From the Editor's Desk

by Jenny Genesoto, Editor



*My desk is not cluttered ...  
It's Uniquely Organized!*

Greetings, Northern California!

What a privilege to be able to put together your Northern California State Newsletter, and a joy as well! And, as Dave already said, this newsletter does need a title. He mentioned The Northern Hub from several years ago. We can plagiarize that name or you can make other suggestions to be discussed at Staff Meeting. All suggestions will be considered.

We want to have input from all of you - after all, this will be **your** newsletter. We plan to have MS safety articles from our RED, and something from Chapter Directors in each issue. Dave mentioned stories and jokes. Chapter T Newsletter has a page called Just for Fun and that's exactly what it is. Everyone enjoys the lighter side of life, and I love sharing some of the things that come across my email from time to time. We try to keep it (reasonably) clean and non-political, even though sometimes that's hard to do.

We want to hear about rides, campouts, and any other special event you or your chapter have hosted or attended, and please send pictures, and maybe ID members. You don't have to wait to be asked, just keep those stories and pictures coming! You can send your articles to me, [genesoto@syix.com](mailto:genesoto@syix.com) or to Dave.

The newsletter will be published on the Website in PDF format, so there won't be a problem for those who use a different program than I do. Just send your articles to me in MS Word format.

Meanwhile, don't forget the State Staff Meeting. Excuse me... make that Northern California Business Meeting. Personally, I agree that sounds more like it belongs to everyone, and not restricted to Staff Members only.

*Jenny Genesoto  
Editor*

**Your Chapter's articles, stories, and pictures will fill this page and add more pages, fun, and information to our newsletter.**

**Deadline for next newsletter articles will be June 1, 2014.**