

STAR Touring Chapter 153

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2007

I. Call to order

Vice President Rich Powers called to order the meeting of the General Membership of STAR Touring Chapter 153 at 7:00 pm on April 20, 2007 at Western Coffee Cup on Auburn Blvd.

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 within the next week. Once approval is received, the minutes will be forwarded to the State Directors.

IV. Open issues

- None were addressed.

V. New business

- Guests Derek Vaughn from Roseville Yamaha, Scott Granz, and Alicia from GoMoto were introduced to everyone at this meeting.
- This coming Sunday, April 22nd, there is an unsanctioned ride to Dixon for the Sacramento Valley National VA Cemetery Dedication. Details were sent via email to all chapter members last evening and this event is a "RAIN or SHINE" event.
- On May 6th, there will be a chapter sanctioned ride to Mines Road/Del Puerto Canyon being led by State Director Sam Laughlin. He will post the information to the message board and calendar. The meeting place will be the 49er Truck Stop (El Camino & I-80 exit)
- On May 26th, there will be an {overnight} STAR Knights ride. This ride honors our veterans and includes visiting Veterans memorial sites. Members are encouraged to come by car or donate if they do not wish to ride at night. This ride starts at approximately 5pm and will end around 10pm at the State Capitol in Sacramento. Shepherd Eric Rhetta will be leading the ride for Sacramento and will pre-ride the route tomorrow. There will be five stops on the ride, approximately 150 miles long. He added some new stops this year and the final map should be done around Sunday/Monday of next week. Ride sign up forms are due by May 19th, but individuals can also make payment on the night of the ride (cost is \$10 more on the night of the ride).
- Jeff Armstrong (ArtDude) will lead a ride on May 12th to Cruiser Customizing and Arlen Ness. Details will be posted to the forum and calendar soon.
- STAR Days packets will not be available at STAR Days this year. The packets must be purchased in advance no later than July 5th and the cost of the packets goes up from \$49.00 to \$59.00 after June 15th.

- Secretary Mary Jeruss reminded members to be sure they sign in on all chapter-sanctioned rides so they receive credit for the ride. She also checked in with members to see if they had all signed ride waivers for 2007. There are several members whose National memberships are coming up for renewal and she asked that when members renew their National memberships, they please provide her with the new expiration date for chapter records. State Directors Sam Laughlin and Shauna Manina added that there is a new national website on which members can renew memberships online and STAR National is sending reminders for renewal.
- Treasurer Janet Sturkey reported that the chapter has \$994.00 in its accounts and is doing well with the monthly 50/50 drawings. There were no expenditures during the past month.
- Sergeant at Arms Eric Rhetta reported that he is working on a Safety Day for the chapter to include skills practice with cones, rider safety, stagger formation, and staggered riding. He will post more information as soon as it is available. Emma Jurdy will give also Eric Rhetta Sue Neely's (MSF Contact) phone number.
- Ladies of the STAR (LOS) Representative Marilyn Long announced that Kim Lahn rode her 650 here and congratulated her on doing so. She also announced that there is a ride called "Tanya to the Wall" to benefit VA Post Traumatic Stress victims. The ride starts on May 18th from Sacramento to Washington DC. Marilyn has flyers and more information if anyone is interested. Marilyn Long also reported that on June 23rd there is a Prevention Ride and she will post more details on the forum.
- The Women's Motorcycle Expo is coming up on June 2-3 in Auburn (Gold Country Fairgrounds). Marilyn asked for volunteers for a membership table at the Expo to recruit new members. Several members raised their hands and she will follow up with them after the meeting. Jim Long will set up the schedule if members would like to ride as a chapter on Saturday morning. As a group, the chapter would get 2 free tickets for each 4 members, \$8.00 entrance tickets, reserve club parking, a free pin to each participant, etc. Marilyn Long will check on whether the chapter must bring its own table and tent and/or whether the tables are inside. It would be nice to have chapter informational handouts to give prospective members. Stephen Jeruss reported that the chapter trifolds are almost ready to present to the officers for approval. State Director Sam Laughlin stated he has National sign up forms that could be handed out as well.
- Mark and Rita Reyes were voted in as new chapter members.
- Shepherd Janet Sturkey reported that she, Jim Long, Eric Rhetta, and Carol and Joanne Arens met to create the Shepherd Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). There are 15 questions so far and she is working with Eddy Avila and Kolleen Powers to get the information posted to the website. There will also be a link to ask the Chapter Shepherds questions via email and those questions will be added to the FAQs.

