

Northern California State Staff Meeting  
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**OPENING**

Charles Horner called the meeting to order and Phil Messer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a minute of silence for our veterans.

**CHAPTER REPORTS**

Chapter A Jim & June Jackson Not Present

Chapter B Tom Gaske

Chapter C Andrea & Craig Fredonna

Chapter D No longer a Chapter

Chapter E Jim & Sherry Nicolaisen

Chapter F Phil & Charlie Messer

Chapter K No longer a Chapter

Chapter J Ed Antrim acting director (Bill Goldsby will be new Chapter director)

Chapter L Jimmie Phillips

Chapter M Aaron Hardesty

Chapter N Buck & Charline Buckley Not present

Chapter O Ken & Sandy Downs

Chapter P Harry & Karen Davis

Chapter R Paul & Sonia O'Brien

Chapter S Christy Sonneborn & Dennis Therien

Chapter T Milton & Lonna Appelhof

Chapter V Steve & Ralphine Andrus

Chapter Y Marilyn & B.J. Johnson Not Present

Chapter Z Donald & Shelly Tolbert

**STATE STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

We welcomed to our meeting Michael & Tracy Wise of Southern California, the new state directors for Southern California.

State staff members present were Delores Reynolds, Secretary; Finance Director Char Bezanson; Phil & Charlie Messer, Assistant State Directors, John & Charmayne Hunrath Webmaster; Donald Tolbert, Assistant State Director, Steve & Ralphie Andrus, State Vendor Coordinators and last but not least Phyllis Horner. Guests present were Ron & Twinkle Lane, Past State Directors who served for ten years.

**REGION B**

Regional Directors present were Jim Barber and Karen Padilla.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board of Directors present were Ed & Joanne Davis and Bruce & Marge Tannock.

Ed Davis told us the Association's doing well and that the theme for this year is "Get Alive in 2005" and encourage us to bring in members. Board elections are coming up this year for our region and it is for a board member and a life founder representative. Ed asked us to re-elect him again.

Ed talked about "Baby Boomers" and that they are buying more bikes than any other age group and are also more of them are dying from motorcycle accidents than any other age group. Motorcycle safety courses were mentioned as a way of improving riders skills.

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Ed said the next board meeting will be the Friday after Gold Rush in Grand Junction, Co. in July.

Joanne Davis spoke about membership and she suggested that for every new member you recruit, you could get a ticket from her to be in a drawing to win a chance to throw a pie in her face at the state rally in May or Charles's face or maybe even your favorite chapter director or any state staff or national member present. You must verify the new membership by sending a copy of the application to Joanne.

Bruce Tannock reported the Association was trying to upgrade the way accounting is being done and to have items put into a department for easier understanding by everyone.

Regional Director Jim Barber requested you turn any Gold Rush tickets and money you have to him or Karen Padilla. He reported that Region "B" will be having an event later in the year. The event is being planned and will be announced soon. Region "B" will have an assignment for Gold Rush's "Prom Night". Jim asked Ralphine Andrus to be the cheerleader for our group at Gold Rush. Jim said there was a new Chapter in Arizona and they would be having a kick-off on March 19, 2005. The Chapter has 45 members and had 70 people present at their first meeting and looks like a great start. The Chapter is called "F Troup".

Karen asked the Chapters to turn in dates for their events to the *Touring News* so that they could be included in the magazine and also to the state and national web sites.

**CHAPTER OLYMPICS PROGRAM**

Charles said he included a checklist on how to participate in the Olympics. Try to get all Chapters involved in this. If your Chapter is going to do this let Charles and Jim Barber know and send the completed applications to Charles.

**STATE R.E.D. STEVE ANDRUS**

Steve Andrus has agreed to be the new R.E.D. for the State for the coming year. Steve thanked Les Long for his work last year as the R.E.D.

**OPEN COMMENTS**

Carl LeMier's father passed away recently and the family requested you not to send flowers but to make a donation to so that telephone cards may be sent to our servicemen in the Walter Reed Army Hospital as they must pay for all calls while they are there for treatment. Sue Medkiff has the name of the organization Sue is from Chapter "C".

Phyllis Horner thanked everyone for all the cards and letter she received while recuperating from her recent illness.

**STATE STAFF INFORMATION**

Charles included a comparison of the membership from to 2000 to 2004 and there has been an increase of 7%, not as much as we wanted.

Michael Wise from Southern California had an idea for raising funds for SO/CA State coffers and that was to sell green styrofoam balls you can put on your motorcycle or car

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antennas and they have GWTA printed on them; the price is 1.00 each. Michael & Tracy sold quite a few to at the meeting.

Charles asked the Chapter directors to vote on giving the SO/CA Directors \$200 for their treasury as their funds are very low due to problems beyond their control. It was a yes vote by all present. That's what destination friendship is all about. Chapter "Z" and Chapter "V" donated \$25 each for the cause.

John Hunrath requested you send him flyers as soon as you have them for your events and he will put them on the state web site.

Steve Andrus talked about a shirt their Chapter has developed for Gold Rush, you can purchase shirts from Chapter "V" they cost \$22.00 each and that includes your name. The shirt is a golf shirt.

Ralphie Andrus announced that if anyone has a preferred vendor to be at State Reunion, please call or email her with the name, address, phone number and email address if you have it ASAP as she will be sending out the second set of vendor letters.

