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Official Newsletter of the San Francisco Northstars Motorcycle Club

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 25 Meeting

- MAY 15 Dave's Dirt Day
dirt Carnegie
- MAY 23 Awhanee Brunch—*Lisa*
- MAY 28-31 Craig's California Hot Springs Tour
3-day route available

June 29 Meeting

- JUN 13-14 Feather River Canyon—*Pat L.*
- JUNE 13 Mike's Dirt Day
dirt Details to be announced
- JUN 19 SFMC 100th Anniversary Party

July 27 Northstars Meeting

- JULY 2-4 Lassen Park/Shasta Ride—*Kari*
- JULY 9-11 World Superbike at Laguna Seca
JULY 10 Ride to the races—*Kari*
- JULY 20 Play hooky ride—*Craig*
- JULY 25 Mike's Dirt Day
dirt Details to be announced

August 31 Northstars Meeting

- AUG 14-15 National Trials competition
- AUG 21-22 NS Picnic: Brett & Barbara M's
house in Santa Cruz—*Tom*
- AUG 29 Mike's Dirt Day
dirt Details to be announced

September 28 Northstars Meeting

- SEP 6 SF Enduro—*Mark B, Pat, Wendy*
- SEP 12 Mike's Dirt Day
dirt Details to be announced
- SEP 25-26 Six Pass Dardanelle's Ride—*Earl*

MEETING MINUTES: TUESDAY 4.27

Attendees at this month's meeting: **President of Vice Wendy, Lisa B., Joe, Mister Minkler, Allan, Kari, Jim, and Pat L.** Guests included **Tommy Hung**, who has attended three meetings and more than three rides, and was therefore voted in as a member. HIM! HIM! FUCK HIM!! ☆ OLD BUSINESS: Wendy said she'd talk with the Honda cops regarding the Poker Run over labor day. ☆ There was a minor glitch in the financial end of things for Songdog last month. Sleeping bags were not included, so two people still owed Earl. Earl cooked up a mean chicken and steak meal that night. Thank you EARL! ☆ **Dues: Don't forget to pay up!** Someone needs to collect from Rene so that he can receive these newsletters. ☆ Did you know that zip ties work miracles when you have a flat? Yep, Joel Buck among many others have been practicing that art for years. They keep the tires on the rim and allow you to ride back to camp, no matter where you are in the midst of your trail ride. ☆ Earl mentioned that the Dardanelle ride is on for the weekend of September 25-26. 17 beds have been reserved, and there are 4 more available if needed. Contact Earl or Gretchen if you're interested in reserving a bed. ☆ Wendy brought some Sears Point tickets to sell for the races held on May 1 and 2nd. Thanks Wendy. What a deal! ☆ NEW BUSINESS: Rene moved to Placerville! See inside for more details. ☆ RIDE REPORTS: Alan Paul took a nice ride to San Diego, leaving early, hitting Nacimiento to G roads following the Northstar route. Morrow Bay to 166, and blew past Songdog into the L.A. Freeway system. He headed up to Sierra Madre outside of Pasadena. 550 mile day, using a Southern California Madmaps, although one of the recommended food stops had no food. Harumph. Sunday he did 500 miles up Hwy 5 to 166 to 33 to Coalinga then hit rain in Hollister. The BMW is now in the shop, it being the longest ride Alan's done in a few years. ☆ Wendy rode with a hug duffel bag goin' 140 with her husband on back of the R1. She and their group were headed on a Laughlin river run where they were lucky enough to see 38-special for fifteen bucks. They rode through Bakersfield to 155 to Death Valley to Vegas and stayed in Ridgecrest where she claimed to have experienced the best Mexican restaurant she's ever been to. Of course she couldn't remember the name, but coined it "Juan's." Anyway, wind was blowin' the bikes over the

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low pressure system in Oregon, as she was riding completely sideways wearing her husband out, who finally switched bikes and enjoyed the ride home on the back of a Goldwing. Joe promptly quipped, "Oh, geez, it's one thing to ride bitch, but it's another to get passed around." The group of riders consisted of a retired cop, a New York lawyer, and of course, our fair Wendy. ☆ Jim found himself ringin' his bike out on Highway 58 in crosswind one day, and noticed something in his rearview mirror, which turned out to be Craig as he blasted by Jim on the blackbird. ☆ A ride planning meeting was held Tuesday May 4. See the new schedule on page 1.

