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Official Newsletter of the San Francisco Northstars Motorcycle Club

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY 27 STREET	Mendicino Madness 1-day street ride (Jim--needs ride leader)
AUG 9-10 STREET	International Trials Competition
AUG 16-17 STREET	Old Highway 40 Motorcycle Days (Allan)
AUG 24 STREET	Scout and Shoot (Craig, may be rescheduled)
SEPT 19-22 STREET	Rogue River Ride (Mike)
SEPT 23-24 STREET	Sierra Hot Springs Ride (Craig)

Rogue River Ride:
Details Inside!!

MEETING MINUTES June 25.....

Members Rene, Wendy, Bob, Craig, Lisa, Bret, Hans, Earl, Jim, Tony, Gary, Mark, and Angela (hot off the road, and I mean hot!) along with guests Chris Bishop and Henrik Kunze arrived to partake of good food, good beer, and to stare at Wendy's nice big box....of Official Northstar T-shirts!

Old Business: The Northstar Anniversary Party was discussed... ..we need contact info for members (with members, working or not) as well as friends of the Club for invitation to the party. Lisa and Kari will be working on a proper invitation to notice folks to appear. This will likely be a postcard. Wendy suggested a raffle, perhaps \$1 tickets, with good stuff to give away, including a Northstar Shirt.

Lisa reported that Katrina (Mark W's ex-girlfriend) was in a bad accident in the Caldecott tunnel a while back...she could use calls, etc. contact Lisa for her contact info, she is back in Fresno with her parents.

New Business: **Hans** reported that his Old Business is soon to be a Sold Business! Hans is in escrow for the sale of HK Cycles. He is looking forward to the lap of luxury...at least for a year. A new business venture was announced by **Henrik**, he is working on a dual-sport company in Mexico that specializes in service to Germans.

Ride Reports: **Ang** gave us the low-down on the riding environment in Portland and re-inforced the reason for Wet Leather's name. There is actually decent riding weather, with June being about 50-50 rain/shine, and July about 70-30. Also, the twisties are literally right out the back door instead of an hour's commute away. **Lisa, Jim, and seven** others headed up to Yosemite for the annual Brunch Ride. Beautiful roads, good food, a good waiter, and no pesky bicyclists tattle-telling on them this year added up to a great time by all. Even better, Tioga Pass had just opened...**Earl** described his and Lonna's romp over the Pass "on the way home", proving again that he just can't get enough (roads, that is....). Riders on the King's Canyon Ride gave the low-down in Gretchen's absence; a good group turned out, including **Catfish, Pat Lydon, Lisa, Doug Hill, Craig, Gretchen** and guest **Tom** road out and through the foothills, to be joined later by **Kari** and, on Saturday, **Earl** and **Jim C.** Again, the Northstars lived up to the mantra "Ride to Eat, Eat to Ride." Several folks branched off on extended rides, with Pat L. riding up to Reno, Kari taking off down to the Kern River, Craig going back north through the foothills. **Rene** reported on the Chili Cookoff in Locke, an annual event with every block in town covered with bikes (ok, there aren't that many blocks in the town, period). Five bucks gets you a report card and a plastic spoon

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OFFICIAL 2003 RIDE CALENDAR

july

30 Northstar Meeting

- 11-13 World Superbike at Laguna Seca
- 20 Around the Bay in a Day
1-Day Street Ride (Craig on his Birthday)
- 27 Mendicino Madness
1-Day Street Ride (Jim)

october

29 Northstar Meeting

- 4-5 Fall Songdog Rally
2-Day Street Ride
- ? Post-Songdog Ride to Utah: Zion, Bryce,
Lake Powell, etc. ??
Street Ride (Craig)
- 26 Vice Ride Misery (or Mystery)
1-Day street ride by the Vice Prez (Wendy)

august

27 Northstar Meeting

- 9-10 International Trials Competition
- 10 Ride up to Donner/Trials
1-Day Street Ride (Wendy)
- 10 Rider Skills and Survival Day
(Alice's, sponsored by Doc Wong
and La Honda Fire Department)
- 16-17 Old Highway 40 Motorcycle Days
2 Day Street Ride (Allan)
Possible leave Friday
- 24 Scoot and Shoot
1-Day Street Ride and Shooting (Craig)

