

**GWTA Northern CA State Staff Meeting
September 29, 2012
Yuba City Fairgrounds**

On **September 29, 2012**, the meeting was called to order at 10AM by Harry Davis, No CA State Director. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Harry.

GWTA members from Oregon State were introduced before going on an area ride led by Skip Paquette. Welcome to Bud and Nancy Saber (OR State Directors); Marty Warren (OR Chapter A ACD; Carmen Warren (OR State and Chapter A secretary); Scott (Chapter A photographer) and Sharon Starke; Bud and Gariann Bowling; Cordell Corder; Tom and Norman Pittman (OR State treasurer); Richard Perry and Lucinda Ryan; and Rick and Vicki Hange, Fall Fiesta participants.

Introductions of those present – No CA State Board and National members at this meeting (includes Dave Caudle, treasurer; Shelly Caudle, registration; Jack Jackson, webmaster; Joe and Mary Spencer, Support Staff; John Hunrath, National webmaster) were introduced. Skip & Sue Paquette - Region B Family of the Year were introduced; Skip led the daytime ride and lunch for the Oregon group and some No CA chapter members. Many thanks go to Dave Caudle, Dillon Caudle, Joe Spencer, and Mary Spencer for preparing the great breakfast.

Minutes from the meeting of 3/24/12 were previously sent to each Chapter Director, have been available on the website, and a copy is available at this meeting. Mary Spencer moved to accept the minutes; seconded by Manny Bernstein; approved by those in attendance.

Chapter members in attendance:

A - Manny & Lucille Bernstein CD; Jim and June Jackson ACD; Dan Emerson

B - Tom Garske CD

E - Bill Jamison CD

F – Dave & Shelly Caudle, with Dillon & Laney; Butch & Connie Ditmars

L – unable to attend

O – unable to attend

P - Harry and Karen Davis CD; Rich McMillan ACD; Mel & Marilyn Teigen

R – unable to attend

S - Jack & Debby Jackson CD; Dennis Therien ACD; Michelle Therien

**T - Skip and Teri Trautman CD; Skip & Sue Paquette ACD; Ed Davis; George Mabie;
John & Irene Lopez; Lonna Applehof; Richard Agison**

V – Henry Clayton ACD; Joe & Mary Spencer; John Hunrath; Joan Doolittle; Dan Neubauer
X - Dennis & Jeannie Garton CD; Terry & Debbie Owen ACD; Robert & Carol Grandbois
Z – unable to attend

Introduction – Chapter Directors, Chapter Members, Any Changes – Each Chapter to report this meeting's attendance, updates and events.

Chapter A – Manny and Lucy Bernstein, CDs. Manny announced Chapter A's event is the **Polar Bear Ride**, on **Jan 1, 2013**, and flyers are available.

Chapter B – Tom Garske, CD, has planned two events. The **Nov 7** event, participation in the **Traveling Wall**, is limited to 200 participants. Priority to ride will be given to Viet Nam and Korean veterans. Tom will lead the motorcycle escort from Infineon Raceway to Sonoma. Anyone is invited; line up on the roadway and wave flags as the group passes if there is not enough room to be part of the procession. Or be part of the main briefing and then go on to Sonoma. On **Nov 18**, The **Toys for Tots Parade of Toys** will begin in Santa Rosa and caravan to Sonoma. To enter, take a new and unwrapped toy. There will be a free BBQ and a Hot Rod show in Sonoma. Flyers are available.

Chapter E – Bill and Fran Jamison are the new Chapter Directors. Bill reported they would have preferred to wait until the end of the year as had been planned. Chapter E will plan a memorial ride in 2013 to honor John Reynolds.

Chapter F – Dave Caudle reported for Chapter F, as both CD and ACDs were unable to be at this meeting. The **Midwinter Gathering** with Chapter V will be the first weekend in February, or **Feb 1-3, 2013**. Flyers will be available later. The Mother's Day campout at Rollins Lake is being planned, flyers later. The first weekend in December is the Chapter planning meeting.

Chapter L – Members unable to attend this meeting.

Chapter O – Terry Owen announced the **Oct 13 Toy Run** for Chapter O; flyers are available. The **Golden Throne** will be **Jan 13, 2013**, at the Rolling Hills casino. The 15th **Fallen Rider Memorial Ride** will be **April 17**, with one-half the funds going to Ride for Kids.

Chapter P – Richard McMillan, ACD, reported that the Scandia event in July was great fun, with mini-golf and water cannons in the boats. Chapter P will do this event in 2013.

Chapter R – Members unable to attend this meeting.

Chapter S – Jack and Debby Jackson, CDs, asked Dennis Therien to discuss the Chapter events. Dennis reported that there will not be a Willits event in the future. The **Tahoe campout** will be held **Aug 9-10-11, 2013** at the same location as in 2012. Note that Hot August Nights will be Aug 6-11. Please pre-register because of Park rules and the campground space that has been reserved. Further information will be available.

Chapter T – Skip Trautman announced the **Father's Day Campout** will be **June 7-9, 2013**, and flyers are available. In addition, Chapter T participates in the city's **Veterans Day Parade** on **Nov 11**. Meet at Peach Tree Restaurant, 8:30 am, and the parade is at 11:00. Line-up begins about 10:30 am. Flyers will be available soon.

Chapter V – Henry Clayton ACD announced the Chapter's 23rd **Toy Run** will be **Nov 4**. They are going back to the original Santa Claus ride format. Ride pins are available for the first 100 participants with toys. Awards are at 11:00 am. Entry is an unwrapped toy. Flyers are available; begins 9:00 am at location of Les Schwab Tire Center in Woodland, and not the plaza. The Spring Poker Run is being posted on the website. Jack Everett is recovering and his bike is being repaired. John Hunrath noted that the RED for Chapter V has stepped down, and now all members will talk about safety at their meetings.

