



STAR Touring and Riding

Chapter 305
Reno, Nevada



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Opening of November 20 Meeting



Sergeant-at-Arms Steve Scheidig called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was won by Roger Solie who received \$30 with the remaining \$30 to be placed in the Chapter's checking account.

Approval of the October 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the October 16, 2011 meeting were passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Upcoming Dates and Events of Note

Wreaths Across America
Saturday, December 10, 2011

Chapter Christmas Party
Sunday, December 11, 2011

Christmas Tree Recycling Event
January 8, 2012

Veteran's Guest House Poker Run
June 23, 2012

2011 50/50 Winners

January - Paul Gaboriault
February - Jennifer Arneson
March - Jo Hood
May - Roger Solie
October - Linda Holbert
November - Roger Solie

No Drawings Were Held in
April, June, July, August &
September

Treasurer's Report



Chapter Treasurer Ted Emel provided a summary of the Chapter's financial status (Attachment 1) to the Chapter Officers for review prior to the meeting. In summary, since the October meeting, there have been four deposits totaling \$154.00 and one withdrawal totaling \$100.00. As of today's meeting, the Chapter's checking account has a balance of \$886.89 of which \$198.50 is allocated for the Emergency Services fund.



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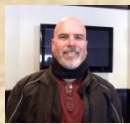


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Committee Reports

Ride Committee



While enduring cool, cold, warm, hot, rain and on a few occasions "perfect" riding weather, the Chapter should take GREAT pride in the fact that we've travelled over 31,200 miles during the 2011 riding season without any injuries, accidents or close calls! This should be considered a reflection of the Chapter's dedication to safety as well as each member's riding skill and ability! Congratulations to all!

The following table summarizes the Chapter's 2011 riding season.

2011 Chapter 305 Ride Summary					
Date	Event	Miles Travelled	Participants		
			305 Members	Guests	Total
3/12/2011	Middlegate Monthly Pre-Ride	270	11	0	11
3/20/2011	Middlegate Monthly Chapter Ride	0	Weathered Out		
4/9/2011	Yerington - Bridgeport Pre-Ride	280	5	0	5
4/17/2011	Yerington - Bridgeport Chapter Ride	280	15	2	17
5/7/2011	Pyramid Lake Loop Pre-Ride	130	11	0	11
5/15/2011	Pyramid Lake Loop Chapter Ride	0	Weathered Out		
6/11/2011	Greagle Ride Pre-Ride	180	3	0	3
6/19/2011	Greagle Ride	180	19	2	21
7/9/2011	June Lake Pre-Ride	311	4	0	4
7/17/2011	June Lake Ride	311	11	3	14
8/14/2011	Antelope Lake Ride	180	15	0	15
9/10/2011	Morman - Emigrant Trail Ride	255	7	0	7
9/18/2011	Morman - Emigrant Trail Ride	255	18	1	19
10/16/2011	Mystery Ride	165	9	0	9
TOTAL		2,797			

Safety Committee



Safety Committee Chair Walt Lewis thanked the Chapter for another great and , most importantly, safe riding season!



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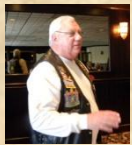
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Ladies of the STAR (LOS)



LOS Chair Angie Scheidig reported on efforts associated with the Chapter's annual Christmas party (refer to the narrative later in the minutes).

Veteran's



Veteran's representative Roger Solie reported that the annual Wreaths Across America event will occur on December 11 at the National Cemetery in Fernley beginning at 9 AM. Anyone wishing to participate in the event should meet at the Alamo Truck Stop on Greg Street at 8 AM. The group will depart precisely at 8:15 AM. Participation in this moving ceremony is an excellent way to honor those veteran's who are interred at the cemetery.

Other Topics

2012 President Nominations

After being nominated, Ken Crow accepted the nomination for the Chapter's 2012 President position. Voting will occur at the December 11 meeting in conjunction with the Chapter's annual Christmas party. Andrew Berniak has agreed to serve as the Vice President.

Basketball/Volleyball for Nevada National Guard Troops Update

As part of the Chapter's continuing efforts to support deployed Nevada National Guard troops, in June 2011, it committed to send basketballs, volleyballs and a basketball backboard to the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion in Afghanistan. A recent e-mail (Attachment 2) was received from Sergeant First Class Erick Stucdenicka informing the Chapter that the equipment had recently



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been mailed to the troops with assistance provided by General Electric Energy. Thanks to Barbara Rosenberger, Tom Chamberlain and Mike Holbert for their efforts with this project!

Christmas Party Update

The Chapter's annual Christmas Party will, once again, take place at the Tamarack Junction beginning at 12 Noon on Sunday, December 11. A delicious menu highlighting salmon, prime rib, chicken, vegetables, salad and dessert (Handouts) will be provided. Following dinner, a gift exchange will occur. The gift should be no more than \$15 in value.

It was also suggested that everyone attending bring a canned good for donation to a local Food Bank. Similar to last year, Cathy Chamberlain will be selling for a very nominal cost, cloth dog tools. The proceeds from the items sold will be used to buy food and treats for animals at a local Humane Society. As we've seen in past years, the party should be lots of fun and a great way to celebrate our 305 family!

STAR National Request Update

In early November, President Bill Golding received an e-mail from the STAR NorCal State Ambassador relaying an interest expressed by the National STAR office in establishing additional STAR Chapters in Nevada and, more specifically, in Carson City, Fernley or Fallon. There are a relatively limited number of STAR Chapters in Nevada and each is viewed as generally operating as "their own little island". Using the demonstrated success in northern California of several Chapters in relatively close proximity, it is thought that a similar approach in northern Nevada might lead to similar successes.

