



STAR Touring and Riding

Chapter 305
Reno, Nevada



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Opening of October 16 Meeting



President Bill Golding opened the meeting at 9:12 AM.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing was won by Linda Holbert who received \$20 with the remaining \$20 to be placed in the Chapter's checking account.

Approval of the September 18, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the September 18, 2011 meeting were passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2011 50/50 Winners

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

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

Treasurer's Report



Chapter Treasurer Ted Emel provided a summary of the Chapter's financial status which included paying \$55 for the Nevada Day Parade registration and \$150 for the Wreaths Across America ceremony. As of today's meeting, the Chapter's checking account has a balance of \$832.82 of which \$198.50 is allocated for the Emergency Services fund.

Upcoming Dates and Events of Note

*Christmas Party Funding Raising
Bunko Tournament*

Saturday, November 5, 2011

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



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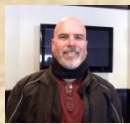


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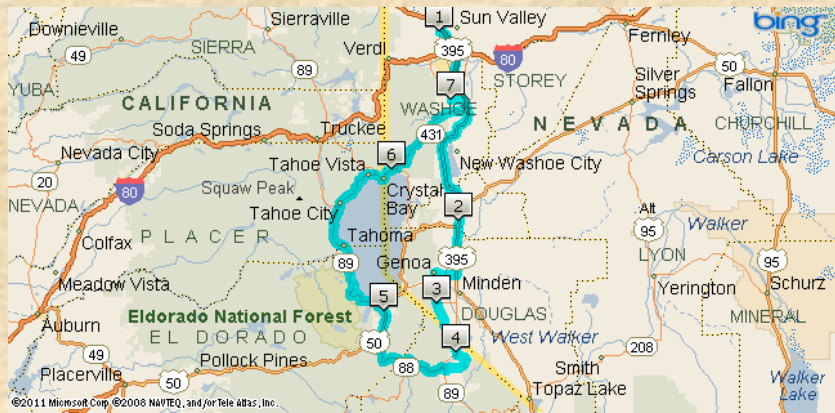
Committee Reports

Ride Committee



Unfortunately, Ride Committee Chair Paul Gaboriault was not able to attend the meeting; however, his absence did not prevent completing the Chapter's last official ride of 2011. On this month's "mystery" ride, which was unknown until the start of the ride,

nine Chapter members travelled 165 miles following the route displayed on the adjacent map.



As depicted in the table on the next page, between the months of March and October 2011, the Chapter completed 12 pre-and formal monthly rides. 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!

Chapter 305's 2011 Riding Season

31,293 miles without an accident, incident or close call!



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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



As the Chapter embarked on its last official Chapter ride for the 2011 riding season, Safety Committee Chair Walt Lewis asked that all riders be alert and safe!

Ladies of the STAR (LOS)



LOS Chair Angie Scheidig expressed her unending thanks to Cathy Chamberlain for her continued support and efforts toward the Chapter's LOS activities! Angie has been contacted by Bob and Jan Ortiz with an early flyer notifying the Chapter of the Veteran's Guest House Poker Run which will be held on June 23, 2012 (Attachment

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Other Topics

Nevada Day Parade

Despite the direction received from event organizers last year that an early entry would receive strong consideration for being placed close to the front of the parade route and having participated in the event for the past five years, the Chapter was quite disappointed to discover that we have been assigned #182, which as in past years, is very close to the end of the parade route. The Chapter was one of the first twelve paid entries to have been received.

Parade participants are required to be in place at approximately 9:30 AM on October 29th. With a position so far back in the parade procession, the Chapter would not actually enter the parade until approximately 1:30 PM and would finish at approximately 3:30 PM. To date, 7 Chapter members have expressed interest in participating in the event.

After considerable discussion, by a voice vote, the Chapter agreed not to participate in this year's Nevada Day Parade and asked President Bill Golding to contact the event organizers to determine if we could have our registration fee returned.

Changing of the Chapter's Annual Dues

Considering the Chapter's recent decision to place less emphasis on supporting charities and more towards being a "riding" chapter, a recommendation was made to reduce the Chapter's annual dues from the current rate of \$20 per person or \$40 per family. Several options were discussed including (1) a straight rate of \$10 per family, (2) lowering the rate to \$10 per family while maintaining \$200 from this year's checking account into 2012 as a "cushion" to ensure sufficient funding to address emergencies and (3) \$10 per person or \$20 per family.

Such a change would require amending Section A.7(1) of the Chapter's by-laws, which currently read:



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"As voted and approved by Reno Chapter 305's board members in 2005, annual chapter dues are as follows:

- A. \$20.00 for single member
- B. \$40.00 for family"

Discussions found that the Chapter's primarily annual reoccurring expense is for maintenance of the Chapter's website. Reduction of the annual dues to \$10 per person would reduce the Chapter's net income approximately \$120 to \$140 annually. With such a reduction and monies collected from the 50/50 drawings, the Chapter would be able to meet its expected financial obligations.

