

# California GWTA State Staff Meeting

Saturday, September 30, 2023

**Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by State Director Paul Androwsky at 10:05 A.M. He also asked that all cell phones and electronics be silenced at this time.

Paul thanked everyone who braved the weather to come; Steve Andrus for picking up the donuts, himself for making coffee and to the State Staff for making lunch.

Paul also announced that if we need it we would break at 11:00; If you did not mail in your registration, you can pay Christi \$6.00 for lunch.

Reminder to treat everyone with respect and dignity. Please – No politics or religion.

## **Introducing State Staff**

- State Directors-Paul and Ruth Androwsky
- Assistant State Directors-Lynn Hollenback and Jana Van Housen
- Secretary-Robert Kyes
- Treasurer-Christy Cue
- Raffle Coordinator / Q-Cards-Steve Cue
- Support Team-Scott Kohler, Terri Trautman, Mary Spencer
- Quartermaster-Richard Ageson
- Stores-William Meyer
- Historian-Robert Kyes
- Chaplin-Rich McMillan
- Webmaster-Skip Trautman

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

## **Introduction of California's Mr. and Mrs. GWTA 2023**

Scott Kohler and Mary Lantzy

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

Region A- Steve Andrus

Region B- Ralphine Andrus

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

Chapter A- Manny Bernstein- attending funeral for Rich Freeman, GWTA#106

Chapter F- Robert Kyes-Katrina Kyes, William and Jane Meyer, Donna Dunn, Brian Groves, Gary Koolhof

Chapter L- Lynn Hollenback- Jana VanHousen, Steve Biggs, and Buddy

Chapter P- Harry & Karen Davis not here, Rich McMillan Asst. CD, Mel Teigen

Chapter R- Paul Androwsky- Ruth Androwsky and Cody

Chapter T- Scott Kolher- Mary Lantzy, Richard and Jan Agesen, Steve and Jackie Burkhart, Skip and Teri Trautman

Chapter V- Christi and Steve Cue, Steve and Ralphine Andrus

Out Riders- Harry and Mary Mixie from Nevada

## **Special announcement from Christi Cue that Chapter V will be disbanding.**

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

The minutes have been posted for the (March 2023) State Staff meeting. It was asked if there were any corrections to be made. Bob Kyes made a motion to accept the minutes as written. It was seconded by Lynn Hollenback. All were in favor, motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Christi Cue reported that \$550.00 was made at Spring Fling and that our bank account was \$6853.17 as of 8/31/23. Lynn Hollenback motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. This was seconded by Skip Trautman. All were in favor, motion carried, report was accepted.

## **National News:**

Ralphine Andrus reported that her and Steve's trip to Washington State with John and Char Hunrath was a success. Judy Schaffer (National Director) flew in from Illinois to meet with 50 to 60 members, standing room only. Members were wanting to volunteer for positions and making plans between chapters.

## **Ops Team is growing:**

We have now filled two vacant positions.

Bob Tift life member WA, Chapter C, will be our new National Rider Education Director beginning immediately. The program will be relaunched getting patches and shirts to order and program materials to be revamped.

Brenda Murphy, West Virginia Chapter I will be our new Touring News Director. The position has been vacant for several years so the relaunch will be more of an online newsletter at first. It will be great to have this added communication available to our membership. (This means you all have some homework to write a short article on your position, including past and future activities.

## **Changes to the Ops Team:**

Jim Caffrey, Illinois, Chapter H was our Event Coordinator and will now serve as GWTA Vendor Coordinator. He will be looking for MOTORCYCLE TYPE vendors for upcoming national rallies.

Carol Brush, Nebraska, Chapter A will continue as Assistant Executive Director with the additional duties of Event Coordinator.

We have just one more position to fill- the National Membership & Retention Director. Please talk to your members about this opening. Please have them contact Judy if interested in more information.

## **Other important news:**

TA patches are being made, backlog of new members will be first so please have patience; additional patches will soon be available for sale online.

