

# Daily Planet

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### October 26 Meeting

- OCT 15-17 Eureka Ride—*Catfish*  
OCT 24 Mike's Dirt Day  
dirt Little Stoney (see p2 inside)  
OCT 31 Vice's Costume Ride—*Wendy*

### 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 28 Meeting

- DEC 12 East Bay Hills and BBQ—*Kari*  
DEC ?? Mojave Dirt Ride—*Catfish*  
dirt Details to be announced

### January xx Meeting

- JAN 29 Supercross

### February xx Meeting

- FEB 5 Annual awards dinner Delancey St  
FEB 6 Two Mountain Ride—*Catfish*

### March XX Meeting

- MAR 12-26 Baja!

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

### MEETING MINUTES: TUESDAY 9.28

**H**er honor The Prez, called us to order: Guests: Glen, Gino, Mark's daughter and wife, Mario Giocobbe who works in Berkeley, heard about us through the SF MC anniversary party. Owns a Kawasaki Concourse. Members: Alan, Wendy, John Munger, Paula, Patrick, Tom, Mark. **OLD BUSINESS:** *GG Enduro*, Pat, Mark, Gary, Jim Patt, and Bruce put the second ever GG Enduro together. We actually made money, AND we haven't sold all the shirts yet. Great turnout; 24. Everyone made it back. A car was the only fatality due to Erik hitting it. Earl did dirt. In GG Park. When he got to the first checkpoint to answer the question at Coit Tower, Erik gave him tons of EOMB shit, then Earl left and got turned around, so Erik beat him to the next check out. So karma caught up with Erik later after he . He found some great places Vermont street, the H20 fountain where Wendy rode her very first motorcycle . Earl jumped on one of the foot paths so officially did "dirt." Wendy got her XR650L back after Brad used it. She pulls into the shell station, and the guys from the garage come over and they're talkin' supermotard language. She didn't leave for another 1/2 hour. Bike took 1.3 gallons of gas. **NEW BIKES:** HAS A HONDA ENDING; DUCATI GAUGES, KAWASAKI FORKS, R1 REAR TAIL SECTION. BUT THE KITCHEN AID RACK ON THE TAIL SECTION: *My electric starter wouldn't work.—Wendy "Learn how to kick that thing!"—Lisa No no no, I fixed it!—Wendy* **NEW BIKES** CONTINUED: *At Alviso, John says the only bike that started was a Ducati!* John's R1200GS won't run, and the battery goes dead. They can't guarantee it for anything. It has 1300 miles. There is no lemon law for bikes because it's a recreational vehicle. Buyer beware! *I think we have to chip in a buy a new bike for John. "Buy a shirt, get a bike!"* **RIDE REPORTS:** Mike Chaplin had a mishap due to Harley riders trying to notify him that there was sand in the road.

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## Eureka! Earl's take:

- \* *Some of the Best Roads in California*
  - \* *Oyster Shooters*
  - \* *Fresh Sea Food—that day*
  - \* *Fresh Pacific Coast Air*
  - \* *Honeydew and Firndale—lets go visit*
  - \* *Oh yea Hwy. 36 (beginning to drool here?)*
  - \* *Did I mention FRESH SEA FOOD*
  - \* *Dips in the hot tube mostly naked*
  - \* *Drinks in the hot tube—my pic Jack Daniel's Cola*
  - \* *...AND Hwy. 1*
  - \* *The Biggest Trees in the World...and their brothers, the tallest, dressed in red*
- Are ya grinning yet? Well here is some more:*
- \* *Sunny Days and clear roads by order of the Ride Leader.*
  - \* *The towns of Chrome, Weott, Beegum, Ben Bow, Rio Dell, Knob and Mad River.*
  - \* *The Sea Grill cafe—Earl*

## **WENDY'S HALLOWEEN RIDE: OCT. 31**

**Costumes Encouraged!**

**START TIME: 8am**

**MEET: At main entrance of Infineon.**

**DETAILS: We will drive 5 minutes to breakfast so come hungry.**

**Go Karts anyone?  
Gretchen's Prez ride is  
changed to Sat. Nov. 13. She  
is looking into renting the go cart  
track in Fremont as a destination. Cost  
will be approximately \$50 per  
person so let Gretchen know  
if you're interested...**

## EUREKA OCTOBER 15-17

DETAILS: SATURDAY Breakfast - 10AM

Horn of Zeese Cafe 14025 Highway 128  
Boonville, Ca 95415 707-895-3525

Riders meeting at 11AM. We'll take backroads to the coast & up Hwy-1! After GAS in Garberville, we'll head out to Honeydew & the Los Coast. Then, up to Eureka to...

