

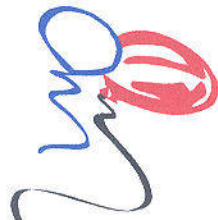


ROGUE VALLEY WINGS NEWS LETTER DECEMBER 1, 2008



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Daryl Farrington -- Dec. 3
Hans Raub -- Dec. 7
Don Wagy -- Dec. 8
Deane Lebow -- Dec. 13
John Naughton -- Dec. 14
Herb Votaw -- Dec. 27
Jerry Jones -- Dec. 31



ANNIVERSARIES:

Don and Rose Wagy -- Dec. 2
Gary and Janet Ewing -- Dec. 28



UPCOMING EVENTS:

State Staff Meeting -- Dec. 5
7:00 P.M.
Christmas Party -- Dec. 14
at the Brewery -- 5 PM till ?
Rogue Valley Wings Meeting -- Dec. 20
Red Oak Grill
Polar Bear Ride -- Jan. 1, 2009
TBA
Rogue Valley Wings Meeting -- Jan. 17
Red Oak Grill

Check calendar for any new updates.

GENERAL MEETING

Nov. 25, 2008

The meeting was held at Red Oak Grill. There were 24 members and 1 guest attendance. Ken opened the meeting at 9:30 AM.

Birthday's and Anniversaries were announced. We talked about up-coming events. Ken said no one leaves before paying for Christmas party, being held December 14 at the Brewery.

Ken talked about the Derby Tickets and let everyone know the Coons are fine on their journey to Kentucky. He also asked for charity ideas, if we want one or not and they need to be in writing and submitted to Ken.

Last month we voted on designs for State Rally shirts and pins. Two designs were picked final one to be picked at State Staff Meeting Dec, 5.

Joyce informed everyone about Mike and Bea Downs., asked if we could all help. Larry gave a run down on them since 1993. Hat was passed and Joyce will send card and money to them.

Chuck talked about his new safety position and said he will start in Jan. Scotty told about his near miss with a bike and warned us all to be extra careful , Herb also said it is easy to forget and we all need to be reminded of safety.,

Bud brought up 1 PM for tomorrow's ride to Cave Junction., Voted on and passed. Donna will get in touch with Carlos Mexican food to confirm and

she told us no checks are accepted at Carlos.

The 50/50 winner was Joyce Armstead and she donated it to the Downs. Steve Riggs motioned that the other half of 50/50 go to them also. It was voted on and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Betty Krois

These are some of the places within Kentucky that may of interest when visiting this area.

Mary Todd Lincoln house

Constitution Square

Shaker Village

Kentucky Horse Park

Dixie Belle

Calument Farms

Henry Clay estate

John Hunt Morgan house

Bourbon distilleries

Aviation Museum of KY

Boone Station State Historic Site

Keeneland Race Course

Red Mile Harness Track

Lexington Convention Center

Gold Rush XXII Planning/Operations Meeting

Judy and I had a great 5,544.5 mile round trip to Lexington, KY. to attend the GWTA

Operations/Planning meeting. We toured Lexington and found, everyone's favorites, some great eating places. The Convention Center is

very large with shops and more places to eat including a chocolate shop. The landscape

(bluegrass) is beautiful with some fantastic Farms, or in the west we call them ranches

because the only thing they grow are horses. Lexington and the surrounding area is loaded with

historic places to visit and don't forget that's the

home of "Smooth as silk" Kentucky Blended Whiskey.

This was our first Operations Meeting and it was educational. I'm required to give a report on Safety and am proud to report that Region A has the greatest participation in the Safety program for 2007-2008 reporting period with region B close behind (I love to beat California). To see behind the scene and the amount of work and effort accomplished by the dedicated Region Directors and staff makes us glad to be a small part of it all.

Judy and I have a new respect for these hard working and dedicated members. Long hours were spent planning to ensure everyone has a great time and that was just the beginning as the planning and scheduling continues. The officials in Lexington are anxious to host our event and are going to great extremes to ensure that we have a great time.

After the meeting Judy and I stopped in Oklahoma to visit relatives and enjoyed more great food and family fun.

The highlight of the trip was in Holbrook, Arizona where I bought premium gas for .27 cents a gallon. That's right, I paid \$2.70 for 10 gallons of gas and I have a receipt to prove it. I realize that the pump was programmed wrong but after all the price gouging over the past few years I didn't say a thing. Revenge is sweet.

We're sorry we missed everyone at the meeting but it was for a good cause. Hope everyone got to read our first article in touring news as the new National Rider Ed Directors.

Visit the web-site,

<http://www.gwta-oregon.org/A.htm> and Judy will have the pictures up real soon.

Ken and I both have Lucky 7 tickets for sale and if you ever wanted to take a chance on the wild side this is it. The odds of winning \$500.00 are probably the very best you'll ever get and it supports our National organization. I've bought 10 tickets myself

for family and friends as gifts.

From our house to yours, we wish everyone a great Thanksgiving.

Don and Judy Coons

To All of Us Who Remember Common Sense, May He Rest in Peace.

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parents consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by his four stepbrothers: I Know My Rights, I Want It Now. Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. His wisdom will be sorely missed.

Author Unknown - Submitted by Betty Krois

A SUNDAY RIDE

We all met at Fred Meyer's at noon on a cold, foggy day. Where was that 60+ degree weather they claimed we would have? We all looked like the abdominal snowman dressed in our wintry best. It wasn't too cold going slow but when our hefty reindeer bikes picked up speed-WOW it was COLD. When we hit Selma the sun came out and you could see everyone give a sigh of relief. Getting to Carlos all of us unpeeled our wintry wear and hit the warmth of the restaurant. After we ate all of us left but only after donning our winter best again. Upon reaching Grants Pass, Ken yelled out DQ, and like all intelligent Gold Wing Riders we flew past to our final destinations -- WARM, SWEET, WARM HOMES !!!!!

HAPPY HOLIDAY'S TO ALL. HERE IS WISHING YOU A YEAR FILLED WITH PEACE, LOVE, AND LOT'S OF BIKE RIDES.

Ken and Betty Krois

