

# California GWTA State Staff Meeting

Saturday, September 10, 2022

**Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by State Director Paul Androwsky at 10:00 A.M. He asked that all cell phones and electronics be silenced at this time. Paul also stated, due to the fires in our area, if we are asked to evacuate, we need to do so without hesitation. Do not worry about your personal belongings, just leave.

Paul had many people to thank; Karen Padilla for picking up the donuts, Skip Trautman for making the coffee, the State Staff for making the lunch.

Remember to treat everyone with respect and dignity. Please- no politics or religion.

## **Introduction of the State Staff:**

- State Directors-Paul and Ruth Androwsky
- Assistant State Directors- Lynn Hollenback and Jana Van Housen
- Secretary (vacant) Jana Van Housen (acting)
- Treasurer- Christi Cue
- Raffle Coordinator- Steve Cue
- Support Team - Scott Kohler
- Quarter Master – Vacant
- Stores- William Meyers
- Historian- Robert Kyes
- Chaplin- Rich McMillan

Please feel free to volunteer for the open positions. Contact Paul and Ruth for information.

## **Introduction of California Mr. GWTA 2022:**

- Robert Taylor

## **Introduction of National and Regional Staff:**

- National Webmaster-John Hunrath
- Board of Directors- Vacant
- Region B Director- Ralphine Andrus

## **Introduction of Chapter Directors and members in attendance:**

- Chapter A- Manny Bernstein not here
- Chapter F- Robert Kyes- Katrina Kyes, Ron Smith, Butch and Connie Ditmars, and Karen Padilla.
- Chapter L- Lynn Hollenback- Jana Van Housen
- Chapter P- Harry and Karen Davis not here, Rich Mc Millan, Robert Taylor.
- Chapter R- Paul Androwsky- Ruth Androwsky and Cody.
- Chapter T- Skip Trautman, Teri Trautman, Scott and Mary Kohler, Steve and Jackie, Richard and Jan Agesen.
- Chapter V- Christi Cue, Steve Cue, Mary and Joe Spencer, Ralphine Andrus, honorary members John and Charmayne Hunrath.
- Oregon Chapter A- John Hunrath, Charmayne Hunrath, Bud Saber, Gariann Bowling, Richard and Lucinda Perry.

- Outriders from Reno, Nevada- Harry and Mary Mixie

### **Secretary's Report:**

The minutes have been posted (March 2021) State Staff meeting. Jana asked if there were any corrections that needed to be made. No one had any corrections to be made. It was motioned by Mary Spencer to accept the minutes as written. This was seconded by Christi Cue. All were in favor.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Christi Cue stated that our bank account was hit three times. She is dealing with the bank to try and figure out how anyone could access our account. The bank has been very helpful in refunding the monies that were taken. Though, Christi said she is still waiting for about a \$2,700.00 refund to come through. There was much discussion on how anyone could access this account. The ATM cards were not affected. She has changed checking accounts twice this summer. Christi stated, it was through bill pay. The bank has flagged the account for activity and will notify Christi or Paul with questions.

Christi also reported that we made money at the Spring Fling, \$822.22 to be exact. That is wonderful news. Christi is always willing to show the books to anyone if they should have questions. Our checkbook balance to date is; \$7,724.02. The bank balance is; \$4,983.37, giving us a difference of \$2,740.65.

It was motioned by Jana Van Housen to accept the treasurer's report. This was seconded by Lynn Hollenback. There were no oppositions. The Treasurers was accepted.

### **National News:**

Region B Director, Ralphine Andrus stated the chapter directors should have the updated membership list for their chapters.

Memberships dues will remain the same; \$50.00/ year, \$100.00 for two years, \$125.00 for three years.

A huge thank you goes to John Hunrath, for making, printing, and mailing the GWTA Operations Manuals. This was a two-year collaboration with National Director Judy Schaffer and John to bring this manual together. It will be a great asset to each chapter director for guidance in the GWTA way.

It is noteworthy to say, GWTA has 1,000 active members, 30 chapters nationwide with one in Canada.

The Blue Line Book will be reactivated. This will help all members to have access, while traveling, for roadside assistance if they should find themselves needing help.

We are still waiting on the Gold Rush report from South Dakota. Judy has been extremely busy with state rallies and meetings. She will get that report out as soon as it is ready.

Gold Rush 2023 (XXXV) will be held in Onalaska, Wisconsin, July 17-20. Deadline for reservations will be June 16, 2023. The theme will be *Lumber Jack*. The host hotel is Stoney

Creek Hotel La Crosse in Onalaska. Please see the website ([gwta.org](http://gwta.org)) for further information.

California's Chapter F placed Silver in the Chapter Olympics. The award was presented at Gold Rush. They were the lucky winners of \$200.00 for their chapter. This event will continue to keep chapters involved and competitive. Chapter F also was recognized as the third largest chapter in attendance at Gold Rush. Way to Go, Chapter F!

California also won the Jack May Spirit Award, having California members attending many of the functions at Gold Rush and with Mary Spencer making our Golden Scarves, it made us stand out from other states. Thank you, Mary, you are the best! There are a few of the scarves left. They were \$6.00 each but are now going for \$1.00. You can contact Ralphine if you are interested in getting one of these scarves.

Ralphine had information on Bikers helping Bikers. This is Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys. You can visit the website for more information: [www.russbrown.com](http://www.russbrown.com).

The discussion turned to the collapse of GWRRA. Many of their members are still up in arms as to why they dissolved. GWTA has had a few of their members sign on with us. There are many members of GWRRA that are fed up and want nothing to do with any clubs. I say, we give them time and talk about the great things we are doing in GWTA, and maybe, just maybe they will want to venture out to one of our events and see we are not political, that we are just here to have fun.

