

STAR – Chapter 363 Minutes
March 27, 2008
Ground Round Restaurant, Plattsburgh, New York

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Larry Duquette with 13 members in attendance.

Old Business:

Larry could not review last month's meeting minutes, because the secretary sent over the minutes from Chapter 406 vs. 363. He would have gone over what he shared the minutes that he had with those in attendance, but we had enough Chapter 363 issues to go over, so he proceeded on.

New Business

Treasurer's Report: \$492.14 in our account after spending \$20 to register our Website.

T-shirts / Logo – still working on it.....

Larry handed out a sheet with hand-signals to be used when riding. He also discussed ride formation when either starting a ride or continuing after a break. The tail gunner will move up to the front and block off an intersection from one side and the vice president (or another rider willing to take the stance) will block off the intersection from the other side, allowing everyone to get onto the "main" road safely. If, when pulling out, we go to the right, only the tail gunner will block the intersection. Once everyone is out, you will ride single-file to the right, allowing the vice president (or other rider) to safely move back into position behind the leader. Once he/she has passed you, you will fall into staggered formation. Larry also proceeded to demonstrate some of the other hand signals.

Open House at North End – Once again, North End is hosting an Open House, with demo rides, on Saturday, May 24th. Anyone bringing donations for the food shelf will receive a coupon good for either 15% or 20% off of accessories purchased that day.

Side Note: The Garage Party Event that was held recently for woman at North End was very successful. Approximately 30 woman showed up and were given the opportunity to browse at the bikes. Demonstrations including how to pick up a "downed" bike were part of the event.

Question was raised about whether or not we would like to have a STAR Banner made/bought to have for events like the Open House. It was decided that it would be a wonderful thing. Larry will check with Casey, as well as STAR Headquarters about it.

Upcoming Ride Schedule

The ride committee (Bob Pelkey, Jill and Bud, along with Larry and Tammy) have been very busy putting together a full season of rides.

Thursday nite rides – starting the first week of April – kickstands up at 5pm. In May, the start time will move to 6pm.

April 26 – Tune-Up Ride/Day – Morrisville School Parking Lot – meet at North End at 10:00am.

Possibly meet up with Chapter 406

May 15 – Escort Moving Wall to Saint Albans, Vermont

May 18 – Parade in Saint Albans leaves Houston Street between Lower Weldon and Main Streets

Leave from North End at 9:00ish and meet Chapter 406 just over Rouses Point Bridge at 10:45

May 17 – Chocolate Festival at the Inn @ Essex – 10am-5pm - \$10.00 admission

May 31 – Old Forge, Thunder in the Valley with a stop at Buttermilk Falls and Lunch at Long Lake. Leave from North End at 8:00am

June 2-7 – Americade. Friday morning (the 6th) is the STAR Breakfast. Bob Pelkey will be riding down that morning - leaving from North End at 6:30am.

Larry will be heading down on Tuesday, the 3rd (and coming back that evening) and Wednesday, the 4th staying until Saturday – leaving from North End at 8:00 am.

June 14 – Green Mountain Corvette Show in Stowe - Leave from North End at 8:00am\

June 20-22 – Rally in Colebrook, NH – with a Blessing of the Bikes on the 22nd at 1pm at the Shrine – Our Lady of Grace - Leave from North End at 7:00am
June 28 – STAR Picnic in Messina – staying over night, going to the rally at Alexandria Bay the next day.
July 12 (rain date – the 13th) – Rally at Mad River Glen, Kenyon’s Field in Waitsfield - Leave from North End at 9:00am.
July 19 – Leaving for Arkansas for STAR Days. Meet at Friendly’s or Perkins at 7:00am for breakfast, get on the road at 8:00am. At this time, Larry, Tammy, Mark, and Mickey are definitely going. Dan is still in consideration.
August 7-9 – Champlain Valley Motorcycle Rally at Clinton County Fairground. Larry has agreed to help assist with venues or whatever we can.
August 10 – Folk Music Festival – Schroon Lake from 12noon – 5pm. Leave from North End at 10:00 am
August 24 (?) – Children’s Miracle Network Ride – more details to follow
September 13 (Rain date on the 14th) – Fall Foliage Ride to Adirondack Museum through Blue Mountain Lake - Leave from North End at 8:00am
September 20 – Balloon Festival – Glens Falls - Leave from North End at 10:00am – enjoy 6:00pm balloon Launch.
September 27 – with Chapter 406 – Bridge to Bridge via Lake Placid. More details – time, place to meet up with them to be announced

Web Page

Photo Gallery – members can upload pictures and comments. Go to link and register.

50/50 Drawing - \$80 collected - \$40 was won by Alan Mitchell – and was donated back to the Chapter.

Motion was made to adjourn by Jill and seconded by Linda – agreed unanimously and adjourned our meeting at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronni Allard