

<p style="text-align: center;">Michigan HSTA Squadron Meeting Notes Saturday, February 23, 2008</p>

41 members and 3 guests were present for this months meeting at Karl's Cabin restaurant in Plymouth. Visiting today were Karen McWilliams, Dan Kohls and Fred Thompson.

Upcoming Events

March 8 – Open house at BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan on Ford Road in Canton. The Daytona 200 will be showing on wide-screen TV in their showroom.

April 6-9 – S.T.A.R. in Kerrville, TX. **Jan Pennington, Ray Melosh, Keith Danielson** and **Eric Kuhn** will be representing our squadron. Total attendance is expected to be 200+.

April 17-21- MoArk Adventure in Russellville, AR. Contact Gregg for information. Twelve riders are signed up so far.

May 4 – Ride Like A Pro instruction at the Alpha Training Center in Lansing. This is a low-speed motorcycle class similar to what police agencies use for their motorcycle officers. **J.T. Pederson** is the contact on this event.

May 5 – BMW Motorcycles of Michigan track day at Gratton. Managed by Sport Bike Track Time, this would be a great introduction to track riding. Novice and intermediate groups will be formed.

Future Activities

May 14-18 – Michigan Mountain Madness “10” at Mountainbrook, Silva N.C. Thirty two members have signed on for our yearly pilgrimage to the Smokies. Gregg is looking to fill two more hide-a-beds in order to fill the resort. Contact him for information.

June 8 – The Pennington Spring Bar-B-Que at their residence in Ypsilanti.

June 20-22 – River City Ride 08 (aka: STARlite) organized by the Indiana and Kentucky squadrons.

July 10 - PS (pre SPARKLER) ride. For those who choose not to trailer to Beckley, Gregg will be organizing various routes leaving from Marietta Ohio.

July 10-13 – SPARKLER *III* in Beckley, WV. Organized by **Bob Proctor**, this event will be back at the Country Inn and Suites hotel this summer for two days of West Virginia twisties during the day and rocking chairs on the front porch all evening. At present, twelve riders are signed up to go.

August 8-10 is the date for the “Ladies Ride” organized by **Jan Pennington**. This year’s route is planned to be in the Hocking Hills area of southwestern Ohio.

August 22-24 – HSTA Fly By at Marietta Ohio. The Holiday Inn on route 7 just east of the interstate is the new hotel; otherwise everything else remains the same, meaning this still remains one of the best HSTA events to attend.

Round Table Discussion

. **Dave Ostaszewski** asked about interest in an AMS Oil group buy like he has done in the past. Contact Dave or **Chuck McKinney** for info.

. **Chuck McKinney** mentioned he has a contact for Pit Bull motorcycle work and trailer stands. Contact Chuck to save some \$\$\$\$.

. The March meeting will be the time for our annual swap meet. Gather up your bike related items you no longer need and bring them in March. Terms will be arranged between buyer and seller.

. This month’s 50/50 drawing totaled \$162 with \$81 going to the winning ticked holder, visitor Dan Kohls.

. **Ann Redner** will be off on her South American motorcycle tour courtesy of STAR ‘07 and Ron Ayers beginning March 27, 2008. Starting in Peru, she will be riding a furnished BMW for seventeen days. We anticipate a photo essay and associated article soon after her return.

Last But Not Least

Our March meeting/swap meet will occur Saturday, March 22nd at **Karl’s Cabin Restaurant** starting at 8:30 AM. They are located on Gotfredson Road, just north of the M-14 expressway in Plymouth.

. Gregg now distributes the newsletter in PDF format to those interested. Contact him if you would like to replace the snail mail version.

. The newsletter editor continues to ask for new articles! If you have a story to share about a journey, bike purchase or anything that might interest our squadron, please send it to Gregg.

. Are you receiving the monthly newsletter? Much of the information contained in the minutes should arrive at your residence or via PDF in the week preceding the meeting. Let Gregg know if you are missing out on this award winning publication! Included in your membership fees, it is also available to prospective members who visit our meetings. Contact **Gregg Mitchell** @ MI_HSTA@voyager.net for more info.

Questions about anything contained in these minutes?

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