

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Julie Veneskey

The meeting for May 9th 2007 was held at Lindsay's Restaurant in Akron, Ohio and was called to order by new Chapter Director Steve Detwiler at 7:18 pm. Steve introduced the guests for the evening. Visiting from Chapter I were Gene and Barb Rolls and from Chapter G-2 were Bill and Judy Kendrick.

The first order of business was to mention that Paul and Nyki McWilliams have stepped down as Chapter Directors as of April 29th, 2007. Steve Detwiler and Pam Jeanneret have stepped up to fill the position. Steve announced that most of the staff is remaining the same, with only a few changes. Denny and Joy Miller will be taking over the Ways & Means duties. Ron and Sharon Abate are filling the spot of Ride Coordinators. Dale and Colleen Hudson are stepping up to fill the Assistant Chapter Directors spot. The Newsletter Editor spot is currently open, with Nyki continuing to do the job for another month or two.

Steve thanked all those who helped make our fundraising auction and dinner such a success. He asked if we wanted to do the auction again in 2008, and the group said yes. He mentioned the great turnout of bikes we have had for the last couple events. We had 18 bikes for the first mystery ride of the season, 20+ bikes for the fundraiser in Hartville and 12 bikes for the V-2 fundraiser. Steve presented our Web Page Editor Jim Veneskey with the award from the state for the best website of the first quarter. Steve mentioned that they will be doing the rides for seniors again this year. Anyone interested in participating please contact Dale Hudson.

Bruce and Paula Barthol talked about the cans and tabs turned in during Earth Week. They took in 56 lbs. of tabs and 43 lbs. of cans. They received \$69.65 for the total. They mentioned that no matter the weather they will be driving to the meetings so people can bring their cans in. They asked that you please double check your tabs and cans before you turn them over as they found someone's car keys in the batch of tabs.

Joy Miller talked about the Memorial Day ride to Gettysburg. There will be two groups going down, one leaving on Friday afternoon and the other leaving on Saturday morning. Plans for the trip include either sight seeing in Gettysburg or a ride on Sunday. Those going can choose which they wish to participate in.

MED Chuck Pangburn presented Tom Wysocki with 2 pins for the recruitment of 2 new members.

Ride Coordinator Ron Abate talked about upcoming rides. He will be leading an alternate ride on Memorial Day weekend to Kentucky. He will also be leading a ride to Americade in the Adirondacks beginning on June 6th for 6-7 days. Also on June 16th, the Saturday of Buckeye Rally, he will be leading a ride down for the day. The weekend before July 4th he will be organizing a ride to Pennsylvania. Anyone interested in any of these rides please contact Ron. He encouraged people to come on Sunday rides after breakfast. He also encouraged more people to step up to be ride leaders, so the same people aren't leading all the time. If you have any other ideas for rides please let Ron know.

Chapter Educator Robert Williams presented Joe Keller with the GWRRA travel mug and his new Level III pins. Joe talked his Skills Day experience.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.