

Northern California State Staff Meeting

Pacifica, CA-April 30, 2005

The Minutes

Meeting called to order by Charles Horner at 10:00 A.M.

Flag salute followed by introduction of Chapters present. Twelve Chapters were present and five were not in attendance.

Charles introduced John & Delores Reynolds and said they had been chosen to represent Region "B" as the family of the year. John & Delores will also represent Region "B" at Gold Rush for consideration to be the National Family of the year.

John Reynolds announced he was going to run for the Board of Directors for Region "B" he asked for the Chapter directors to encourage their members to vote for him and to get the ballots in on time.

Charles had each Chapter director introduce themselves and any people they brought with them. We had 69 in attendance.

Ed & Joanne Davis were present representing National, Jim Barber and Karen Padilla was representing Region "B".

Charles reminded everyone that if they had not registered for the State Rally to do so now, and to get their members to pre-register also. The count is not as high as we would like. Charles said if you have questions or any problems to e-mail or call him or any State Staff person and you would get a quick response.

Rider Education

Steve Andrus asked each Chapter to update the Chapter members regarding Rider Education, such as renewed CPR courses and new levels of the rider education that the members may have obtained since their last update from National, send the updates to Steve, his address is in the Chapter directory.

Vendor Co-coordinator

Ralphie Andrus reported that only four vendors had signed up so far. They are looking at getting some local people in the Anderson area to be involved with some arts and crafts from that area. The vendor fees are \$65.00 for inside spaces and \$55.00 for outside spaces for the whole weekend and camping is \$10.00 a night and RV's are \$30.00 a night.

The idea of not charging vendors was discussed, no decision was made at this time. Charles expressed his feeling that a Rally was more for a meeting of friends and enjoying one another's company than to see vendors.

John Reynolds spoke about changing the type of Rally or gathering and a suggestion was made to send out a questionnaire asking for input from the members to determine what they would like, suggestions such as more rides, less games and skits or maybe a dinner and poker run, just fun stuff.

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Web Site

John Hunrath the web master will have an article from Charles on the web site when he returns home tomorrow. John thanked everyone who sent in flyers for their events and he has placed them on the web site. Please send in anything you have that might be worth while for others to see and read. Pictures and short articles on your Chapter's happenings are always welcome.

Finance

No report today.

Secretary

No report, the minutes for the last meeting were on the web site for all to read.

Region "B"

Jim Barber is having a fund raiser for the Region as they have very limited funds and need to raise some money. Jim passed out a flyer explaining how you can be a participant and help Region "B" at the same time. The fund raiser is called **GWTA REGION "B" PHOTO TOUR 2005**. The rules are simple, take five pictures of you and your bike with the names of a City, Town, Post Office, Fire Station, etc, spelling out GWTA, then a final picture of you and your bike by a sign showing your State. It can be a welcome sign or a road sign with your State name. Send a \$7.00 pre-registration fee.

Include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope

To:

Charlie Messer

10361 Dolecetto Dr.

Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

You need to register first then do the tour and send the pictures to the address above, or you can e-mail them to philchar@sbcglobal.net with your information.

Region "B" is also in charge of the arrangements for the Prom at Gold Rush and will be doing the 50/50. Each Chapter should bring a prize for dirty bingo.

Ralphie Andrus is setting up the skit for California; see her to find out what she needs. For the Prom night come as you like, there will be people who will dress up but it is not mandatory so just be there and have some fun. Corsages and Boutonnieres will be available for those who want one and the money goes to Helping Hands. Chapter "T" will be doing their Top Hatters routine which is always fun to watch. Region "B" will be lip synching to Elvis Presley's "Teddy Bear" there will be some small Bears to be tossed to the audience when the song is over.

Chapter "F" the River City Wings donated \$100.00 to get the fund started for Region "B". Chapter "F" is also holding a raffle for a quilt with all the money going to the Region "B" treasury. The quilt is a very nice queen size one and is in blue tone on a white background. All Chapters will be sent tickets to give the members a chance to win the quilt. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

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Board of Directors

Ed Davis said the association is doing well and he reminded folks to pre-register for Gold Rush. Region "B" is now at the top regarding members and they have gained a lot since last count with at least two new Chapters in the Region. (Way to go) Ed reminded us that he is running for the Board again and asked for our vote and reminded everyone to get their ballots in as soon as possible.

Joanne Davis talked about membership and bringing in new people, she also said you get a ticket for each new member and that gives you the chance to throw a pie in her face or any State Staff person, Region "B" person, or National person of your choice.