A motion was made to reduce the annual dues to a straight rate of \$10 per person and that the reduced fee would not be prorated dependent on the time of the year a person is voted into the Chapter (as currently allowed under Section A.7(4)). By a ballot vote, the Chapter unanimously approved the motion which will take effect beginning January 1, 2012. The new wording for Section A.7 is depicted in Attachment 2.

Autism Coalition of Nevada Letter

Gail Crow read a letter received from the Autism Coalition of Nevada (Attachment 3) thanking the Chapter for its \$100 donation.

Christmas Party

As the 2011 riding seasons comes to a close, the Chapter begins to think about our annual Christmas Party, which is scheduled for December 11th! LOS representative Angie Scheidig will be contacting the Tamarack Junction in the near future to discuss their current rates, which are expected to increase over last year's rate of \$22.50 per person. As in past years, the Christmas Party will involve a voluntary gift exchange where the gift limit was established at \$15.

To obtain an accurate accounting of the number of people who will be attending this year's festivities, an e-mail will be sent in the near future. As not everyone consistently monitors their e-mail, a



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suggestion was made that the e-mail message be followed up with a telephone call to those who have not responded. While everyone has been happy with the services provided by the Tamarack Junction, depending on the number of people interested in attending, the Chapter may wish to consider another venue. It was also suggested that the Chapter could cover at least a portion of the cost of the Christmas party. By November 10, President Bill Golding will follow through with all members to verify attendance (or not) at the Christmas party.

During the discussion, a suggestion was made to have a bunko tournament on Saturday, October 29¹ at 5 PM from which the proceeds (minus the cost of prizes) would be used to offset the cost of the Christmas party. The suggested "buy in" for the tournament would be \$10 per person. An e-mail message will be sent in the next few days to obtain a "head count" of the number of people interested in playing in the tournament. Persons participating in the tournament are recommended to bring a snack to share with everyone.

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be held on November 20th at the Bonanza Upstairs conference room.

Meeting Closure

The meeting was closed at 9:56 AM.

¹ After the meeting, a conflict with the October 29 date was identified; therefore, a new target date for the Bunko tournament of November 5 is being considered.



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Attachment 1

Veteran's House Poker Run



**VETERANS
GUEST HOUSE
POKER RUN**

Vendor Space Contract Form

June 23, 2012

CONTACT: Toni Baker (775) 722-1034 or Mike McKnight (775) 315-2784
Please mail this form and your check made payable to the Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition to:
NNVC Post Office Box 415 Fernley, NV 89408

Check in time: 9:00am to 10:00am
MUST BE SET UP BY 12:00 NOON

Contract Information:
Firm: _____
Contact Person: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

SPACE SIZE REQUESTED:
(Note: All spaces are \$50 regardless of size)

10X10 _____ 10X20 _____ 10X30 _____

TRAILER _____ SPACE SIZE REQUIRED: _____
SEMI: _____ SPACE SIZE REQUIRED: _____
POWER NEEDED: Yes: _____ NO: _____

SPACE FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. ALL SPACE FEES WILL BE DONATED TO THE RENO VETERANS GUEST HOUSE. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE NORTHERN NEVADA VETERANS COALITION (NNVC)



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Attachment 2

New Language for Section A.7 of Chapter By-Laws

A.7 Chapter Dues

1. As voted and approved by the Chapter's membership on October 16, 2011, annual chapter dues are as follows:
 - A. \$10.00 per single member
 - B. \$20.00 per immediate family²
2. Chapter dues will be due at the first meeting of the calendar year (January) for all members.
3. Chapter dues that are not paid by the third meeting of the calendar year (March) will be considered delinquent and a violation of the Chapter 305 by-laws.
 - A. Dues that have not been paid by the third meeting of the calendar year (March) will result in the Chapter Board of Trustees to be convened to deliberate on member status, which may result in suspension up to removal of membership.
4. New Chapter member dues will not be pro-rated at any time and are due at the meeting when the member is voted into the Chapter membership.

² Immediate family is defined as the primary STAR member's spouse, significant other, son(s) and/or daughter(s) living in the primary member's household.



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Attachment 3

Letter from the Autism Coalition of Nevada



July 19, 2011

Gail and Kenneth Crow
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Reno Chapter 305
7118 Beacon Drive
Reno, NV 89506

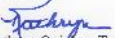
Dear Gail, Kenneth and Members of Star Chapter 305,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Autism Coalition of Nevada, please accept our sincere thank you for your generous donation, in the amount of \$100.00. Your support is instrumental in funding programs and services that enhance the lives of those living with Autism Spectrum Disorders, and the families who love them.

This letter will serve as a receipt for the tax deductible contribution received on July 18, 2010. Our tax identification number is 30-0421839.

We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity you have shown during these difficult economic times. It is caring people like you who make a difference!

Sincerely,


Kathryn Quigley, Treasurer
Autism Coalition of Nevada

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