

STAR TOURING CHAPTER 212
CHAPTER MEETING @ the Almond Tree
Turlock, June 14, 2008

This month's meeting was held at the Almond Tree after a last minute 'scramble' to find someplace after Scramblz Country Kitchen's sudden closure. Diane made several calls to find a central location that could accommodate our group on short notice. Thank you Diane.

We had 25 members, after voting and accepting Mike, and 4 guests, welcome to Ed & Marilyn Terra and David Falkowski and prospective member Matt.

Old Business

Star B Q was really great this year. Everyone that went had a good time. Awards were presented to Jack & Tina, and announced for Doug & Audrey, in honor of Chapter 212's founding of the annual Support the Troops Veteran run. Jack graciously thanked them for the honor and accepted on behalf of the whole chapter. JoAnn won 2nd for best custom and Woody won a share of the 25/25/25/25 raffle. Kimmy Jo won over \$300 in penny slots, so THEY had a great weekend. Even tho Woody wasn't feeling all that well. ;)

New Business

Modesto is having their annual poker run for Sierra Vista this Saturday, June 21, from Modesto Yamaha. Please try to be there to support our neighboring chapter. If you're going, meet at the M&M at 8AM or be at Modesto Yamaha by 9AM. Last bike out at 10. Pre-register: \$15/rider, \$10/passenger. Day of, \$20 & \$15.

Holli-Star Nor-Cal Rally at Hollister Rally on July 12, get your registration form on line at our group site if you want to go. Save some MONEY. They had good food last year, pre-registration rate of \$15 each (\$20 if you wait 'til you get there), and you'll pay that for a sandwich and soft drink at the main rally. Here, you get a cheeseburger, hot dog, chips, drink and dessert. We get free, secure parking and the first 150 registrations get a ride pin.

If you are going, be at the M & M at 8AM, or be at Los Banos' Chevron station on Hwy 152 and 'I' by 9AM. Can't miss it. All the bikes will be there because all the groups seem to use this as a pick up location! And it's the Chevron with a car wash. We will have a quick meeting in the parking lot since this IS our regular chapter meeting day. Plan for a *possible* ride over to Monterey from Hollister. You'll need a jacket! We usually do that after a couple hours of too much walking in the sun.

August 2nd is Madera's Star Chapter 399 STAR Picnic to raise school supplies for needy children. Admission is \$20 OR a grade school backpack full of school supplies. There will be a BBQ, music, 50/50 raffle, etc.

If you are going, meet at M & M at 8 AM, Merced Powersports at 8:30. The event is at Fresno Flats in Oakhurst, 10-6. We will discuss this again in July.

Woody's company is hosting a poker run donor rally for an employee with an extremely ill child. It will be a round trip ride from Stockton thru Jamestown. He will get more details out to us as soon as he has them.

OUR POKER RUN

Our poker run for Sierra Vista will soon be upon us. We need EVERYONE to begin gathering donations. Tax exempt donation leers were handed out. Please, if you have that letter, correct the date on it from the 13th to the 20th. Our run IS on the 20th. Flyers are almost ready. We just need to firm up a couple of things. Everything will be available to print out in .PDF format as soon as they are complete and correct.

We need DONATIONS: prizes for the raffle, food, drinks, anything we can get. Last year we had donations of melons. I hope we can get that again this year (only, let's not slice them ALL up this time). ;) Check your local stores EARLY with donation letter in hand. Get commitments on sodas, waters, buns, cheese, condiments, etc. Be sure you get business cards from anyplace you get a donation. We WILL send them a thank you. How about a photographer to donate their time and some pictures on the day of the run? Think of anything we may need to have out there and ask for it. Never know! Know anyone with unused event tickets each year? Or with another time share that could be bid on in open auction? We could use something big like that again.

We need VENDORS. Any kind of **product** or **service**. Remind potential vendors we will feed them. Remember, though, we are a family organization. They must be tasteful vendors. Last year Modesto had a tattoo artist at their event. We asked a couple but they fell thru. Local airbrush artists? Someone that could offer a quick design on a bike or helmet? Think outside the box. Ask everyone you can think of. Think about events you've been to. Who had crowds around their booth, and who had cobwebs? Who has something to offer in these tough times, where cash is short? Maybe ask vendors to bring more items that are lower in price, with just a sampling of their higher end. I'd rather see people walking around with bags of small items than nothing at all. Also ask potential vendors to donate something for the raffle. Donors and vendors all get their recognition only by getting their wares out there for a good cause.

We need RIDERS! Hand out the flyers to everyone you see on a bike. Talk about the cause. We don't succeed unless there are people there to ride the run and buy raffle tickets. Turnout has been 'OK', but nowhere near what Modesto's has been Can we beat them in attendance AND fundraising? SELL SELL SELL our poker run. We are, once again, off to a late start. We have to PUSH if we are to succeed!

Upcoming Rides and Events:

June 21	Modesto Ch 294 Poker Run
July 11 – 13	Hollister Motorcycle Rally
July 12	Holli-Star Nor Cal Rally, Monterey Bay Ch 161
August 2	Madera Ch 399 Star Picnic
September 20	3rd Annual Sierra Vista Poker Run Merced Ch 212