

North & South State Staff Meeting Selma, CA

January 14, 2006

Opening

Charles Horner called the meeting to order at 9:00am. The flag salute and a moment of silence was observed and Jimmie Phillips said the prayer.

Charles introduced the State Director Steve Atkins from the South and the region "B" directors, the National Board Directors and his State Staff and the State Family of the year, Milton and Lonna Appelhof, and the National Family of the Year, John and Delores Reynolds.

Steve Atkins introduced his wife Jerry and Mike Wise as his Assistant and said that was all his State Staff at this time; he also introduced Chapter Directors who were present. Steve said he was looking forward to working together again as a State for the upcoming rally in May. He mentioned that Jim Paver from Belts and Buckles had passed away recently; a lot of people from the north knew Jim.

Charles asked any one from the north who needed to make changes to the Chapter Directory to see him after the meeting and give him the correct information.

Charles had everyone introduce themselves and where they were from.

New directors were given badges.

Region B Director Comments

Jim Barber started off with a couple of jokes and got a laugh or two. The Region treasury now has about \$600.00. We were reminded that the GWTA photo event was still going on and would continue indefinitely; see Karen if you need more information.

Kathy Honig is the Treasurer and Steve Andrus the Region R.E.D.

Jim talked about Region B assignments for Gold Rush in Arkansas; they will be doing the light parade again and also the dance. The theme for the dance is Flappers like from the 20's. Region B will sell 50/50 tickets and will need help with that.

Jim talked about the need to recruit new members and to keep them as recruiting is very important to our organization. And the membership is down although California is holding it's own at this time.

The Olympics was discussed and all Chapters and their members need to participate. Most Chapters are doing most of the Olympics requirement now. They need to follow through and get it done and turn in the necessary paper work to get their level awards. The format for the Olympics has changed a little and makes it easier to reach a level.

Jim mentioned that the March issue of *Touring News* is highlighting Region B and will do so again in November. The article needs to be in three months ahead of time so if anyone is interested in writing something, get it to Jim before September 1st.

Jim thanked Steve & Jerry Atkins for all their hard work getting the South to participate with the North again and he is looking forward to the coming rally in May as a joint effort again.

Jim said there will be changes in the membership form in the near future.

Karen mentioned maybe getting Gangster hats to wear at Gold Rush and said they were about \$7.95 per dozen from Oriental Trading.com. The whole state group would be seen easily just as we were in Wisconsin a couple of years ago.

Board of Directors Comments

Ed Davis talked about membership and how low California's stats were: 646 memberships and 1213 members and that we need to recruit all the time. Financially, the Association is okay right now although membership is dropping.

Ed said Camp Wing Tyme will be the third weekend in September at Tillamook, Oregon.

Joanne reminisced about the rally in 1990 in Fresno as Clyde Cones from Fresno was at the meeting and asked her if she remembered him as he had not been at a staff meeting in some time and she said yes you were picked as "Best Accessory" in a contest they had at the 1990 rally. Clyde won for having such a neat beard.

Joanne encouraged the members present to stay for the lunch as it allows us to use the room for free if members eat there and they need a certain number to do that.

Joanne talked about Colorado and an early morning ride for National staff members to the top of a mountain for breakfast put together by Bruce Keenon as they don't get to do much except work at a rally. It was very emotional for her and some others present. GWTA means a lot to the Davis's.

John Reynolds is the new Board member and reminded everyone he was available if anyone needed him and that he would represent all Region "B" members.

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John thanked Jim and Karen for all their hard work for Region B and Charles and Phyllis for their hard work as State Directors and Steve and Jerry Atkins for their great job for Southern California. John also mentioned membership and suggested maybe putting together a packet for the Chapter to have ready to give to new members letting them know what the Chapter and the organization are all about.

John mentioned the Family of the Year and how important this selection is from the Chapter level to National.

The Chapter directors voted to let Region B keep the money from the Regions part of the bike ticket money instead of giving it back to each Chapter as has been done in the past as the Region needs to build up its treasury.

State Staff Comments

R.E.D. Steve Andrus talked about the changes in the R.E.D. program and said they may have more information available for members at Gold Rush and it would be about \$25.00 per person. Steve explained some of the changes and said you can reach him at longrider1100@aol.com if you need more information or help with the program.

Call 1-800-441-RIDE if you need to know where a safety course near you is being held.