SFMC is having a block party on June 19 to celebrate their 100 year anniversary as a motorcycle club. I have conflicting dates for either that Sat. or Sun. or maybe both. Anyway, I have committed to securing a booth at the block party festival. If any NorthStar would like to man or woman the booth as an SF NorthStar representative we would appreciate the help and it would be a good place to recruit new members. I would do it but, if it is Saturday I will be in a dealer meeting and I will need all my employees to run the store. If it is Sunday, I will be in a dealer meeting all day. We have invited the Daly City Police to help man the booth for their Harley Davidson Raffle.

This activity should draw a lot of attention all by itself. I think this would be a good way to bring attention to our club. Anyone interested out there? -The Vice.

RIP PEPPER

***Gretchen's dog, Pepper,
passed away this month.***

What a great dog she was!

;-)

✓ VOTE RESULTS–April

Critical information and votes will now be highlighted in the newsletter each month.

The following was voted on:

✓ **Tom Hung was voted in as a new member!**

Don Amador is looking for support to help fight the never ending battle of offroad land closures. For more info contact Don. Any donations can be sent directly to the Blue Ribbon Coalition. Don sent the following letter to CityBike:

Dear CityBike,

I wanted you and your readers (and riders) who use the BLM's Clear Creek Mang. Area (the largest "SF Bay Area" federal off-road area) has been targeted for closure.

I wanted your readers to know that BRC will be fighting for our right to ride. There will be, most likely, a legal battle there which the BRC Legal Committee will be discussing April 22 in Salt Lake City at our spring board meeting.

***Don Amador, BRC
www.sharetrails.org <<http://www.sharetrails.org>>***

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**AWHANEE BRUNCH RIDE
Yosemite National Park
Sunday, May 23**

Meet: At the Vasco Road Shell station in Livermore at 7:00
Treats: As was the tradition last year, breakfast bagels will be served for all who need some fueled before the ride.

Time: Ride leaves Livermore at 7:15—bikes & bellies fueled, ready to ride. There will be no breakfast stop.

Brunch: Reservations are at 12:00; the buffet costs \$45 ea. including tax and tip.

Tips: Leave home with a full tank of gas. The first gas stop is 135 miles from S.F. The second gas stop is at 115 miles from the first. From that gas stop back to SF is 160 miles. Ride the appropriate hardware with the appropriate range.

RSVP: Please let me know by Wednesday, May 19 if you will be attending this ride. E-mail (lisa@peachpit.com) or call 415.377.0134.

IMPORTANT: There is a \$10 entrance fee into Yosemite for motorcycles! It is FREE if you have a National Parks pass (\$50 a year), which includes spouse. The Ntl. Parks Pass admits the pass signee and any accompanying passengers in a private vehicle if a park has a per vehicle entrance fee. Where a per person entrance fee is charged, the National Parks Pass admits the pass signee, spouse, children and parents. Borrow a pass if you can.

I'll post the route on the list. See you all there!

