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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FEB 3 NEW DATE	Two Mountain Ride <i>Due to September 11, Superbowl Sunday is now February 3</i>
FEB 16-18 DIRT	Desert Ride—Hans <i>Spangler Hills, camping at the Wagon Wheel staging area</i> Contact Hans for directions and information (925.443.1269)
FEB 9-10	Hollister Hare Scrambles
APRIL...	Songdog Ride—Catfish

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! —————

This year's annual dinner received a success rating of five stars in my book, but then again, maybe I'm partial. The food was great, wine flowed, the conversations peaked, stories were shared, laughter prevailed. The atmosphere was wonderful, especially having Joe Volpe sitting across the table from me. Joe's always good for atmosphere. ☆ Some distinguished guests and members who graced us with their presence included Pat Munroe, Rob Brown, Dena Anderson and John Downey. One lone motorcycle sat parked on the sidewalk outside of the restaurant, its owner, Mark Wurtzel enjoying the dinner festivities inside. ☆ The new officers were introduced and greeted with a loud round of applause. ☆ Erik Schaffer was disappointed that no food fights broke out, although

TWO MOUNTAIN RIDE Sunday, February 3—Superbowl Sunday

Meet Catfish for the best breakfast in Walnut Creek at **8:30 AM**—ride leaves at **9:30 AM**

Hubcaps Cafe (925-945-6960)
1548 Bonanza St.
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Directions to Breakfast:

Eastbound Hwy-24, take the Ygnacio Valley Road exit & head East
Right on California St; left on Bonanza

If southbound on 680, take North Main Street exit & head South on Main Street; right on Bonanza

If northbound on 680, exit S. Main Street & continue North on Main Street; left on Bonanza

Remember, Mt. Diablo is a state park with a \$2.00 entry fee. We'll enter the Northgate entrance.

This is usually a cold and wet ride, so dress accordingly

Lunch will be at the Junction.

I did have a spit ball ready and waiting with Lee Minkler's name on it. Too bad he busted me before I could shoot. ☆ Awards were passed out with funny tales told of our riding adventures over 2001. A DUI Emergency Kit was awarded to Gretchen, which included Visine to clear up any red eye, a tube of lip-stick so she could prep herself to look beautiful when approaching the next officer who pulls her over; a condom juuuuuust in case she must resort to sexual favors, as well as a get out of jail free card with the Northstar logo. Like THAT's gonna' do any good... never helped me during my stint in Sonoma. ☆ Mike presented Lisa with a large pair of nuts for her next TT race. They were a perfect visual for my mantra

"nuts against the tank!" and something every lady should carry in her handbag while dirt bike riding. ☆ But the favorite presentation of the evening was Earl's Desert Survival Kit, with two choices for the use of toiletries while sittin' down taking care of one's business. The choice of two papers include either the Grade A weight; tissue-like tear sheets from an old mystery novel, or the one appealing to motorcycle riders who are always considering traction; the no-skid variety with extra traction in a wet or dry configuration (ie sandpaper). Mmmm, now there's some comfortable TP. ☆ Everyone was a winner!! Tickets were drawn, prizes were won! Some scored t-shirts, books, motorcycle parts, sheepskin seat covers from New Zealand, as well as gift certificates and

t-shirts donated by members and friends, including Mission Honda, G&B Kawasaki/ Yamaha, and HK Cycles. ☆ When it was all over, a few remained shootin' the shit, talking about some new bikes comin' out this year; about cool GPS equipment now available (*see next page*). It was a site to see our ex-President startled while he looked at his watch, realizing he needed to catch BART before it stopped running, a healthy glow on his face, happy but a bit stressed to have to snap back to the role of guardian with his son, Chris. It sucks to be a grownup, sometimes, doesn't it? Hope you made it home alright Mike! You couldn't walk a straight line that night if ya' tried!—Lisa



For Sale: 2000 Aprilia Pegaso 650: \$5,200

This is a great bike! I am only getting rid of it because I got a 1100 RT and have no more room in the stable. The bike is in Ben Lomond.

