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Official Newsletter of the San Francisco Northstars Motorcycle Club

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAR 1-2	Stonyford
DIRT	Contact Earl
MAR 14-17	Cal. City Birthday Ride
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MAR	T.B.A. Let us know if you want to sponsor a trip!
APR 5-6	Carnegie Hill Climbs!
DIRT	
APR 11-13	Songdog---Catfish
(OR 12-13)	
APR 27	Cow Mountain
DIRT	Contact Earl (Bret or Craig for Sat.)

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FULL SONGDOG DETAILS!!

MEETING MINUTES Feb. 26

Members (with and without members) **Lisa, Wendy, Bob P., Earl, Catfish, Hans, Jim C., Kari** present, as were guests **Tom Hung, David Rivers, and Doug Hill**.

RIDE REPORTS: **California City** (including **Matt B., Joe V., Pat L. w/nephew, Earl, Hans, Catfish, and Gary**) had a GREAT showing, and several adventures, including a visit to a motorcycle memorial 45 miles east of camp, "good loops, a little dust, great weather, and no injuries", and a visit over a fence into the turtle preserve by Catfish that included a stoppie by the bike and a handstand into the preserve by Mike! **Jim C.** reported on his dirt ride to **Mendicino/Fort Bragg**, which included jeep trails and river crossings and, unfortunately, a couple of rocks. Jim got caught between a rock and a hard place (his bike) with his knee and was sporting a nice bruise. The **Mark Anderson Memorial Delta Ride** was another great showing by Northstars including **Earl, Matt B. Lisa, John D., Bret, Craig, Tony T., David R., Francis, Kari, and PeeWee and wife** all in attendance. In other news Northstar S.O. **Erik with a K** did the Hollister Nationals and placed 17th.

NEW BUSINESS: The Fuck-Up jersey got a successful nomination for a new owner....**Gary T.** Seems Mr. Thomas had a couple of fax paus out in the desert. Remember to always fill up 'yer tank before leaving camp, and make sure you meet everyone at the rendezvous points kids!

Hans suggested planning a Northstars-sponsored Baja ride in March/April 2005 so that those of us without huge chunks of vacation time sitting around or significant arrangements to make to go would have time to do so and come out and play. The idea was well received..obviously more details to follow.

NEW MEMBERS: **David Rivers, and Doug Hill** were both voted in for membership. **Congrats! Him, Him.....**

OLD BUSINESS: T-shirts were again discussed, with the final details being put in place by next meeting. We will take orders starting next meeting and continue for a month. T-Shirts will be long sleeved 100% Cotton shirts with embroidery logo. See inside for further details....

NEW BIKES: New Bikes include Jim's Kawasaki 636 (ZX6) (FINALLY!) and Wendy's new WR250. Well, almost new, she cut herself and bled on it in the shop, and decided it was damaged wares that couldn't possibly be sold to the public...especially since it was staring her down with its [cute puppy-dog-like eyes?] headlight. Wendy also added a Beachcraft PLANE to her stable!

The Three Day Birthdays - Three Ride

What:	A Birthday celebration in the desert with dessert first and last and in the middle.
Date:	March 14-15-16-17
Time:	All day and night long.(Just ask Lisa and Erik)
Where:	California City
Who:	Any and all of you
Leaders:	Hans, Joel and Earl
Birthdays:	same three guys
Attire:	Party hats and the rest is up to you
Activities:	Any thing we think we can get away with!

OFFICIAL 2003 RIDE CALENDAR

march

- 26 Northstar Meeting
1-2 Stonyford
2-Day Dirt Ride (Earl)

april

- 30 Northstar Meeting
5-6 Carnegie Hill Climbs
11-13 Songdoggie!
2/3 Day Street Ride (Catfish)
Mike leading 3-Day Ride
Tony T. leading 2-Day Ride
27 Cow Mountain
1-Day Dirt Ride (Earl)
With option to go up 26th (See Bret, Craig)

may

- 28 Northstar Meeting
3-4 AMA Superbike Races in Sonoma
9-11 Lost Coast Luau
w/Village Idiots (Roozbeh)
3-Day Street Ride
17-18 Clear Creek
2-Day Dirt Ride (Earl)
17 SheetIron 300 Dual Sport Ride
17-18 Scoot and Splash
2-Day Street Ride to Avila Hot Springs and
Morro Bay (Kari)

june

- 25 Northstar Meeting
1 Lisa's Ahwanee Brunch Ride (Yosemite)
1-Day Street Ride (Lisa)
13-15 King's Canyon (**FATHERS DAY IS 6/15**)
3-Day Street Ride (Gretchen)
28-29 Elkin's Flat or Georgetown
2-Day Dirt Ride (Earl)

