

State Staff Meeting
September 22, 2007
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds Yuba City, CA

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| 1. Call to order, | Dennis Therien |
| Pledge of Allegiance | Dennis Therien |
| Opening prayer | Richard McMillan |

2. Introductions:

National Staff

John & Delores Reynolds	National Board Members
John Hunrath	National Web Master
Steve & Ralphine Andrus	National Family of the Year

Regional

Steve & Ralphine Andrus	Region "B" directors
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New State Staff,

Don & Shelly Tolbert	Assistant State Directors
Phil & Charlie Messer	Assistant State Directors
Char Bezanson	Finance/Registrar
Katie Bezanson	Assistant Finance (not present)
Linda & Tim Smith	Secretary
Gil & Mary Bell	Assistant Registrar (not present)

Northern California C.D.s,

Chapter	A	Jim Jackson
Chapter	B	Tom Garske
Chapter	C	Not Present
Chapter	E	John Reynolds
Chapter	F	Phil Messer
Chapter	J	Richard McMillan
Chapter	L	Jimmy Phillips
Chapter	N	Not Present
Chapter	O	Les Long
Chapter	P	Not Present
Chapter	R	Tim Smith
Chapter	S	Jack Jackson
Chapter	T	Al Mazon
Chapter	V	John Hunrath
Chapter	Y	Not Present
Chapter	Z	Don Tolbert

Washington State

Chapter	A	John Lawson and 6 members
	V	1 Person

3. Review last meeting minutes, motion to accept of change

ACCEPTED

4. Finance report – Char Current Treasury \$ 10,871.13

5. Fun with I.R.S – Christy

Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations will have a new filing requirement. Each chapter may need to file an annual electronic notice, Form 990-N, Electronic Notice and keep the following documents on file with the chapter director

- 1 EIN number under ‘Exemption Under Section 501c10
- 2 Organization document
- 3 Letter of purpose
- 4 List of activities
- 5 List of officers
- 6 Financial records

The CD packet contains additional information regarding the Federal filing requirements. The filing deadline is May 15th 2008. Chapters that have not filed for state exemption may want to file.

John Reynolds asked that National be contacted for guidance. He also asked the National send all regions a set of guide lines so that all chapters will be on the same type of tax exemption status. More information will be available in the near future.

6. Selection of Northern California Family of the Year

Will be finalized at the March 2008, staff meeting

7. Chapter registration renewal and CD change form by Nov 15

Chapter registration can be free for chapter’s completing the following

- 1 An officer of the chapter must attend a region Education Seminar
- 2 An officer of the chapter must attend a region Rider Education Safety Seminar
- 3 Officer in attendance at each seminar should obtain the signatures required at the bottom of the form
- 4 The chapter achieves growth by 25% between September 1, 2007 and November 30, 2007

National is offering free membership registration for new members recruited by an active member. Each member can recruit one new member. September 1 through November 30. The September issue of ‘Touring News’ has a yellow flier inside explaining the program.

Break

8. Regional comments - Ralphine & Steve

There will be a region Education Seminar and Rider Education Safety Seminar On November 10th in Woodland, Ca. See the flyer in the CD packet. Lunch \$ 10.00 per person and Steve needs to know how many are coming.

Steve and Ralphine need photos and articles by the end of September 30 that can be published in Touring New (Exploring Region B)

National Raffle ticket sales for 2007 Region A sold 13579, Region C sold 14900 and Region B sold only 8047

There are 300 of the 2500 GWTA Seven Chance Raffle tickets available for region “B”, there is flyer in the CD Packet.

Gold Rush will be in Billings Montana and the 2008 National Raffle tickets will be available in January

Weekend West will be at the Red Lion in Sacramento March 28-29-30, 2008
\$ 20.00 Registration per person, \$ 25.00 Banquet, ~ \$ 92.00 Room. Friday tours to Napa Valley, Jelly Belly, Budweiser

John Reynolds reminded every one that the two for one registration for Gold Rush ends December 31, 2007

9. Board of Directors - Life Members - Region B

John Reynolds; commented that 60% of the chapters have had an increase in member ship, unfortunately 40% of the chapters are decreasing in size.

The By Laws need to be updated and are being reviewed. It may take 2 to 3 months of work to complete.

Ed and Joanna Davis; the good news the turn out is great; the bad news is membership is down. We need younger member and when we get one give them some thing to do, get them involved and active. Have a new member packet ready with names, phone numbers, and email address, web-sites of the chapter, Northern California, and National the chapter and region ride calendars, and a brief description of what the chapter is about.

10. Web Master - Russ Newberg

Send information and he will post it. Working on allowing the CD to post their own flyers. The email and address date is being updated

11. E-mail List - Christy

Would like a email address of every one so she can distribute important news and information to the membership if she can't contact the CD. Since not all members have or use email regularly a phone tree would work.

12. Possible Surprise Speaker

Twinkle Lane noticed the membership used to helping each other if we were in a bind. Pull in the new members, make it fun for them, do goofy things to the chapter director. Use the telephone for a personal touch when contacting people.

Ed Davis commented that we need to look at the TA-Way

Joanna Davis said the CD is the coordinator

Steve: RA has canceled their trike group, there is an opportunity for recruitment

Ralphine: If some one missed a meetings call them to see if they are OK

Other Comments

Contact people who can't show up at chapter meetings, be in contact, and it helps them know you are still interested in them.

Outrider list: No one contacted them? If they are living near by call them

Expired members: Reason, why did your membership lapse?

Keep trying to see if they will return!

Lunch

13. Waves to Wine - Tom Garske

The first goal is bicycle safety. There ride starts in Pac-Bell Park and the west side of the Golden Gate Bridge will be for Waves to Wine bicycles only up to 8:30AM. The ride will take them over Mt. Tam through Stinson Beach to Rohnert Park with rest stops every 20 miles. Sunday they ride from

Rohnert Park to Lake Sonoma. The escorts will meet in a parking lot just north of the bridge Tom has a map so the riders do not have to cross the bridge on Saturday and the orange safety vests that chapter R provided. The motorcycles will have free camping, food, and a \$ 15.00 card for gas at the end of each day. Camping gear can remain at the camp site Saturday and Sunday with security for your equipment.

14. Ride for Kids

There is a new route and new procedures and new helmets for the Kids this year. Training will be on Thursday and Friday evening.

15. Other Chapter Events for 2007

L – Toy Run October 13th

Z – Oktoberfest October 14th the flyer 13th is wrong

V – Toy Run November 4th at Les Schwab on the East side of Main St.

16. Tentative ride calendar for 2008

A – Polar Bear Ride New Years Day

L – Bob Reese Memorial

O - Golden Throne Awards January 13th

 Fallen Rider April 26th

Z – Oktoberfest

17. 2008 State Rally Theme China Town #1, Sixties #2 to be okayed with southern California
Drawings and Art work for the Ride Pin and shirts need to be ready by the next staff meeting.

 New Event – *Christy* 31 Tournament

18. Next State Staff January 2008

 Moose Loge, Yuba City

 Let State Staff know how many people are coming, to plan the lunch

19. New/Old business

 The state will obtain display cases made for the chapters to put into the local dealers show room to hold GWTA applications, brochures, chapter information promoting GWTA

 Charles Horner said a big thank you all

Adjourn.

50/50 The \$ 103.00 Winner was Dave Caudle

The Tortilla Toss

 The winning 64 foot 1 inch toss was made by John Reynolds

Respectfully Submitted The 26th of September 2007

 Linda Smith Secretary

 Tim Smith Assistant Secretary