

**GWTA California State  
Business Meeting  
March 19, 2022**

**Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by State Director Paul Androwsky. Paul also led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul announced that lunch tickets must be purchased immediately (if not already done) so the kitchen could get an accurate headcount. Price of the meal is \$12.

As usual, he asked that all cell phones be silenced.

Thank you go out to Sue Paquette, Scott Kohler, and Mary Lanske for getting the Moose Lodge, and for helping set up for the meeting this morning. Also, to Robert Taylor was also here to help Scott with the set up.

This organization is nonpolitical or religious. Please treat each other with respect.

A big thank you to Paul and Ruth Androwsky for the donuts.

Paul also talked about the safety of our meetings and gatherings. Volunteers, who are currently trained and able to administer first aid. Who knows where we are? Who to call for help? Where are the approved exits? These are very important issues, and we need to keep abreast of our environment. After a discussion, we are looking into getting a first aid class together to include CPR, First Aid, and Riders Education. We are hoping this class will be before we leave for Gold Rush in July. Dates will be announced.

**Introduction of State Staff:**

State Directors– Paul and Ruth Androwsky

Assistant State Directors– Lynn Hollenback / Jana Van Housen

Treasurer– Christi Cue

Secretary– Vacant Jana Van Housen filling in today. Thank you.

Historian– Robert Kyes (absent today)

Raffle Coordinator– Steve Cue

Webmaster– Skip Trautman

Chaplin– Richard Mc Millan

Support Team – Joe and Mary Spencer, Teri Trautman.

Stores–William Meyer (absent today)

Quarter Master–Skip Trautman

**Mr. And Mrs. GWTA:**

Robert and Katrina Kyes (absent today)

A new Mr. and Mrs. GWTA will be announced at Spring Fling. The election committee will consist of the last three recipients, Robert and Katrina Kyes, Lynn Hollenback, Jana Van Housen, and Paul and Ruth Androwsky.

### State Officers Reports:

**Secretary**– Jana Van Housen accidentally gave the treasures report. So, sorry Christi.

<b>Treasures Report</b> –	Starting Balance:		\$5,550.17
	Fall Fiesta Deposit:	+ 794.00	
	Camping payment:	-768.00	
	Food:	-104.51	
	Deposit:	+10.00	
	Deposit:	+35.00	
	Food:	-16.97	
	<u>Donuts Fall Staff Meeting:</u>	<u>-54.40</u>	
	Balance		\$5,445.29

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	Skip Trautman/GoDaddy Website		
		-143.88	
	<u>Deposit Spring Fling:</u>	<u>+594.00</u>	
	New Balance		\$5,895.41

Christi Cue stated that we really need to find a way to save money, as we actually made \$427.12, and if it weren't for the <sup>50</sup>/<sub>50</sub> and generous, kind donations from Fall Fiesta. This was discussed, with the conclusion that we (state) did not have to supply the main course at the events. There is always so much food left over, that the members will have Potlucks, unless things change.

Manny Bernstein motioned to accept the treasures Report. This was seconded by Lynn Hollenback. All were in favor.

**Webmaster Report**- Skip Trautman is thinking about putting a "State Stores Inventory" page on the website. There will be information so you can get in contact with William Meyers, and order items that you want.

**Stores Report**-William Meyer (absent)

**Reginal Directors' Report**– Ralphine Andrus wanted all to remember one of the Board of Directors (Larry Oswald) passed on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Our prayers go out to his wife Betty and family.

Ralphine Andrus stated that those who have paid for their memberships will be getting new cards made with better quality stock. National has a new office assistant and they are getting these in order to produce and mail out in the very near future.

Ralphine also stated that the National Director has dealt with three deaths in the last few months, her mother, her aunt, and a cousin.

The theme for Gold Rush this year will be “Wild West”. With this in mind, and that Gold Rush will be held in South Dakota, we need to be mindful of the indigenous people of this area. Real Wild West guns should not be displayed.

Gold Rush will be held July 17<sup>th</sup>– July 21<sup>st</sup>. The host hotel, Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza, has a block of 70 rooms. 44 rooms have already been reserved. There is a glitch at the motel now regarding the reservations. These glitches should be ironed out soon. When calling for your reservations, please make sure you ask for the “GWTA Rates”.