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)

august

- 27 Northstar Meeting
9-10 International Trials Competition
10 Ride up to Donner/Trials
1-Day Street Ride (Wendy)
16-17 Old Highway 40 Motorcycle Days
1-2 Day Street Ride
(Allen and Bambino and Trudy?)
24 Street Ride t.b.d.
1-Day Street Ride (Kari)

september

- 24 Northstar Meeting
6-8 Hot Spring's Ride
2-3 Day Street Ride (Craig)
options for both 2 or 3 days
19-22? Late Sept./Early Oct:
Mike's Rogue River
3-4-5 Day Street Ride (Mike)

october

- 29 Northstar Meeting
4-5 Fall Songdog Rally
2-Day Street Ride
4-12/13 Songdog and then on to Baja
Street Ride (Craig)
26 Vice Ride Misery (or Mystery)
1-Day street ride by the Vice Prez (Wendy)

november

- 26 Northstar Meeting
2 Prez Ride
1-day street ride (Lisa)
16 10th Annual Steve Mitoma Memorial Ride
1-Day Street Ride (Craig)
21-23 California City
3-Day Dirt Ride (Earl)

december

- 30 Northstars Meeting
to be scheduled/rescheduled:
Scoot and Shoot Ride
1-Day Street Ride with range shooting
(little dirt into range) (Craig)

The Spring Songdog Ride APRIL 11-13 (or 12-13)

We had such fun two years ago, we're doing it again. With Jim's minimum head count for a BBQ at 33, the Northstars need some attendance help to carry on our fine tradition of getting Jim to cook for us. 'Course we kinda like the roads heading in that direction too. Not to mention the opportunity to do a little shootin' before dinner. & other libations will help tell stories around the camp fire after dark.

Riding from the Bay Area ...Friday Ride leader: Catfish , Saturday (2-day group from bay area) ride leader: Tony Tugwell
Duartes Tavern 202 Stage Rd. (Pescadero, CA) 650-879-0464
Breakfast 7:30AM, be gassed **BEFORE** the ...

Riders meeting 8:30AM

350 miles of **curvaceous** backroads
Friday camping at the SongDog Ranch
Rentals available: tents, 4" thick sleeping pads, & sleeping bags (w clean sheets & pillow)
SongDog Ranch (Jim Revly) 1-800-766-2461 or www.songdog.com
Ballinger Canyon Road.
New Cuyama, CA

Where? On Hwy-33 south, about 4 miles south of Hwy 166, turn left (east) on Ballinger Canyon Rd. The SongDog ranch house (with windmill) is about 1 mile up the road on the left, the next dirt road on the right leads you up the mesa to the campground & lodge. Maps will be available soon.

Friday dinner at Sagebrush Annie's, 661-766-2319, a couple of miles further south on Hwy-33, on the left.

Saturday Ride: Santa Barbara's Outback 260 miles, with the Chumash Painted Cave www.sbnature.org/research/anthro/chumash/pcart.html and the Solvang Motorcycle Museum www.motosolvang.com **OR** bring a dirtbike & head up Ballinger Canyon to the OHV riding area, or, lounge around the lodge all day & get SHITFACED!!!

Saturday Night BBQ & Sunday Breakfast \$30
Beverages included; cold beer will be available, @ \$1 each.

