

The January Meeting of the STAR Touring & Riding Association Concord, NC Chapter #443 was held on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at Golden Corral. The following members and guests were in attendance:

Phil Herndon, President  
Candy McManaway  
Terry McManaway  
Ed Miller  
Bev Miller  
Bridgett Riddle  
Chuck Riddle  
Bob Bowman  
Jon Greene  
Tammy Dixon  
Jeff Shafer  
Vicki Shafer  
Joe Paladino  
Jo Ann Paladino  
John Tate  
Jim Emerson  
Lisa Emerson

Phil began the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing the new officers / appointees (Richard – VP; Candy – Treasurer; Terry – Secretary; Ed – Sgt. of Arms – Vet Rep. – Shepherd; Tammy – LOS Rep.; Jon – Webmaster; Ken – Road Capt; and Jeff – Tail Gunner.

Phil read the STAR mission statement and talked about how everything we do as a Chapter and individuals representing our Chapter should support that mission statement:

*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.*

Candy gave a verbal treasury report to the group.

Phil introduced the STAR Chapter #443 Charter license and read it to the membership. Following the reading the Charter was signed by all members and officers who were present.

During the reading of the Charter, Phil, emphasized that members are required to participate in 40% of meetings and rides to remain at active member status. He also stated the non-members should participate in three chapter rides before becoming members.

Bob (past VP) was asked to recall our discussion at the past meeting on collecting membership dues. He reported that we agreed on \$20 per family and that the dues would be collected in January (\$10) and July (\$10) if any members wanted to stretch out the payment of dues.

Terry announced that although we wanted to begin collecting dues in January that the officers agreed to push the due date back to February since we didn't have a December meeting to remind everyone the dues would be collected in January. Candy collected dues from some members during the meeting.

Joe reported that there was an article in Full Throttle magazine, free at many local motorcycle merchants, about the AMCA Southern antique motorcycle show in Denton, NC during the weekend of May 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup> and tickets were only \$10. He also read that the ticket price allowed access to the show for the entire weekend.

It was discussed at the Officers meeting (held on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>) and brought up during the meeting that we should consider taking a ride to a remote location then holding our chapter meeting there. The Ellerbe Springs restaurant ([ellerbesprings.com](http://ellerbesprings.com) - Ellerbe, NC) and the Depot ([codycreek.net](http://codycreek.net) - Dobson, NC) were offered as a possible location to meet. Everyone seemed okay with the idea and that when the weather was warmer then we should plan it. It was also suggested that we make prior reservations wherever we go to insure seating.

Phil discussed the desire to pre-plan our rides so members could plan which rides they wanted to go on. He also suggested that we try to plan those rides for a year in advance. He went on to explain that Ken, our Road Captain was in the process of planning rides to locations like Badin Lake, Ellerbe Springs. Phil stated that members should be planning rides themselves and then forwarding those rides to Ken for scheduling.

As per the Officer's meeting some members were grouped with officers to design a ride together. The groups are as follows:

Ed & Bob  
Jeff & Phil  
Jim & Terry  
Jon & Candy

These pairings are to have rides planned out and sent to Ken prior to the February Chapter meeting.

Ken is responsible for determining the order of the rides and getting that course plan to Jon for posting on the website. Jon stated that he could show the map route on the website for each ride.

Terry added that some members were not yet comfortable with the length of our rides. To help those riders, Terry volunteered to go half the distance on our first ride and return so those riders could find their way back accompanied with another rider.

Discussions followed the pairing of members that we should also plan a long ride. Last year much work went into planning rides to Myrtle Beach and West Virginia and many members who seemed interested backed out for personal reasons. Because much work is required to plan a longer ride (overnight) it requires more commitment from those who want to go. Nonetheless, many members still want to plan a long ride soon.

A discussion took place that it is the practice of the Chapter to keep on hand a small inventory of Star Riding & Touring member patches (CONCORD NC & #443 rockers) so new members would not have to wait to buy them. Candy, as treasurer, will be the custodian of these patches.

Ed introduced an opportunity for the Chapter to organize a fundraiser and ride to benefit Feed the Children. He had prepared fundraiser introduction documents to request contributions from local businesses for door prizes or cash and to encourage members to begin seeking contributions. Ed said a goal of \$5000 was reachable and would be matched by STAR Touring & Riding for a total of \$10000 toward the purchase of a Feed the Children tractor trailer delivery to Concord. Ed went on to explain that the event could be coupled with RideNow's Open House in April. A date for the Open House is forth coming. The members showed an interest participating with Ed's efforts. Tammy volunteered to assist Ed.

Ed also stated that this year's Empty Chair ride (Honoring Vets) would be in September this year. Phil announced that the Empty Chair ride would be the Chapter's September ride.

Jon reported that he had installed a message board on our Chapter website ([ncchapter443.com/7201.html](http://ncchapter443.com/7201.html)) that allows users to post messages on the site for things like putting together a spur-of-the moment ride and invite others to join in the ride. It is up and running like it should.

It was announced that this year's Star Days was going to be in Chattanooga, Tenn. Ed pointed out that it is as close to us as it will mostly like be in the next 4 years. In other words, if you want to go this is pretty close to us. Ed mentioned that if there was a desire to stay at the Choo Choo Inn (a much desired location) we would have to make our reservations on February 1<sup>st</sup> (the first day of taking reservations for this event).

Candy reported on the items that Kelly bought with our Christmas money donations. The group seemed please with the items and that Kelly took the time to represent us in purchasing the items.

Jo Ann gave an update on the needy family that we supported before Christmas and thanked us all for our generosity.

Phil announced our next meeting would be at the Red Pig (Carolina Mall) on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Our ride will be to Badin Lake which is the ride Ed is considering for the Feed the Children ride in April.

The meeting was adjourned.