Best Western Humboldt Bay Inn

232 W 5th St Eureka, CA 95501

707-443-2234 (CALL for YOUR room res.)

Some of us will dine at the Sea Grill Saturday night. Let me know if you want a dinner reservation also. The rest usually go down to the Lost Coast Brewery for the evening. Sunday, we'll have breakfast & then cross Hwy-36, with maybe a jog on Hwy-3 & Wildwood, then finish off 36 into Red Bluff for lunch. Then down to Corning & Black Butt Rd. & south to Stonyford for GAS & Leeville Grade ...Don't miss it!!!

## LITTLE STONY SUN. OCTOBER 24

Sunday's DIRT Ride will be 9:30AM at Little Stony Staging area as shown:

<<http://www.micapeak.com/sfnorthstars/images/fout-springs-area1.gif>> on Goat Mountain Rd. We'll head up Lovelady Ridge (instead of Cracker Box) and see if we can find that elusive Mt. Julio again! Should be a nice warm-up ride before the desert trips!

**Sunday November 14 Craig will be leading the 11th annual Steve Mitoma Memorial Ride. Though not specifically a Northstar ride y'all are invited.**

**This is an annual celebration of my friend Steve and the memory of his antics, motorcycle shop and the cool people he brought into my life. Not sure the particulars yet but it will be a Sunday Ride...**

**Contact Craig for more details.**

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He broke a level and scraped up the new Caponord. Paula had a lever that happened to fit, and a wrench to tighten up a loose mirror. Over Sonora pass, down Bridgerport, seven pound rainbow trout. Saturday was Ebbetts, Ebbets (cuz mike Chaplin got lost), Monitor, Sonora. Sunday they went to Strawberry for breakfast, so Sonora and Taiga. About 650 miles on the Yamaha. First two days in a row on the new R1. Tires 218 Dunlops = toast. Craig, Paula, Gary, Mike, Earl. Paula started on Thursday; did 900 miles from L.A. whose son is at UCSC. Went 25, 198, 33. Then Friday went to Bridgeport to meet Craig through Kern river canyon, to Sherman pass, got lost on dirt roads. Up 395 to Bridgeport to meet Craig. Soaked in Travertine hot tubs, then over Monitor pass and up to Ebbets. Stopped at Mosquito lake waiting for the others. While waiting, they heard a bunch of motorcycles roaring up. Some idiot on a Magnum tried to keep up with Earl and all, and unfortunately went down right in front of Paula and Craig. And he even found his tennis shoe. Paula did 1300 miles. *Gretchen* did a ride to Bucks Lake. Started off in Napa, then road around Bucks Lake; about 1200 miles that weekend. She had to stay up until 2:00 a.m. the previous morning to do online traffic school. *Pat went to Chico* eventually to Loyalton, back to Chico on the FJ. *Crazy storm that came through* Earl and a friend went out to Carnegie and by 11:00 he was soaked. Fell down several times through the snotty clay. Had a perfect day of dirt bike riding, so *the season started. Jeano and his wife* did about 1150 miles. First night in Kingsburg, second night 395, final night was South Lake Tahoe. Computer generated the distances, but were off by miles! Enjoyed the mountains. Won two prizes, so his last name of Fortunato has paid off! Coming back, it was Brutal coming across the valley. UPCOMING RIDES: Saturday's ride starts at 7:30 at Lucas Valley. Ride leaves at 7:45. Riding to breakfast in Tomales, then heading to Infineon to see Pete race. Petey racing in the a.m. there's a 4-hour endurance race Saturday. Members will contribute

## 2005 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

*We will take nominations @ next meeting, too*

**PRESIDENT** Craig, Kari, Gary

**VICE PRESIDENT** Wendy, Pat L

**RIDE STEWARD** Craig, Paula

**DIRT STEWARD** Tom H, Earl, Mike

**WORD STEWARD** Glen

**WEB SLUT** Craig

**TREASURER** Allan Paul

**SARGEANT OF ARMS** Lisa, Gary

**TRAILER/RV LIASON** Earl, Mike

*Other ongoing officers (unless someone states we need to change these bc they can no longer do them, etc.)*

