

# STAR Touring Chapter 153

## General Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2007

### I. Call to order

President Mike Haskins called to order the regular meeting of the general membership of STAR Touring Chapter 153 at 7:15 pm on February 23, 2007 at the Western Coffee Cup on Auburn Blvd.

### II. Roll call

Secretary Mary Jeruss ensured everyone present signed in on the member sign-in roster. There were approximately 46 members/guests present for this meeting.

### III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes will be emailed to the officers for approval within the next few days and then distributed via email to chapter members. A PDF copy will be emailed to Fast Eddy (Eddy Avila) for inclusion on the chapter website once the minutes are approved.

### IV. Items Discussed

- a) President Mike Haskins asked for new visitors to stand up and introduce themselves and state what type of bike they ride. There were nine visitors (*Dennis Parham* – Venture Tour Deluxe, *Joe Studer* – Vstar 1100, *Mark & Rita Reyes* – Kawasaki Mean Streak, *Kenny Mosser* – Roadstar, *Mary Mosser*, Roadstar), and three of Marilyn Long's family members (*Kim, Branden, Haley*).
- b) Mike Haskins announced that he has received the 2007 signed Chapter charter.
- c) Mike Haskins announced that there are several rides coming up in March. The first is on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, ride to the Gold Rush Yamaha store in Sonora for the store's grand opening (this store is approximately 15,000 square feet!). The ride will be an official chapter ride and information will be posted to the forum later this week. The next upcoming ride is on March 24<sup>th</sup>, ride to Honor our Vets and Support Our Troops. Flyers were circulated so that members could get an idea of the items being requested. This ride will be an official chapter ride also. There is a ride to Daffodil Hill being led by Highway Mike (Fuentes) on April 7<sup>th</sup>. His plan is to leave from the Perkos restaurant on Bradshaw (right off the freeway) at 9:00 a.m. (arrive at 8:00 a.m. if you wish to eat first)
- d) Secretary Mary Jeruss announced that the minutes from the general meeting are now being posted on the website and asked that anyone who had not signed in see her to ensure they receive credit for attending the meeting. She also announced that Dennis Barlesi had given her business cards for a local towing company and the cards are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- e) Treasurer Janet Sturkey announced that the chapter collected \$65.00 from the 50/50 and \$440.00 in member dues in January. She added that \$240.00 was spent on chapter patches, leaving a balance of \$795.00 in the chapter's account. Mike Haskins stated that the small 153 and back patch {Sacramento} rockers have been ordered and are forthcoming. The small 153 rockers will cost \$7.00 and the back patch {Sacramento} rockers will cost \$14.00. The large back patches {STAR} can be ordered from National and cost \$35.00.

- Members must have the large back patch in order to wear the Sacramento patch and the patches must line up right underneath each other with no gap in between the two. The small 153 rocker is worn on the front of the vest under the smaller front STAR patch. This will be enforced and members may have to have their patches re sewn if necessary to meet this requirement. Shauna Manina announced that the reason behind the patches being worn as a “one piece patch” is STAR is a “riding association,” not a “club.” In some clubs, patches are earned one piece at a time.
  - Sam Laughlin pointed out that by having a “one piece patch,” there are fewer problems with the dominant groups. There are issues in other parts of the US with ISRA, Southern Cruisers, etc., but the problems are mainly east of the Mississippi. Further discussion ensued about the types of groups and what the issues were. Shauna Manina added that if there are hostilities between the dominant groups, members may be asked not to wear their STAR vests for a while until things cool down.
- f) Dennie Richards (Rich) was voted in as a chapter member.
  - g) Shepherd Eric Rhetta announced that he will have a Safety meeting during next month’s chapter meeting, so the meeting may run a little longer. He will discuss ride safety, hand signals, etc. He is also working on a location for a Safety Day and will bring more information as soon as it is available.
  - h) Ladies of the Star (LOS) Representative Marilyn Long asked how many people were interested in having the owner of the new motorcycle shop for women come and speak to the chapter. The response was yes, so she will work on arranging a time for the owner come and speak to the chapter.
  - i) LOS Representative Marilyn Long announced that radio station 101.9 is going to be participating in the Saint Jude radio-thon to raise money for Saint Jude’s hospital on March 1-2. The station is looking for volunteers to assist with answering phones. The shifts available are from 5:30 am to 10:00 am, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, and 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Marilyn was asked to post the information under LOS on the forum.
  - j) State Director Sam Laughlin announced that he has the Polar Bear 2007 rockers for those who requested them.
  - k) State Director Sam Laughlin announced that an officers summit was held last weekend at the STARS Recreation Center in Vacaville. Chapter officers from all 14 Northern California/Nevada chapters were present – a total of about 69 people attend the summit.
  - l) Secretary Mary Jeruss is working on a comprehensive set of notes which will be distributed as soon as she finishes them. Sam Laughlin will add his comments and then send them out to the chapters. He recommended sending them out to the chapter members so the members could get an idea of what was discussed. Sam discussed that at the end of the summit, the various officers (secretaries, treasurers, shepherds, etc.) broke into groups and shared a lot of good ideas with each other. State Director Shauna Manina added that if anyone sees something they would like to assist with to please contact the State Directors.
  - m) Southwest STAR BQ is coming up the last weekend in March (March 30-31) in Arizona.