In order for this organizations to continue, even with the price of gasoline, we need to attend the functions of all events, whether they be national or local chapters. With this in mind, to boost attendance of Gold Rush, there are thoughts that cash awards will be given to the groups that participate in the most chapter olympics. More information to come on this.

This year, GWTA will celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> Gold Rush anniversary. Again, please come and celebrate with us.

Ralphine stated there were many openings that need to be filled:

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Education Retention director, and many others. If you are interested to find out more, please contact Ralphine for more information. 707-479-0749

Paul suggested that we could contribute to the Chapter Olympic program by getting together at possibly the Stockton Eagles Lodge, that Manny manages. We could offer the classes needed for the rider education program and see about getting folks to teach first aid and CPR classes to us.

Paul also mentioned that he would like to see all the California participants at Gold Rush to have an identifier. Many good ideas were tossed around, and it was decided that Mary Spencer and Ralphine would work to get golden neckerchiefs and Ralphine would bring them to Gold Rush. They are hoping the cost will be around \$5.00 each.

**Introduction of New Members and Guests**– No new members or guests.

**Chapter Directors Introductions-**

Chapter A– Manny and Lucille Bernstein / no other members

Chapter F– Ron Smith for Robert and Katrina Kyes / 10 other members in attendance.

Chapter L– Lynn Hollenback / 2 other members in attendance

Chapter P– Harry and Karen Davis (absent) Rich Mc Millan / 2 other members in attendance.

Chapter R– Tim Smith for Paul and Ruth Androwsky.

Chapter T– Skip and Teri Trautman with Scott Kohler. (Scott will take the CD position upon Skip and Teri's move in November.)

Chapter V– Christi and Steve Cue /total of 6 members in attendance.

**Chapter, State and National Events for 2022 Calendar-**

Chapter A – Stockton Eagles - Manny apologized about January 1<sup>st</sup> Polar Bear Ride. They are hoping to host this ride again next January.

Chapter F - River City Wings - Ron Smith stated they hold their meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. 8 A.M./ meeting at 9:00. Denny's 3520 Auburn Blvd. Sacramento. They have a dinner ride 4th Saturday of the month. They are hosting the Mid Winter Gathering March 26<sup>th</sup>. Flyers are available on the state website. This chapter is keeping very active. If you are interested in joining them on their many rides, please contact Robert Kyes. (916-284-5572)

Chapter L– Clear Lake Road Riders– No events. Just a brief note from Lynn Hollenback. He has been trying to reach Life Member Jimmie Phillips for several months. His home phone no longer accepts messages. He is hoping that he is with his son in Fairfield, though he has not been able to reach his son either. He will update all when he finally finds out more information.

Chapter P - Diablo Valley Wings - Harry and Karen Davis (Rich Mc Millan filling in) Rich stated they meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at Denny's, 2006 Somersville Road in Antioch at 11:30 A.M.

Chapter R - Monterey Bay Wings - Tim Smith for Paul and Ruth Androwsky. After 20 years of diligent service to the chapter as CD, Doug Green announced at our last meeting that he would be stepping up to be a member due to his busy schedule. Paul and Ruth have offered to be the contact point for the chapter. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 6:30 P.M. for dinner/ 7:30 Meeting–IHOP 1549 41<sup>st</sup> Ave. Capitola. They are just starting to plan a potluck for (probably) July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Paul and Ruth's Boulder Creek place. Please watch for flyers.

Chapter T–Tri County Travelers - Skip and Teri Trautman. They meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 8 A.M. breakfast / 9 A.M. meeting, Peachtree Restaurant 1080 N. Beale Rd, Marysville. They host the Friendship Campout, usually in May. Though, reservations for Sycamore Ranch cannot be made until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Dates for this campout will be May 6– May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Their chapter also hosts a ride with the Veteran’s Day Parade November 11<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the restaurant 8:00 A.M. for breakfast, ride at 9:00.

Chapter V-Woodland Road Runners – Per Mary Spencer, they will be running the raffle booth at the Woodland Street Cruisers Car Show being held May 28<sup>th</sup> in Woodland. The proceeds from this raffle will benefit their toy drive at Christmas.

### **Spring Fling Planning-**

May 27-30<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this years’ Spring Fling is Superhero’s. Paul asked, “What do we mean by Superhero’s?” With the past two years, this could include, Doctors, Nurses, Firemen, or some other special figure in your life besides the animated characters we see on T.V.