Dave's Dirty Day: May 15

If it looks like it is going to be hotter than hades, then I propose we abandon dirt biking and take a little morning East Bay Roads Tour, and convene at the palatial Casa Moraga estate for an early afternoon burger BBQ and beer tasting. If it looks like the weather is going to be cold or rainy, you know, great for dirt biking, then we go dirt biking at Carnegie as planned, and you worry about your own lunch. I'll be checking the weather guessers and have a decision one way or the other to you here on Thursday, the 13th. —Dave

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (CONTINUED)

October 26 Meeting

OCT 1-3 Songdog Rally—*Catfish*

OCT 15-17 Eureka Ride—*Catfish*

OCT 23-24 Mike's Dirt Day
dirt Details to be announced

OCT 31 Vice Ride—*Wendy*

November 30 Meeting

NOV 12-14 International Motorcycle Show

NOV 13 Prez ride—*Gretchen*

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

NOV 26-28 Muds and Suds—*Wendy*

December 28 Meeting

DEC 12 East Bay Hills and BBQ—*Kari*

DEC ?? Mojave Dirt Ride —*Catfish*
dirt Details to be announced

Craig's Hot Springs Ride

May 28–31. An extra long weekend extravaganza of riding the Sierra Nevada Mountains, exploring the twisties, the ghost towns, the Bristlecone Pine forest mixed with a variety of hot springs including Grover, Travertine, Buckeye, Crowley, and more!

Breakfast in Walnut Creek at 8:00AM:

Hubcaps Cafe (925-945-6960)

1548 Bonanza St. (take Main St. to downtown,

west on Bonanza St., 1 block)

Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Rider's meeting outside at 9:00AM.

FOUR SPRINGS IT WILL BE!

Northstars got dirty and did some eatin, campin', and of course ridin' at Stonyford in April. Some words from our attendees:

Thanks, Mike! For a great Tri-tip bbq!

For those who missed the dirty bike campout at Stonyford this weekend... too bad! It was warm, dry and fun! Up in the trees cool, damp and tacky! There was snow up top and all sorts of fun in between. I had a blast breaking in my XR650R by chasing Mr. Erik through all sorts of snarly single track. The tri-tip was to die for and the single malt pretty damn good. Thanks to dirty steward Dave for organizing the weekend's events. More?—*Craig*

MmmMMM, that was good tri-tip! Morton of Omaha, packaged in various marinade flavors at Costco. Livermore has a teriyaki that the Concord Costco doesn't, for example. Hans used to bring that one to the desert. We had the Rosemary-Garlic-Chardonnay; aka California Yuppie version maybe?

"Lisa and that 150 could climb anything!" —Mike

Craig's spicy chicken BREASTS were plump & tasty! Oh, and Lisa had some savory morsels TOO! Lots of good food & libations from everyone; Dave, Catfish, Joe, Craig, Erik, Lisa, Gary, Tom, & Hans' nephew, Aaron, (on his Cagiva Grand Canyon) at Davis Flats, and rumors of Steve H. & Joel on the trails from Little Stony, but I never saw 'em.

The single track up in the trees was WONDERFUL!!! Tom and I had an excellent Saturday afternoon running all of 20, 03, down to the start of 04 and all of it, and then back down 20 again. You should have SEEN the COOL single track (33, 35?) with the loooong hillclimb that LISA LED Erik and I up Sunday morning! Traction in the dirt was perfect. Lisa & that 150 could climb anything!

It was a GREAT weekend!!—*Mike*

BAJA 2005...OR BUST!

The excitement builds as conversation and planning has already started for Hans's Baja 2005 trip. A final date would have to be set by at least October. Hans is requesting feedback from the list on those who have been there on dirtbikes (but not Ray Roy). Forthcoming ideas include:

- Day rides from a base camp, or multi-day loops, or one way with a chase vehicle or ?
- Craig and Wendy both prefer mid to late March. She would like to have a date confirmed by Dec. 1, so she can schedule vacation time and will be driving her 35' motor-home with dogs, and trailer their ATV and motorcycles.
- Craig suggested a few options: drive vehicles down to San Felipe and do some day trips from there plus maybe an overnigher to Mikes. Then drive South to Bahia San Luis Gonzaga to camp there and do more day trips down to Bay of LA and back.

- Drive vehicles down to Tecate. Do some day riding around Laguna Hansen.

