

STATE STAFF MINUTES

KOA Campgrounds, Willits, CA

October 15, 2005

Meeting was called to order by Charles Horner at 10:05 a.m., the pledge of allegiance and a prayer given by Jimmie Phillips, then a moment of silence for our troops overseas and the people in the hurricane area.

Introductions

Charles introduced John & Delores Reynolds as the new Family National Family of the Year for 2005. They are also new members of the Board of Directors beginning in January 2006.

Charles had each Chapter present and introduce themselves and people who came with them. Chapters B, C, M, N, and O and P had no one attending.

State Staff present were Phyllis Horner, Co-State Director; Phil & Charlie Messer and Don & Shelley Tolbert as ASD; Treasurer Char Bezanson; Webmaster John & Charmayne Hunrath; State RED Steve Andrus; Vendor Coordinator Ralphine Andrus; Secretary Delores Reynolds.

Charles thanked Phil & Charlie Messer for getting information out to the Chapters as his computer has a problem and reminded everyone they can contact the Messers by email or him through his cell telephone number.

State Family of the Year

There were three Chapters present to compete for Northern California Family of the year for 2005.

Skip Paquette introduced Milton & Lonna Appelhof as Chapter family for Chapter "T". Skip read a resume showing all the things the Appelhofs are involved in with GWTA both at the Chapter level, National and also their involvement in several other organizations.

Steve Andrus of Chapter "V" introduced Joe & Mary Spencer and read a resume listing the Spencer's involvement in Chapter "V" especially with their Garage Sale Fundraiser and November Toy Run; they are also very active in the Woodland community.

Don Tolbert of Chapter "Z" introduced Doug & Sandy Werner who are the Assistant Directors for Chapter "Z" and are their Family of the Year. Don read a short resume telling some fun things about the Werners.

Charles asked that the CDs put their choice for State Family of the Year on a slip of paper and give them to Charlie Messer to count.

Michelle Therien was called forward while the counting was being done and Charles presented her with a plaque for being the youngest rider at the meeting, Michelle is 15½ years old and this weekend was her first long ride since getting her permit. Michelle has been a part of GWTA since she was born and it was fun watching her over the years; she's a special part of No. Cal. GWTA.

Charles announced that Milton and Lonna Appelhof from Chapter "T" will be the new Family of the Year for Northern California. John & Delores Reynolds, out-going Family of the year presented them with their sashes and medallions and wished them all the best in the coming year.

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Board of Directors Comments

John Reynolds mentioned that National is thinking about a new logo for National and that membership can submit a design for consideration; all the information is in the October issue of the Touring News. The reason for a new logo is to have something that would incorporate all kinds of bikes not just Gold Wings as that would allow GWTA a bigger membership base.

Charles showed Waldo, the mascot, and said since they have had him he has traveled to Alaska and a number of other States since Gold Rush and will be going down to Southern California in December.

Charles talked about how to contact anyone on the National level – you could email him if it was an operational question. John would be the one to contact if you had any questions about things that the National Board of Directors would deal with.

Charles would like to see a membership increase this coming year of at least 10% for the State. The increase of 120 new members should be a reachable goal for the coming year.

Region “B” Directors

Jim & Karen were in Southern California for their State Staff meeting which was the same day as ours. Jim sent Gold Rush tickets for all the Chapters and they were given to each Chapter today. Jim is working with the south regarding the State Rally in May.

State Staff Comments National Awards Presentations

Chapter “C” got a silver award for the Olympics Programs.

Chapter “C” Plaque for the newsletter program at Gold Rush.

Webmaster John Hunrath said we now have five more years for our website domain. John requested you to keep sending him things such as flyers for upcoming events, pictures from Chapter functions and also for your events.

Treasurer Char Bezanson stated no report today. We have raffle tickets for the basket to give away tonight at the potluck. The tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 – please see Char.

Char reminded every one to pay for their camping except for the Chapter Directors as State pays for them. The cost for tent camping sites is \$8.00 per person per night.

Secretary Delores Reynolds stated no report today.

Phil & Charlie Messer reminded everyone they will send you things from Charles and if you cannot reach him to contact them and they will contact him and get back to you. Charles can be reached at (530) 524-8145.

RED Steve Andrus said the National RED Directors Ron & Kathe Vaughn would like to have input from all Chapter REDs regarding what will be put in the safety course as they are trying to put something together for the next Gold Rush. Steve will be contacting each Chapter RED in the coming months. The course would not count as a MSC, but would be a Level Two certification on our rider education program. The charge for the course would possibly be \$25.

Steve will be meeting with about 150 new airmen at Travis AFB and will talk about motorcycling in the area and what is available regarding local Chapters, and, of course, the riding area. Steve thinks there is a great potential for new membership.

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Vendor Coordinator

Ralphine Andrus said we won't have many vendors at the rally; however, she is willing to contact any one you recommend to her. It is getting harder and harder to get vendors to come to rallies as small as ours. Ralphie thinks maybe three so far.

State Calendar for 2006

Chapter "Z"

May 20, 2006 – Mall Show in Milpitas

October 14, 2006 – Oktoberfest in San Mateo

Chapter "Y"

No event date yet.