**WEB ARCHIVER** Mike C.

**CLUB HISTORIAN** Pete Silva

\$15 toward the lunch. AFM is doing a dinner if you pre-register. October 15-17, Eureka ride coming up. Contact Catfish. DIRT RIDE: October 24 on Sunday, dirt ride at 9:30 at Little Stoney staging area. Wendy's October 31st costume-optional ride. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Sears Point main entrance. 5 minutes down the road to breakfast, then through Sonoma, looping back and ending up in Sonoma. She had a couple goat roads in there. More details to come. November 5-7 International motorcycle show. Gretchen is leading her Prez ride on Saturday. 1/2-day ride on the Peninsula, ending up

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** *Thanks to all for a good meeting last night. Thanks again to Wendy who did so much to get us into the 100th SF MC street show. We have 2 guests who have joined us and expressed interest. Gino and Mario. Please be sure to welcome them at upcoming meetings! Glen was voted in!! CONGRATS!!! WELCOME!! HHFH! Babies—Alan and Mark had their kids at the meeting. Yes, what a change. No way can adding woman to the club be the excuse why kids are now at the meetings. Even the woman could not be heard over the noise! ;-)* **OCT 31—WENDY'S HALLOWEEN RIDE (Costume encouraged): Starts 8am at main entrance of Infineon. We will drive 5 minutes to breakfast so come hungry. ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER—Same as last year. Gretchen will talk with Delancey St. Date targeted is Sat of Superbowl weekend. Next meeting we will vote on price. AWARDS COMMITTEE—Gretchen, Wendy, Lisa ....all are welcome to bring some though, but let us know what so we don't duplicate. NEWSLETTER—This will now be 6/year. Lisa will send out an email to see how is okay just getting the electronic copy. She will mail to who wants a hardcopy one also.**



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at the motorcycle show. Holiday Party in January: Delancey Street again; members agreed, yes! We could coordinate it with Pac Bell's Supercross event, We'll pick a date later. Perhaps Superbowl pre-saturday? Gag gift committee: Wendy and Lisa. Glenn was nominated as a member. Hymn, hymn, fuck hymn! OFFICER NOMINATIONS: President: Craig, Kari, Gary. 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: Sergeant of Arms: Lisa, Gary. Treasurer: Alan. Word Steward: Glenn. Web Slut: Craig. Club Historian: Pete. Vote on e-mailing the newsletter and putting it on the web. Monthly or every other month. e-mail only will be a detriment to the club, thought Earl. We'll exclude people who don't have a computer. 6 newsletters a year but continue to have a hard copy printout. All in favor of 6 hard copy. Lisa will clarify with individuals as to who prefers to receive them via e-mail. Treasury report; as of end of August: \$1,670.76. Wendy: T-shirts are completely paid for, so they're for sale. t-shirts made money! Cost is \$15. We made \$165. Fuck up Jersey should be given to Mike.

### MEETING MINUTES: TUESDAY 8.31 \_\_\_\_\_

Her honor The Prez, called us to order: Guests: Glen, Alan, Wendy, John Munger, Paula, Kari, Keezer, Hans, Jim Patt, Petey, Craig, Doug, Patrick, Gino Fortunato, Bob, Glen. ★ OLD BUSINESS: *As members began to interrupt*, Petey commented that we used to have a kitty and if you talked out of turn you put a quarter in it. Should we reinforce that? Anyone who speaks out of turn owes a quarter! It's up to the person in charge or the "sergeant at arms." ★ NEW BUSINESS: Welcome back, Earl! *I wanna' take back that god damn dinner!—Petey* What a great surprise to see Hans show to the meeting! ★ RIDE REPORTS: *Change in the ride calendar*: Delayed rides: picnic will have to be rescheduled for next year. "Screw the picnic, says Hans." We're considering having a BBQ at Infineon to support Petey's sidecar race. It's also AFM 50-year reunion day. ★ *Petey's sidecar racin'*. Race time is all day Fri and Sat. Bring a noisy thing; a horn, a bell. "I'll bring Gretchen!" Gates open at 7:00 or so. Let's nominate Craig to do a ride that day to Lucas Valley, to the Tomales Baker; to the track. Petey will have BBQ fixin's for post-race party! Northstars can contribute! ★ *Bring something really loud to support Petey*, and to let AFM know that sidecars draw people. ★ *Pre-ride for the GG enduro!* Where's Gary? We've already lost Gary. Bring your GPS to the ride. *Wendy modeled the t-shirt* that will be given away with all entries. Shirts are \$15. Reserved parking is \$112.75 for four spaces outside the brewing company. Alan recommended we don't do that, and just rope off some spaces. They don't have any idea how many people are showing up. Choice of a hamburger, chicken burger. Is there anyway to do an alternate route, then call a terrorist activity and sidetrack the cops so that we can really do the dirt, Hans asked? ★ *Take shortcuts whenever you can.*