Continue South to Ensenada and beyond. Camp in Bahia de Los Angeles and do day rides from there out into the desert and possibly an overnight trip to Bahia San Francisquito.

Let Hans know what might work for the RV bunch or dual purpose or street types, or el cheapos. Lydon and Moriarity have lots of good info for planning.

Hans: hkcycles@comcast.net

Be on the lookout for...

Hans is planning to be in the Oregon Dunes this summer if anyone is interested.

He's now on e-mail so contact him:

hkcycles@comcast.net

Dardonelle's Six Pass Ride

September 25-26. This is happening so mark your calendars! Earl and Gretchen are firming up dates for sign up. There will be more information to come about cabin arrangements and RSVP policies.

Hitting the Dog... AFTER hanging at Nepanthe's for the throw-all-your-money-on-the-counter-coffee, then climbing the twisties through the fog up into the sun towards Hunter Liggett, past—or is that stopped by—the “friendly” cop who let Gretchen off since he informed her that “he already ticketed ‘the black bike’ that just went by.” We never heard the end of Lydon's ticket story, which preceded to grow and grow as the tequila flowed well into the early hours of the morning. Even Gary had to finally call it quits and say goodnight to Pat as the camp fire embers still glowed.

Kari led a good ride...thanks! It was good to see Matt Brockway, Joanne, Joe Volpe and his date (Joe, BUY her some leathers!), and Pat Lydon. Earl brought a guest, Chris showed late to breakfast but caught up with us later down the road. And Pete Sloat even got away to join us for the morning. Gretchen, Lisa, Jim had some fun in the twisties while Joanne, Mike, Tom, and Earl hung together.

At the Dog... Gretchen served her now infamous orange vodka appetizers prepared with a straw. Earl had group smoke-ins with his Swisher Sweets—so exquisite when the tips are dunked in red wine before inhaling! Then again there was the Scotch Craig and Chris had brought and the Tequila Earl shared....what happened again that night?

Tom Hung, our newest member, joined us for his last ride as a guest.

The Easter Bunny rode bitch down to the dog and surprised us all with freshly laid eggs on our bikes in the morning. Then we had See's candy to wash the eggs down—thanks to Kari.

The ride home was another great day of twisties and good comradery. Our favorite Mexican lunch spot in Paso Robles was closed but we found another spot that we christened...or was that Earl who christened it in the Ladies room?—*Gretchen and Lisa*

WHERE ARE THEY NOW...

RENE has MOVED and posted the following information:

Friends & Neighbors:

The time has come.

After 40 years in marvelous up-tight Marin, I'm moving to the quiet of the Sierra foothills. Gavin Newsome, the SF Chronicle, Heather Fong and Bay Area traffic have all conspired to rid my happy-ass of this leftist enclave to a place called “Hangtown.” I have not yet arranged for a new e-mail address (coming soon) but the new address is:

4081 Sayoma Lane
Placerville, Calif. 95667
(530) 295-0946
(effective April 7, 2004)

If you find yourself headed up highway #50 toward Tahoe, we're about 5.5 miles East of Single Springs and 3.5 miles West of “downtown” Placerville.

The very first off-ramp for Placerville going Eastbound is “El Dorado Road.” Take the El Dorado Road off-ramp, cross back over the freeway (North) one block to “Echo Rd.,” turn left one block to “Sayoma Lane” and turn right. We're the 3rd house on your right (#4081). It's the one with the 30' aluminum flagpole and the flag of the United States flying 24/7!

Drop-in anytime!