Chapter X – Dennis and Jeannie Garton CDs reported the **1950's Sock Hop** is on **Oct 20**, at the Veterans Hall in Los Molinos. (Terry Owen has room for campers.) For the karaoke, pick out a 1950's song, for a group or singles, and fill out a form or register with Terry to be part of the program. There will be a dance contest, a hula hoop contest, and a soda jerk with root beer floats. This is a family-oriented event. Cost is \$5 per person and a pot luck dish. An award will be given for the best costume. Flyers/invites are available.

The **Ronnie Lee King Memorial Ride** will be **May 18, 2013**.

Chapter Z – Members unable to attend this meeting.

Region B and National Report –

Steve and Ralphine Andrus were unable to attend this meeting.

- (1) **John Hunrath** has GWTA 25th Anniversary shirts available at this meeting for members to purchase.
- (2) John explained the latest about Touring News. The editor stepped away from Touring News; there was an interim editor; now Bruce is trying to do it. However, Bruce has found replacement editors Jim and Glenda Boggess located in Colorado, and John is helping them get Touring News back on track.
- (3) We need to all participate in selling National tickets. It is essential to GWTA's future and is the main fundraiser for GWTA. Sue Paquette challenges all to beat her this year with selling tickets over 700; she spends time outside Wal-Mart and grocery stores to sell the raffle tickets.
- (4) Last year there were 22,000 tickets sold. Gold Rush had 550 in attendance.
- (5) Annual Chapter registration forms are available to each Chapter and need to be returned to Harry Davis, State Director. The Chapter registration cost for 2013 is \$100.

State Treasurer – Dave Caudle

The bank balance 9/25/12 was \$7438.73.

\$531.15 was spent for Fall Fiesta deposit, fairgrounds, and insurance.

\$500. Deposit was made for Spring Fling in Susanville.

The balance on 9/29/12 is \$8469.88.

Riders Education –

Two of our members went down and both are now ok. Several members shared experiences. Terry Owen noted that he changed bikes and even had a new tire on that bike; he stressed it is important to realize the difference in equipment and in bikes. Henry Clayton hit a deer and noted the importance of wearing full protection. Ed Davis noted that 911 is a good source of help even when a phone can't get 800 numbers to work.

Safety tips from several members include –

- Where you look is where you go.
- Carry emergency medical records and/or information about contacts and family.
- ICE number input is available on most phones.
- Look for highway signs to determine location of an accident.
- Air ambulance companies offer various coverages and emergency evacuation.
- Check individual health policies about coverages in various locations and situations.

Ride For Kids- Oct 7, 2012

Volunteers and escorts are needed. Call Dan at 650-576-1057 to register. A class for training will be held on Sat Oct 6 in Fairfield. Information is being distributed by email.

Helping Hands -

No updates.

Family of the Year –

Chapters select Family of the Year in November, and invite candidates to the January State Staff meeting. Please bring write-ups for each candidate to the January meeting. The Northern California Family of the Year will be selected by vote at the January meeting, and then will enter competition for the Region B candidate.

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 online calendar.

Break 11:15 am – 11:30 am

Spring Fling 2013 – The theme is Western Movies -

Everyone was treated to Joe and Mary Spencer entering the room as actors in a Western movie being filmed by Dillon Caudle. Such fun! There will be a movie night at Spring Fling in Susanville. Harry will check on a popcorn machine; John has one if it is needed. There is a registration discount of \$10 for a rider to take a bike or trike to Spring Fling. Harry stated that participants are wanted and needed! There are great rides in the Susanville area, a beautiful camping area and Fairgrounds, and amenities of the city within walking distance. Hotels are near the Fairgrounds; a casino and hotel is a short distance away. The weekend's schedule will be completed before long. Everyone is invited to enter a contest to choose a logo – entries and voting will be at the January State Staff meeting. The winner will receive \$100 from State.

Gold Rush XXVI will be held at Big Sky Resort in **Big Sky, Montana**. Dates are July 15-18, 2013. Big Sky is a ski resort with a great layout and lots of choices for lodging. Yellowstone National Park is nearby. The west entrance is the most popular. Check with Chapter members to see if everyone has a National park pass.

GWTA has its Operations meeting in December; Steve and Ralphine Andrus and John Hunrath plan to attend.

OLD BUSINESS -

None

NEW BUSINESS –

None

Harry announced there would not be a second draw for 50/50 if no one won on the first draw, since some members purchased tickets before leaving on the ride.

50/50 - \$126 won by Dave Caudle; \$126 to State.

The next State Staff meeting will be January 12, 2013, at Yuba City Moose Lodge.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Manny Bernstein; seconded by Skip Trautman; all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm by Harry Davis, No CA State Director.

Submitted by Karen Davis, Acting Secretary

2013 Chapter Events

Jan 1, 2013 – Chapter A – Polar Bear Run

Jan 13 – Chapter O – Golden Throne Awards

Feb 1-3 – Chapters F and V – Midwinter Gathering

April 17 -- Chapter O - Fallen Rider Memorial Run

May 18 -- Chapter X - Ronnie Lee King Memorial Ride, Red Bluff

May 24-27 – State - Spring Fling, Susanville, Lassen County Fair

June 7-9 -- Chapter T - Father's Day Campout, Sycamore Park, Brown's Valley

July 15-18 – GOLD RUSH XXVI – Big Sky Resort, Big Sky, Montana

Aug 9-11 -- Chapter S - Tahoe Campout, pre-register, South Lake Tahoe

Sept 27-29 – State - Fall Fiesta, Yuba City Fairgrounds