Milton Applehof said Chapter "T" will have a website starting February 1, 2005.

Harry Davis reported Chapter "P" now has a website operated by Judy Coons.

Ken Downs talked about the poor turnout at the State Rally for the Rider Ed events and suggested a ticket be presented to each person taking part for prize drawing afterwards.

**STATE CALENDAR**

Charles asked everyone to check the calendar reference on the last page of this year's calendar and see if dates and places were correct. The following are the needed changes:

Chapter "F" change to third Sunday of each month

Chapter "L" call the director as they are looking for a new meeting place

Chapter "S" call the CD for meeting location.

Chapter "P" and "J" change to second Tuesday of each month

Chapter "R" and "Z" scratch December meetings

Chapter "R" add September 10, Mama Goye's for lunch formerly Adelitas

Chapter "P" June 4, Jelly Belly

Chapter "P" Ride to the sky, Sept. 17

Region "B" Kick off for Arizona Chapter's" March 19

**OPEN FORUM**

Chapter "E" Jim Nicolaisen reminded us that the Blossom Trail ride is March 6, Registration forms are on the N/CA state web site.

Chapter "J" June 10-12 Willets campout and potluck. Bill Goldsby is going to be the new Chapter director and Ed Antrim will be the assistant CD.

Chapter "Z" May 21 Mall show and October Fest October 8, San Bruno same place as last year.

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Chapter "F" Mothers Day campout May 13-15

Chapter "T" Cinco de Mayo May 6-8, games food lot's of fun, ONLY home made piñata's for the contest.

Fall Fiesta in Willits KOA campgrounds Rates \$8.00 per person per night no hook ups.

R.V. has six sites set aside. The theme will be Halloween. Oct. 14-16

Chapter "S" Lake Tahoe campout July 8-10

Chapter "V's" Shawnathan's Shriners Toy Run is on April 17<sup>th</sup> and their Annual Toy Run is on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**NEXT STATE STAFF MEETING**

State Staff April 30, 2005 in Pacifica. The location The Moose Lodge in Pacifica. Rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Express for \$89.00 plus tax for the room; directions will follow. State Staff to meet at Holiday Inn for meeting on Friday night.

**STATE REUNION/STATE RALLY**

Chapter "O" will do 50/50; may need help.

Charlie Messer in charge of trophies and door prizes.

Chapter "T" Skip and Sue will do family games.

Steve Andrus will do the R.E.D. skills.

Chapter "P" Harry & Karen Davis is in charge of security; may need help.

Chapter "Z" will do the bike show

Chapter "C" will be in charge of the bike games.

Will try to have something for Trike riders.

The theme this year is **Disney**, and we need to know how many Chapters will be doing a skit.

**GOLD RUSH**

Gold Rush is July 18-20, 2005 in Grand Junction, Co.

Everyone wear your gold tee-shirts from last year or the blues mentioned earlier in minutes.

Theme: **"BACK TO THE FUTURE"**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sonia O'Brien mentioned collecting change from members at your meeting for Ride for Kids.

Karen Padilla reminded us of the Nevada Hobo Run on May 6-8, 2005.

Bill Goldsby said Ride for Kids made \$297,000.00 last year. And this year they are giving away a 2005 VTX 1800 for the Northern California ride. He also mentioned that California has the most brain tumor survivors and that's great to hear. Ralph and Char are collecting helmets you may have to donate for the Ride for Kids.

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John Reynolds was presented with a very nice plaque for his picture taking of the Ride for Kids event.

Ken & Sandy Downs were presented a plaque for third place for raising \$11,410 with Chapter "O".

STATE FAMILY OF THE YEAR will be chosen at the Fall Fiesta in October. John & Delores were asked to continue as the State Family until that time. The time has been changed to October State Staff meeting to have us in line with the rest of the states.

REGION "B" FAMILY OF THE YEAR will be chosen at the State Staff meeting in January, the STATE FAMILY OF THE YEAR from both N/CA and S/CA will be represented at that meeting and one will be chosen for the New Year and that family will represent California at the National Rally in 2006.

Phil Messer told us that Jeff Bacon a former California member now living in Missouri has congestive heart failure and if you would like to contact him, see Phil for an e-mail address. We also learned Dave Lindsey, the former Assistant State Director is fighting cancer; he is from Chapter "V" and you can get his address from their Chapter Director Steve Andrus.

Joanne Davis can be contacted if you want to send articles to a serviceman and it will be forwarded through the lodge.

Terry Owens said 79 people attended the Golden Throne Awards this year. And if anyone wants to be a sponsor for the Fallen Rider Memorial Run your names will be placed on the back side of the tee-shirts. The cost to be a sponsor is \$100.00 per sponsor and you get a free tee-shirt and one free meal.

The Bear donated by Skip Parquette was won by Charmayne Hunrath and the basket was won by Sonia O'Brien.

The 50/50 was won by John Crist.

The logo contest for the State Rally was won by Ralphine Andrus from Chapter "V" and she will receive a free registration to the Rally.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Next State Staff Meeting April 30, 2005 @ the Moose Lodge, Pacifica, Ca.

Respectfully submitted by

Delores Reynolds  
State Staff Secretary

Reviewed by Charles Horner

PS: We would like to thank Joe Spencer for recommending the meeting place.