It was decided to dress as whomever is your Superhero. There will not be a contest. Instead, we will have a costume parade while everyone is dressed in their costumes and we will do a group photo, too.

No logo was submitted for this year’s theme. (Ruth did have one ready for the flyer) Flyer on GWTA California website ([gwta-california.org](http://gwta-california.org)).

Early bird registration by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, in order to be entered into drawing for \$50.00.

Pre– registration by May 15<sup>th</sup> \$50.00 GWTA members/ \$55 non-members.

On-site registration \$55.00 GWTA members/ \$60.00 non-members. (more information on the flyer)

We still need someone that can transport the state trailer. Your gas will be reimbursed.

Who can cook dinner on Friday? Chapter “V” will be serving a spaghetti dinner. They may need some help from other chapters to help with the serving.

Who can cook breakfast on Saturday? Volunteers to cook are Skip Trautman, Karen Padilla, Lynn Hollenback and Jana Van Housen.

Please note, that the registration table and Stores will only be open 1 hour. This is to allow ALL members to enjoy the festivities of the event.

What do you want to see?

Guided rides will be led by Robert Taylor and Gary from Chapter F.

There will be Dirty Bingo. Please, every chapter needs to bring wrapped gifts. Please give to Charlie Messer.

We will also have the Saran Wrap Ball. Each chapter should bring no more than \$25.00 worth of small gifts that can be easily wrapped into the balls. Please do not bring things that will squish out of the packaging. Some ideas; gifts cards, small candies...

There will be raffle prizes. Each chapter to bring something in the value of \$25.00 or more.

We will have jig saw puzzles. The size most desirable are 500-1500 pieces. We still have puzzles in the state trailer.

Game nights... This will be open to whatever you want to do.

We are having a potluck on Saturday night.

CD Golf will be set up again! Yeah!

There will not be an illumination parade, but we will have an ice cream social. This will be a self-serve.

We will also have Seated Volleyball.

Bike Games will be set up by Phil Messer and Ron Smith.

Of course, there will be 50/50 games over the days we will be there.

Sunday service will also be held.

Chapter T offered to pay for the donuts on Sunday morning

We called the cooks for the Moose Lodge out so we could give them a standing ovation for their hard work.

Our Chaplain, Rich McMillan said grace

Lunch break from 12 – 1pm

## **Fall Fiesta–**

The tentative schedule for Fall Fiesta will be September 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, depending on the reservation schedule of Sycamore Ranch, which we need to call April 1<sup>st</sup>. Think about what you want to do or see at this event. We can discuss at the Spring Fling meeting.

## **Old Business-**

Remember...Do Not Drive if you have been Drinking/ Smoking. It just isn't worth the risk. Be Smart!

## **New Business-**

We have vacant positions, think about what you can offer to this organization:

**Secretary–** take notes and write up the minutes for the meetings.

**Webmaster–** Skip Trautman, has graciously offered to keep on as the webmaster even though he is moving to Nevada in November.

**Support Team–** help organize events, decorations, games.

**Color Guard–** to make sure our flags are presented in an honorable way. They could set up with local scouts, 4-H clubs, local Veterans.

**Grub Master–** Organize what, who, and when to cook.

**Cook-** to work closely with the Grub Master to accomplish great meals.

**Donut Wrangler–** Someone who can order and pick up donuts as needed.

**Newsletter–** Someone who is willing to compile a newsletter on a regular basis. Quarterly would be great.

**Trailer Transporter–** Someone who can haul the trailer to/from our main events. Your gasoline will be reimbursed.

**Trailer Storage–** Someone who can store the trailer and allow chapters access to it when needed. (Scott Kohler has volunteered to store the trailer. Thanks, Scott)

## **Taxes**

Paul asked each chapter whether they filed taxes. The only chapter that does is Chapter L. The reason for the question is, another chapter that has folded was sent a letter from the IRS, and wondered about their funds, as no information on this chapter was filed for several years, they wanted to know where their money went when the chapter folded.

There were no other topics for New Business.

Paul asked that we take a moment to remember those fallen riders that are no longer with us.

Teri Trautman won the <sup>50</sup>/<sub>50</sub> \$130.00

Paul thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Please drive safely on your way home.

It was motioned by Steve Andrus to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Manny Bernstein. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

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