- Marilyn Long provided an update on the chapter T-shirts. The color choices were white and gray and **gray** was voted to be the chapter t-shirt color. A question was asked about choosing one color versus several colors and the response was that the chapter does not get a price break on multiple colors. She distributed the sign up sheet so that members could add their names or change their order. If members would like a long sleeve shirt, they need to write long sleeve next to their name. The cost for the shirts is: women's' short sleeve - \$16.00, men's' short sleeve - \$12.00, men's' short sleeve shirts 2X to 6X - \$14.00, men's' long sleeve - \$14.00. The shirts should be available at the next general meeting in May. If members would like to purchase the blue t-shirts, they are available in limited sizes. Members can speak with Treasurer Janet Sturkey or President Mike Haskins to purchase those shirts.
- Marilyn Long announced that the name tags ordered from the last meeting are in. If anyone else would like to order the name tags, the cost is \$8.00 and members can speak with her after the meeting.
- State Director Sam Laughlin distributed flyers for NorthWest STAR BQ being held in Shelton, Washington on August 3-4, 2007. Information is currently posted to the National forum and he will start a thread on Sacramento's forum.
- State Director Sam Laughlin announced that Modesto will be holding its poker run on June 23rd, two weeks after High Sierra STAR BQ, and the ending place will be indoors this year.
- State Director Sam Laughlin announced that the Sierra Hope Ride for Muscular Dystrophy is coming up in June, starting at Mitchell's Harley Davidson and ending in Jamestown.
- The Southern California Iron Azz ride is fast approaching on May 12, 2007. This ride is a one day, approximately 500 miles long, ride to raise money for the STAR Touring National Charity, Feed the Children. Members may make a donation if they wish and one of the members who is going on the ride will donate the money in that member's name.
- State Director Shauna Manina gave an update on the High Sierra STAR BQ. There are 170 people registered so far, and the Courtyard is completely booked! 180 rooms in the tower are available, but they will go fast. Redding is ahead of Chapter 153 in terms of attendees. Registration goes up by \$10 from \$55/adult to \$65 for adults after May 7, 2007 and registrants who wait lose their opportunity in the dice roll and take a chance of not having their t-shirt size available. The next High Sierra STAR BQ meeting is May 6th and the committee is looking for entertainment for Saturday night's dinner. Vice President Rich Powers also asked for spotters during the auction. Debi Greene, International Director, will also be in attendance for this year's STAR BQ. She will be bringing STAR shirts, pins, belt buckles, patches, etc. The committee is also working on having the STAR trailer at next year's event.
- STAR Days 09 location is looking like Boise, Idaho – keep sending those emails!
- Will Benda presented the chapter with a plaque for its 2006 donation to the Terkensha Association, which provides mental health services for children. He also

informed members that the cans from the canned food drive each month are going towards the food baskets for client families. Last year, in December, the Association provided 35 food baskets and so far this year, he has three big boxes of canned goods towards food baskets from the chapter.

- State Director Sam Laughlin announced that Ralph Kochner has moved to Hurlong, California. Right now, Ralph's email address is forthcoming and the old one is not working. Sam has his phone number in case anyone would like to call and speak with Ralph and will provide this information via email if requested.
- Alicia from GoMoto brought jackets and other products from her store for members to view and purchase. She also distributed 10 percent discount coupons for chapter members. She talked about the G-line design of clothing, which is designed by women for women to fit better. She also has information on other women's riding groups in case members are interested. Alicia sponsors Plush Racing in case any of the women riders are interested in racing. Her store will have a booth at the Women's Motorcycle Expo in June. She added that her store is located at 5739 Auburn Boulevard, just three blocks from the restaurant, and her hours of operation are: Mondays – 11 to 5, Tuesday through Saturdays – 10 to 6, closed on Sundays. Alicia added that she can also order men's gear, as well as motorcycle parts and accessories.
- Mike Rhey reiterated that President Bush signed an executive order in January 2007 allowing veterans to wear their medals on their civilian clothing. He added that when wearing the old BDUs (Battle Dress Uniform), veterans must remove the branch of service from the uniform.
- The Raffle was held and the following won prizes:
 - Roseville Yamaha STAR Baseball Cap – Adam Stepien
 - Roseville Yamaha T-shirt – XL – Vic Berg
 - STAR Swiss Army Knife – Rich Powers – DONATED TO HIGH SIERRA STAR BQ
 - STAR Garage T-shirt – Marilyn Long
 - Roseville Yamaha T-shirt – XL – Shauna Manina – DONATED TO HIGH SIERRA STAR BQ
 - \$25 Gift card to Roseville Yamaha – Fred Stringer
- The 50/50 was \$50.00 and was won by Robert Maynard.

VI. Adjournment

Vice President Rich Powers adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Mary Jeruss, Secretary

Minutes approved by: