

The January Meeting of the STAR Touring & Riding Association Concord, NC Chapter #443 was held on February 20th at 9:00 am at the Red Pig. The following members and guests were in attendance:

Phil H., President
Ed M.
Bev M.
Chuck R.
Bob B.
Candy M.
Terry M.
Tammy D.
Richard K.
Joe P.
Jo Ann P.
John T.
Jim E.
Lisa E..
Carol Z. (guest)
Jim Z. (guest)

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

Phil gave a special welcome to Carol and Jim who were guests at today's meeting and ride.

Candy gave a treasury report to the group.

Phil reminded the members that the STAR National membership renewals were upon us and the Chapter 443 dues were due by February 28th. He went on to say that 2010 ride waivers had to be completed.

Phil reminded the members that ride suggestions needed to be sent to Ken this month if they hadn't already done that.

The following events were available to attend:

Americans Feeding Americans food distribution in Charlotte had been rescheduled but the new date was uncertain at this time.

Upstate Meet & Greet on March 27th in Greenville, S.C. – allows us to meet other STAR members. It is a 1 PM luncheon.

Feed the Children Truck unload on April 17th in Lumberton, NC (this is our meeting date)

Feed the Children Truck fundraiser in Sumter, S.C. on April 24th

Multi-Chapter Cookout in Winston-Salem on May 1st - \$10 each (we need a head count of members going by April)

Candy announced that she could order NC Concord rockers. The group decided that an inventory of 3 rockers would be enough so two needed to be ordered. She would also be ordering 3 Chapter #443 patches to add to our inventory. The membership decided that the large STAR back patch would remain the responsibility of each new member.

Candy announced the current officers agreed to order and the Chapter would pay for 1 past president and 3 past officer patches as a way of saying "Thank You" for their previous service. Those patches would be the past President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer. A motion was given to accept this purchase and seconded.

Candy stated that she would order the past officer patches soon and asked current officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and appointees (Tail gunner, Road Capt., Web Master, Sgt. at Arms) who wanted patches should pay her by the March meeting. These patches are \$8 each and are not mandatory. The Chapter will pay for shipping.

Before asking Ed to begin bringing the membership up-to-date on our Feed the Children (FTC) effort, Phil addressed the group by explaining the Feed the Children effort would require the entire group's participation to be successful.

Ed began his report by talking about two restaurants who were offering a Pancake Feed as a fundraiser. The restaurants would keep \$1.99 for each pancake meal purchase we provided and we would get all amounts beyond that. (e.g. \$4.99 spent minus \$1.99 equaling \$3.00 for us) Those businesses were Applebees and Fatzs. If we decide to participate the restaurants would need 30 days notice. We all decided to hold off on the Pancake Feed until after the FTC ride

Ed also stated that Bob Evans had a program where we give out flyers to people explaining that we would benefit from their eating at Bob Evans on a day we provided. This did not mean we were giving discount coupons in the flyers but it meant that we would benefit by getting 15% of the total proceeds. Bob Evans agreed to give us a minimum amount of \$250. We decided the date of this promotion would take place on April 23rd (Friday). It appeared as though the entire membership was in favor of eating at Bob Evans on the night of April 23rd themselves. Ed found out after the meeting that the promotion would be all day long instead of just at night.

Ed asked if someone would make a flyer for the Bob Evans event so each member could get a few to pass out. Jim Emerson volunteered. Ed went on to say that some changes should be added to the poster that Vicki had made. Those changes were to add wording about the FTC benefit to include Rain or Shine & raffle information. Phil volunteered to pass it along to Vicki.

It was announced that we may need a parade permit for the FTC ride. Ed continues to work with the Cabarrus County Sheriff's department to provide an escort through the ride.

Ed reported that he had been given a knife and a rifle to put in the FTC benefit raffle. He asked the membership if they had issue with either item. No concerns were voiced. Ed went on to say that the rifle would not physically be at the raffle. The winner would need to go to the donating gunsmith and complete any paperwork required by NC law.

A charity ride was announced for June 13th at the R & R BBQ on Pitts School Road. The cost would be \$10 for rider and \$15 for rider and passenger.

Ed reminded us that the Ride to the Empty Chair Veterans ride was going to take place in September and that he would get back to us on the exact date. It cost \$35 to enter. He also pointed out that a sponsorship to this ride would cost the Chapter \$100. We would get our Chapter name on the back of the T-shirts they provide riders. We were a sponsor last year.

The next FTC committee meeting will be on March 13th at 9am if an earlier date could not be established.

Today's ride would be to Badin Lake and would be the same ride being considered for the FTC benefit ride.

Our next Chapter meeting would be at the Red Pig on March 20th at 9 am.

The meeting was adjourned.