november

26 Northstar Meeting

- 2 Prez Ride
1-day street ride (Lisa)
- 8-9 Marin County Motorcycle Association Hare
Scramble:
Saturday Poker Run Ride,
Sunday Hare Scramble
Just Show up at Marshall Petaluma Road
for a one-a-year chance to ride this area!
(Need District 36 card, but they will be
available there)
- 16 10th Annual Steve Mitoma Memorial Ride
1-Day Street Ride or Track Day (to be
determined) (Craig)

september

24 Northstar Meeting

- 19-22 Late Sept./Early Oct:
Mike's Rogue River
3-4-5 Day Street Ride (Mike)
- 23-24 Hot Spring's Ride
2-3 Day Street Ride (Craig)
options for both 2 or 3 days (Sat-Mon.)

december

30 Northstars Meeting

DATE CHANGE:

- 28 Northstars 30th Anniversary Party
S.F. Brewing Co.
(Pending Allan Paul's approval)
Send your contact info for former members
to:
kholmgren@g4arch.com
so we can invite them to the PARTY!

Rogue River Ride Sept. 19-22

Mike has informed us ever so nicely (“ I ain’t got no stinkin’ dates! You can decide to go anytime YOU wish!) there is no “ultimate date” to decide whether to go on this trip or not, just make your hotel reservation for the Friday Night:

Rogue River Adventure, September 19-22 (Friday-Monday)

Friday, 10AM Yuppie Breakfast, Horn of Zeese, Boonville
Ride leaves there at 11AM, for the usual Eureka route.
Reserve YOUR Friday-night room(s) at:

Ramada Limited (with the BIG-ASS indoor Jacuzzi on the 2nd floor)
270 5th St; Eureka, CA 95501
707-443-2206

We will camp Saturday & Sunday nights at Joel Buck’s ranch outside Selma, Oregon. Joel’s “better half” is not planning to be at the ranch that weekend, so all meals will be at restaurants. Maps & further info will be provided later.

Since I expect a pretty light turnout, I’m probably going to invite the WetLeather/Gather crowd & see if any of them are interested.

Catfish ...

Northstar T-Shirts... Come and get ‘em!

I will be at the next NS meeting on July 30th at SF Brewing Co., please tell me ahead of time who will be there to pick up shirts, because I will be on my motorcycle (Yippeel!) and space is limited.

- The Vice.

Future Northstar Member???

Alexander Paul



First Sighting of the Northstar T-Shirt in public?

Possibly. Also one of the first Bay Area sightings of Simon and Monica Newbound, a British couple circling the globe trying to break some Guinness World Records. They stopped by the Lanesplitter in the East Bay to give a slide show presentation to a bunch of motorcyclists. Check out their website at www.spiritsofadventure.com



Minutes continued...

and, well, plenty of alcohol. When asked if he did it every year, Rene replied "I will now". Not a bad recommendation. **Henrik** reported on the press release for the new KTM 950. The bike is about 470 pounds half loaded with gear. While the bike was decent off-road, they didn't get to do much off-road because of a Texan who couldn't ride in the dirt. You better come out with us more often, Henrik, heck it's got girls that will take their street bikes into the dirt!! **Craig** reported on the Mt. Hamilton Ride/Kart Racing, which attracted 10 riders for a loop through the East Bay Hills and the ever-lovely Mines Road, then on down to Fremont and the track, where 10 riders enjoyed some "bumping and grinding" (well, spinning and sliding, anyway), with a 10 minute open practice followed by a 20 minute race. Duffy even sweet-talked the track manager into letting him get his XR on the track! Ride details inside the newsletter...

Upcoming Rides: **Jim** is looking for a ride leader for the Mendicino Madness Ride to be held on July 27. He's got the route planned, so if you are interested, please contact Jim. Craig laid out a couple of details for the July 20 "Ride Around the Bay in a Day" ride he will be hosting as part of his birthday celebration. Rumor has it it is the 21st anniversary of his 21st birthday. Ride details inside the newsletter.

