

## **GWTA Northern California State Staff Meeting**

January 10, 2009

**Call to order** at 10:05AM

**Pledge of Alliance** by Dennis Therien

**Prayer** by Jimmy Phillips

**Review last meeting minutes**

Motion to accept by John Reynolds and seconded by Jimmy Phillips

**Chapter roll call**

A Jim Jackson  
E John and Delores Reynolds for the chapter as the CD was not present  
F Phil and Charlie Messer  
J Richard McMillan  
L Jimmie Phillips  
O Charles Horner  
P Harry and Karen Davis  
R Doug Green  
S Bob and Linda Merrick  
T Dennis Rogers  
V John and Char Hunrath  
Z Don and Shelly Tolbert

A new chapter has been formed Chapter "X" in Red Bluff the new Chapter Director is Terry Owens

A new definition of "SOB" Some Other Bike

**Regional Directors** Steve and Raphine Andrus

Bad news 500 memberships were lost in last two months.

On the National Web site the Kentucky Derby race for points, California was in 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> place until last month when we moved in to 1<sup>st</sup> place with 68 points and Michigan has 62 points . In order to gain more points we need to increase membership and the Chapter Directors are encouraged to review the monthly rosters and personally contact members whose membership has or will expire and help them renew there membership. When a new or returning member signs up the Chapter Director should the National Office the information in a timely manner. This will help the Kentucky Derby points race. Region "B" won the region of the month award with 57 new or returning members.

A kick off for Chapter "X" will be held on March 21, 2009

Each Chapter has 100 National "Gold Rush" raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the following Gold Wing or a Harley or Cash. For the Chapter that sells the most tickets there will be a prize. For the Individual that sells the most tickets there will be a prize.

**Board of Directors** Ed and Joanne Davis, Chairman of the Board, John and Deloris Reynolds, former Member of the Board, Charles Horner, New Member of the Board

Ed Davis thanked John and Deloris Reynolds for there service on the Board and welcomed Charles Horner as the replacement for John and Deloris Reynolds.

Albert Walters ?

Bruce Keenon is unhappy there are Chapters and Individuals that are not renewing or refusing to renew there membership and are still wearing chapter colors and riding in chapter, region and national events with out supporting the organization.

7 Chance tickets earned \$11,000 for the association in 2008.

A suggestion made was that "Touring News" be placed on the Web Site to save money. However many members do not have computers and the advertising revenue helps cover some of the cost of publication. Also when purchasing something let the vendor know you saw there ad in Touring News.

Every thing starts at the chapter level, meetings, rides, keeping in touch with members, volunteering, let others know who we are, wear our colors to all events and activities.

Last years free membership drive resulted in 28% renewing there membership.

One of the chapters said they will pay the third year membership if a member has remained with the chapter for two years.

Doug Green commented that the dealers are having trouble in these hard financial times and if we support them they will support us.

Joanna's commented on being seen, at Mall Shows, Parking Lot Shows, being active in your town, lunch rides to local restaurants.

Charles Horner said that as a member of the board he welcomes comments and suggestions. He can be reached at 1-530-524-8145 (Cell) or 1-530-474-4291 (Home).

### **Treasurers Report**

Steve Bezanson reported a treasury balance of \$ 10,429.16 USD. Dennis said that we are OK.

### **Family of the year**

5 families were presented for nomination

Chapter F     Ralph and Char Bezanson

Chapter P     Harry and Karen Davis

Chapter T     Dennis and Becky Rogers

Chapter V     Joe, Mary, Mykenzie Spencer

Chapter Z     Luis and Nichole Reyes

The final count of the voting by the Chapter Directors awarded the Family of the Year for northern California to Joe, Mary, Mykenzie Spencer of Chapter V

Tom Garske noted the Harry and Karen Davis were the only motorcyclist pictured in the MS Waves to Wine Bikeathon calendar

Dennis presented a drawing of a logo for Spring Fling. Being the only drawing ready to vote on it was approved and Michael Therien was awarded \$ 100.00 for her efforts.

