

# Daily Planet

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUG 25 Minden, Nevada—*Gretchen*  
OCT ?? King's Canyon/Death Valley—*Matt*  
OCT 6-7 Ridge Runner 500—*Steve Hursh*  
DIRT

**MINDEN NEVADA! AUG 25-26**  
**7:00a.m. breakfast:** meet at **Bakers Square in Pleasanton** (Santa Rita Rd Exit). **Clutches out @ 8:00.** Need to have reservations booked at the **Best Western Minden Inn** (775.782.7766) by August 6.

Saturday will be a 300-mile day. Any suggestions for a good lunch stop? Questions? Comments? e-mail Gretch at **ghoffman@docent.com** or give her a ring. 415.587.2335.

## RIDGE RUNNER 500 COMING OCTOBER 6-7!

This is a scenic ride over the Sierras and back with spectacular views and great fun to be had on a dual sport bike. The ride will start from Angels Camp and end in Carson City the first day. Then ride back the next day.

The Saturday night festivities will include a buffet dinner and great raffle prizes. There will be a **barbecue lunch Sat. and Sun.** sponsored by the Honda Riders Club and a list of Honda Dealers from around the Bay Area. **\$80 entry fee** includes the above mentioned plus **roll chart, event decal, finisher pin, 2001 Ridge Runner 500 ride shirt, Ridge Runner sweep crew, luggage transportation over and back, raffle with great prizes, and gift goodies.**

Matt Brockway and myself have signed up. I'd like to see some more Northstars sign up and make this the October Dirt club ride. If any are interested give me a call or email me for more info or an application. Hurry though! **There will be a 250 rider limit.**

**THEY ONLY TAKE APPLICATIONS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15TH**

**"LIVE TO RIDE AND RIDE TO EAT" —Steve, Dirt Steward**

## MEETING MINUTES JULY 25

Present and accounted for at this month's meeting were Gary T., Lisa B., Gretchen and her guest Joe, Allan Paul, Bret M., Angela and her guest—and new fiancé—Kevin; Catfish and Pat M.—the “Good Pat,” that is... ☆ **RIDE REPORTS:** Joe Fleck reported on Gretchen's Death Ride; an annual event and Leukemia fundraiser. She rode sans engine, yep, that's via bicycle 129 miles, 16,000 feet climbing up and over several mountain passes. Gretch realized she'd soon be hosting a ride over those very same roads... only this time she'll be smart and ride a motorcycle. ☆ **Mike C.** had a scary moment on 101 coming back from a ride when he saw a highway patrolman turn around and come up behind him. Just as Mike pulls off into a driveway, the cop passes him. Needless to say, Mike's heart was in his throat as he has two tickets on a public record, and four unpublicized. God Mike, your record's almost as bad as mine. ☆ This of course prompted scores of ticket stories, which morphed into airplane experiences. Everyone at the meeting had a story about cops in

the air, including one humorous visual of twenty motorcycles trying to hide beneath an 8-foot wide tree. ☆ **Mike C.** reported on Steve Schurman's Eureka ride. Sounds as if it was a success, especially as the weather seemed to cooperate. The group enjoyed a day of riding in 83 degree weather with a slight breeze blowing. ☆ **NEW BIKES:** Gretchen's in the market... that's all I'll say! ☆ Barbara Morshead just picked up a new R1150R BMW Roadster. It has full bags and bar backs (does that mean we can order a drink when we step up to the tank?) With only 150 miles on it, guess Minden will be a good test ride for her. She needs to have the seat cut down, and is getting used to the brakes, as it has a linked braking system. Apparently two CHP officers have crashed their demo bikes due to the brakes. Sounds like they need to take a motorcycle safety course. ☆ **The Good Pat** has been testing out a new vibrator, errr, I mean KTM Super Motard. Citybike is lending it to him. Pat reported that “it works good on tight stuff.” Hmmm, like I said, he's testing out a new vibrator... ☆

—Lisa B.

## BREW PUB ON T.V.

The Modern Marvels Series on the History Channel presented a show titled “Saloons.” The San Francisco Brewing Company was one of a few saloons featured. Congrats, Allan Paul on your fifteen minutes of fame!

## Europe Contact from Ken Hendren

Ken wanted the Northstars to know that he has a connection in Europe. It's VANSON's representative, who calls on many bike shops and can be a good resource for anyone who wants to duplicate Pat's adventure. He's a former motorcycle safety instructor, and is both knowledgeable and trustworthy. Ken also has another good friend who is similarly connected in Germany, as well. Call him at Vanson; 508.678.2000. He'd love to hear from you!

## FOR SALE!

**1991 Honda F2**—\$2,500. 62,000 miles.  
Stay-In Tune pipe, heated grips, Corbin seat.  
Always garaged.

Contact Gretchen @ 415.587.2335

**1992 Kawasaki KDX 200**—\$1,500.  
Great for climbing and single track.  
New rear tire. Runs great!

Contact Jim Cairnes @ 415.850.0845



**CONGRATS TONY!** -----

One of our Northstars own was out battling with the likes of Rich Oliver, Jimmy Filice, Rolland Sands and Chuck Sorenson. Congratulations Tony T.! You got out and played with the big dogs... and finished! Bloody well done.