Safety first. This is not a race. If you get lost, return to 151 Columbus. ★ *Prizes?* We need donations for raffle prizes. Alan Paul spoke with Matt at Munro to get t-shirt donations. ★ *Glen's been doin' a bang up job, thanks!* Alan Paul made up some flyers and needs help passing them out! Dudley Perkins, Scuderia, Alan and Wendy are donating things, ★ *Wendy bought trophies!* Do you have a trophy for last place, Pete asked? The person is the slowest gets a trophy! If you get lost, come back to SF Brewing (and start all over). *You have to bring a dirt sample on your tires from GG Park!* ★ RIDES: September Dardanelle's ride. *Who's goin' on Dardanelle's? Let Gretchen know deadline 9.* Call Gretchen at 415.587.2335! *Meet at Stevie B's off Hopyard. Ride starts at 7:30.* ★ Craig needs to update the calendar on the web site so give him ride details., ★ *Baja... March! Let's go!* Ride will be at least 10 days. March 12–26. Craig mentioned going to Bay of LA, but Hans wants to do go to a place, do loop rides, or do an overnigher. Bay of LA is easy to get to taking Hwy 1. Shoot down 1 or go from San Felipe and meet people with RVs at Bay of LA. TBD. More details to be discussed. ★ VOTES: Paula. Craig's ridden with Paula for 2-3 years. She's taken the Monster on more dirt =roads than his XR. He'd highly recommend her. Kari has ridden with her, responsible and fun rider. Fun. Likes hot springs. Very good at eating. And good selection of scotch. How many members do we have in the club, now, asked Petey? Is there more men than women, Hans asked? Is she future officer material? *Welcome Paula, our newest NS member!* ★ NEW BIKES: John Munger has a BMW 12 GS. He's on his second battery. Very weird the brakes are weird. ★ Wendy has a bike. She scored THE bike. The Vice Ride bike. An XR650 supermotard out, street legal. Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki, Ducati and Kitchen Aide parts on it. That IS Super Retard. The illustrious Brad Lackey will be riding it in the GG Enduro. It's a complete squid bike. Wendy goes out, no gloves, and she turns around in a dirt road and loses the front end. She picked it up by herself, and comes back and gives the grin to her husband who says, "What?!" Dangerous at any speed. ★ RIDE REPORTS: Gary, Alan, and Glenn went up to Donner Summit ride. Stayed at the lodge. Sat. they did a 350-mile loop down the frontage road (old hwy 40), to 20 to Grass Valley where they had bkfst, then 49 then cut over to Oroville, then Hwy 70 to Lake oroville, Quincy Road . Clean hwy all the way to Quincy. Hooked up with Glenn in Quincy, then to Antelope Lake, bypassed Loyalton, then 89 to Donner Summit and spent the night. Got steaks, BBQ fixin's and beer. Watched trials and amazed at their talent. Jumpin' boulders then mountain climbin' granite. They motored home on the superslab. ★ Pat rode to Chico to Antelope Lake, then dirt roads to Loyalton. The Golden West Saloon is for sale in Loyalton. Then back to chico. about 700 miles. ★ Hans had a phone call from Friend, Gary, to meet him in Sturges. Also got a call from