New Bike Reports: **Wendy's** new Harley Dyna Glide with lots of treats!

The Helmets look familiar, but them are some funny-lookin' bikes!



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"B" is for Bonehead

When it comes to doin' something really stupid on a motorcycle, they say it's in direct proportion to the number of people who witness your bonehead maneuver. If there's one thing that truly makes me grouchy, it's dropping my motorcycle! Regardless that my Daytona is considered to be 'a big bike for a little girl,' I am a trained professional and should be able to control it under all conditions.

Sure, we consider ourselves 'experienced motorcyclists,' but that doesn't make us immune to the occasional stupid move. We've all accidentally reached for the green handle on occasion, haven't we? There is a reason they sell disc lock leashes now adays...

6:45 a.m. I roll into the Starbucks to fill my coffee mug before teaching that day. Coffee is my friend; headaches from caffeine withdrawal are my enemy. As I sit on the Daytona, full thermos of coffee in hand, I don't have my tank bag with me, so I search my bike, trying to find a makeshift cup holder. Balancing it on my sloped tank won't work, so I maneuver the thermos into a gap in the fairing, turning the handlebars left to right, testing to be certain it won't impede my steering.

I start the bike, shift to 1st, and as I ease out the clutch, I witness the mug begin to slip. Instinctively, and without the thought process that most 'experienced motorcyclists' SHOULD have, my left hand darts to grab the mug, dumping the clutch, causing the bike to lurch forward and stall. My handlebars turn to the left as the bike slowly falls on its side. As I step off, I notice coffee spilling all over the black top, looking disappointingly at the horrible site of my Daytona on its side. <Sigh.> I immediately look for passersby to help me pick up the vehicle. As Murphy's law attests, there are many witnesses at this scene; jaws dropped, frozen in motion, seemingly perplexed as to what to do next. A few curse words later, I get my wits about me, calmly ask for help, then intelligently direct my assistants on the correct way in which to pick up a motorcycle:

1. Watch your back
2. Looking up to the sky helps
3. Use your legs, not your back
4. I point out the exhaust, reminding them that it's hot.

Up comes the bike, side stand down. I thank them all sheepishly, angered, but mostly embarrassed about what I've just done in public, no less. One man runs over to me, carrying my coffee mug, and offers to refill it. I take one look at the empty cup, defeated and a bit smarter this time around, saying, 'Thanks, but no thanks.' I've learned my lesson. I can do without coffee for the day...

One saving grace: none of my students witnessed the scene. PHEW! I definitely would have had some explainin' to do. Until the next bonehead maneuver.

Help me out here; Anyone care to share one of their funny bonehead stories?

Lisa B.

More King's Canyon...but where's the pizza?



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Rider Skills and Survival Day

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August 10, 2003 - Volunteers needed!

Yo! I'm super excited!!!!

Who could have thought it possible to do it again this year! The Town of Woodside, San Mateo County Sheriff's dept, La Honda Volunteer Fire Dept, California Highway Patrol all in agreement to have a motorcycle related event up at the corners of Hwy 35 (Skyline Blve) and Hwy 84 (La Honda Road) otherwise known as "Alice's."

I just got the OKs, so we're in! This will be a huge get together with fellow motorcyclists, sheriff's dept personnel, fire dept personnel and others.

It's going to be a big fun event with lots of music, barbeque, prizes, raffles, bike show, first aid demos, meet the "man" talks, workshops on riding, street smarts, riding schools, track schools, and open track days.

This year I'd like to have a LOT more booths related to riding skills and information, so your ideas are welcome!

Thanks for those of you who have stepped forward to help

so far. I need more help! Please e-mail me if you want to contribute to this wonderful event. Here are some of the things I need:

Before the event:

Contacting anyone you know in the motorcycle industry for raffle items and door prizes. Contacting anyone you know who would be a good addition to this event. Contacting anyone you know with show bikes or other trick or unique bikes.

Distributing flyers to Bay Area motorcycle dealers and shops.

