



AMA Club Charter #05580

## HONDA SPORT TOURING ASSOCIATION

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Happy New Year! We are looking forward to the 2007-riding season, especially since **STAR 2007** is just south of us this year in Asheville, NC. This is always an excellent event and located within an easy ride for all of us here in VA. Also, this year is particularly special since we are celebrating our 25th year of HSTA. Check the STAR website for details: <http://www.ridehsta.com/star/2007/>

#### **DC CYCLE WORLD INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW**

Hope some of you will be able to attend the International Motorcycle Show in Washington, DC this year. The DC show runs January 12-14, next weekend!

Pat Mogavero, our HSTA benefits coordinator, has again obtained \$2 discount admission tickets and 4 FREE admission tickets, and has forwarded to me for distribution to our VA members.

Discount tickets are included with your newsletter. If you are not going to the show, please pass-on the tickets to someone else.

#### **Fools Run: March 31 and April 1, 2007**

**Luray, VA** is this year's location for Fools Run; held on the first weekend of April to coincide with April Fools Day. Luray is located in the heart of Shenandoah Valley, in Page County, nestled between the Blue Ridge and Massanutten Mountains, and combines historic culture, natural beauty and a friendly atmosphere. Luray is just west of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive, where U.S. routes 211 and 340 intersect. Check Luray's Chamber of Commerce website for details:

<http://www.luraypage.com/>. The Best Western Intown of Luray, 410 West Main Street, Luray, VA 22835, is our host hotel [www.bestwesternluray.com](http://www.bestwesternluray.com). Room rates are \$58.05 for a double and \$62.55 for king, plus taxes, but you must call the hotel number direct at (540) 743-6511 and request the special HSTA rate. The rooms are exceptionally nice, recently refurbished and include a microwave and refrigerator. The number of rooms available is limited-so make your reservations early!

There is no registration or fee associated with this HSTA non-event. Just ride in from wherever you live on Saturday, and plan to arrive sometime in the late afternoon. After some tire kicking, we will gather around 6-7 pm for a group dinner at the hotel restaurant-which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, with beer and wine on premises. Come out and join us for our first 2007-riding event!

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### **TRISTAR: May 25 thru 28, 2007**

TRISTAR is our premier *local* HSTA event, located in Sparta, NC, just south of Independence, VA, offering scenic views and miles and miles of twisty mountain roads. We are excited to be hosting the fifth annual event over Memorial Day Weekend. Volunteers are needed to make the event a success. Email or phone Galen or Flo if you are willing to help out. Our host Inn is again the Alleghany Inn, 341 North Main Street, Sparta, NC 28675; call 1-888-372-2501 for reservations.

### **FALL COLORS RIDE: October 5-7, 2007**

We will again travel to Marlinton, WV for our Fall Colors Ride this October. Our host is the Marlinton Motor Inn. Marlinton is located in central West Virginia at the intersection of routes 219, 39 and 55. The MMI is located on route 219, just north of Marlinton. Our Motel is centrally located in beautiful Pocahontas County, known as the "Birthplace of Rivers". Call the Marlinton Motor Inn at 1-800-354-0821 to make your reservation. Details for motel <http://www.marlintonmotorinn.com/>

We had rainy and cold weather for **FALL COLORS RIDE 2006**, October 6-8, 2006. The rain did not dampen our spirits and our hearty riders had a great time, even with an unexpected 10-15 mile dual-sport ride for some. Attending were: John Rivell, Jim and Barbara Wagoner, Bob and Cathy Pinkard, Jeff Hutchinson, Flo and Galen Diehl-VA; Bill 'Woovis' Swartz and Roger Hartman-OH; Phil Young-TN and Bill Hammond and Richard Miller-NC.

### **Please Welcome Virginia Members Who Joined HSTA In 2006**

Ted Andersen-Daleville  
John White-Abingdon  
Mary Beth White-Winchester

Kenneth Clark-Lynchburg  
Luke White-Winchester  
Sandy White-Winchester

**See you on the road.....**

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*Ride Safe-Ride Smart-Ride Home*