

STAR TOURING CHAPTER 212
CHAPTER MEETING @ Smokie's
Hilmar, February 10, 2007

Another wet & chilly meeting day. Even so, there were 21 adults, 3 star kids and one guest in attendance. The 50/50 raffle sold \$93. Kristen won, taking only \$46. Jerry got the breakfast draw, and \$37 went in the kitty. We now have \$877.20. We voted to pay for the 'mandatory' February 18 Nor-Cal officers meeting meal. Six attended @ \$15/each, leaving us with \$787.20.

Old Biz

We received thank you letters from Sierra Vista for both our 2006 Poker Run proceeds and the toy and clothing donation we rounded up just before Christmas. For 2007 we plan to 'adopt' a family for Christmas.

New 212 Events & Business

We discussed more Star Organization rules. We will be verifying driver licenses and membership cards so have them with you please. We also must get our contact and medical info in so that the Tail Gunner has it in the First Aid kit.

Our membership recruitment is scheduled for February 24 at Merced Powersports. We need anyone that has printed pictures to bring them out, in albums if you have them. We would also like to 'post' several on a bulletin board that Woody is providing for that purpose. We will be purchasing hot dogs and sodas for the event. If the weather holds nice we will adjourn to Merced Courthouse to get some of our individual/couples pictures out of the way. We will hold off on our group picture until the weather is nicer, so we don't all look like polar bears in the pictures.

Members are getting phone calls about our upcoming Vet run so we expect a good turn out. We are going to purchase a bunch of small flags for placing on every bike in attendance. We plan to provide soft drinks and water at the end of the ride, which we may be able to get Save Mart to donate. Merced Sun-Star has been invited out to Castle for the end of the run as well.

Star-B-Q, June 8-10, is booking up quick. Members are encouraged to get their hotel reservations made SOON (e-mail went out on the 13th also). It seems Street Vibrations has, for some reason, scheduled a first ever Spring Rally, (June 8-10!) in Victoria Square, right across the street from the Nugget. Rooms are going very quickly! The Star B Q committee has blocked a lot of rooms for us, but now there are going to be fewer available for the overflow.

Also, contact Jack to sign up for your guard duty spot. Choice spots are going quickly as well.

Our next meeting is March 10, same time, same place. We discussed a ride afterwards to the Calaveras or Jamestown area. The Calaveras Celtic Faire is going on this weekend so some may wish to attend. It IS pricey, however, (\$24 or \$18/advance) so it won't be our main destination.

Upcoming Rides and Events:

- February 24 Recruitment Day, 10 AM at Merced Powersports.
- March 10 Chapter Meeting, Smokies, 9 AM
- March 24 Ride for troop support, Merced Powersports. 9:30AM pre-ride meeting, leave at 10.
- April 26-29 Time for another Laughlin Run and Jim is planning on going again. Contact him if interested. Bookings need to happen soon.
- May 26 Star Knights Ride 500 mile, begin 5PM, end in Sacramento
- June 8 & 9 Star B Q 2007 is set at the John Ascuaga's Nugget, Reno.
- June 23 Modesto Ch 294 Sierra Vista Poker Run
- Sep. 1-3? Grand Canyon? Can it be done in three days? To be researched.
- Other ride or event ideas are welcome. Please let an officer know what you have in mind.

Remember: Meeting, March 10th, Smokie's in Hilmar. M&M at 8:30, ride to Smokie's.