SongDog Ride Registration Info

Name(s): _____

Friday camping ----->	\$ 10 x _____ = _____
Sat.BBQ+Sun.Breakfast ----->	\$ 30 x _____ = _____
Sleeping pad(s) ----->	\$ 5 x _____ = _____
Sleeping bag (w sheets & pillow)	\$ 15 x _____ = _____
Tent(s) ----->	\$ 10 x _____ = _____
	TOTAL = _____

Make checks out to "Mike Chaplin" & mail with a printed copy of your registration info to:

Mike Chaplin
3235 San Gabriel Dr.
Concord, CA 94518

Reg-info & checks must be received by Monday, April 7th.

Lodge has gas range, kitchen area, wood stove, bathroom with cold shower & flush toilet. (Caution: bathroom odors are lodge odors, the 4-door quadra-poop-o-matic with moon-roof is a short stroll across the mesa.)

A firing-range area will be defined & available to **experienced, sober gun owners** before dinner. Don't forget your ear plugs. Firearms are **NOT** to be discharged at any other time or location on the SongDog Ranch. Period.

Experienced riders with reliable bikes & good tires only, please.

Catfish ...



Vice

Column

One of the things I like most about club rides is that I take time to perform necessary maintenance prior to the ride. I don't believe I am alone when I say, I often ignore my motorcycle because it is my everyday transportation, and as long as it doesn't break down or feel weird, I just jump on it and make my 500 mile a week commute. When it comes to club rides though, I check or change the oil, adjust tire pressure, lube and adjust chain, check the brakes and lights, and clean my face shield. I guess my point here is, that I am no longer endangering only myself, but also the other riders in the group. It is the responsibility of all members to complete a pre ride safety check, not only for themselves, but their guests as well. We are responsible for our guests, aren't we Catfish?

Some, probably not many in this group, haven't ridden their motorcycles all winter. Your bikes will definitely need some pre ride attention. Battery charge, tire pressure, oil, fluids, cables, brakes, lights, chain, and a test ride to name a few items. Don't be caught by the maintenance gremlins. Let's just go ride and have fun.

For the ultimate in tune up suggestions, ride my 1983 Goldwing for a month and I'll guarantee your bike will feel great.

Do you know what 1-1-9 is?



It's a dyslectic's call for help.

Carnegie Hill

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April 5-6

What: 15th Annual California State Championship Hill Climb at Carnegie SVRA

Date: April 5-6, 9:30 start both days
- Saturday April 5 is Stock, Altered Stock, Old-Timer, Women
- Sunday April 6 is Exhibition classes only, 0-700 cc

Where: Carnegie, of course!

Who: Erik will be climbin' those hills. Anyone else?

HAPPY 60 EARL!!

Once Again the Northstars showed their penchant for good food, good friends....and a good roast. Over 25 folks showed up to surprise Earl Minkler for his 60th (?? THAT can't be right!) birthday out at the Hungry Hunter in Pleasanton. Allan gave a great archivist's perspective on both the club and Earl's exploits throughout the years. Several other folks chimed in with stories not of things Earl had done, but things they had done the Earl then bailed them out from on both dirt and street rides throughout the years of Northstar history.

Do you know what four fingers at 110 mph means? Green handled gas pumps? Julio "Hot Stuff" Sanchez?

If not, it means you missed a great evening! Although, in the words of Mike Chaplin "That was a GREAT surprise, Lonna! The crowd seemed a little too sober for the GOOD stories to come out, though."

from the
Northstar archives...

Next time you go over to **HK Cycles** or **Valley Machine**, check out the black tire marks on the pavement in their complex. Earl Minkler was doing asphalt doughnuts. Hans Koolhoven rode up to check it out, and Earl knocked him off the Goldwing! We always figured there was tomfoolery going on over there after hours!

Quoted from..

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Flying Through the Delta

Biting cold.
Crisp fresh Spring air.
Sunshine.
10 motorcyclists.
23 Islands.
Lumpy bumpy roads.
Gravel.
Geese.
CHP on wheels 2 and 4.
No tickets.
No crashes.
No drama.
No stress.
Spring lambs.
Green fields.
Big skies.
Open throttles.
Levee roads.
Good friends.
Good food.
Good time.

Thanks Earl!

In Memory of Mark Anderson





*We started out in a westerly direction that we **thought** was
familiar ground.....*

Catfish on the Mohave

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