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STAR Touring and Riding Northwest Cascades – Chapter #154

Purpose: April Monthly Chapter Meeting
Date/Time: Saturday, April 3, 2010 beginning at 8:30 AM
Location: Bob's Burger & Brew, Burlington, WA

1. Opening
 - a. Welcome to all
 - b. Introduce new faces – Lyle S and Dale R
 - i. Dale is actually returning from 2009. He plans to purchase a used RoadStar and his wife has been riding his VSTAR 1100.
 - c. Attendance – (16)Lenny, Don, John F, Wendy, John G, Patrick, Roy, Jackie, Kevin, Jim, Laurie, Bruce, Debbie, Jerry, Dale, Lyle S
 - d. Ride waivers for 2010, motorcycle endorsement required – see Roy
 - i. John G provide Roy with envelope to mail waivers
 - ii. Roy to mail all waiver originals to STAR
 - iii. Collected ride waivers from Dale and Lyle S
2. Officer Introductions
 - a. President – John G
 - b. Vice President – Lenny
 - c. Treasurer – Jim P
 - d. Secretary – Jackie
 - e. Sergeant At Arms – Roy
 - f. Ladies Of STAR – Laurie
 - g. STAR Vets – Kem
 - h. Web Master – Kevin
 - i. Benevolence Officer – Debbie S
 - j. Road Captains – Jon A, Lenny
 - k. Tail Gunners – Jim, Kevin, Jerry, Jim, Don
 - 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. Rate the Ride, 3/6 – follow JSPR route
 - b. Rate the Ride, 3/20 – Camano Island
 - c. Rate the Ride, 3/27 - Weenie roast at Robert and Laurie's fire pit
 - d. News from Steve O – truck, 5th wheel and MC all in PA
 - e. Norma's knee surgery – Norma is at home as of 4/2, able to use a walker
 - f. Don Cruikshank – in/out of hospital with back/hip pain other complications
5. Treasurer – Jim P

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- a. Account balance, \$262.71
 - b. Ride bucks, \$12
 - c. Event bucks, \$6
 - d. 50/50 collected \$48
 - e. 50/50 winner Bruce wins \$24
6. News for this meeting
- a. Charter returned by STAR
 - b. Vote in new members; wait for next ride/event to vote in Dale
 - c. Rocker and chapter patch order
 - i. Chapter patch \$6 – none sold
 - ii. Take orders for Large and Small rockers – none ordered
 - d. Safety Spot
 - i. Review group ride procedure for mechanical failure
 - 1. Tail Gunner should stop when pack rider needs to stop
 - 2. For a mechanical problem, other riders should proceed to a safe waiting area. We had 5 bikes on a narrow road with blind turn.
 - 3. RC should contact TG to ask if assistance is needed
 - 4. For a medical problem, knowledgeable riders should stop or circle back to provide medical assistance immediately. All other riders should go to safe location with RC.
 - ii. Riding in tire track through turns
 - 1. John G and Roy admit drifting to center line while riding in right track and making left turns. If other riders are allowing proper spacing, this should not be a problem.
 - iii. When to ride in spread or tight formation
 - 1. Consider more spacing when on low traffic scenic roads.
 - 2. Always leave an out for the other riders.
 - 3. Maintain a “comfortable” space and share feedback at ride stops.
 - e. JSPPR coordination for Saturday, May 22
 - i. Volunteers – need 2 for the Conway Texaco checkpoint #3
 - 1. Dale and Don volunteered to cover checkpoint #3
 - 2. Don asked to sell knives on poker run and at BBQ events. He will donate 10% of sale to Chapter.
 - 3. Checkpoint volunteers are responsible to pick up their materials at the May meeting or at Skagit PowerSports on the morning of the event.
 - ii. Checkpoint locations and permissions – completed by John G and Kevin
 - iii. Route maps, registration forms, ride waiver forms, score sheets – will be available at the May meeting plus Skagit PowerSports on the morning of the event.
 - iv. Cards for stops – will be available at the May meeting plus Skagit PowerSports on the morning of the event.

