

GWTA Chapter T Meeting

Thursday November 26, 2015 at Karen and Warren's Place

Present

Karen Jacobs, Warren Jacobs, Steve Fishman, Sam Grzesh, Tom Norton, Joan Schroeder, William Hailwood, Kevin Welsh, Linda Khanna, Zia Mortazavi

Financial Report

Sam reported that we have \$477.51 in club funds.

Tom made a motion, seconded by Kevin, all approved, to renew our CDN\$100 annual national registration as Chapter T, and to reimburse Warren when he pays it.

It was also decided to renew our web site when the bill comes in. The web site is "www.torontowings.com"; the invoice was expected June 2015 but has not been received yet.

2015 Charity Funds

It was decided that the money collected from the two barbecues will be equally divided between the MADD Ride and the BAD Ride. These barbecues were generously provided by Markham Outdoor Power and voluntarily manned by GWTA Chapter T members and guests.

Upcoming Socials

Dec. 12, 2016 The Blue Knights and GWTA Region J will be holding a joint **Christmas Party** again this year. If interested send your request to Jay greenwing97@hotmail.com

Blue Knights Christmas Dinner & Dance

Saturday, December 12th, 2015

Cocktails @ 6:00 pm

Dinner @ 7:00 pm

At Newmarket Legion

707 Srigley Street, Newmarket

Cash Bar

\$40.00 per person

In lieu of a gift exchange, please bring a new unwrapped toy for donation to Toy Mountain.

Jan. 16, 2016 **Mid Winter Party** -pot luck dinner at Warren and Karen's place. Joan will send out an email announcement and get a pot luck list going.

The January Motorcycle Supershow January 8-9-10 at International Centre, Mississauga

Some members stepped up to help man the booth. More volunteers would be greatly appreciated; To volunteer, please call Warren 416-496-0544 or write warp.eng@gmail.com. Kevin displayed the booth floor plan and introduced the activities that will take place in the booth. The popular "sleeping bike" will be back, and new this year will be short seminars in a classroom-like setting. The booth size has been expanded to accommodate this.

New National Rates for New Members

There is a special membership deal for new members – the very first year will cost US \$50, and if interested at renewing, can lock in to an annual rate of US\$50 by paying for the next two years at the US\$50/yr rate. Otherwise future renewals will be US\$75/yr.

Once locked-in to the \$50 rate, on-line registrations must include the note “Eligible for \$50 special” in the comments section.

If someone joins the Barrie or Newmarket Chapters they should talk to their Chapter Director about getting reimbursed for the difference between Canadian and US Funds on their membership payment.

Kevin announced GWTA head office has new club related computer technology that would greatly benefit computer and cell phone users. Some of the new features will include: checking their membership anniversary, check for available rides, etc., however this is not yet currently fully operational.

Biker Bill mentioned that he has still not received his membership card. Joan will look into it.

Ride in Lunch in North Bay

Sunday May 15, 2016. The always popular first event of the season will be held at the Legion Hall in Callander, south of North Bay, tickets are \$22.00 per person. Some people are going up the day before to stay overnight.

Plan a Winter Weekend

Kevin talked about Geneva Park south of Orillia (and across from Casino Rama). It is run by YMCA and includes meals and snacks for \$179.00 per couple per night. If enough people are interested, the club can get the Muskoka House to ourselves. Activities may include snowshoeing, walking in the woods, cross country skiing, socializing by the fire.

Feb. 19-21 was picked for the date.

Show and Tell

Tom showed off his singing reindeer hat to get us into the holiday mood. Linda described her recent adventure Peru.

Other Ride Suggestions

Steve suggested a ride to a Pow Wow

Sam suggested a tour of the Toyota plant, which would have to be done mid-week as they do not do tours on weekends.

Tom suggested a ride to the Copper Kettle Festival in Creemore.

Paul Cuddy will rendezvous for lunch at Railside and continue via Betty's (butter tarts in Port Hope) and back roads to Tyrone Mills for more treats.

Warren and Karen found “Julies Butter Tarts”, a local Scarborough place at 8 Beare Road, south off Steeles.

Kevin talked about last year's Ottawa trip and suggested a Sault Ste. Marie trip for a few days at the end of August 2016 and check out Agawa Canyon by train.

Sam suggested a lengthy trip to Colorado, Bryce Canyon, Canyon Lands, and possibly Vegas, at the beginning of June 2016. This is a trip he is planning to take and offered

an open invitation to club members to join him. It will be around 600 km per day for about three or four weeks.

Other Business

There are still openings in Toronto Wings for a Ride Coordinator and a Social Coordinator and Chapter Director.

Kevin reported that Region J membership is up.

50/50 Draw

Joan won first prize of \$11.50. Steve won second prize which was a fancy box knife.

Adjournment

Tom motioned that we adjourn the meeting and Warren seconded the motion, all were in favour.