Check out more photos and details of the bike at:
<http://homepage.mac.com/cruzbabe63/pegaso>

Contact Maureen Huber
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The Wild One

In Finland, traffic fines are set according to the offender's average income. So when Anssi Vanjoki was nailed for speeding on his Harley a few months ago, the senior exec at Nokia was slapped with a whopping \$103,600 fine. Since then, however, Vanjoki's salary has dropped so now he's appealing to see if he can get the fine reduced. He was written up, incidentally, for doing 47 in a 31 (mph). 47? That's barely high second gear for a Hog.

GPS-Integrated FRS/GMRS Radios Peer-to-Peer Positioning

This patent-pending technology makes it possible to transmit your location to a friend or family member, and they can see the distance and bearing from your position to theirs on a Rino display. In short, this could be a life-saving feature in an outdoor emergency by helping rescuers pinpoint your location—or it could be used simply for rounding up the family at an amusement park.

GARMIN International is proud to introduce its first two GPS-enabled handheld devices for the Family Radio Service (FRS) and high-performance General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) markets – the Rino 110 and Rino 120. These GPS devices integrate radio functionality to provide two-way communications up to two miles using FRS channels and up to five miles using GMRS channels. Inspired by the distinctive offset

FRS and GPS antennas that give the devices their Rhinoceros-like appearance, GARMIN designed the Rino series as powerful, robust Radios Integrated with Navigation for the Outdoors. They are also the only waterproof two-way radios on the market.

What really separates the Rino from the rest of the FRS/GMRS herd is the ability to “beam” your exact location to another Rino user within a two-mile range. This is called Peer-to-Peer Positioning (see box at right for additional information).

The Rino boasts GARMIN’s traditional tough, lightweight, waterproof design to handle the rigors of any outdoor adventure. And because the Rino has standard FRS capabilities, you can talk to friends or family who own conventional FRS radios.

RINO 110

In its bright yellow case, the Rino 110 offers standard FRS features like 14 channels, 38 squelch codes, and external voice activation (VOX). It also incorporates GARMIN’s powerful 12-channel GPS receiver for position accuracy of less than 10 feet when enabled to receive enhanced GPS data from the Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS). The Rino 110 has standard navigation features like extensive waypoint storage, TracBack technology, multiple position formats (including MGRS and Loran TD) and a built-in trip computer.



What I Learned THIS TIME at Carnegie:

Erik calls it the “Carnegie terminal speed braking” experience. I call it “WhooooaaaaaFUCK!!”

Riding a steep downhill, I was squeezing my front brake with all my might, yet the bike continued to pick up speed. My brakes no longer had any affect. I looked at my hand, realizing the lever was touching my handgrip. As I’m skidding both front and rear wheels, my only choice was to (a) panic & crash or (b) look at the bottom of the hill and decide that’s where I need to get to! Well, we all know hindsight is 100%, so I don’t think I need to explain what happened next.

Let’s just say I learned yet another valuable lesson in the hard knocks of dirt bike riding.

I tell ya’, bein’ a beginner at motorcycling again isn’t easy! Makes me appreciate my students that much more!—Lisa B.

RINO 120

The olive-colored Rino 120 takes all the features of the Rino 110 and adds a basemap of North and South America that includes major cities, highways, thoroughfares, rivers, lakes, coastlines, state and national borders, and railways. The Rino 120 has eight megabytes of internal memory for downloadable cartography from GARMIN’s exclusive line of MapSource CD-ROMs—providing topographic, bathymetric, and street-level map information. It also incorporates a voice scrambler for secure communications and a vibration mode for “silent” calls from other Rino users.



*"Hey Dad, I don't think
this is the same trail we
were on yesterday."*

—Sam Koolhoven

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