

# Daily Planet

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Official Newsletter of the San Francisco Northstars Motorcycle Club

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DEC 7                      Stoneyford—call *Jim*  
DIRT                      415.71.8885

DEC 14                     Creech's Christmas Tree Ride  
                              —call Craig 510.469.7250

**VOTE NOW!** See the ballot inside the newsletter. **VOTE**, send it back to Lisa B. or bring it to the meeting December 18!

### NEW DATE FOR DECEMBER MEETING!

DEC 17                     Club Meeting—S.F. Brew Pub

### TENATIVE DATE FOR CLUB DINNER:

JAN 25                     Annual Club Dinner

JAN 26                     Two Mountain Ride—*Catfish*

## MEETING MINUTES NOV. 28

Unfortunately, no one was passed around from lap to lap like a well-sought after stripper, but there was lots of “sharing” going on. Who was crazy enough to attend this month’s meeting held the day before Thanksgiving? **Mister President, Lisa B., Mark Wurtzel, Gretchen, Kari, Allan, Wendy, Craig, Jim, and Pat L.** We even had the pleasure of sitting with the past Prez—**Catfish** himself, who showed up! Always fashionably late, in sauntered **Gary**. Guests included **Doug Hill, Erik Schaffer, and, Dave Rivers.** ☆ **RIDE REPORTS:** John Downy won’t be hosting the December 15 ride but keep your eyes peeled for ride information to be posted on the list. ☆ An awards committee was established for this year’s annual dinner and awards banquet. Now’s your chance to share all the fun (and stupid) things that members did throughout the year. e-mail or contact Wendy (650.992.1234 • wendy@missionmotorcycles.com) or Mike (925.798.0189 • catfish@silcon.com) if you have a story to share... Let the fun begin! ☆ **NEW BIKES:** Gary bought his first brand new motorcycle since nineteen hundred and seventy three! It’s a DRZ 400 dualsport, and he’s been ringin’ its little neck ever since. He says, “The 400 is sooo different than the 1100GS.” You can say that again. Congratulations Gary! ☆ Wendy picked up a 1983 Goldwing, which reminds her of a helicopter for some reason.

☆ Mike heard that Aprilia was releasing a new motor design for all 1000cc bikes. I also caught Mike hassling Wendy about when the WR450 is scheduled to arrive. Wendy, being the smart and successful businesswoman that she is, posted a response on the list, telling him that it’s not due until December, and that she didn’t have any more into than that at the present moment.—**Lisa B.**

## New for Those Far Away Northstars

The club now offers an **Associate Membership** status for those members who have moved away, and are no longer able to be active in the club.

**\$15** will getcha’ a **copy of the monthly newsletter**, filling you in on the goings on in the club, as well as all the many events and rides they’re missing out on.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, spread the word, and notify Lisa B. who will see to it that they’re added to the associate member list. They should also send a check payable to the S.F. Northstars.

## 2002 Annual Muds and Suds

Ever been to a race that starts off with riders putting a single boot into a pile, and when the word is given, scramble to pick through, find their boot, drink a can of beer then hop on their bike and start the race?

I'm told this is how racing used to be before it became big business. But this is standard fare each year at the exclusive Muds and Suds race. Marty, the organizer, doesn't inform riders as to where and when the race will take place until a few days before the event. If you get the call, you have the feeling one should be complimented that Marty wants you there.

This year's course had a particularly challenging obstacle; that being the Pontiac Grand Am riders had to surmount in order to keep from drinking another beer at the check-point. If you opted to take the "boys" vs. the "men's" route, you were penalized by having to chug a second beer.

Did I mention that riders must drink a beer upon completing each lap?

Not to mention the tight turn around the telephone booth, with a four foot curb drop off, then down and around the cement stairway, and up the trail to where the car sat.

I don't know about you guys, but I couldn't surmount a vehicle if I was sober, let alone under the influence. Several guys didn't quite get over it, but slid off the side, getting knocked off their bikes, obviously not feeling a thing after lap six (and six cock-tails later).

I recognized a familiar face as Pete Silva, one of our original Northstar members, rode by on what looked like a snowmobile skating over the rocky trail. Pete has designed a Yamaha 170 on a snowmobile frame, complete with a set of running lights, making the thing glow like a jellyfish as it skates over the rocky road at night.