During the event:

Raffle ticket sellers (profits to the La Honda Volunteer Fire Dept)

Parking control

General helpers

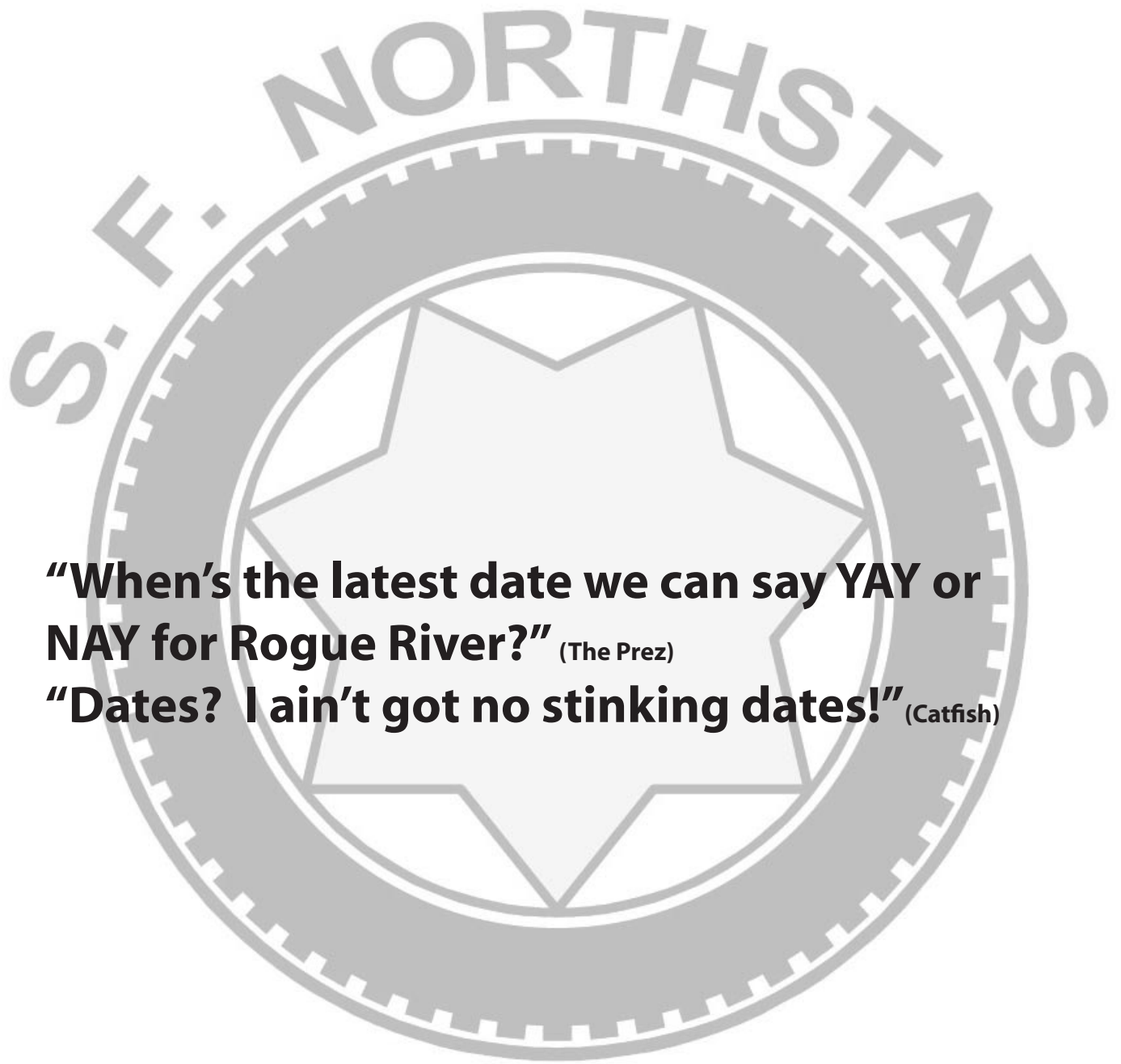
Family radios for volunteer communications.

Ride street, ride track, ride dirt, trials.....ride.....well!

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“When’s the latest date we can say YAY or NAY for Rogue River?” (The Prez)

“Dates? I ain’t got no stinking dates!” (Catfish)

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