- n) Shauna Manina announced that so far, there are 80 people signed up for this year's High Sierra STAR BQ (June 8-9). A problem with the courtyard rooms was resolved, and rooms are available, not booked as was previously indicated to some of the registrants. As of two weeks ago, there were 63 rooms at the courtyard booked and 20 in the tower. It is highly recommended that members book their rooms as soon as possible due to Street Vibrations Spring Rally being held the same weekend – right across the street from the Nugget. The good news is that there should be a lot of vendors with a variety of products for sale. There will also be some new surprises this year.
- o) Northwest STAR BQ (Shelton, Washington) is coming up in August. It appears that about eight chapter members will be attending.
- p) Members may not wear the patch of another riding association or group associated with riding (MMA, ABATE, AMA, ISRA, PGR) on their vest. Compliance is voluntary.
- q) Shauna Manina announced that she received an email from Merced's president that Jack Daniels lost his father in law. She will send the information on where to send condolences to as soon as possible.
- r) Sam Laughlin announced that National's website is down, but will be back up next week.
- s) Chapter Shepherd Janet Sturkey discussed that she and the other shepherds will be working on a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the website. The purpose will be to assist new members and existing members with questions on membership, patch placement, who the officers are, etc. There may also be a Shepherd's corner as well. She is asking that members send her questions they may have, such as how to join the chapter, and the answers if known.
- t) Sam Laughlin announced that Chapter 161 is hosting HolliSTAR this year on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a STAR sanctioned event which is being held at the park in Hollister. A small fee of \$10 per person is being charged for to help cover the cost of food and a ride pin. Chapter President Bob Gatto is looking for volunteers to assist with set up, directing the motorcycles, parking, etc. If anyone is interested, please email Bob Gatto. Some will go up the night before – information on hotel accommodations within 30 miles will be available soon. Pauline Carlton asked whether this will be a "round robin" ride, picking up riders as we go. Sam Laughlin suggested that everyone meet at the gas station in Morgan Hill.
- Hollister itself is being held July 5-8.
- u) Eric Rhetta announced that with the new 40% ride requirement, members need to notify either Eric Rhetta or Mary Jeruss if they ride with another chapter so they can receive credit for the ride.

v) Sam Laughlin discussed receiving a box from National with a twill hat with "BOISE" embroidered on it. When he was at STAR Days last year, he and several others had discussed that it would be nice if the ride to STAR Days was a one day ride from Central California. Well, Boise, Idaho is this side of the Rocky Mountains, so he and others broached the subject with National and even sent information regarding Boise, Idaho and the local area to National. He asked for help to deluge National with requests to have STAR Days in Boise, Idaho in 2009. Members need to show that at least 1,000 people from the "West" will attend.

w) Raffle tickets:

Sam Laughlin/Shaulna Manina – Polish

Dennis Barlesi – Passing lamp visors (donated to High Sierra STAR BQ)

Dennis Barlesi – XL Long Sleeve shirt

Sam Laughlin/Shaulna Manina – Head cover (warm one!)

Fred Stringer – Chrome speedometer visor for 650 (donated to High Sierra STAR BQ)

Stephen Jeruss – 4 quarts of Yama Lube

Rick Heptig – STAR Beer Stein

Rick Heptig – Large long sleeve shirt (from D&L Powersports in Louisiana)

Stephen Jeruss – Billet fork cap covers

Marilyn Long – XL shirt from Roseville Yamaha with their new logo.

Marilyn Long - \$25 gift card to Roseville Yamaha

x) 50/50 – Newly voted in member Dennie (Rich) Richards won the \$80.00.

## V. Adjournment

Mike Haskins adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 pm.

**Minutes submitted by:** Mary Jeruss, Secretary

**Minutes approved by:**