

**STAR TOURING CHAPTER 212**  
**CHAPTER MEETING @ Mountain View BBQ**  
**Walker, July 8, 2006**

What a great turnout! We had 19 bikes with us today, 22 members and 5 guests, including Modesto members Beverly N, Dave H, Kay R. and their guest Vern. Among our members we had 3 Star kids or young adults ridin' along with Dad! We also had another ½ dozen Modesto members see us off from our starting point at the Fruityard.

**Old Biz**

The WEB SITE is finally (tho far from perfectly) up and running and back in the Secretary's hands. Once again, IDEAS are MORE THAN WELCOME. I may be limited in what the software will do, but for the money, it works. My boy hopefully will have time to help me get more out of the software so that we can really make the site GREAT. We want it to be bookmarked, not forgotten.

Star B Q was really nice. Everyone seemed to have a good time. There was one unfortunate accident from which the rider had to be carried away to hospital, but she is recovering well we hear. A collection was taken up to assist her and others of our organization who take the mighty fall. Our best go out to all.

Modesto's poker run was a success, except for the 100 plus weather. They had about 120 entrants show up, and raffled off a 650 V-Star. The proceeds, \$1600, are to be presented at Star Days to the National Charity, Feed the Children.

*Patches*

Don't forget to buy your chapter 212 patches. At only \$6, your kids can all sport one. Jack & Tina, you suddenly have two more tiny leather jumpers to buy and decorate, don't you?? ; ) Congratulations on two more grandbabies!

*The Banner*

We have sent the bare bones artwork off to Star National for approval prior to coloring. Once it's approved we will submit the design for a bid to digitize and colorize. Let's PRAY for that approval!!!

**New Biz**

Our Poker Run is, WOW, just two months away. Flyer's are being made and donation letters are promised to us this week. We have a half dozen vendors lined up, live band, food . . . Plenty more to plan. I hope everyone can make it to the officer/planning meeting Sunday, July 16. Doug's house.

We would really like to see some of our old friends come out and join us. Please, let everyone know to keep open September 16. It's for a great cause, Sierra Vista Child and Family Service's of Merced.

**General Biz**

No 50/50 raffle today, our Treasurer was not feeling up to a ride. I phoned Jacquie for the current accounting, however. We still have \$326.63. The balance will grow as we sell those patches! We'll need it too, for the BANNER.

Jack Daniel's will preside over our August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, as Doug and Audrey will be on vacation! (As if riding with us weren't vacation enough)!!

The meeting location is, as yet, unknown. Please check your e-mail posts, web calendar, etc. for an update. As soon as I know, I'll post it.

From our Sergeant at Arms: It could happen to anyone. It just so happens it was us this time who had a very dangerous mechanical failure. The rear brake pads looked OK for the days' ride, until we had the steep down hill grade into Walker. Having the brakes go out on that grade is not something we ever want to experience again, for ourselves or any one of our 2-wheeled family and friends. Please remember to check your bikes out before your ride and, if at all questionable, repair or stay home. Better to miss a day of riding than a lifetime of living!