Robert Taylor Northern California Rider Education Director (RED) spoke briefly about getting organized, plans to visit all the chapters, and setting up training courses.

## **Nor-Cal Spring Fling**

2010 Mariposa or some where else  
Grass Valley, no camping inside  
Yuba City, busiest time of the year for them  
Monterey, booked up ?  
Hollister ?  
Angles Camp ?  
Quincy ?  
Sonora ?  
Antioch ?

Break for lunch at 12:00AM

Return at 1:06PM

Treasure Hunt, John and Char Hunrath  
Coffee, Sam from Southern California  
Kid's Games, Connie  
Ride to Yosemite Harry Davis  
Ride to Coulterville for lunch Tom Garske  
Dirty Bingo, Joanna and Charlie  
Hobo pies on Friday evening Chapter V  
Door prizes June Jackson and Connie Ditmars  
31 tournament card game Steve  
Bike Judging, Don Tolbert

Looking in to doing it down town with people's choice award voted by the public  
Bike Games, Robert Taylor

A self guided skills practice course will be set up.

Parade through town is difficult the local police will not support the blocking of intersections.

Several proposals for a starting location were put fourth and a day light parade ending at the bike judging was suggested,

Christy asked and it was decided the state provide one meat item for the grazing Saturday evening.

Indoor Outdoor games such as Kids and Adult games depend on the weather

2010 Theme will be voted on at Nor-Cal Spring Fling

The two rides were discussed again

Saturday the Ride to Yosemite led by Harry Davis depend on the weather

Sunday the Ride to Coulterville for lunch Tom Garske depend on the weather

The GWTA trailer full of supplies will be taken to Mariposa by Milton Applhof and returned by Joe ?

Thursday night is an on your own for camping, you pay the fair grounds

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday is part of the event fee.

RV camping will be on the front lawn area and the back area.

## **Nor-Cal Spring Fling 2010**

Check on local sites for a suitable place, Shade, Buildings, Kitchen, Lawns, Showers, Toilets, Flat Tent Sites, Flat RV sites, and nearby Hotel/Motel for those who don't camp. Check the possibility of a Hotel/Motel rally with out camping. E-Mail Dennis Therien at [ncagwta@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ncagwta@sbcglobal.net) by April.

## **Chapter Reports**

Fallen Rider Run April 25  
Blossom Trail Ride March 1  
Waves to Wine September 12-13  
Toys for Tots November 22  
Toy Run December ?  
Mid Winter Gathering January 31  
Mothers Day Camp out May 9-10  
Toy / Poker Run November 8  
Willets Camp out June 19-21  
Tahoe Camp out August 7-9  
Cinco De Mayo May 1-3  
Ride for Kids October 4  
Gold Rush July 13, 14, 15, 16  
Board meeting Sunday before Gold Rush

## **Old Business**

Chapter T proposed that each chapter send \$ 100.00 to the GWTA general fund.  
Chapter T, Chapter P, Chapter F and Chapter R pledged to support the proposal  
Chapter event fliers E-Mail to Jack Jackson to have them posted on the National Web Site  
Char Hunrath has patches for sale including a ‘Veterans’

## **New Business**

Next Meeting will be approximately May 14<sup>th</sup>? Location to be announced.  
Ed Davis said the cost of producing and delivering “Touring News” is \$ 79.00 month per magazine,  
And collect \$ 59.00 per magazine?

Steven Cue raffled away 100 “Gold Rush” raffle tickets twice. He sells 20 raffle tickets at a time for \$ 5 each ticket to get the \$ 100 the tickets cost. 1 person of 20 will win \$ 100 worth of tickets for \$ 5.  
The two winners were Les Long and Jimmie Phillips.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Tom Garske, \$ 155.50

Motion to adjourn by Tom Garske  
Seconded by Robert Taylor  
Adjourned at 2:22PM

Respectively submitted  
Linda and Tim Smith  
GWTA Northern California Secretary