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Official Newsletter of the San Francisco Northstars Motorcycle Club

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 30 Meeting

NOV 5-7 International Motorcycle Show

NOV 13 Prez ride: Go Karts!—*Gretchen*

NOV 19-22 Mojave Dirt Ride—*Catfish*
dirt Details to be announced

NOV 26-28 Muds and Suds—*Erik & Lisa*

December 14 Meeting**

DEC 11 Christmastree Ride—*Kari*
1:00 pm start from Redwood City
Honda. Call Kari or go to:
www.christmastreeride.com

DEC 26–Jan 1 Mojave Dirt Ride—*Catfish*
dirt Clearcreek? Holister?

January 25 Meeting

JAN 29 Supercross

February 22 Meeting

FEB 5 Annual awards dinner Delancey St

FEB 6 Two Mountain Ride—*Catfish*

March 29 Meeting

MAR 12-26 Baja!

Save Sat. night FEBRUARY 5 for our annual Northstar awards dinner at Delancey Street restaurant. The 2-mountain ride will follow the next morning just before the Superbowl.

MEETING MINUTES: TUESDAY 10.28

Her honor The Prez, called us to order: Alan, Wendy, John Munger, Paula, Pat, Lisa, Gary, Earl, Craig, Mark and his wife later showed up. ★
Dec 26–Jan 1: *Mike's Mojave dirt ride.* Oak flat in Clearcreek? RIDES: *Gretchen's Presidents ride* (including Go Karting). 9-2:30 IS THE RIDE, MEET A STEVIE B'S CLUTCHES OUT AT 9:00. *then go Kart afterward.* Steve Mitoma Memorial ride is Sunday the 14th, including Mount Hamilton, perhaps Diablo. *Hubcaps cafe* off Main; clutches out at 9:00 Craig does a ride to the mc show; see e-mail. BAJA DIRT RIDE: November 11 at 7:00 at Patrick Lydon's house: 41 Hill St., #3 in SF. anyone interested in going. March 12–26 dates will be discussed, as well as routes. Plans include taking a trailer and staying a number of days, then moving on. ★ *Earl's leaving from Tecate* to San Felipe then back to Tecate on a dirt ride with his cousin. He hasn't been there since the 70's and will have his GPS and his rain gear. OLD BUSINESS: Post Holiday party will be at Delancey Street on Feb. 5. See menu inside as well as your RSVP. For 30 people (room fits comfortably 35 people) at \$50 each. Club will subsidize \$25. Members \$25 +1 guest, \$50 for additional guests. "I vote that we buy a pit bike, instead, said Alan! All opposed? No song-dog, no picnic, so not a lot has been funded. We need to promote more members to increase our treasury. How can we promote new members? Newspaper cheapens it some feel. OFFICER NOMINATIONS: President: Craig, Kari,. Vice President: Wendy, Pat. Ride Steward: Craig, Paula, Kari. Dirty Steward: Mike, Earl, Tom. Trailer/RV Liason: Earl, Catfish. Web Archiver: Mike, Sergeant at Arms: Lisa, Gary. Treasurer: Alan. Word Steward: Glenn and Earl. Web Slut: Craig. Club Historian: Pete. How should officer nominations be taken? We voted that mail-in ballots are allowed which includes e-mail, as well as being at the meeting. Gretchen will accept the e-mails. *December's meeting: Tues. 12/14.* Voting is November 30th. Gretchen will

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Baja Planning Party Nov .11 @ 7:00

*41 Hill Street, #3 SF at Pat Lydon's house
Everyone invited! Bring experienced Baja
friends and anyone who would like to go.
Plenty of Bike parking, not much car parking.*

*I will get Matt Brockway there and Mark
Boyd and my friend Dennis Varni (you met
him in the desert DR400) I have been there at
least 10 times. Craig has been there a bunch
and he said he will come. Mike Chaplin has
expressed interest. Earl is doing a little pre-
ride for us before the meeting so he can bring
us up to date.*

*IDEAS: So far the main idea is for 2-weeks w/
trailers. I was thinking 3-4 days in San Felipe
area doing day trips Laguna Hansen, Dry
lake bed, Mikes sky ranch. A lot of people
have ridden in this area and I know Hans
spent a lot of time there when he was in
College. Drive trailers to Bay of LA (1-2days)
Stay in Bay of LA and do day trips*

*Trip #1 2-days or? to San Francisquito this is
a lot of washboarded fireroad but it is a must
see place very beautiful !! This could be lon-
ger and go West to Laguana San Ignacio or
South to Mulege.*

*Trip #2 1-day to the old mission (San Borja?)
and back nice loop with a loy of varying ter-
rain and technical sections*

*Trip #3 2-day West from Bay of LA get
gas at junction with Hi-way 1 and then go
West to Pacific (this is the narrowest sec-
tion of Baja) then North, then North-East to
Cativina. My friend Dennis has done this and
loves it we did not get a chance to go there
last time as we ran out of time and tires.*

MOJAVE DESERT NOV 19-22

1st Mojave desert ride of the season! Nov. 19-22
See <[http://www.micapeak.com/sfnorthstars/
mojave.html](http://www.micapeak.com/sfnorthstars/mojave.html)>

for directions to Site # 3, the paved section of
Washburn, and just how much firewood you should
bring. Many will drive down Thursday to get a full
Friday of riding. Contact Catfish or Julio for info.