Door Prize

We have enough prizes and now need someone to help Charlie Messer with the door prizes for Saturday and Sunday at the State Rally.

Bike Games

There will be five games and each will have a winner and the winner will get their plaque at the game site, there will be one over-all winner and that will be announced at the gathering Saturday night. They will try to have something for Trikes too.

Family Games

There will be five games and winner's will get their award at the game site.

Bike Show

Show will be from 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Saturday and the winners will receive their plaques at the show site. There will be one over-all best of show and they will receive their award at the Saturday night gathering. We need all of you to come out and participate and support the Bike Show.

Bike Skills

There will be three different bike skills and riders need to take part. Plans are to ask Robert Taylor and Dennis Therien if they would help out with the bike skills and then later put on a bike demonstration. This is not a competition.

Security for Rally

Harry & Karen Davis will need help, see them to volunteer.

Trophies

Phil & Charlie Messer will see that each person in charge of various events will have the trophies at their event sites to be presented at that time.

50/50

Chapter "O" is in charge and they need people to volunteer to help sell the tickets. See Phyllis Horner at the Rally and she can direct you to the person who has the tickets.

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Camp Grazing

It was decided that all food for dinner will be brought to Fusaro Hall. The food will be put on tables and chairs will be set up so you can eat in the hall. The State Staff will provide plates and plastic wear for those who need it and they will be providing Buffalo meat as the main dish.

Ice Cream

Sunday at 3:00 p.m. the State Staff will be serving ice cream for all.

Ride for Kids

Bill Goldsby from Chapter "J" spoke about Ride for Kids and said they are thinking about a second ride for the Bay area as there seems to be a need there. They are thinking about June or September, no date has been chosen yet. Jon & Cathy Carlson are the coordinators for that event. They are looking at Livermore as the site area. We need to get more ride kits out to the motorcycle dealers to get more people interested in the rides.

Food at the Rally

The State will be providing breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. You may chose from pancakes and bacon and small juice \$3.00

Add eggs for \$3.50 or a fruit bowl for \$3.50

Breakfast will be served from 7:00 to 9: 00 a.m. on Saturday.

Biscuits and gravy for \$3.50 or fruit bowl \$3.50 on Sunday from 7:00 to 9:30 a.m.

A lemonade stand will be available on Saturday \$1.00-\$1.50.

There is a refrigerator available if you need to store food. A stove will be available for cooking.

Lunch and dinners except for the grazing on Saturday are on your own.

Chapter Reports

Chapter "C" May 14, Golf Land

Chapter "E" The Blossom Trail was great.

Chapter "F" Rollins Lake Campout May 13, 14 and 15. Dinner is a pot luck and Ice Cream and strawberries will be provided at no extra cost.

Jim Barber thanked Chapter "F" for the \$100.00 donation to the Region "B" treasury.

Chapter "J" Willits Campout June 10, 11 and 12, you need to make reservations by June 1st if you have an RV.

Chapter "O" Phyllis thanked everyone who attended the Fallen Rider Memorial Run, it was a great turnout. Charles & Phyllis will be the coordinators for next year.

Crater Lake campout is August 12, 13 and 14.

Chapter "P" Jelly Belly Tour September 17.

Chapter "R" New meeting place Marie Callendars in Capitola

Chapter "S" Tahoe Campout July 8, 9 and 10, contact Christie Sonneborn at (530) 877-4279 for information.

Chapter "T" Cinco De Mayo May 6, 7 and 8 at the Gridley Fairgrounds.

Chapter "V" Thanks to all on the Shwanathan Run, 3,000 toys was collected from 85 riders and some vehicles.

Chapter "V" new meeting place for May was the Andrus home and in August they will have a new meeting place, TBA.

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Chapter "Z" Motorcycle at the Mall May 21, 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Don Tolbert talked about the new insurance rates for this event, the rate has increased to \$200.00.

October Fest on October 8, 11:30 to 4:30 p.m. same place as last year.

Harry Hetzer donated two wood carved writing pens that were auctioned off to raise money for helping hands.

TA Way Review

Charles went over the TA Way guidelines and said if you need a copy let him know as all directors should have one, reminded everyone that the TA Way is a guideline and not set in stone.

Chapter Olympics Report

There are four Chapters that have finished them and turned them in and two more were received at the staff meeting. The deadline is May 15.

Helping Hands Raffle

Willie Crawford, Dick Gonder, Jim Bass and Phyllis Horner were all winners.

50/50 was won by Dick Gonder.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Delores Reynolds
State Secretary