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Official Newsletter of the San Francisco Northstars Motorcycle Club

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEP 21-22	Loyalton— <i>Bret</i>
SEP 25	Club Meeting—S.F. Brew Pub
OCT 5-7	Craig's Hot Springs Ride, or... Songdog Rally, or Ridgerunner
OCT 30	Club Meeting—S.F. Brew Pub
NOV 3	President's Surprise— <i>Earl</i>
NOV 22-25	California City— <i>Earl</i> Have fun in the desert!
NOV 27	Club Meeting—S.F. Brew Pub
DEC 7	Middlecreek— <i>Patrick</i>
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DEC 15	Shiver'n Shake
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DEC ??	Club Meeting—S.F. Brew Pub

*Time to think about officer nominations at our next meeting. We have two meetings before we **VOTE!***

LOYALTON RIDE BY BRET September 21-22

Make Reservations: 4 rooms are reserved. Call:
The Golden West (530.993.4467)

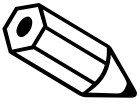
Meet: Breakfast at I-HOP in Dixon: 7:30
Pittschool Exit off Interstate 80

Leave: Ride leaves Dixon at 8:30

Info: Saturday's ride will be long...
Sunday's, not so long...
Good food and drink to be had by all in Loyalton!

MEETING MINUTES-----

Gretchen again ruled the roost running this month's meeting as acting President since Earl was out playing on his new motorcycle. He said, and I quote, "Sorry to miss the meeting last week but the itch to take the new FJR1300 out overwhelmed me. It has 1,111 miles on the clock and it's wonderful." ☆ Meeting attendees included: Gretchen, Gary, Patrick, Angela B. who was in town for a visit; Allan, and Lisa. Guests: Dave, Brian, Kevin, and Dave Wallace who heard about the meeting through a friend, and just showed up to see what it was all about. He also announced that he is selling a red R1100, so if you're interested, e-mail him at mandatev@yahoo.com. ☆ New bike reports: Several members were envious of Earl's new FJR1300, although Bret passed up the opportunity to take it for a spin one weekend after Earl stopped by his place in Santa Cruz. You missed a chance of a lifetime, there, Bret! ☆ This year's 22nd annual Safe and Sane ride report was described as unsafe and insane, clocking in at about 100 people including firefighters, medics, friends and family. A good time was had by all. ☆ Rides: Read the newsletter for info about Bret's upcoming Loyalton ride as well as Craig's Hot Springs ride in October. ☆ Ride reports: Patrick rode "two days each way" to the BMW rally in Idaho along with the Village Idiots. He took the V-Strom which to Patrick's dismay hit the rev limiter at 125mph. They rode through Lassen, staying overnight at Lakeview (which had apparently just burned down that week). Patrick enjoyed the backroads into Stanley, smiling all the way along Lolo pass, which is considered to be one of the best motorcycle roads around. ☆ Gretchen, Mark Wurtzel and Dave Peterson rode from Corte Madera to Hopland for lunch via the backroads one weekend day. After talking Gretchen into riding home with them via the coast, she agreed but had to maneuver through tons of tourism traffic. All I'll say is that sirens howled as riders were followed from a gas stop, eventually pulled over and ticketed. Officer Friendly told them to warn all their friends that Law Enforcement was going to be actively ticketing in the area, and that motorcyclists should watch passing on double yellows. ☆ Patrick is testing the ZXR120 Kawasaki, which has 145 rear wheel horsepower. The bike has a different motor from the ZX12, and is a more evolved ZX11 motor. It's described as a ZX11 with a new nose on



it. ☆ Tony Tugwell has been absent from our meetings for good reason.

Just the other day, he wrote the following to the list: “Landed back in Vancouver Saturday night, picked up my bike at cargo Sunday morning, and started the 971 mile trip to Petaluma. My bike survived almost 10,000 miles of European roads, but not the flight from Gawick. It was lying on its side on arrival with the mirror stem broken off and scratched bodywork. Good to be home.—Tony T.” Can’t wait to read the ride report. ☆ And it’s good to see the Northstars are still riding miles of roads, international and local. I’m looking forward to reading Craig’s Alaskan ride report, as well, in next month’s newsletter. Should be a doozie.—Lisa

“Please submit your ride reports so I have something else to publish besides the boring meeting minutes.”

Yawn.—Lisa B.

ANNUAL DINNER AT DELANCEY STREET?

Earl wants to plant the seed for members to start thinking about where we want this year’s holiday party and annual dinner to take place. Come to the next meeting with ideas and opinions.

CRAIG’S ANNUAL HOT SPRINGS RIDE!—OCTOBER 5–7

It’s that time again! The annual hot springs ride! So this year I’m not going to kid myself or anyone else. This is not an overnight ride. It is a three day ride. Every year I end up staying just one more night so why kid anyone!?



Meet: *Buttercup Pantry Restaurant: 7:30*
5331 Hopyard Rd. • Pleasanton, CA (925.463.1916)

Leave: *Ride leaves at 8:30.*

Info: *From there we basically burn highway across the central valley and onto 108 to head over the famed Sonora Pass. We will make a gas stop in Sonora and will pick up sandwiches there but no lunch eating yet! We continue on up into the hills and will then stop at the Dardanelles to eat our lunch. We can buy drinks there.*

Once lunch is over we continue up and over the best part of the pass. At 395 we turn right and head down to Bridgeport. We will spend the afternoon soaking in Travertine Hot Springs. Dinner will be at the great little Mexican place on 395 just south of town. We will cap off the night camping over at Buckeye Creek where we can wander down the hill in the morning to enjoy the hot springs there.

Sunday *we’ll dine at a wonderful little breakfast place in Bridgeport. There will be multiple options for people today. We can wander over to the old mining town of Bodie and do a little exploring. For those more dirt worthy we can take the dirt route to Mono Lake while the others take pavement. I’m tempted to make a run out toward Hawthorn and then double back on the wonderful roller coaster of Highway 120 back to Lee Vining for lunch and pie!!*

We can spend the afternoon exploring the sierras or simply going back to soak in Travertine. Or the more adventurous can go south to Mammoth and try the tubs out there. The night will again be spent under the stars at Buckeye.

Monday *morning we will take our time and motor on back home via Sonora unless people want to do Monitor, Ebbitts and Pacific Grade. Some of you on the invite list are not motorcyclists. I’m hoping that the rest of us can bribe you into joining us. Ya’ see, cars have a bit more capacity for sleeping bags and the like. Maybe we can bribe you with back rubs, gas money or ?? so you will carry our stuff for us?*

If you want to get an idea of what these tubs are like, take a look in my briefcase under hot springs. <http://briefcase.yahoo.com/craigums> So there you have it! Lemme know if you plan on coming so I know how many people to expect at the restaurant in the morning. Oh yeah, if you like breakfast I suggest getting there an hour early to eat. The service is a little slow at the Buttercup....

BELOW IS A SMALL GLIMPSE INTO TONY TUGWELL'S EUROPEAN ADVENTURE THIS SUMMER. STAY TUNED FOR HIS RIDE REPORT IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER



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