As suggested by the STAR NorCal State Director in a November 9 e-mail, Bill provided an opportunity for Chapter members to express their thoughts concerning the interest of the National office. In addition, Bill encouraged members, if they wish to do so, to send their thoughts directly to the STAR NorCal State Director.

In summary, the opinions and feelings expressed by those who spoke emphasized the close knit (family) relationships internally within the Chapter which are extremely important to maintain. Some



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expressed concern with the value of benefit a member receives from the STAR organization for payment of the annual dues. Others expressed concern with what they perceive as continual pressure for the Chapter to be more involved in and supportive of National and/or regional STAR activities.

Others expressed the opinion that establishment of additional Chapters shouldn't be something to "get worked up" about. Members of the Chapter who live in Fernley, Carson City and Fallon did not express interest or desire to leave the 305. Most have developed close, long-term friendships within the 305, which are more important to maintain than joining a new Chapter within their community.

Others felt that as long as we wear the STAR on our vests, we are part of the National STAR organization. As such, we, as a Chapter, should support STAR functions; however, involvement in such functions is a personal choice which should be respected.

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be held on December 11, 2011 at the Tamarack Junction in conjunction with the Chapter's annual Christmas Party!

Meeting Closure

The meeting was closed at 10:02 AM.



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Attachment 1

Chapter's November Financial Report

STAR TOURING 305 FINANCIAL REPORT - OCTOBER
INCLUDES ALL TRANSACTIONS UP TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING

	Meeting Date	20-Nov	
INCOMING	Cash	Check	
SO'S	\$20.00		
Dues			
Flag Pin Sales	\$2.00		
RockerPatch Sales		\$32.00	
Burce Fund Raiser	\$100.00		
TOTAL	\$154.00		

	Cash	Check	Explanation
OUTGOING			
Annual Internet Fee		\$100.00	Fee for internet hosting - one year
	\$0.00	\$100.00	
TOTAL	\$100.00		

Checking Account	\$832.82	Beginning Balance prior to meeting
Deposit	\$154.00	Incoming
Bank Interest	\$0.07	Incoming
(See above)	\$100.00	Outgoing
	\$886.89	Ending Balance - after bank deposit and outgoing cash/checks

Emergency Services Fund	\$168.50	Beginning Balance - is Part of Ending Balance of Checking Acct
Cash or Check from Meeting	\$0.00	
Current Balance	\$168.50	Ending Balance
		<small>Emergency Services Fund balance is included in checking account balance</small>

Charity Fund	\$0.00	Beginning Balance prior to meeting
	\$0.00	Outgoing
	\$0.00	Incoming
Current Balance	\$0.00	Ending Balance
		<small>Charity Fund balance is included in checking account balance</small>

Rocker & Patches Inventory	AMOUNT	PRICE	INVENTORY VALUE
Reno NV Large Rocker	0	\$9.00	\$0.00
Large STAR Vest Patch	0	\$36.00	\$0.00
Biggest Little City Patch	27	\$8.00	\$216.00
Star Touring & Riding Patch	2	\$8.00	\$16.00
LDS Patch	2	\$8.00	\$16.00
Safety Officer	1	\$8.00	\$8.00
305 Rocker	1	\$8.00	\$8.00
Membership Officer Rocker	1	\$8.00	\$8.00
Tail Gunner Rocker	1	\$8.00	\$8.00
Road Captain Rocker	3	\$8.00	\$24.00
TOTAL	38		\$304.00



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Attachment 2

E-Mail Message from Nevada National Guard 422nd Signal Battalion

From: Studenicka, Erick SFC <erick.studenicka@us.army.mil>;
To: Barbara Rosenberger <rozybarb@yahoo.com>;
Cc: Aragon, Jose G. CSM USA USA 422D ESB <jose.aragon@afghan.swa.army.mil>; Liemandt, Elizabeth M 1SG USA USA 422ND ESB <elizabeth.m.liemandt@afghan.swa.army.mil>; Hanifan, Michael K (GE Energy Services) <mike.hanifan@ge.com>; Hanifan, Michael COL <michael.hanifan@us.army.mil>; Conway, April Capt <april.conway@ang.af.mil>;
Subject: basketball gear for 422nd signal (UNCLASSIFIED)
Sent: Thu, Nov 17, 2011 11:53:18 PM

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: FOUO

Hi ma'am:

This is just a short note to let you know the basketball, volleyball gear for the 422nd has been mailed.

GE Energy generously picked up the postage tab. Col. Hanifan helped arrange the assistance.

The Minden postmaster got everything mailed for \$121.

Sgt. Maj. Aragon is CCed here so he will know the morale, welfare and recreation gear is set to arrive and 1SG too (there are three items: a box full of basketballs, volleyballs; backboard; and poles for the hoop.)

Thanks again for your generosity and thanks too to GE Energy for its generosity in getting the MWR equipment to the troops,

Respectfully, SFC Studenicka

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Attachment 3

Chapter Christmas Party Flyer



STAR 305 CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 11, 2011
AT 12 NOON
TAMARACK JUNCTION CASINO
13101 S. VIRGINIA ST
RENO, NV
852-3600

BUFFET MENU

SALMON
PRIME RIB
CHICKEN
VEGETABLES
SALAD AND DESSERT

DON'T FORGET GIFT EXCHANGE

\$15 VALUE