For the record, Pete is the one who designed the Northstar logo. I learned that he is the keeper of the screen, so when we make t-shirts this year, he's our man! And did you know the original logo

actually had a dirt theme to it? Yep, Pete told me they used to call club members "drunks on dirt." That was when the club had a half dirt, half street riding theme. It's always good to know one's history, isn't it?

About 30 riders entered the race, with only half finishing. There were trials bikes taking a stab at the course, as well as little Lackey, Brad's son who rode the piss out of his new CR150. He was leading the race, up until the moment he knocked off the casings and had to pit the poor little one fitty. I swear I saw that thing go over the Pontiac, which made me feel very inferior. Guess I need to frequent Carnegie to achieve the skills for that trick. Riders called little Lackey "a cheatin' bastard," as he skipped a few trails on the course. Underage or not, he was drinkin' with the best of 'em,

Erik's no drinker, so I was proud as can be when he took a sixth. He donned the dress proudly, which the announced referred to as a "Mu Mu." Close enough.—*Lisa B.*

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### Officer Nominations

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President *Lisa Brazieal*   
*Patrick Moriarty*

Vice President *Wendy Epstein*   
*Earl Minkler*   
*Jim Cairnes*

Ride Steward *Craig Hightower*   
*Bret Morshead*

Dirt Steward *Jim Cairnes*   
*Craig Hightower*   
*Earl Minkler*

Word Steward *Kari Holmgren*   
*Mark Wurtzel*   
*Barbara Morshead*

Treasurer *Allan Paul*   
*Wendy Epstein*

Sargent at Arms *Bob Pisani & Ken Ennor*   
*(Port and Starboard)*  
*Mark Wurtzel*

Web Slut *Mike Chaplin*   
*Mark Boyd*

Trailer/RV Liason *Bret Morshead*   
*Earl Minkler*

Arena Supercross is coming to Pac Bell Park on Sat. January 25, the same night as the Annual Dinner. It has been proposed that we have an early dinner, then head over to the Supercross for the event.

Gretchen must make final reservations, so those interested, contact Earl or Gretchen immediately, so we can confirm the dinner date with Delancey Street.

Pat Munroe Is Leaving California  
I received the following letter from life-time member Pat Munroe:

Dear Lisa,

Thanks for the latest newsletter. There is a favor I would like to ask. I would appreciate it if you could send me a list of the Northstars with name, address, and phone number. An old list would be just fine as I probably don't know the new members since women were admitted to the club.

My life is changing. I have my home up for sale and it looks like we'll be moving to Castle Rock, Colorado sometime after the first of the New Year if my house sells. I have a deposit on a new home there that should be finished in January or February. Once there, if a Northstar is passing through and needs anything like a room for the night, I'll try and oblige.

If it would be easier to e-mail a list of names I will receive it at patmunroe@earthlink.net. Keep having fun,

Pat Munroe

I'll get a list of members off to you before you leave, Pat. We all look forward to seeing you at this year's dinner and awards banquet!—Lisa

**"Thanks to the  
San Francisco NorthStars MC!  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the gang  
at Mission Motorcycles!"**

## ANNUAL NORTHSTAR DINNER

**Saturday, January 25, 2003**

Meet at the bar at 6:00

Dinner served at 7:30

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Delancey Street Restaurant  
600 Embarcadero @ Brannan  
San Francisco  
415.512.5179

### Dinner Menu

#### Drinks

soda and wine bar only, so bring your flasks!

#### Dessert First

Surprise! But get there on time or you may miss out!

#### Appetizers

corn chips and salsa, onion rings, bruschetta, chicken wings

#### Soup du Jour

basket of assorted breads

#### Salad

organic field greens with balsamic vinaigrette

#### Entrees

Oak Fired Barbequed Chicken and Baby Back Ribs

Rotisserie Beef

#### \*VEGETARIAN Entree

Pasta Primavera: angel hair pasta in a light red sauce  
fresh tomatoes, garlic, basil and asparagus

#### Dessert Last

vanilla ice cream with homemade chocolate dipped biscotti; coffee

**\$20 per person for club members; \$30 per person for guests.** There will be **\$2 valet parking available.** Send and your choice of dinner entree to Gretchen by **January 17.** Checks go to Allan Paul. There is a **40 person max.** so RSVP soon. First come first serve!

Allan Paul • 155 Columbus Ave. • San Francisco, CA 94133  
RSVP to Gretchen: 415.587.2335

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one entree per person:

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Rotisserie Beef

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***“Join us for this year’s  
annual Northstar dinner  
and awards banquet.  
Come one, come all!”***

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