

The June monthly meeting of the STAR Touring & Riding Association Concord, NC Chapter #443 was held on June 19th at 11:30 am at the Ellerbe Springs Bed & Breakfast Restaurant located in Ellerbe Springs, NC. The following members and guests were in attendance:

Phil H., President
Richard K.
Lori K
John T.
Bob B.
Ed M.
Beverly M.
Terry M.
Tammy D.
Adam

Ed M., Sergeant at Arms, reminded the members that cell phones should be put on vibrate or turned off so not to disturb the meeting.

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

A warm welcome was extended to our guest, Adam.

Terry M. gave a treasury report to the group which included the final results of our Feed the Children benefit ride.

Terry M. held the 50/50 drawing. The 50% share of \$14 would be added to Chapter's bank account.

Phil talked about the Feed the Children ride event and expressed that the Chapter members and volunteers did a wonderful job in making the event a success. He also presented a letter he received from Kohl's in response to a thank you letter we mailed to them. The Kohl's letter (read out loud) mentioned that they were proud to be part of our benefit event. They explained that it was run smoothly and managed very well. They also stated they would like to be part of any further fund raisers hosted by our Chapter.

Some feedback which came from participants in the FTC ride included:

We had too many raffle items.
Possibly we could consider auctioning items as opposed to raffles.
Chapter members may have won too many of the raffle items.

The members talked about the feedback items and will consider the feedback as "learnings" but no action was discussed.

It was reported that Brian K. was no longer the manager of RideNow. His replacement is Steve N. It was also reported that Steve N. is a strong supporter of Yamaha and welcomes us back to RideNow for future events and rides.

Phil H. explained that a fellow worker, Kathy, was a good resource for us for future fund raisers and they would gladly offer advice and direction when requested. He added Kathy has a great deal of experience with fund raisers.

Phil H. asked the membership if there was an interest in having a “family” picnic sometime soon at a local park that had BBQ grilles. He also said that horseshoes or other games would be a plus. Tammy explained that her church had a fellowship hall and facilities that may be a good fit for our needs. The members were interested but no firm plans made.

Phil H. said that we might want to be thinking about this year’s Holiday party. Although it was early, it might be good to at least be thinking about who might volunteer to organize it. Many members expressed that they liked the location of last year’s party, Lake Lynn Lodge.

Terry M. suggested that we might consider selling ads on our website as a way to continue raising money for FTC. Ads could run for 6 months to a year and then renewed. He said that it appeared as though other Chapter sites display a company logo or business card that linked the user to that business’s website. Possibly a donation or fee could be charged per link. Members thought it might be a good idea but wanted to run it by Jon G. first. It was suggested that Kohl’s might be our first link. They’ve earned it.

Ed. M. talked about Star Days which was coming quickly. He explained that volunteers at the event, held in Chattanooga, Tennessee this year, is what makes it work so smoothly. Ed said that 4,000 motorcycles are expected and it requires many volunteers. So... the 443 members who are planning on going can become volunteers by inquiring through him. There are many rides that take place during Star Days that include a Feed The Children ride, a Vets ride, Poker runs, and more.

Phil asked the Officers to get together for a meeting soon. He suggested June 25th at 6pm at Punchy’s. All present agreed.

Phil asked Ed M. if he had any information on the Ride to the Empty Chair ride which was held in September last year. He stated he did not. Ed M. did inquire if the group wanted to support the Vet activity as a \$100 sponsor again this year or not? Some discussion took place that included if we should make a donation in the same amount to FTC instead. We also talked about supporting group rides that support our group rides. No firm decisions were made. The topic will be added to our July meeting agenda.

Ken D. suggested (as announced by Tammy D.) that other members were certainly welcome to lead the group on a ride that they like. Just contact Ken D. to say that you want to lead a ride, select a month for the ride, and get it on the agenda with Phil. H. It

was suggested that a listing of the rides that were already submitted could be posted on the website and the members could select the next few rides in advance. Phil H. said he would get with Ken D. about the topic.

The July ride will take us to Forsyth MotoSports Yamaha in Winston-Salem. Ken D. to lead the group.

We will be returning to the Bob Evans Restaurant at 9am for our July and future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.