

STAR Touring Chapter 153
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2008

I. Call to order

President Janet Sturkey called to order the meeting of the General Membership of STAR Touring Chapter 153 at 7:00 pm on February 15, 2008 at the Western Coffee Pot restaurant.

II. Roll call

Secretary Mary Jeruss had everyone present sign in on the sign in sheet. There were 38 members and guests at this meeting.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes will be emailed to the officers for approval. Once approved, the minutes will be forwarded to the West Regional Directors.

IV. Items Discussed

- President Janet Sturkey welcomed guest Jeremy Rhey and Pauline Carlton introduced Linda & Steve Wilson (previous chapter 153 members).
- Guests from the American Legion Riders Patti Castle (Lady Hawk) and Ralph Wyatt announced that there will be a St. Patrick's Day fundraiser on March 15th. Tickets are \$15 each or 2 for \$25 and members may see them to purchase the tickets.
- Vice President Eric Rhetta announced the upcoming rides for the month:
 - There is a non-sanctioned ride tomorrow with Chapter 192, riding around the Foothills. Meeting place is the Elk Grove Denny's at 7:30 am for breakfast, kick stands up at 8:30 am.
 - There is a chapter-sanctioned ride on February 23rd leaving from the Silver Skillet (49er truck stop) at 9:00 a.m. led by Will Benda.
 - There is a chapter-sanctioned dinner ride to the Waterloo Inn on March 9th led by Shepherd Jim Long. Meet at Roseville Yamaha at 12:45 pm, kick stands up at 1:00 pm.
 - There is a BONUS ride on March 22nd for the Merced Ride for The Troops. More information will be discussed later.
 - There is a chapter-sanctioned ride on March 29th to Cruiser Customizing in Livermore led by Shepherd Jim Long.
- Shepherd Jim Long handed out copies of the ride schedule for the year and reminded members that the calendar is the first place they should look for Chapter-sanctioned ride information. He added that the Forum is the first place to look for information on non-sanctioned rides.
- Vice President Eric Rhetta asked several trivia question and awarded raffle prize tickets to the winners:
 - When was STAR Touring Founded? 1996! Winner - Scott Granz. The original **charter** date for Chapter 153 was January 2001.

- According to the 2007 DMV handbook, what is the distance you should maintain between you and the bike in front of you? 2 seconds! Winner - Pauline Carlton.
 - Who are the chapter's sponsoring dealerships? Folsom, Capitol, PCP Motorsports, and Roseville.
- Shepherd Jim Long reminded members going on the dinner ride on March 9th to meet at Roseville Yamaha at 12:45 pm, kick stands up at 1:00 pm sharp.
- There will be a chapter-sanctioned breakfast ride on March 2nd to the Sutter Buttes. This is the reschedule date for this ride as it was rained out earlier this year. Ride Captain Carol Arens announced that the time element for leaving will be the same and members should check the calendar for details.
- President Janet Sturkey announced that she has Stockton Ride Waivers for tomorrow's non-sanctioned ride and asked those planning to attend to see her during the break to fill one out.
- Secretary Mary Jeruss announced that members need to see her to sign in for the meeting. She also announced that there were several members present who were not at the January meeting. Those members need to start with Treasurer Kim Lahn during the break and complete the registration process, which will include verification of STAR membership card information.
- Treasurer Kim Lahn announced that the chapter received \$382.00 and had \$100.69 in expenses.
- President Janet Sturkey stated that there was an expense to vote on. The chapter was informed on where to purchase the small Sacramento patches and the cost for 50 of the patches is \$267.00. The motion to approve the expense was made, voted on and approved by chapter members present.
- Treasurer Kim Lahn also announced that she has the 153 and Sacramento rockers, as well as chapter flags and t-shirts for sale. Members may see her during the break or after the meeting to purchase these items.
- Sergeant At Arms Dave Oxley discussed that there was an article in the Friction Zone magazine about a Southern California slow-speed control class. The class teaches riders how to control their bikes at lower speeds. Individuals may even rent CHP-style BMW's to use for the class. Since there is an interest within the chapter for this type of class locally, he will research whether such a class is available locally and report back at the next meeting.
- There is a non-sanctioned ride on March 22nd to take wish list supplies and cash donations for postage to Castle for care packages that will be sent to the 1-184th Infantry Battalion. The chapter voted to donate \$100.00 for postage to this event. President Janet Sturkey is the ride captain and stated that this ride may be led by a 'cage' as she may have to transport the items that do not fit on the motorcycles. The chapter's next meeting is the night before this event and members may bring more items if they would like to do so. They will receive extra raffle tickets for both cans and items shown on the 1-184th Infantry Battalion wish list.