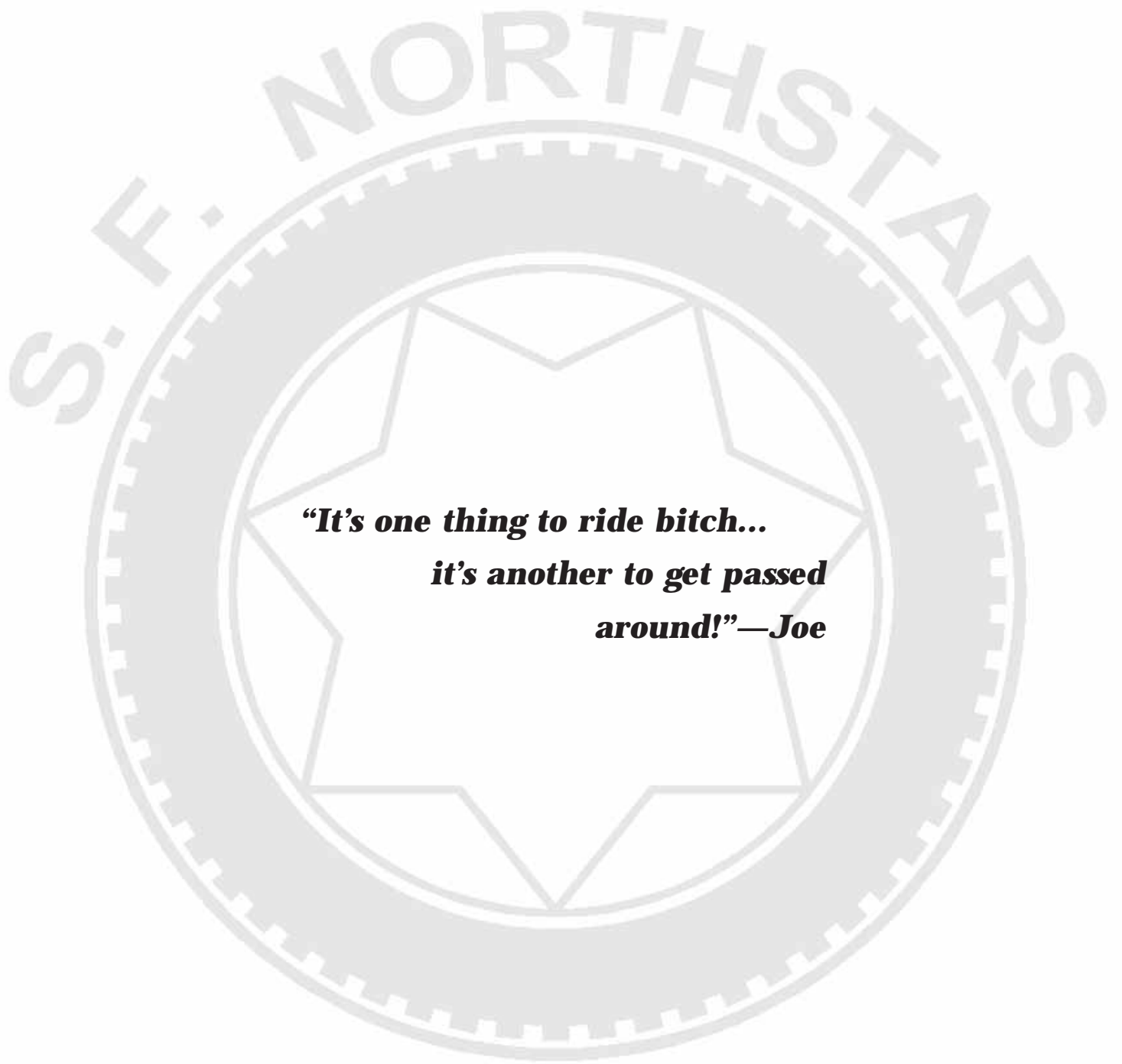
Rene & Susan

For Sale...

1996 Kawasaki ZX6R streetfighter:

- ⊗ 25K miles
- ⊗ no frontal bodywork
- ⊗ has MX bars
- ⊗ a dual headlight
- ⊗ ignition advancer
- ⊗ Yoshimura exhaust
- ⊗ fairly new Sportec tires
- ⊗ asking \$2800

Call Cherie: 925-708-3669 for more info
Photos are hosted on the following server: rotomoto.com/bikepics



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