

# Daily Planet

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Official Newsletter of the San Francisco Northstars Motorcycle Club

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCT 25-28 DIRT	California City— <i>Earl</i> Have fun in the desert!
OCT 30	Club Meeting—S.F. Brew Pub
NOV 3	President's Surprise— <i>Earl</i>
NOV 8-10	Motorcycle Show San Mateo Fairgrounds
NOV 22-25 DIRT	California City— <i>Earl</i> More fun in the desert!
NOV 27	Club Meeting—S.F. Brew Pub
DEC 7 DIRT	Middlecreek— <i>Patrick</i>
DEC 15	Shiver 'n Shake
DEC ??	Club Meeting—S.F. Brew Pub

***We will make officer nominations  
at our next meeting, then VOTE via  
ballet provided in the next newsletter!***

### PRESIDENT'S SURPRISE BY EARL November 3

Meet: 7:00; the Buttercup Pantry in Pleasanton  
(right off Hopyard exit and then left at first lights)  
Leave: Ride leaves at 8:00

## MEETING MINUTES

**Earl** brought the meeting to order, he asked for minutes, and everyone said they had read and liked the last newsletter. There was a small turn out for the meeting, which included **Earl, Kari, Jim Cairnes, Tony Tugwell, Gary Thomas, Wendy,** and guests, **David Rivers** and **Doug Hill.** ☆ **New bike reports:** **Earl** can't stop praising his new Yamaha FJR1300, except it's hot between his legs. (And that's a bad thing?!) ☆ **Wendy** says lots of new Hondas, Yamahas and Kawasakis coming down the pipeline. Kawi has three models of 600's in six colors and Honda has a 170 MPH CBR600RR on the way. And for you Suzuki fans we're getting Suzuki off-road bikes in green with the Big K on the tank. ☆ **Ride reports:** Loyaltan ride had a small but good group of riders and a bad route sheet (**Bret**). Everyone took a different route on this ride but they all ended up at the 4-room motel, one bar/restaurant, a gas station/store/ice cream parlor all run by one person and a family member in town. **Matt Brockway** took his BMW RS on an extended fire road tour; **Bret** and **Gary Thomas** had BMW GS's; **Catfish** on his Aprilia; **Doug Hill** rode his BMW RS; and **Earl** took the "35 MPG at over 100MPH / 49MPG through Yosemite" FJR1300. ☆ **Kari** went to the Simon (riding around the world for a good cause Simon) presentation at Peninsula BMW. Afterwards she rode to the coast for some camping only to find the camping sites were full. So, back inland for the night and ride to the coast in the morning to have breakfast in Big Sur with a woman who rides a Bandit 1200 with a license frame that reads "That's a Nice Little Bike for a Girl!" After breakfast **Kari** attended the get-well BBQ benefit for **Jeff** (missed his last name) who crashed real bad at Sears Point in turn 1, at an AFM race. Also an AYU six river ride finally took **Kari** on a tour of the Northern California back road systems. Busy Girl. ☆ **Jim** went on the Sunday morning ride in Los Angeles, met up with a Keith Code school instructor who showed them some hot roads. Afterwards they went roller coasting till midnight. **Jim** was feeling a little woozy after all that. ☆ **David** went on the BMW Mariposa rally. Highway 49 to Hwy 20 is a perfect road. **David** ended up following a Sheriff's mini van at 26MPH, but when the Sheriff saw **David** stripping clothes off to keep from overheating, he pulled over and let him by without a pursuit. ☆ **Tony's** been in Europe and the only



damage to his bike was from the shipping. ☆

Earl says that the Rubicon trail has been paved. The first day he had to follow the paving truck, but on the way back the road was virgin pavement. ☆ **Craig** (who was not at the meeting) says, "Alaska is Fun!" ☆

**New Business:** It was passed around that maybe we could charge less for associate members who just want to receive our newsletters, but never/rarely make rides and meetings. Think about it and bring it up at the next meeting.

☆ **Thanks to Wendy for taking the minutes at our last meeting.**—Lisa

### ANNUAL DINNER AT DELANCEY STREET?

Where? When? How much?  
Come to the next meeting with ideas and opinions.

## SKUNK STINK AND HOW TO BE RID OF IT

Kari asked the following question on the Northstar list, "Anyone know how to get skunk smell out of leathers?" after telling a tale of a friend who had encountered a skunk on her motorcycle. (This was one problem Kenny didn't have to worry about after hitting that bear, although bear scat was in full abundance I'm told.) Below are some of the guesses from our intelligent members. Only one guessed it correctly, which prompts the prize of a beer bought by Kari at the next meeting.

**Da Prez:** *Welllllll Kari back on the farm when the dogs received the essence of skunk we washed them in tomato juice. Dog skin must be kind of like cow skin right?*

**Patrick:** *My late pup Sport used to get skunked about once a year. We tried tomato juice, lemon juice, vinegar, vanilla extract and just plain soap and water. None of it really worked. We're talkin' super close range, full load exposure here.*

*Anyway, what actually worked better than anything was a swim in the ocean and lots of sun. The sun being the most effective means to allow the dog back indoors. Even so, she usually had the odor for at least a month afterwards. The Humane Society has something they sell that is supposedly the miracle cure. Don't know what it is.*

**Catfish:** *Douche? (For the uninformed, water & vinegar solution.)*

**John:** *I always used tomato juice on my Malamute back in New Hampshire whenever she ran down a skunk (which was more often than I would have liked). It works.*

**Wendy:** *We use lemon juice on the dogs, because it has a higher acidic content to combat the skunk oils.*

**ANSWER:** *Yup, she bought a whole case of Massingill down at Safeway. Now imagine a Hell's Angel going into the store for that! And you thought buying tampons was difficult...*