- West Regional Director Sam Laughlin announced that the charter signing for Chapter 442 in Clearlake will be held on April 12th at Hillside Yamaha in Lakeport. He will post more details to the forum as soon as they are available.
- West Regional Director Sam Laughlin also announced that the charter signing for Chapter 445 in Napa will be held on April 26th at Napa Yamaha.
- President Janet Sturkey announced that there is a 1999 Valkyrie for sale with 30,000 miles on it for \$9,000. Interested members may see her for more information.
- President Janet Sturkey discussed ideas raised at the Officer's Summit on Feb 10th for what chapters can do to improve and maintain their relationships with supporting dealers.
 - A suggestion was made to put a hangar and chapter flyer on motorcycles at the chapter's supporting dealers advertising the free year of STAR membership that new buyers receive when they buy a motorcycle that is 1300 cc or above. A chapter member suggested putting just the chapter pamphlet on the 650's as well.
 - Another idea was Saturday "Go Play with Your Dealer" days. President Janet Sturkey will contact the chapter's supporting dealers and get approval to go and hang out at the dealers to help potential buyers with information about both the motorcycles and the chapter. She will post the days to the calendar and develop a schedule for members to sign up for specific days.
 - President Janet Sturkey will also contact the supporting dealers about attending their employee meetings to see what the sales and service people know about STAR Touring. She would like to provide them with more information so that they can pass on the information to new buyers.
- The High Sierra STAR BQ is on June 6-7, 2008. President Janet Sturkey asked members to volunteer to assist with some part of the festivities. There are many areas in need of help such as raffle committee, volunteers to assist with Security (these shifts are on a first come, first serve basis), games, registration table, etc.
 - Also, the rooms are filling up fast, so members need to make their room reservations soon.
 - President Janet Sturkey stated that it would be really great to win the attendance trophy back this year. Registrations need to be in by May 5, 2008 to count towards the contest for the chapter with the greatest number of attendees.
 - West Regional Director Shauna Manina added that last year, Spring Vibrations made all the local television stations that weekend and a lot of the film centered around the bike games and showed a lot of STAR patches.
 - She also announced that Rich Powers was the very first Chapter 153 member to send in his registration for High Sierra STAR BQ.
- President Janet Sturkey asked members to assist this year with writing an article for the chapter's newsletter, volunteering as a tailgunner, ride captaining a ride, assisting with the Terkentia Foundation Christmas Party, Chapter Christmas Party, etc.

- President Janet Sturkey discussed a new idea: BONUS rides. These are rides that members will receive attendance credit for even though they are not chapter-sanctioned rides. The Bonus rides will be: STAR Days, STAR BQs, STAR Knights, Poker Runs, Charter-signing rides and STAR events of other chapters that cost money to attend. Rich Powers asked how this would be tracked and President Janet Sturkey responded that the chapter is made up of people who are honest, trustworthy, and have integrity; therefore, it will be based strictly on the honor system. Members must email Secretary Mary Jeruss within one week after the event to receive credit for the event. The motion to approve the idea was made, voted on and approved by chapter members present.
- Dennis Barlesi asked how members remain qualified members of the chapter. President Janet Sturkey responded that there are associate members who pay their dues but do not meet the 40 percent and cannot vote, but as long as they remain current with National and also pay the annual chapter dues, they remain a member of the chapter. West Regional Director Sam Laughlin stated that in order to be a chapter officer, a member must meet the 40 percent attendance requirement.
 - Secretary Mary Jeruss stated that she understood that if a member did not meet the 40 percent attendance credit last year, that member was not eligible to vote this year. West Regional Director Sam Laughlin asked her to email him so that he can clarify whether the 40 percent is on a rolling year basis or whether members start over with a “clean slate” at the beginning of each year.”
- Debi Crawford stated that for the chapter’s dinner ride to Waterloo, the ride captain may want to call ahead with numbers or the chapter could face a long wait to be seated and served.
- Debi Crawford announced that there is a Hospice Ride on June 28, 2008 in Placerville and to see her for more information.
- President Janet Sturkey asked if anyone was planning to attend the SW STAR BQ on March 28-28, 2008. She will be riding down Friday with the Contra Costa chapter and riding back on Sunday.
- The raffle was held and the following won prizes:
 - STAR Bandana – Shauna Manina
 - Brown XL STAR T-shirt from Roseville Yamaha – Shauna Manina
 - Black STAR Beanie – Eric Rhetta
 - Motorcycle Kickstand Plate – Shauna Manina
 - \$10 Gift Card to Roseville Yamaha – Fred Stringer
 - \$25 Roseville Yamaha Gift Certificate – Stephen Jeruss
- The 50/50 was \$52 and was won by Jim Long

V. Adjournment

President Janet Sturkey adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Mary Jeruss, Secretary