

The December monthly meeting of the STAR Touring & Riding Association Concord, NC Chapter #443 was held on December 18th at 9:00 am at RideNow Powersports located at 254 Concord Parkway South in Concord. The following members were in attendance:

Phil H. (President)	Candy M.	Terry M.
Ken D.	Tammy D.	John T.
Ed M.	Beverly M.	

Phil H. began the meeting by welcoming everyone and asked for acceptance of the November meeting minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was given and seconded.

Candy M. gave a treasury report to the group that reported money that was collected for Feed the Children at the Victory Demo Ride sponsored at RideNow Powersports in November. She also reported the cost of materials for the RideNow display table.

Phil H and Candy M. explained that we still remain with our current bank. What has changed is that we no longer have a checking account due to a change in bank procedures which would have levied a fee against us for that account each month. There is no fee for the savings account provided a minimum balance is maintained. The savings account is our current banking method.

Ed M. will be setting-up a framed FTC poster which was signed by all who rode in the Feed the Children last May. Steve, with RideNow Powersports, will supply an easel and the poster will appear near our display table in RideNow.

Phil H. requested that we all create and submit a photo of our members with their bikes to post on our website. Individual photos are preferred as opposed to a group photo. Send those photos to Jon G.

Phil H. noted that Jon G. was not able to attend our meeting today because of the loss of Ashley's Grandfather.

Phil H. announced the new officers and other Chapter positions and who would fill them.

Phil H.	Chapter President
Richard K.	Chapter Vice President
Jon G.	Secretary
Tammy D.	Treasurer and Ladies of Star Rep.
Ed M.	Road Capt., Vet Rep., and Sgt. of Arms
Ken D.	Tail Gunner
"open"	Shepherd

Phil H. stated that no ride would be scheduled for January. He encouraged the members to consider planning a group activity where we could drive to. It would allow us to do things together during the cold months and grow closer as a Chapter and build

camaraderie among all of us. Activities like eating lunch somewhere special or going bowling.

We are all encouraged to wear our Chapter vests when participating in these group activities.

Ed M. is planning on organizing our rides in advance for a minimum of 6 months out. He suggested that he would create a “long” ride on the 1st Saturday and a “short” ride on the third Saturday of each month (following our meetings). Short rides are defined as rides that are up to 2 hours in length (round trip) and long rides are around 4+ hours long. Having two rides a month would give us all plenty of options for riding and riding is what we want to do more of this year.

Ed M. went on to say the rides would appear on our website. <http://www.star443.com/> Rides that are not able to be run due to bad weather will be run on Sunday. If the ride could not be run on either day it would be shuffled to the end of the ride list or possible scheduled some other time.

Remember that Chapter dues to be collected in January. \$10 for first 6 months or \$20 for the year (per family)

Phil H. requested that Ed M. turn in all 2010 (and before) ride waivers so that he could forward them to STAR National. He explained that new ride waivers would need to be printed and signed by Chapter members before their first ride. The same would apply for visitors wanting to ride with us.

Phil H. explained that our 2011 #443 Charter would need to be read and signed by the members at the January meeting.

There was much discussion on whether to hold another FTC ride in 2011 or wait until 2012. Ed. M. mentioned that he has received calls from contributors to donate items for raffle. No decisions were made. Terry will check on the status of our account with FTC.

The group talked about minimizing the amount of time we spend planning charity rides at our regular meetings because it took away from our ride time. Phil H. suggested that persons planning charity rides could do it away from our regular meetings in committees. Pertinent information could be shared with the entire group when necessary.

Members commented that our meeting time has been greatly reduced by not being served breakfast like we’ve done in past meetings. Most members eat breakfast prior to this meeting or brought something to the meeting.

There was no ride planned for after today’s meeting but we formed a small caravan of cars that drove to Denton, NC to the Classic Restaurant to eat lunch together. It was enjoyable just talking between us over lunch without discussing Chapter business. It actually snowed while we ate. Cool!

Our next meeting will be on Jan. 15th at 9am at RideNow PowerSports, 254 Concord Parkway South, Concord, NC. Since breakfast will not be available at the meeting, some members will bring their own breakfast to the meeting.

There is no ride scheduled after our January 2011 meeting. Any activities that arise will be posted on our website. <http://www.ncchapter443.com/>

The meeting was adjourned.