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- f. BBQ set up checklist posted to Chapter Forum – [John G to bring the checklist for each BBQ](#)
- g. Food handler permit process posted to Chapter Forum – [a permit for any County is acceptable](#)
- 7. Chapter #154 Events covering the next month
 - a. April 17, Saturday - LOS fund raiser – car wash at Les Schwab in Burlington 10 AM
 - i. Volunteers include: Lenny, Robert, John G
 - b. April 24, Saturday – 1st BBQ at Skagit PowerSports
 - i. Arrive by 9:30 to help set up
 - ii. Start cooking around 10 or 10:30
 - iii. Shut down around 2 pm
 - iv. Short ride to follow
 - v. One food handler permit must be on site (John G)
 - c. April 25, Sunday – Lime Run for Make A Wish (flyer)
- 8. Break – 10 minutes
- 9. Future Chapter #154 events
 - a. [May 1, Saturday – Chapter meeting and ride to Newhalem, NW Cascades National Park Visitor Center & Restroom – 122 Mi](#)
 - b. May 15, Saturday – Armed Forces Day
 - i. Ride to RMC in Renton
 - ii. Ride to Old Soldiers Home in Orting
 - iii. Deliver useful items
 - c. May 22, Saturday, 3rd Annual Jim Schermerhorn Poker Run & SPS New Products Day
 - i. Kevin has developed the route
 - ii. Need 3 more checkpoint volunteers plus BBQ servers
 - d. June 5, Saturday - Chapter Meeting at Bob's Burger & Brew from 8:30 AM to 10 AM
 - i. Breeze through meeting info and leave by 9:30
 - ii. Ride - Monroe Chapter #428 Poker Run
 - e. June 12, Saturday – Bikers to Battle Cancer
 - i. Start with registration at SPS
 - ii. Rider's meeting 11:00
 - iii. Leave by 11:30
 - iv. Ride to Cancer Care Centers in Bellingham, Sedro-Woolley, Mount Vernon, Anacortes
 - v. Return to SPS by 4:00 or sooner
 - vi. Casey Henson to help with media coverage and American Cancer Society
 - vii. All funds to go to American Cancer Society
 - f. [July 2, 3, 5 – Ride to Coulee](#)
 - i. [Coulee House Motel in Coulee City](#)
 - ii. [509-633-1103 or 800-715-7767](#)
 - iii. [Mention STAR for reservation and rate](#)
 - g. July 31, Saturday – Multi Chapter Ride

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- i. Meet in Renton at RMC by 10 AM
 - ii. Socialize, group photo, 50/50, snack food
 - iii. Local ride for 4 hours with scenic stops
 - iv. Return for BBQ and 50/50 draw
 - v. Depart around 6 pm
 - vi. Daylight to 8:45 pm
 - vii. John G invited all BC and WA chapters
10. Future events of interest
- a. Share ride flyers
 - i. Marysville – Poker Run for Boys & Girls Club, Saturday, April 10 at 10 AM Boys & Girls Club, 1010 Beach St, Marysville, WA, \$15
 - ii. Bremerton – Armed Forces Day Poker Run, Saturday, May 8 at 8:30 AM The Brothers PowerSports, 52051 1st St, Bremerton, WA, \$20
 - iii. Oak Harbor – Poker Ride For The Kids, July 17 at 10:00 AM Oak Harbor Boys & Girls Club, 98 NE Barron Dr, Oak harbor, WA \$15
 - b. July 17 – 23, Can-AM Tour, John G is looking for someone to share motel rooms.
 - c. July 20 – 23, STAR DAYS in Chattanooga, TN
 - i. No members plan to attend
 - d. August 20, Friday and 21, Saturday – NW STAR-BQ in Prosser, WA
 - i. Confirmed for this date and location
 - ii. No details available yet
 - iii. John G asked State and Regional Directors for info on 4/3. As of 4/9 there is no additional info.
11. News from members
- a. John G will be out of the area from 4/4 through 4/9
 - b. Jim will be out of the area from 4/18 through 5/10
 - c. Lenny will be out of the area from 4/9 through 4/12
12. Action items
- a. Members asked John G to volunteer the chapter to host a future NW STAR-BQ or help another chapter like 428 or 219. Many chapters have volunteered for 2011 and 2012. Not sure where we fit in.
 - b. The members suggested we look at alternate locations for the holiday dinner meeting. Max Dale's cost was high. Look at China City in Oak Harbor, GA Maxwell's in Marysville or Maxime's in Stanwood (closed).
13. Today's Ride - to Snoqualmie Falls via Arlington, Monroe, and Carnation 94 Mi
- a. Road Captain
 - b. Tail Gunner
 - c. Members
 - d. Lunch suggestion – Twede's Café
 - e. Cancelled due to rain