

<p style="text-align: center;">Michigan HSTA Squadron Meeting Notes Saturday, March 22, 2008</p>
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30 intrepid members ventured out in an early spring blizzard and were present for this months meeting at Karl's Cabin restaurant in Plymouth.

Ed note: Thanks to Don Pennington for chairing this meeting and Ian Orr for scribing the minutes. I (Bob Proctor) was supposed to handle it for Gregg (recovering) but health reasons prevented me from attending.

Round Table Discussion

- . **Gary Ibershoff** gave his report on the recent Barber track day. Unfortunately both he and **Gregg Mitchell** experienced "problems" during the weekend necessitating motorcycle repair (and for Gregg, body repair). At last report, Gregg is healing from a variety of fractures but we have it on good authority he will live to ride again.
- . The April meeting will be the time for the rescheduled swap meet. Gather up your bike related items you no longer need and bring them in April. Terms will be arranged between buyer and seller.
- . **Larry Job** just received his new Aerostich suit he won at the 2008 STAR.
- . **Jan Pennington** reported on her trip to the Daytona 200 race. She also witnessed a shuttle launch and visited Key West.
- . **Don Pennington** purchased a new Chariot trailer.
- . **Peter Stephan** continues his move away from (*or perhaps towards?*) the dark side as an owner of a new **Kawasaki ZX14**.
- . Be sure to read this months STARreview especially the article on our SMOTY awards banquet that Gregg submitted.
- . This month's 50/50 drawing was not held as the sickly Mr. Proctor had the role of tickets in the back seat of his car and did not make the meeting.
- . **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.

Upcoming Events

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. Twelve riders are signed up so far. Ian Orr is in need of a roommate for this event.

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. Reservations continue with about a third of the spots spoken for so far.

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.

Last But Not Least

Heads up on road construction . . . the Gotfredson Road bridge over M-14 is due for demolition/repair beginning late March or early April. If you ride eastbound on M14, keep this in mind for the April meeting!

Our March meeting/swap meet will occur Saturday, April 26th 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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