

Members Present (13) and Hosts: Rose + Linda

Bob, Nedda, Moische, Paul C, Roy, Catherine, Tom, Joan, Linda, Rose, Warren, William, Kevin
Regrets: Stephen, Tammy, Sam, Bill, Paul H, Andy, Jay, Peter, Elaine, Al, Robin

Meeting Opening:

Nedda thanked Linda & Rose for hosting the meeting and providing healthy snacks and desserts. Rose graciously took minutes in Sam's absence.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer was absent. Toonies were given to Nedda.

General Discussions:

Motorcycle First Aid Kits: Everyone brought their bike first aid kits and discussed the contents. New CPR format of compressions only with no breaths was discussed. Nedda reminded all to change any meds, due to the expiration date of medications that we might carry.

Goldrush Rally: You must register for the event. This is in addition to hotel/campground reservations. http://www.gwta.org/online_forms/gr_online_form.htm GWTA National would be sending registration confirmations for the event. If you have registered and have not received confirmation, it will come. Kevin will check on the progress of this as clerical staff are experiencing medical issues and maternity leave and have reduced the time available for GWTA duties. A valid/current GWTA membership is required to attend.

Spring Warm Up: May 1st at 9am - 12pm with May 8th as the alternate rain day. Kevin reviewed the importance of a spring warm up and indicated there was a new location for the event. One static station with a flatbed truck and motorcycle would be set up. GWTA members attending the event can then climb in the cab and see the truckers 'BLIND SPOT'. Rose and Linda volunteered to take pictures /video of the event so they can be posted on the TO Wings website. A site map of the facility property, address + map, event + registration outline will be emailed and posted to the TO website. Chapters invited to the event hosted by Toronto Wings are: Ajax/Pickering and Newmarket. Four instructors have volunteered their time to run the attending riders through the various safety drills. There will be one station staffed by EMS volunteers, Karen and David who were recommended by Jack Baker, who is busy at another event.

Bob indicated that each member should check their own tire pressure, lights etc before coming to the event. He also pointed out since each motorcyclist was riding in the event that chapter co-rider assistants were needed to assist the various jobs: assisting instructors, registration, 50/50, set up, clean up. Paul C. indicated it might be fun to have a ride after the event and volunteered to set up a route to a lunch location.

Website Tour of www.torontowings.com

Rose hooked up the TO website to the TV and gave all a grand tour. She indicated the links at the top of the website contained info for visitors and new riders (links: Where we meet, Why we ride, How to join etc). The links on the left side of the website were for the current TO membership.

Starting on the left she reviewed the Safety Link containing content listed in 4 different formats: video, text, picture, websites e.g.: group riding, first aid kit contents, gear to wear etc. The Safety link was listed 2nd from the top as this was such an important link. Rose then went through some other links from top to bottom: Membership, Executive, Trips and Travels etc

Near the bottom was the "Useful links" (divided again into 3 distinct areas with links: how to strap down a gold wing/gold wing websites, road links and USA map, and other things: recalls, insurance, cheap gas etc.) Members were encouraged to send materials to sell for the buy and sell section.

Future Meetings, Hosts and Events:

See the ride calendar and website: www.torontowings.com