

Michigan HSTA Squadron Meeting Notes
Saturday, January 26, 2008

50 members and 2 guests were present for this month's meeting at Karl's Cabin restaurant in Plymouth. We had one motorcycle mixed in with all the cars this snowy morning; Steve Gross rode his Ural equipped with a side car to today's meeting! Visiting us today were Roger Eagleston and Deanna Stohl. Deanna however joined at the meeting – welcome!

Recent Trip and Activity Reports

. **Gregg Mitchell** thanked the staff at Karl's for their excellent service at our awards banquet earlier this month. Eighty five were present that evening to applaud our first state member of the year (SMOTY), Jan Pennington, and the various other awards issued.

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.

April 17-21- MoArk Adventure in Russellville, AR. Contact Gregg for information.

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.

May 5 – BMW Motorcycles of Michigan track day at Gratton.

Future Activities

May 14-18 – Michigan Mountain Madness “10” at Mountainbrook, Silva N.C. Thirty 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.

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. **Bob Proctor's** 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 porch all evening. Event information was contained in this month's newsletter, or contact Bob.

August 8-10 is the date for the "Ladies Ride" organized by **Jan Pennington**. This year's route is thought 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.

Round Table Discussion

. **Steve Ickes** is looking for people who would like to be a MSF coach (instructor) this year. Contact Steve for more info.

. Interested in Super Moto? Member **Phil Ott** is our resident expert on this sport and would like to hear from anyone desiring to participate or learn more about it.

. **Dave Ostaszewski** would like to gauge interest in attending motorcycle ice races near Hale Michigan. Dates TBD, contact Dave for information.

. 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.

. This month's 50/50 drawing totaled \$168 with \$84 going to the winning ticket holder, **Danny Subjeck**.

. Bored with winter? Looking for a diversion other than shoveling the snow? **Bruce Agababian** offered up a couple of activities next month, on February 26th from 7 to 9 PM, come to the Wixom wine tasting party. Cost is \$29 and you must sign up in advance. Next, the Detroit Model Railroad Club will be in Holly February 9 – 10. Come see an elaborate train display followed by pizza at the Red Devil restaurant. Contact Bruce on either of these events.

Last But Not Least

Our February meeting will occur Saturday, February 23rd 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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