

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STATE STAFF MINUTES
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**CHARLES HORNER, STATE STAFF DIRECTOR OFFICIATING
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF SILENCE**

INTRODUCTIONS, Ed Davis helped with the introductions of all chapter CD's, and, Al and Joyce Mazon Regional Family of the Year. Charles Horner, talked about the State Reunion And thanked Joanne and Ed Davis for helping get us the Moose Lodge for this meeting. Charles asked for all members to fill in a survey they have in there packets.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Ed Davis told us about Jim Conrad resigning from the board. Ed asked each of the CD's to ask their members to see what they want to do at Gold Rush 2004. Ed would like to see more participation with the northern California Chapters at all GWTA events. Since Bob Hargrave was not at the meeting yet, Ed commented on the financial situation with GWTA. There is a new system in place for GWTA. Jane is the name of the new treasurer. Liz Gray takes care of the touring news magazine. Please call during business hours, or leave a message to put an article in the magazine. The Touring Magazine has changed since Liz Gray is taking care of business. Everyone is very happy with the magazine. Ed will have a feature in the magazine. He will show his first motorcycle, and show the present bike. You are encouraged to put in an article about your bike, and bike trips. **Joanne Davis** commented on how proud she was of Chapter T members, as they raised \$800.00 in GWTA National Bike Ticket sales. They also raised \$468.00 for the State. They also have candy to sell. **Bob Hargrave** said **Bruce Tannock** could not come to the meeting. Bob went over the budget. The 2004 budget was approved. The budget will be gone over again in May, as there were a number of questions about the budget. There were questions about vendors as they quote one fee and than ask for another fee. There will be a new accounting system used called Peach Tree. Jane Spaulding is working with the financial records of the Association. Bob Hargrave said the cash flow is up and down. At the present time we can pay our bills. The Touring News maybe combined with other publications, as the monthly postal bill is \$8,000.00. We also changed how we are collecting money from Canada and how we will bank that money. The new registration will be \$35.00 per year for members. Bob asked if we want anything from National? Please email or call him if you can think of something you want answered. It was mentioned that the Annual Membership Dues do little more then cover the cost of the Monthly Touring News.

GWTA birthday GWTA had its start in 1987, with Ed Davis and friends in Yuba City. GWTA will have a Birthday Party in Yuba City at the Fairgrounds. The Date will be September 10 and 11. Ed would like to see some of the charter members at this event. There will be information on Motels later. Ed challenged members to please come. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. Please bring in a gift, for gift exchange. Kids are one half price. Joanne wants the Founding Members to please come to the party. There is camping available. A flyer will come out later.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS, Don Fisher, said he was going to a funeral for Ray Allen. Some of his comments were he hopes that we attend more of the events in Region B. There will be a ride over Labor Day weekend. The ride takes you from, Sacramento to Santa Maria, to Needles, and then to Reno. You could ride all or part of the ride. There will be awards for each part of the ride that you take.

STATE FAMILY OF THE YEAR. Charles asked all the members that have had the honor of being State, Region and National Family of the Year to stand. Many at the meeting rose. The vote was taken for the new Family of the year. Chapter Z's members were, Harry, Lois and Crystal Hetzer. And Chapter V's members were Vickie and Clarence Hancock. Chapter T's, Mac and Adrienne McWhorter, and Chapter E, was John and Delores Reynolds. Each CD explained in detail why their member should be chosen. The winner was John and Delores Reynolds, by a silent vote from all the CD's that attended the meeting. Harry and family were a close second. In the event the Reynolds cannot continue in this honored position they would be asked to step in for the State Family of the Year.

2004 GOLD RUSH, Gary Campbell spoke about how great our reunion will be. Starting with the color of Gold. There will be gold tee shirts for sale with California State on it. You can sign up to purchase a shirt if you would like to. Some of the shirts will be for sale at the State Reunion also. There are 44 members signed up so far going to Gold Rush. Some of the chapters are giving away gifts, such as prunes, and raisins. The members can hand out cards that advertise their chapters. Charlie showed us a possible gift with a small card that can be given away. Balloons are another idea of a gift with California on the balloon. There will be lots to do at the Rally. Staff recommends we wear one of the gold shirts each day. There will be several river events, including a ducky race and raft race. Some of the members will decorate their trailers as wagons, in keeping with the Circus theme. There will be skits, which Ralphine Andrus has made up. Joanne Davis has a tee shirt design if you want to see her about that also. There will be noise makers, pom- poms, and balloons. Please phone Ralphine for all these items. Rally pins will be available. Phyllis Horner said we should have a committee meeting on all these matters. Ralphine distributed the skit to learn before the reunion. Phyllis asked for some time at the State Reunion to get our ideas together. Phyllis and Charles will bring hats for members, and each member can decorate the band. Joanne said she would supply a hatband from material with CA State Flowers on it. Jan Campbell found this pattern. There will be a prize for best hat, if individuals want to decorate the hats themselves. They should bring things native to California for the hats. There will be several events to participate in at the Rally. Chapters were asked to submit 6 months of newsletters at Gold Rush for a judging for recognition. Win River Casino has agreed to shuttle participants from the fairgrounds and back from the Casino Friday Night. Pick up is at 7:30 PM.