—Julio

There were 53 bikes entered in my class with 45 bikes qualifying for Sunday's race. Starting at the back, I was the last bike around turn one—ended up 25th after running mainly 1:40's but got a couple of 1:39's. I was pleased to go home in one piece with an undamaged bike.

—Tony T.



**Tony T's TZ**

**Instructors  
Wanted!**

**The California Motorcycle**

**Safety Program needs**

**new instructors. A one**

**weekend per month**

**commitment is required.**

**If interested, please call:**

**800.CCRIDER (227.4337)**



**Who is that masqued man, errrrr, woman?! Lisa B. enjoying a track day in June at Thunderhill.**

PAT MCCRYSTLE ————

## Bail Set for Attempted-murder Suspect

July 7, 2001

by John Graber, *The Olympian*

OLYMPIA—A \$1 million cash-only bond was set Friday for a man accused of taping his wife's hands, assaulting her and starting a fire that destroyed their home June 27.

If Patrick M. McCrystle posts bail, he will have to return to Thurston County Superior Court Judge Christine Pomeroy for specific conditions of release.

McCrystle, 52, remained in the Thurston County Jail on Friday on charges of attempted first-degree murder/domestic violence, first-degree arson/domestic violence and second-degree assault/domestic violence. He is scheduled to enter a plea at 1:30 p.m. July 18.

McCrystle and his wife, Trisha, 53, were arguing when he bound her hands and face with duct tape, according to reports by the Thurston County Sheriff's Office.

He put ether on a rag and placed it over her mouth before dragging her around the house and hitting her, the sheriff's office reported.

He forced her to sit in a chair, spread diesel fuel around the home and set it on fire, authorities said. He also placed ammunition around the house in order to prevent law enforcement agents from entering the home, according to sheriff's reports.

Trisha McCrystle broke free and ran for help to a neighbor, who was driving down the road to investigate the cause of the smoke.

The fire caused about \$200,000 worth of damage to the home at 2547 Overhulse Road, west of Olympia. The house was Trisha McCrystle's childhood home.

Patrick McCrystle spent more than a week in the hospital after the attack for treatment of an overdose of prescription medication.

The couple were having problems before the incident and Trisha McCrystle had filed for a divorce, said Parks Weaver, Trisha McCrystle's attorney in the divorce proceedings.

"She seems to be as well as can be expected," Weaver said. "I don't think the severity of the situation has sunk in yet."

Weaver talked to Patrick McCrystle several days before the attack in order to get an address of where he could send the divorce papers.

"When I talked to him on the phone, he seemed very rational," Weaver said.

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## Pleas Entered in County Crime Cases

July 19, 2001

by Liona Tannesen, *The Olympian*

OLYMPIA—Five men pleaded not guilty to murder or attempted murder charges in three unrelated cases Wednesday in Thurston County Superior Court.

Roger Southworth, 21, is accused of shooting south county resident Benny Davis, 33, for a thrill June 7.

He pleaded not guilty in front of Judge Richard Strophy to charges of first-degree murder and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Then, 52-year-old Patrick McCrystle stood up from his seat beside Southworth.

Patrick McCrystle is accused of taping his wife's face and hands with duct tape, spreading diesel fuel around the home and setting it on fire June 27.

His wife, Trisha McCrystle, escaped and the house—her childhood home—burned down.

Patrick McCrystle pleaded not guilty to attempted first-degree murder, first-degree arson and second-degree assault during a domestic violence incident.

Trisha McCrystle had filed for a divorce before the incident.

All three pleaded not guilty to two counts of attempted second-degree murder. They also pleaded not guilty to two counts of first-degree assault, which were filed as alternatives in case a jury finds the men not guilty of attempted second-degree murder.

Deputy prosecuting attorney Susan Sackett-Danpullo and defense attorneys William Gilbert for Inciong and S. Don Phelps for Dobson agreed to discuss a motion to draw blood next week.

"(For) the third one, we've already got blood," Sackett-Danpullo said.

Trials for all five of the men are scheduled for the week of Sept. 10.

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## HOW TO HELP TRISHA MCCRYSTLE

June 27, 2001—West-side House Firefighters have set up a relief account for Trisha McCrystle. Money can be donated at any Key Bank. Other items can be delivered to the McLane Fire Department, 4131 Mud Bay Road, Olympia, WA 98502, or the Black Lake Fire Department, 4402 Black Lake Belmore Road S.W., Olympia, WA 98512. For more information, call 360-352-7288.

## NORTHSTAR CONTRIBUTION

Mike Chaplin, club President, made a motion to send \$200 toward the fund to help Trisha McCrystle. It was voted on and approved at Wednesday night's meeting.