Jon Carlson reported on the next Ride for Kids on June 25, 2006 in Pleasanton; this is an additional Ride for Kids.

Chapter "V"

November 6, 2005 – Woodland Toy Run next month

November 5, 2006 – Woodland Toy Run; new location to follow

April 22, 2006 – Shawnathan Shriners Toy Run in Sacramento

Chapter "T"

May 5, 6 and 7, 2006 – Cinco de Mayo at the Gridley Fairgrounds

Chapter "S"

July 14 and 15, 2006 – Campout by the Lake in South Lake Tahoe

Chapter "R"

Unknown at this time but will get information to Charles as soon as possible.

Chapter "P"

No event scheduled yet.

Chapter "O"

January 8, 2006 – Golden Throne Awards at the Country Kitchen, Orland

April 29, 2006 – Fallen Rider Memorial in Redding

August 11, 12 and 13, 2006 – Crater Lake 2006; not sure of exact location but will get back to Charles soon.

Chapter "N"

No event scheduled yet.

Chapter "M"

No event scheduled at this time.

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Chapter "L"

December 4, 2005 – Toy Run, 9:00 a.m. at Kmart in Lakeport

December 3, 2006 – Toy Run, 9:00 a.m. at Kmart in Lakeport

April 30, 2006 – Bob Reese Memorial Ride in Lucerne; meet at the Driftwood Lounge

Chapter "J"

No date set yet for third annual Fun Time Gathering

Chapter "F"

February 4, 2006 – Mid Winter's Gathering in Antelope, North Highlands (co-sponsored with Chapter V)

May 12, 13 and 14, 2006 – Mothers Day Campout at Rollins Lake

Chapter "E"

March 5, 2006 – Blossom Trail Ride

Chapters "C" & "B"

Nothing scheduled for anything yet.

Chapter "A"

January 1, 2006 – Polar Bear Ride, 9:00 a.m. to San Andreas; \$11 pre-registration, \$13 on site.

Old Business

The theme for 2006 State Rally suggestions were Frontier, Gold Rush, Pirates, Toga Party, Halloween, Vikings and Pilgrims. It was suggested that Frontier would be appropriate since we are in Gold Rush country.

State Reunion will be at the Plymouth Fairgrounds on Memorial Day weekend, May 26, 27, 28 and 29, 2006.

Charles & Phyllis will look for a food vendor for breakfast and lunch, however, if they are not able to get anyone maybe a Chapter or two might want to do the food. We will discuss this again at the next meeting.

Charles shared the results from the survey sent to Chapter directors earlier in the year:

Rally as is 36 no 26 yes

Bike games 36 yes 27 no

Skits 35 no

Bike show 44 yes

Grazing yes

Best dressed couple no

Best Dressed Chapter 36 no 27 yes

State to supply meat for grazing yes

Ice cream social yes

50/50 yes

Site theme no

Trophies 32 no 31 yes (maybe only for bike best of show).

Event theme yes

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Dirty Bingo yes
Door Prizes yes
Family games yes
Rider Ed yes
Practice bike skill yes

We had a big discussion about a silent auction and dirty bingo. As some people were unhappy about both, no real decision was arrived at regarding how each could be handled.

Minutes for April meeting were approved as printed.

The Ride for Kids was discussed and we were told over \$170,000 was made for this year's ride and that the number of riders and donations were down from last year. The Task Force needs more people. If you can serve please sign up, you don't have to attend every meeting. They need more people willing to get the word out about Ride for Kids. An RFK Task Force question was asked how many tickets for the motorcycle drawing donators receive was discussed and after further discussion Charles suggested that the National Pediatric Foundation is the place to talk about this issue as the Task Force couldn't make any changes on things like that.

New Business

The Chapter Olympics has been revised and the changes are in the October *Touring News*. The Chapter Directors received a list of expiring members. Please check it out and if you have any members on it, please contact and remind them of the expiring date.

Southern California will be joining us in January for the next State Staff meeting on January 21, 2006 in Selma at the Spike & Rail Steak House.

Southern California would like to be involved again with the Rally. Jim Barber called during the meeting and said the South will be coming in force. Charles said we will need 55 or more attending the January State staff meeting in order for State to use the meeting room without a fee. Please think about inviting more of your Chapter members to attend the meeting.

Charles mentioned that National is having a problem keeping memberships updated and also said when you have a new member coming in try to get them to sign up for two years as it is more cost effective for the Association.

The largest Chapter in Northern California is Chapter "F" – Congratulations!

There was a suggestion have each Chapter donate 10% of their bank account to Helping Hands. Some Chapters are already doing more than that.

The winner of the quilt was Charles & Phyllis Horner and they decided to raffle it off again as they have lots of quilts and the money will be donated to Ride For Kids in 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delores Reynolds
N/CA State Secretary

PS: John Hunrath won the tortilla toss with a throw of 99 feet; 2nd place was Charles Horner with 90 feet and 3rd place was Robert Taylor with 64 feet. Delores Reynolds won the 50/50 drawing.