Chapter T, Charles thanked chapter T for donating \$300.00 to GWTA National, and the State matched that.

TOY RUN, April 18,2004 is the annual Shawnathan Toy Run sponsored by Chapter M and V; the cost is a soft toy. A vote was taken to see if we want more than one toy run in a year? The vote was yes; they will try and schedule it through the Shriners.

2004 STATE REUNION, There will be a number of vendors, and more are needed at Gold Rush. Charlie has the schedule full registration jobs. Charlie mentioned the small number of pre-register for the State Reunion. The deadline is very near. There will be pin strippers, on-site restaurant, chrome vendors and more. The money from the water sales will go to helping hands. We still need a nametag engraver. The question was asked, about looking at a future location for the State Rally? Questions about Chapter Pride, Chapter theme dress, and best dressed couple? Best Dressed Couple will be in Theme Dress only this year. The State Reunion shirts will be white and pre-registration only. Please bring prizes to rally for dirty bingo and door prizes, and drop them off at the information booth. Steve Andres volunteered to take care of the security. Debbie will take care of the 50/50, she could use someone to help them. Bike games will be supervised by Ken Downs, Bike judging will be managed by Al Mazon. Please see the schedule for all events. Les Long will have a bike skills event. Ronnie Vaughn the National Rider Education Director will help Les. Charles asked about how many people will camp? Who will decorate their campsites? Don Tolbert will have family games. Dirty Bingo will be Friday and

Saturday. There will be a hog calling contest also. Charles asked if anyone has tickets left to sell? Information booth is the place to post your Chapter Event flyers. There will be prize information in the entry packet. Bring posters and banners to decorate the walls. There was a show of hands how many would buy the shirts? There will be a feeding time called Vittle Fetchens, (Camp Grazing renamed). Ed Davis will shuttle folks to the Factory Outlet Stores in a car if service needed. Joanne Davis is in charge of Battle of the Chapters, CD's will be the participants for the sole entertainment of the members. Charles would like any comments on where the Chapters would like the future Rallies. The survey used at the meeting will be distributed to the members attending the Rally. The results will be shared before closing.

NEW AND OLD BUISNESS (updates, and calendar changes) April 25th Wing Nut will have it's annual open house event. If we go, could sell tickets, and talk about GWTA. Chapter V will set up an informational booth. Chapter J will have a camp out. Email them as to time. Date is June 11,12, \$13th. \$12.00 includes food . You can bring a RV or Tent.

You are invited to a miniature golf tournament at Chapter C's 1st annual tournament. All proceeds go to Ride for Kids. See newsletter on website. Chapter F, will have a spaghetti fee, and games at Rollins Lake. This is the Annual Mothers Day Campout. Great riding area. Chapter T will have the annual Cinco de Mayo campout May 14-16. you can camp out dead line is May 1st. Registration and Dinner will be \$15.00 per person. Profit goes to Ride for Kids. Chapter Z will have a Sept Fest, please see the Website for information, it could be in Oct, not to sure.

Fallen Rider Memorial Run is April 24th, we have almost 200 entrances so far. The cost is \$20.00 per person, and that includes food, drawings, poker run, and door prizes. All proceeds go to Ride for Kids, Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the U.S. There are donuts and coffee at the start. Chapter M will have a ride called Politics to Pirates. July 10 and 11, cost is \$8.00 per person. Bring a side dish, there is a barbeque planned. The ride to and from camp is really nice. The Bob Reese Memorial Ride is the 3rd annual run. April 18th. Poker Run is \$10.00. Starts in Lucern and goes around Clear Lake. Proceeds go to Ride for kids. A steak dinner is included. Start is 9AM in Lucern.

