

IDAHO DISTRICT – “IT’S A WRAP 2019”

In June, our District hosted a successful Old Tyme Mountain Man Rendezvous in scenic Kamiah, Idaho at the KOA located along the beautiful Clearwater River. The area is rich in both Native American (Nez Perce) history as well as the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Our hosts and the host city were both welcoming and accommodating.



We had great attendance from four states and some challenging late spring rains, but that didn't dampen the spirits of our hardy GWRRA Members. Special thanks go out to all those Members who attended and to those who helped with set up, brown bags, Registration, take down, games, and rides. Our amazing District Team pulled out all the stops to make this successful event happen: Martie Mitchell DMEC, Joey Goff ADMEC, Larry Fowler ID-B, Mark Bridge Webmaster, and Chuck Bonnett MT-B deserve praise for their exceptional organization and tireless energy. And to those Chapter Members who pounded the pavement to secure donations for Door Prizes and brown bag items, and the merchants who so generously provided items, a huge THANK YOU. There was plenty of good food (and ice cream), fantastic rides, a Road Captain course, and wonderful camaraderie with lots of laughs and fun – just what one would expect at a GWRRA function!

Pat Holmes ID-H and Glen Goff ID-T gave an informative presentation on black powder weapons used during the Mountain Man time period.



We had fantastic rides organized by Larry Fowler ID-B who was also the recipient of the District Chapter Director of the Year. Congratulations, Larry, for your Time and commitment to GWRRA and the Idaho District!



And then there was cabin decorating! We had 5 exemplary entries, and all were winners. Our Washington and Montana guests were the unbiased judges that selected cabin ID-B as the top pick for recognition. Congratulations to the ID-B Team!



Winner ID-B



All Contestants

We had games! Congratulations to all our winners:

- Rolling pin toss – Debbie Holmes ID-H
- Helmet Bowling – Jim Kolowinski WA-I
- Cabin Decorating – ID-B
- Tomahawk Throw – Ted Deetz ID-G
- Special Tomahawk Throw Award – Mary Huntley MT-B
- Facial Hair (!) – Raejean Widmer ID-H
- Longest Distance Traveled – Chuck & Betty Bonnett Mt-B



Now, there's a great story – the Special Tomahawk Throw Award. Seems that Aunt Mary decided to try her hand at this and lo and behold, her toss destroyed the target stand! Quick thinking and first aid on the part of Matt Walker ID-T, and the stand was resurrected and ready for more participants! Great laughs and good sports.



Our Friday night light parade was rained out and our Saturday night "entertainment" was not much to write home about. But then, things don't always turn out the way you plan, do they?

At our Saturday dinner and Closing, we had the honor of welcoming the President of the Kamiah Chamber of Commerce, Dallon Wheeler. His team put together fantastic packets of brochures, gifts, and coupons for our guests. Kamiah really rolled out the *Welcome* mat for us and provided everything we needed or wanted for an enjoyable experience.



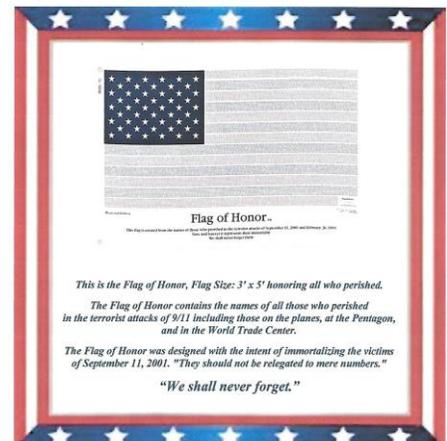
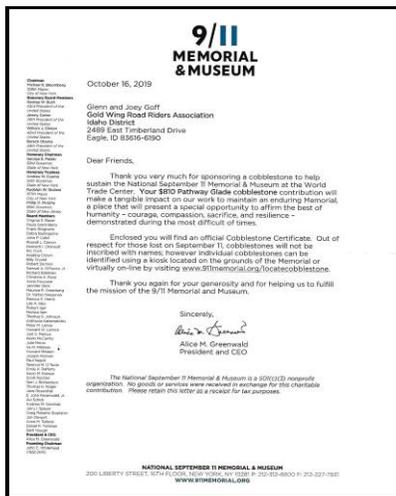
This year we were pleasantly surprised to learn that our caterers, Steve and Judi McCall, were EMTs and one a former Fire Chief. Their team deserves a shout out for their exceptional meals. They also generously donated some handy light day packs for all who wanted them. They were an absolute joy to work with and we look forward to working with them again.



One objective of any rally or convention is to raise funds for the operation of the District. Tim and Martie Mitchell ID-H visited the 9/11 Memorial and Museum in NYC in early Spring and brought back a special flag that they donated for auction at the Saturday dinner.



Steve McCall (our caterer and EMT) graciously stepped in to challenge our dinner guests for contributions to the Memorial Fund. While Chuck and Betty Bonnett “won” the flag, other Members continued to contribute to the Fund including our Grand Prize winner who donated his entire prize. Unbelievable, and thank you Patrick Allison WA-Z. We were overwhelmed at the humbleness and generosity of this group of 69 attendees, and we thank Steve for his willingness to participate in our auction. The total contribution from the Idaho District to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum was \$810.



What a busy and fantastic year it has been for the Idaho District! As of September, Idaho enjoyed GWRRA top honors in the U.S. for recruitment and retention five months out of nine, and now all our Chapters have new Directors for 2020. We thank every one of our Chapter Directors, their MECs, and the Members for making this work for Idaho. Woo hoo!!

We have logged more than 6000 road miles these past two years and have enjoyed the many friendships we have developed along the way. What a ride it has been! We have been here to serve, mentor, and befriend all those who seek us out. We are grateful for every kind word, card, email, or phone call that we have received as it is often all that keeps us going. Thank you so much! We can personally attest that there has never been anything like this experience as District Directors.

We wish you all a fabulous holiday season and best wishes for success in 2020!

Glen & Joey Goff
Idaho District Directors