

MINUTES

STAR Touring and Riding

Northwest Cascades – Chapter #154

Purpose: March Monthly Chapter Meeting

Date/Time: Saturday, March 5, 2011 beginning at 9:00 AM

Location: Bob's Burger and Brew, Burlington, WA

1. Opening

- a. Welcome to all
- b. Introduce new faces; none
- c. Pass the attendance sheet, good turnout!

Attended by (21) Debi B, Lenny, DJ, Robert D, John G, Patrick, Tom, Perry, Roy, Karla, Ted, Jim (Dawg), Laurie, Robert S, Diana, Stephen S, Kem, Sherrie, Lyle, Connie, and Jerry.

- d. Ride waivers for 2011, motorcycle endorsement required – see Roy
- e. 50/50 tickets – see Jim

2. Officer Introductions for 2011;

- a. President –Lenny
- b. Vice President – John G
- c. Treasurer – Jim (Dawg) P
- d. Secretary – DJ
- e. Sergeant At Arms – Roy
- f. Ladies of the STAR – Laurie
- g. STAR Vets – DJ
- h. Web Master – Kevin
- i. Benevolence Officer – Debbie S
- j. Road Captains – Lenny, John G, (Patrick, Robert, and Kem in training)
- k. Tail Gunners – Jim (Dawg), DJ, Jerry, Patrick, Kem
- l. State Directors – Richard and Barb

3. Mission Statement for STAR Touring and Riding; To pursue, promote and protect the interests of motorcyclists; to develop better and more enthusiastic relations between the general public, the media and the operators and riders of motorcycles; to encourage rider participation in events; to promote motorcycle safety and camaraderie among members; to promote organized events; and in general, perform them in a lawful manner.

4. News since last meeting

a. Member Health

*Ted N- recovering from shoulder surgery he had on Feb 2nd to repair a torn labrum and repair rotator cuff injury. (6 to 8 month recovery before he can ride again). It was great to see him at the meeting today.

Debbie Stanley's brother passed away. He was a military veteran and an Air Force SR-71 pilot. She and Bruce have also been very busy taking care of her father and other family business. We send our heartfelt condolences for her loss and wish her strength while she attends to the many tasks she has before her.

b. Member Events to share

*Feb 19th. "Tired of Winter Ride". Highway 9 and Camano Island Loop

This ride was attended by Lenny, Steve, DJ, Roy, Robert, Laurie, Lyle, Patrick, and Jim. We left SP about 11:30 and caught Highway 9 in Sedro-Woolley. We continued down Hwy 9 and headed west to Stanwood, turning just before Arlington. After circling Camano Island and a stop at Camano Island State Park, we stopped at Jimmy's Pizza and Pasta in Stanwood. We then continued through Conway and La Conner till everyone split off points toward home. A great back in the saddle ride! Still a bit chilly out be we had a great time.

5. Treasurer – Jim (Dawg)

Account balance brought forward:	\$147.00
50/50 collected Jan meeting:	\$ 16.00
Reimbursement from Laurie for sale of original order of Chapter T-Shirts	\$447.00
Current Balance.	\$610.10

50/50 Collected \$32. \$16 Won by Lyle S, \$16 back to chapter.

6. News for this meeting

a. Vote in new members; No one ready for a vote at this time.

b. Rocker and chapter patch order

Lenny still has one Cascades large rocker and one #154 rocker available from his recent order.

c. Take orders for patches and rockers; No new orders placed

d. Chapter #154 t-shirts in safety green; Laurie sold the shirts at our March meeting for those that placed orders. If you still need one let her know.

e. The charity for 2011 was discussed. Everyone agreed that we should select our charity for 2011 prior to beginning the first fund raiser event. Lenny will solicit charity ideas from all members and we will vote at the April 2nd meeting. Many members present liked the idea to

keep the charity local to Skagit County. We will vote on charity to donate to before the April BBQ.

Additional Notes from March Meeting

- New patch for STAR Vets is available at STAR MALL on national website. Lyle S and Steve have it already and it looks really great!
- Third Saturday will be our BBQs at Skagit Powersports. JimDawg will supervise setup on April 16th and train new helpers. These BBQs show support for our sponsor, Skagit Powersports. It also gives us a chance to meet potential members. Please visit and help out if you can.
- This year's ride schedule will be a blend of short rides, day long rides, and several overnights. We have old favorites and a few new ideas too. Looking forward to it! The schedule will be sent out separately so that you can mark your calendars and plan for your favorites. There are a few opportunities to ride with other Chapters from Washington and British Columbia.

7. Safety Spot; Watch out for loose dirt and gravel left over from recent snow storms. Check your air pressure in your tires, during winter you can lose air pressure even with new tires.

8. Chapter #154 "Chore List"

- a. Submitted signed charter to STAR Headquarters (done on Feb 10th)
- b. Submitted signed 2011 ride waivers to STAR Headquarters (done on Feb 10th)
- c. Created Ride schedule for Chapter 154 for 2011. Will be sent out as an attachment. It will also be on our chapter website. We also plan to share 428 Monroe's schedule and 5103 B.C.'s schedule for those that wish to join in on their scheduled rides. (before St Patty's Day)

9. Future Chapter #154 events

*April 2, Saturday – Breakfast/Meeting at 8:30 AM. Meet at Bob's Burger and Brew

Proposed agenda for April Meeting: Vote on Chapter charity to donate to. Assign coordinators for major events for the 2011 Ride and Event Schedule, and Ad-hoc local ride, weather permitting. Robert and Laurie plan to host a weenie roast following the ride.

10. Future events of interest

May 1st Lime Run. Hosted by the Gold Wing Chapter, if you plan to go

May 21st. Skagit Powersports Open House. Chapter 154 will host a Poker Run that will start and end at SP. Beneficiary is still being discussed and will be voted on at April 2nd Meeting.

11. Ride after March Meeting:

Jim led the ride to the Coupeville Mussel Festival. He called it "Wet Buns and Mussels". There is a write up on the Chapter Forum under "Rides and Events" on our website. Ride Captain Jim, Tail Gunner DJ, with Patrick and John G in between and Karla bring up the rear in her Jeep.