Harry Mixie stated he has attended a few of the GWRRA meetings and has tried to promote GWTA. Harry said most GWRRA members were open minded and would consider joining GWTA. They are holding back a bit, as they go through their transition period. He also stated that most GWRRA members are RVers, not campers. Harry also said that some GWRRA members were GWTA members in the past. Moving to Nevada, and not having a chapter to join, they went over to GWRRA. He also discovered a website to post your events. It does not need to be motorcycle related; this is for any event. That site is: [groupworksdigest.com](http://groupworksdigest.com). It just may be the ticket to get more people to look at GWTA.

Ralphine also stated that she and Steve will be traveling to Washington State and will be speaking to GWRRA there. We hope that we are able to pick up a few more members doing this. Robert Taylor asked how he could post something at his local Honda dealer. It was mentioned to use the tri-fold flyers to leave at the dealership for prospective members to pick up.

#### **National Webmaster/ National Policies:**

John Hunrath brought news. Due to paid memberships, GWTA now has \$65,000.00 in the bank. That is great news, as we were struggling to make ends meet a few years ago. Thanks to a great job by National Director, Judy Schaffer.

The new Operations Manual has five sections. If you need more information, you can visit the national website@ [gwta.org](http://gwta.org).

The new website is happening! The goal would be to have the Blue Line available on your phone. There will be many pages that are password protected, too.

Your first password will be welcome. You will then need to create your own password when you enter the website.

With National Director, Judy Schaffer being so busy attending meeting and events with trying to recruit GWRRA members, she was in need of assistance. Carol Brush has stepped up to the plate to give her a much needed helping hand. Jim Caffrey will be taking Carols' place as event coordinator. We are sure he will do a great job.

John also announced that GWTA member, Ed Drummond has pancreatic cancer. They have caught it very early. Ed is in good spirits, and doing well. If you would like to send him a card, his address is: 2047 Marcy Loop Road- Grants Pass, Oregon 97527. The email address is for Clara, but you can also send best wishes to him @ [mamawinger@hotmail.com](mailto:mamawinger@hotmail.com). We are all wishing Ed the best.

John talked about how GWRRA conducts business differently. They have zoom meetings, etc. He felt that if a GWRRA member does join GWTA, that person should not be able to hold office in GWTA for at least two years. Just to keep the "TA" way. Karen Padilla stated, she felt if they want to join GWTA, they should be treated like any other member. If they want to run for an office, they should be allowed.

#### **Old Business:**

None

#### **GWRRA Questions:**

This topic has many scratching their heads. Karen Padilla and Jim Barber attended the Sacramento chapter of GWRRA meeting. The chapter has disbanded. Many of the members asked Jim and Karen numerous questions regarding GWTA. Karen says many of the members are OLD, they are very nice people. Most of the individuals did not want to change organizations due to the fact they have money invested in clothing. To change colors, patches, etc., would be very expensive.

Paul stated a group in San Diego wanted to be known as GWTA SD. Paul discussed this with National Director, Judy Schaffer, it was determined that this would not be a good idea.

Rich Mc Millan said he was a life member of both GWRRA and GWTA. He said that his GWRRA chapter had to take GWRRA to court regarding money issues. His chapter was able to keep the money they earned.

Paul and Ruth Androwsky attended their GWRRA meeting. They are members as well. Their chapter director is unsure of what to do. Paul suggested to him that each individual join as a separate member to GWTA, then form a new chapter.

In the end of all of this confusion, we need to remember to promote good relations no matter where GWRRA ends up. We are here to have fun. We are 'Destination Friendship'.

#### **Spring Fling:**

May 26-29, 2023. The theme is *Hillbilly*. Should we have a logo contest? If so, what prize should be awarded? Jana Van Housen motioned to have a logo contest with one free registration. This was seconded by Robert Kyes. All were in favor.

Much of the planning for Spring Fling will be done at our March 2023 meeting. Some things to consider: We need Kitchen help. Maybe one chapter does cooking, while another chapter does the cleaning.

Do we want it at Plymouth again? The group seemed to agree. Paul pointed out that if someone wanted to do the research for a new site. He is available to answer any questions.

Any comments or a concern about last year's Spring Fling? None were raised.

We need ride leaders. Paul suggested that we attend memorials in the area as we are celebrating the veterans that fought for us.

Registration will open on Thursday around 4 P.M.

Opening ceremonies will be held on Friday around 3 P.M.

**Chapter Events for 2023:**

Chapter A- none

Chapter F- Robert Kyes- Mid Winter Gathering- date TBA.

Chapter L- none

Chapter P- none

Chapter R- Possibly another July Bar B Que. TBD

Chapter T- Friendship Campout- date TBD

Chapter V- none.

Outriders- none

**Chapter Registrations:**

Chapter registrations are due to the National Office before November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please get them to Paul Androwsky by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remember to accompany your check with the registration form.

Chapter newsletters format suggestions. These are posted on our state website. How is it working for everyone?

We need to get our chapters motivated and host more events.

**California Numbers:**

As of August 30, 2022:

172 members

139 members are Lifetime

112 members are Outriders

108 members of the outriders are Life Members

3 new members are from GWRRA.

A special note: Jana Van Housen stated that they have been having a difficult time finding Life member, Jimmie Phillips. They finally tracked him down. He is well and living back at his home in Nice. We will keep closer contact of him from now on.

Paul asked that we take a moment to remember those Fallen Riders we have lost this past year.

There was no other New Business.

**50/50 Drawing:**

The drawing was won by Bud Saber from Oregon. Congratulations Bud.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 by State Director Paul Androwsky.

**GWTA State/ PA/jvh**