## **Gold Rush 2024:**

Next Gold Rush will be in Bowling Green, Ky. Judy promised that Gold Rush 2025 will be closer out west. Destination unknown at this time.

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

John Hunrath was unable to attend because they are attending their granddaughter's wedding.

Please remind everyone to make sure they've logged in and updated their information. And to use the 'contact us' link to reach John. If you have any questions or concerns call John Hunrath.

## **Gold Rush 2023:**

Those who attended were Manny & Lucy Bernstein, Don & Julie Morse from San Diego, Harry & Mary Mixie, Mike & Mary Lindberg of Canyon Country (southern Ca.), members of Ca. Chapter P.

Don and Julie received the longest rider award, Harry and Mary were arrested for wearing a Harley shirt.

There was an accident review and a candle lighting for Ed Drummund.

## **Old Business:**

No old business. And no Intermission.

## **New Business:**

The State Staff Meeting for March 2, 2024 will be at the Yuba City Moose Lodge. Be there at 9am for donuts; 10am for the meeting. Lunch will be Poppysseed Chicken for \$13.

## **Spring Fling 2024:**

Theme is come as you wish. Planning will be done at the March State Staff Meeting but these are tentative highlights. May 25<sup>th</sup> thru 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 being the dates. Discussion was made as to where to go other than Plymouth. Some places were Fortuna, Moose Lodge Eureka, French Camp, Green Mountain Retreat, Big

## **Spring Fling cont.**

Basin State Park/not available until 2027, Diamond Arrow Nevada City and some discussion was made about cabins with meals included.

KITCHEN- We need volunteers to cook dinner and to cook breakfast.

RIDE LEADERS- Do you want to add or remove from the rides at Spring Fling.

REGISTRATION- Will be open Thursday evening about 4pm.

OPENING CEREMONIES- Will be on Friday about 3pm.

## **Chapter Events – Build the 2024 Calendar:**

All should be welcomed and encouraged to participate between chapters. There were no conflicts on website info. Please send flyers to Skip as soon as you have them.

### **FIRST AID CLASSES – STOP THE BLEED – RUTH**

This will be done after the March meeting. It takes 45min to 1.5hrs make sure to let Ruth know if you are interested.

**A** - Manny Bernstein, Polar Bear Run

**F** – Robert Kyes, Mid - Winter Gathering

**L** - Lynn Hollenback

**P** – Rich McMillan Asst CD – Christmas Dinner 12/10 Oakley Black Bear 3pm

**R** –Paul Androwsky – Nothing at this time

**T** – Scott Kohler – campout in March also 10/14 Speedway Auburn Fairgrounds (if I get this thing done)

## **Chapter Registrations:**

Due November 30<sup>th</sup> in the National office. Please get them to Paul Androwsky before November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Chapter websites:** John needs to know who's websites are active so he can keep them on the National website. Also all chapters can publish a Facebook chapter page.

**California numbers as of 9/6/2023:**

164 Members

131 of members are Lifetime Members

129 of the members are Outriders

118 of the Outriders are life Members

Seco and 1 new member since Spring Fling Gregory Boehm from Winters.

**Any other New Business:**

It was suggested that we need more merchandise on our website.

**Fallen Riders:**

Rich Freeman #106 – Chapter A

Leonard Nerenberg #8523 – Chapter P

**Reminders:**

Pins donated by Joe Spencer are with Christi Cue.

TORTILLA TOSS was canceled due to inclement weather. Dinner will be at Pizza Roundup meet at 6pm.

**50/50 Drawing:**

Winner - Brian Groves

**Grace** will be held just before lunch and will be given by Robert Taylor

Per Health Department suggestions – Wash your hands. You will be serving yourself in the buffet line so please apply sanitizer when you get to the line.

Remember to end your year with 123123 (not talking about waltzing LOL)

Meeting was adjourned at 11:38am