The NEW Chapter S in Paradise is approved by the Regional Director. No Formal name has been given as yet. The Chapter kickoff will be announced later.
Chapter X is still available?

Chapter V's John Hunrath is our new Web Master. He is married for 29 years, and loves his new job. He asked, us how many of us have seen the website? He needs our help to make the site good. He wants to have a photo of all officers for the website. He will put your flyer on site if you wish. John Reynolds sent him photo's of the Blossom Trail Ride, and he was very happy they got them to him so fast. He wants to have a visitor page for new members. The classified section is open to non-members also. Go on GWTA-NORCAL.ORG. Northern Calif. bought the domain. A question was, Please put the chapter's area in the officers page? He had a suggestion to put the chapter e-mail's on the website also. Someone wanted a map on the site to find the individual chapters. He wants to make the site friendly, and interesting. We will be getting the old web site address back, which will make it easier to get information. One member said she depended on the site for her directions to the meeting, and thanked John for the work on the site. One suggestion was to add the mapped area where each Chapter has their headquarters, so a member can go to the meetings if they want to. Please forward changes to your Chapter information to John Hunrath. WWW.GWTA-NORCAL.ORG

Happy Anniversary, to Ralph and Char they are going to have their 50th anniversary this June. Also Joanne and Ed Davis, were remembered on their 46th anniversary by Denny and Waffle the National Webmaster, who put it out to the members via the web. They were deluged with emails.

Each chapter was asked what they have done to get new members, and what activities they have done;

Chapter A- Put a picture in the Honda shop.

Chapter B- We do not do much as we have a very small chapter

Chapter C -We went to Moffit Fields and had booths, and also had other charities

Chapter E- Put on the Blossom Trail

Chapter F- Enjoyed the Ride for Kids, have volunteered each year with the Ride for Kids.

Chapter J-Went to the Ride for Kids

Chapter L- Every Christmas season we give a food basket to poor families, Ride for Kids

Chapter M -We respond to the emails right away, when people contact us. Hand out business cards. We will have a second toy run.

Chapter O-Fallen rider, Toy Runs, Food Drive, Crater Lake Campout, Walk a thon for MS, Put articles in Paper about GWTA's activities.

Chapter P- Judy printed cards. Our chapter pulled boat full of toys for Charity

Chapter R -Support helping Hands, Jacobs Heart, Easter Carnival, Bike-A Thon, Ride for Kids

Chapter T -Sam's Club and Orchards Supply parking lot Candy and Ticket sales, cancer fundraised \$85,000.00 for local family. Help MS victims, escort bicycle run. Our Chapter had the largest participation for events among the Chapters.

Chapter V- Business Card, Safety Class, Toy Run, Adopt several Families for Food and toys, Pass out flyers, give out introduction letter to Out Riders, gives out card, and flyers. Send letters to outriders.

Chapter Z- Lung Assoc., Tour to Cure, Ride for Kids, put flyers in shops. Have Bike show, Garage Sale, dinner once a month.

The outrider concept was explained, and also tips on how to get new members.

Ralphine suggested that we go to Road Rider sale in San Jose; hand out cards.

Mall Shows, It is difficult to have a Mall show, as the malls have to put up a large insurance to do this. The Managers at the Chico Mall said the insurance was just too large.

Wal-Mart is the best place to have a show. Also ask K-Mart to have shows.

December a toy Run Starts at K Mart. Last year at K Mart the employees helped at the toy run.

Region B is losing members. Charles reminded the group on how to recruit, and call the members often to go to activities. Ed said they invited the Harley groups to participate in the events too.

And include them in a charity. Joanne reminded us to take your membership card to the meetings. Ralphine has made a brochure for recruiting new members, to explain what the chapters do. Chapter 'O use to give out a new members packet. Ed told a story about getting a long time member enthused about going on runs again.

We thanked the Moose Lodge for letting us have the lunch there. Joanne said that the Moose Lodge ladies, dye Easter eggs for the children. The local radio station will advertise this. They also support kids to be raised, called Moose Heart. We tipped the young ladies that served our food, as they were working to go to summer camp. Joanne made the place mats that we used at lunch time. They were very cute, with the hillbilly ridin' hogs and chasin' chicks in the barn yard.

Delores Reynolds won the basket that was raffled, and **Jan Campbell** won the 50/50, which was \$106.50

Secretary, Joyce Long

Attendance 63