

MINUTES

STAR Touring and Riding Northwest Cascades – Chapter #154

Purpose: Monthly Chapter Meeting

Date/Time: Saturday, January 7th, 2012 beginning at 4:00 PM

Location: San Juan Lanes Bowling Alley, Anacortes, WA

1. Opening

- ❖ Welcome to all
- ❖ Introduce new faces; Scott E (2nd meeting) and Marie L, Orlando G and Carolina, Dave J, Marty M, and Jay A
- ❖ Pass the attendance sheet; Attended by 29. Members present were: Lenny B, Debi B, John D, Robert D, Scott E, Janet E, Orlando G, John G, Margie G, Eric H, Tom J, Roy J, Jim P, Laurie S, Robert S, Steve S, Diana S, Kem S, Sherrie S, and sons Garrett and Robert, Bruce S, Debbie S, Claudette T,
- ❖ Ride waivers for 2012, motorcycle endorsement required – see Roy
- ❖ 50/50 tickets – see Robert S

2. Officer Introductions for 2012

- ❖ President –Lenny B
- ❖ Vice President – Bruce S
- ❖ Treasurer – Robert S
- ❖ Secretary – Debbie S
- ❖ Sergeant At Arms – Roy J
- ❖ Ladies of the STAR – Laurie S
- ❖ STAR Vets – Steve S
- ❖ Shepherd- John G
- ❖ Road Captains – Lenny, John G, Jim (Dawg) and Robert S
- ❖ Tail Gunners – Jim (Dawg), Roy, Kem
- ❖ State Directors – Bobby and Karen Y.

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

Member Health

Jim P is scheduled for back surgery soon, TBA since doctor postponed procedure. Will keep everyone informed of changes.

Member Events to share

Lenny presented an award to Roy for his performance as 2011 Sergeant at Arms. Roy also accepted DJ's award which he will send to DJ's sister Darlene.

A letter from Darlene sharing memories of DJ growing up was read to the members present. Saturday May 19th is the planned day for a DJ Cruikshank Memorial Ride. This date is Armed Forces Day, late enough so the North Cascades Highway is open, and does not conflict with other events already scheduled. Members of BC5103 have asked to join 154 as we honor DJ's wishes to have his ashes spread at Ross Lake Overlook and Washington Pass Overlook.

Island Cruise Ride

Sunday, June 10th is the date for our first annual Island Cruise Ride. This will replace the Bavarian Cruise (Ass Fire 400) ride that we had two years ago. Skagit Powersports will sponsor, details are still in the works but involve Hawaiian shirts, Fidalgo and Whidbey Island coast lines, and a BBQ lunch.

5. Treasurer – Robert S

This report will not be posted for this month's minutes. We are in a Treasurer turnover and in the process of getting new signature cards filed with the bank that holds our account. Balance will be revealed at our next meeting.

6. News from this meeting

January 7th Bowling Social;

The San Juan Lanes was our location for our chapter meeting and first social event of 2012. We had about 20 members bowling on 5 lanes and had a great time. The staff was very attentive, and the food was excellent. I had the clam chowder along with fish and chips which were delicious! We gathered at 4PM, had dinner while he held our meeting, and bowled from 6 to 8PM.

Rocker and chapter patch order status:

Lenny distributed the STAR Remembrance Patches and DJ Cruikshank rockers. Everyone has either paid or made arrangements with Lenny.

Custom Chapter 154 license plate frames were ordered for Eric, Steve S, Bruce, and Mike D. They will be here around 14 January. The license plate frames are \$25 if someone else wants one in the future.

Safety Spot;

Our mild winter is predicted to get a bit colder with some snow in the forecast. Be careful, especially if you are still riding on two wheels. Lane position and following distance are very important! Need to stay visible so a four wheeler doesn't take you out and claim they could not see you.

Future Chapter #154 events

February 4th Meeting will be our Chapter Charter Signing. Meet at Bob's Burger at 9AM or at 8:30 if you would like to eat breakfast first. You need to bring STAR Membership Card, Driver's License, and proof of insurance. Bob's Burger & Brew is now booked for all other meetings from February through November.

March 3rd Meeting we will fill in the blanks of our ride schedule. There are a lot events already planned and also room for some fresh ideas. Be prepared to share your favorite routes. We like them to be Half Day Rides, Full Day Rides, and Multi Day Rides. We can't do them all so we will vote on our favorites.

2012 STAR DAYS RENO July 17-20

The National STARDAYS event will be held in Reno, Nevada next July. Many members at the meeting were interested in going. This is a ways off but for those that want to go as a group we are planning two days down, two days back, and three days in Reno. This will be my 6th year in STAR and this will be only the second time it was less than 1000 miles away (first time was Billings, Montana in 2009). Registration starts Feb 1st and is available on STAR National's website; <http://startouring.org/>

2012 NW STAR BQ

Our regional NW STAR BQ will be held 24 and 25 August in Salem, Oregon. The host chapter is the Willamette Chapter. No other details have been announced at this time.

Ride safe and we will see you at our next event!

Lenny B

Chapter 154 President 2012

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