National will have something soon based on what Washington State is using for those with trikes. Charles talked about members and ways to keep them coming back once they have joined. Show enthusiasm – Chapters should show lots of enthusiasm about what you do and to encourage new members to be a part of everything going on in the Chapters and in other Chapters when possible. Make the new people welcome and not leave them by themselves at a meeting or event.

Webmaster

John Hunrath talked about getting stopped for having a ring of fire light on his new 1800. He called John Reynolds to ask about it and he was sent various codes from the Department of Motor Vehicles code book and it is now on the website. The website is www.gwta-norcal.org; Southern California's website is www.gwta-socal.org. John said if you have an event send him a flyer and it will be put on the website. Please send pictures from your events for the website.

Mike Cochrane from the South encouraged all Chapters to get a website if possible.

State Rally Coordinators for Activities

Registration needs people for the different times and will assign times to try to meet your schedule in two hour shifts.

Steve and Christi Cue – Raffle and Door prizes see them to sign up. The Chapters should provide 4 or 5 nice Door prizes and 4 or 5 fun things for Dirty Bingo.

Joanne Davis – 50/50

Bike Games – Steve Andrus

Security – Jerry Wendt from the south

Bike Show – Don Tolbert

Kids Games – Adrian, Sam's daughter

Coffee – Sam

Family Games – Steve Atkins and Peter and Pam Bryant

Bike Skills – Steve Andrus and Phil Messer

Anything forgotten today will be assigned at the April staff meeting. This year at the rally there will be no skits as per survey results and more rides for the rally. There will be camp grazing (potluck) Saturday dinner. State will provide the main dish and the plates and plastic ware. The final decision for the main dish will be ribs.

Today no one had a logo so Charles gave everyone until February 15, 2006 to come up with a logo for the rally send them to him or to the website and John Hunrath will get it to Charles. Grand Prize of tires yet to be determined.

Chapter Olympics

Don Tolbert explained there is a packet in your folder that tells how the program works. The program is from July 1, 2005 until May 31, 2006. New credits make it easier to get a level. Retention – very important; Rider Ed – Levels 1-4; support other Chapters and charities or organizations. The website for more information is www.gwta.org/olympics.

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Old Business

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New Business

Leonard Newburg from Chapter "P" requested to speak and his concerns were regarding Helping Hands and how it was run, who made the decision on who gets the money, how much is it, where is it kept and how much is in the fund. Charles said you can contact Di Hennings the new Helping Hands person, her information is in the *Touring News*. Ed Davis had the last report from National which was for October 2005 and at that time there was \$36,000.00; this was before hurricane Katrina and since then it was all used up plus some from the general fund to help those in need. Sometimes the need for Helping Hands is so great they have to fund from the general fund. John Reynolds said he would look into this for Leonard when he sends the questions in writing to be answered.

Doug Green from Chapter "R" spoke about the upcoming MS in September and all the changes that are occurring there is a concern about where to leave trailers and Tom from Chapter "B" said he had a large place where things could be stored until after the event.

Chapter Events

A – Polar Bear Ride, January 1, 2007

E – Blossom Trail Ride, Fresno Peace Officers Range, March 5, 2006

F – Mid-Winter Gathering, potluck, North Highlands, February 4, 2006

F – Mother's Day Campout, Rollins Lake, May 12, 13 and 14, 2006

L – Bob Reese Memorial Ride, Lake County, April 30, 2006

L – Toy Ride, Lake County, December 3, 2006

O – Fallen Riders Memorial, Redding, April 29, 2006

R – Mama Goya's for lunch, RSVP to Doug Green with count, August 27, 2006

S – Campout by the Lake, Lake Tahoe, July 14, 15 and 16, 2006

T – Cinco De Mayo, Gridley Fairgrounds, May 5, 6 and 7, 2006

V – Shawnathan's Shriners Toy Run (clean used stuffed toys and school supplies), Sacramento, April 22, 2006

V – Annual Toy Run "Toys for Tots, Woodland, November 5, 2006

Z – Mall Show, May 20, 2006

Z – Oktoberfest, contact Chapter for new site location, October 14, 2006

Check Southern California's website for their events.

The raffle basket was won by Fluffy and Rita from the South and the 50/50 was won by a member from Chapter "P".

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

John and Delores Reynolds are now part of the Board of Directors at the National Level.

Next State Staff Meeting is April 8, 2006 the Moose Lodge, Yuba City.

Respectfully submitted,
Delores Reynolds
N/CA State Secretary