### Craig's Hot Springs Ride

FYI, those of you who missed the hot springs ride, missed a great one! It had snowed the previous week, and there was still a nice frosted look to all the mountain tops. Travertine was perfect! Dinner at the Mexican place only lacked tequila. Rats! Wine margaritas are no where near as good. Watching the sun come up from the warmth of Buckeye was fantastic. After Kari motored off with Gary in tow on Sunday, Peter and I did 120 to Benton Crossing to more tubs down near Mammoth. Then we continued checking out all the little canyon roads including Old Mammoth, June Lake Loop, Lundy Lakes, and Virginia Lakes. Amazing colors in the trees and absolutely perfect

weather! We even got stuck in a traffic jam on the way home yesterday. Heading up 395 we turned onto 108 right into the middle of a flock of sheep! Peter had been considering a sheep skin seat cover for his new Bandit. Almost got a fresh one!

Next year I'm planning a killer hot springs ride. We'll hit Travertine and Buckeye in Bridgeport. Crab Cooker and Wild Willy's in the Mammoth area. Saline Valley and maybe Tecopa. Then cross over the hill and check out the ones along the Kern River before zooming across the valley to Mercy Hot Springs and home....

Yeah, I like being in hot water! —Craig

## THE BUSY LIFE OF KARI

I had a lovely afternoon ride down to Hollister then 25, Nacimiento-Fergusson through Hunter-Liggett Army Base (which really had me wondering, if they gave me an entrance slip on one side of the base, and I made it to the other side to hand in my slip faster than the speed limit would allow, would I get a ticket? Did they know the amount of time?? So the army base had me a little freaked out, I must say, esp. since it was the week after the anniversary of 9/11) and out to the coast. Had a not-that great dinner, then back up N-F road to a campsite (yes, all those who told me the coast campgrounds would be full were right, but, gee, that meant I had to do that road a couple more times. Darn!) for an early bedtime.

Came up 1 the next day, and stopped at Nepanthe. THANK YOU Prez. Earl for showing me this lovely place, it was a gorgeous morning with a full view of the coast. Soon after ordering an amazing breakfast of banana bread french toast, a woman with helmet in hand and Gortech jacket strides up the stairs and over to ask "is that your SV650?"

Turns out she is from Oakland, with a license plate holder that reads: "That's a nice little bike for a girl" on her Bandit 1200. Lisa, it made me think of you.

Turns out she's from Oakland. We had much to talk about through breakfast and a bit beyond, and you may see her on a future ride!

After that, up to the Monterey Bay Aquarium where I caught a first class view of some unannounced shark-feeding, then to Redwood City for a BBQ for an injured AFM racer.

All in all, a great little weekend journey, and good warm-up for last weekend's trip up to the Lost Coast, Eureka, Samoa Cookhouse, Weaverville, and a whole slew of great roads!—**Kari**

## BRET'S LOYALTON RIDE

Although I never received an official ride report on Bret's October ride, there were several quips worth publishing:

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***"Good trip, Bret—getting lost was part of the fun, I guess."***

—**Doug**

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***"Ask Earl if he was able to fix the headboard in his girlfriend's room Sunday night. And if Gary shows up, drill him on his map reading skills!!"***

—**Bret**

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***Made it back with a little less than 1200 miles for the trip and 3000 plus on the Big silver thing.***

***Thanks for a good ride Bret.***

—**Da Prez**

## IT'S A TRADITION I HAVE TO UPHOLD!

The annual ride to the motorcycle show ride. Yup, it's that time again. Time to go kick tires, bounce on seats, try on gear, lust after carbon fiber and hang out at the International Motorcycle show. As always us East Bay types will meet in Oakland and ride together over the San Mateo bridge to go check out all the bikes and goods.

**When?** Sunday November 10th.

**Where?** We depart from the Shell station at the Oak street onramp to 880. Best way to get there is to take the Jackson Street exit off 880 heading South. Go down a couple blocks and it's on your right.

**Time?** I plan on stopping at the Oakland Grill on 3rd just off Broadway for breakfast at 8am and then meeting at the gas station for a 9am departure.

Meet me there! I'm accepting all contributions to the buy Craig a new SV1000S fund!!

—**Craig**



**Joanne gets a blowjob from Bubba Joan at The Gather!!**

I'VE MOVED AND WHY YOU SHOULD CARE -----

What does this have to do with motorcycling, you ask?

If it weren't for motorcycling, I wouldn't have met the man of my dreams. And if it weren't for the

Northstars (thanks especially to **Bret**), I would not have met Erik. And if I were still single, I'd probably be going on many more rides than I have this year. But that's another story...

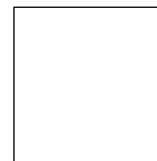
Below is my new address information. I've moved in with Erik of EOMB fame (East Oakland Moto Bros.). So there you have it.

Thank you for your support,

—Lisa B.



I'M MOVING!



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## CRAIG'S ALASKA! AUGUST 2002

From Denali I rode north toward Fairbanks. Originally I was going to get a room but instead chose to continue on up the Dalton Highway. I never intended to go further than the cutoff for Manley Hot Springs. But I did. Here's a close-up of the pipeline.



I stopped in Watson Lake to fill up with gas. Then I checked the route markers to find my way home.... These signs cover a city block sized area in the middle of town. If you look long enough you'll most likely find a sign from your home town or somewhere very close.



**Nice View!**



*“A friend once hit a skunk.  
Anyone know how  
to get the skunk smell  
out of leathers?”  
—Kari*

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