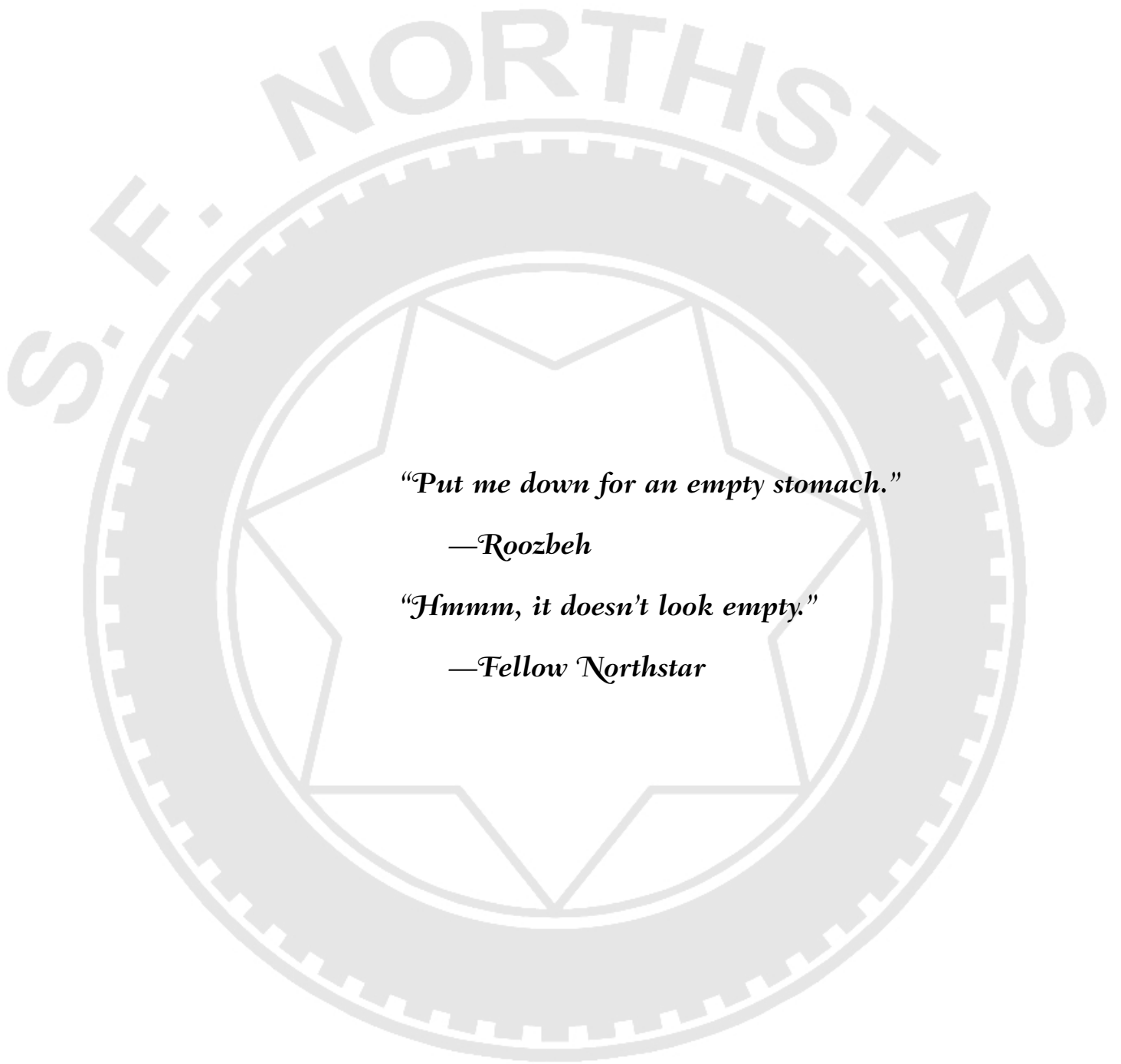
## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

It seems Mike Green ducked out of town in June, and moved back to New York with his wife, Stephanie. He spends roughly every other weekend in New York, but continues to work in Southern California on the prison project outside of Victorville. He still spends some weekends in Marfa, Texas, working on restoring the Adobes he and Stephanie purchased a while back. You can reach Mike at the following numbers: (Good luck!)

917.493.6529—House in New York  
760.246.6870—S. California Work #

At this month's meeting, some of you were asking about George Perica who is, once again, sharing a roof with me, Lisa B. After my building was sold, and the rent increased, George and I hooked up as he needed a room to rent for a while. Be on the lookout for a house party invitation from us, soon. He's still working at Land Rover, Marin, and is now seeing Patty Phelps. Some of you may remember Patty who was Mike Green's roommate for a number of years when he lived on Valencia street. Small world.

*“Already thinkin’ about  
food, eh Patrick?”*



*"Put me down for an empty stomach."*

*—Roozbeh*

*"Hmmm, it doesn't look empty."*

*—Fellow Northstar*

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