DECEMBER 26-JAN 1 DIRT

For December, we are blocking out the last week of
the year (Dec. 26 - Jan. 1) for dirty activities. I want
to see if there is any interest (besides ME!) to go to
Clear Creek for two days 1st, & then on to Mojave
for the rest of the week. See <[http://www.mica-
peak.com/sfnorthstars/mojave.html](http://www.mica-
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*As discussed last night, there
are a couple of us who would
be interested in driving down
to Clear Creek on Christmas
Eve to camp and ride and
then return home on the 26th.
Shall we coordinate a time
and place to meet up down
there?—Craig*

GRETCH'S GO KART RIDE: NOV. 13

START TIME: 8am clutches out

MEET: Stevie B's (or whatever it is
called. It's the restaurant off 580 and
Hopyard).

**DETAILS: Bring soft sole shoes to ride
the go-karts. Pay Gretchen \$50 for Go-
Karts if you want to ride 'em at 3:00
after the ride over Hamilton.**

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e-mail letting people know that their votes must be in by a certain date. 🌟 **RIDE REPORTS:** *So, Wendy took the Honda club over Highway 4.* 2 weeks earlier a new kid came out to ride, and the sky drenched she and "the kid" over 92 back to Daly City. Two weeks later, the kid's following Wendy again to Angels Camp. Head up Hwy 4, getting colder, and Wendy had forgot to plug her vest in. It's getting colder and misty. Road is getting smaller and smaller, rainier and rainer thinking the kid behind her was going to kill her. Thought she should start using her brakes to warn riders behind her. Got down to the other side, and the guy on the VFR says of all the places I didn't want it to rain I didn't want it to be that road." 🌟 Craig did a ride down 25, to Cienega road past Hollister hills drops you back into 25. Took road past Clearcreek to Coalinga for trip sandwich. Cross 198 toward Three Rivers. Camped in Sequoia. 190 to view the beautiful yellow aspens. Then Sherman pass to Death Valley, roads were closed. Got through Beatty through Vegas to Lake Mead to the Valley of Fire Park. Shot to St. George, following a dirt road to the Grand Canyons, surrounded by thunderheads. Up rising left-hander, losing the bike. Both rear wheels off the ground laying on top of the Givi which he had to unlock before he could right the bike. Cracked fairing; starter button is jammed, safety wires it. Mud had wedged and Craig had to take the fender off. 20 miles into Toroweap 60-70 miles from the North rim national park. He parked his tent right along the rim. Spent two days camping on the rim, absolute quiet, watching river rafters. He left and road to Fredonia, then back to St. George, heading into Nevada; needle's on "E"

sky's dark. Hit 93, camped in a state park up the road called Cathedral Canyon with caves you can explore, etc. Did Extra Terrestrial highway, stopped in Rachel, went up to Patriarch grove, hung out with the trees. Finds a cave behind a trail, so he sets up stuff in the cave, watches the sun go down, hears rustling and sees a bushy beedy eyed critter waking him every two hours. Got into Bishop, and explored the west side to see incredible aspens. Spent two days at Mammoth, then fantastic road after fantastic road 2100 miles in 9 days. See his photos on his web site (430 in all). 🌟 Well attended successful ride to Eureka. Weather was clear, roads were dry, no traffic. Started at O-dark-thirty, met in Boonville, had a great dinner at the Seagrille that night. Woke up to rain, had a great ride with Gary, and Earl and Mike. Gary's riding gear (Rukka) was dry. 🌟 Wendy did the full circle ride including Brad and Petey. Brad had a loaner from Ducati. Sunday morning ride up to Dogtown. Gave a lot of prizes away; someone won a scooter and auctioned it back off. No CHP were there supporting it this year. BOSTON won the game!! 🌟 We voted to password protect the page with the roster. 🌟 Kenny's new girlfriend stopped by the Brew Pub to meet Alan. She's a real nice lady, says Alan Paul! Ken opted to stay in Colorado.

DECEMBER's MEETING will be held on TUESDAY DECEMBER 14.

2004 Officer Election: bring ballots to the next meeting or send 'em to Gretchen by Nov. 29. Mail to: 84 Molimo Drive, San Francisco, CA 94127

President	Kari Holmgren	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Craig Hightower	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	Wendy Epstein	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pat Lydon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ride Steward	Craig Hightower	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Paula Keezer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dirt Steward	Tom Hung	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mike Chaplin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Web Slut	Craig Hightower	<input type="checkbox"/>

Word Steward	Earl Minkler	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Glenn Coddington	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Allan Paul	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sargent of Arms	Lisa Brazieal	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Gary Thomas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Web Archiver	Mike Chaplin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trailer/RV Liason	Earl Minkler	<input type="checkbox"/>
Club Historian	Pete Silva	<input type="checkbox"/>



“I can't take all that time off!”—Craig

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