Brad Luther in Seattle and Hans invited him to Sturges. Pursued his friend's R1150RT to loan him his beemer, and Brad gave him his R-80. Got a week off from work, and at Hans's house the next morning. Did a full-service on it, and off they went. Started pourin' rain the minute. Chased the storm out of Portland along Hood River. Did great backroads in Easter Oregon to Boise..zzzz. Up to the Saw Tooth Mtn. toward Ketcham and Sun Valley. Brad decided he was gonna' kick back on the cruiser pegs puttin' along, and Hans on the FJR as he hit a crest of the hill there were 8 Harleys runnin' and by the time he passed the last bike he shuttered as he passed him at 150 givin' Hans the fist! Slowed up, then his radar Brad behind Hans, took the Valentine off the windshield the night before, runnin' 95 and wrote him a ticket for 82. Only \$58. Hans comp'd the hotel room. From there they cut across to Yellowstone getting in at midnight. No crowds 'till the next morning, and it was like NYC. Packs of Harleys. So going out the South Exit waiting 20 minutes to make a left. So went to Jackson Hole. Brad decided to cut off and go to Denver to get laid, so If you would have taken care of that, he would have been'. He got 58 mph on the FJR at slow speed through Yellowstone. 🌟 Tire was gettin' thin, so got to Salmon ID, over pass to Mazula. Went over Lolo pass to Clarkston Washington, highlight road (hwy 21 or 22)? 180 miles of twisties. Only passed 6 cars. Clean pavement and sweepers for 4 hours. About 103 degrees in Clarkston to go to Enterprise Canyon via twisty "Diablo-like" road. Tire had curly booger things, so by the time he had gotten home he had burned through the metal chord and the metal was bubbling up. About 2400 miles in 5 days. Craig says there's a great hot springs into pools on the river in the Saw Tooths. 🌟 Hans took a trip to Cancun, and rented a Honda 150 with bent forks. Anything over 50mph was a speed wobble. Rode to the ruins. Came up to the federales and Hans didn't have a passport or DL and wouldn't let them through and wanted to arrest Hans. Pulled out some money, and looked around and said "no you have to follow me." and Hans turned around and drove away. 🌟 Went to Coos Bay and rode the sand Oregon dunes. Awesome weather. Northstars North" type crowd. Great storytellers. Hans was the youngest. All on Quads pumped up go fast dune machines. Also own streetbikes (ZX's) 🌟 He was at Don Singer's house. He has a KTM 950 Adventure. Judy, the first NS female rider. He's about an hour's drive from Hans, and they're going to do some riding. Judy's about 4'13" little Tiny thing. Good people! 🌟 Craig and Paula headed up Mine's road which was chip sealed. Then across the valley to Oakhurst. This guy has a web site called: daytrips with a splash. Topo maps with GPS coordinates. they went along Bass Lake, stopped, hiked back to a beautiful spot. Camped, then went to Basor road. High country meadows. Found a great water hole (cold water). Shrinkage. Went back to campground on Forestry road 10 (like a horse camp). Hardly anyone there. Resno dome. Ran down into town, and people suggested a biker friendly place to stop. About 45 different burgers on the menu. Hawaiian, Mexican, Italian. Good prices, etc. On the way home stopped off in Merced river. Crossed the valley and didn't have to peel off their gear. 🌟 Tommy's club ride last weekend, Bruce, Duffy, and Julio and Catfish. We started off at Mama's and through Berkeley hills by football stadium. Pretty foggy road. Road South to 92, then quickly traversed the San Mateo bridge attracting the attention of a CHP officer who ignored them. On Skyline, Tom, Bruce, and Catfish headed out with the fast group and found a motorcycle CHP.. on foot. Apparently the officer took his reading with the radar gun, stepped over to putt it back in the pocket, then ran over the Tommy was clocked at triple digits and they're all the same. Hwy patrolman wrote Tommy up for the same speed. Can be an impounded (feony). CHP officer waved everyone else off. Met up with Alice's where Tommy cried quite a bit. Craig interjected and went to the rider awareness day. Fire dept. had a chart of all the roads. They show ther number of fatalities south of Alice's About 40 or 50 fatalities in that one section. So not smart to speed on Skyline. Alice's is in dead center of the kill center. 18-year olds gettin' out on their squid bikes and kill themselves. They speculate that the cop didn't have him towed because he was out there by himself. They gave Tommy the web address of Ticket assassin.com and wished him good luck. On a personal note, Julio went to Eureka for lunch. 20 and Fort Bragg to 101 and 128. Long way to go for lunch but worth it. Samoa cook house. About 15 miles short of 600 miles for the day. 🌟 Earl knows how important it is to the club to put on a good ride this coming weekend like we've been going for years, so he checked up on the competition on Sunday. In the Blackhawk desert there's about 1500 people out there for burning man a week early! Car that was 2 stories tall and one story wide. 🌟 Earl had an interesting ride in downtown SF. Put him on a 4-wheel cart and wheeled him down to the lab. There's a c curtain a few feet away and he hears a girl say I'm gonna' go out and say I'm gonna' get myh box lasered. Conversation carries on that she's going to get hair removal done. Earl asked Hey are you the one who's gonna' get your bush lasered. She lifts up Earl's gown and looks and said "they didn't shave you!!!" She proceeds to shave him while they talk about her laser surgery. The stubble startled him awake as it was poking him. He's going to make a complaint about the stubble. Surgeon just gave Earl a clean bill of health to do whatever he wants from here on out. It was a mistake, says the doctor. He's going to throw a party to celebrate!. 🌟 He's getting ready to check out waiting for a wheel chair. He can't find a wheelchair, so the nurses are talking saying "I guess it's okay that he walks down through the door." Let him walk out of the hospital because they couldn't find a wheelchair! 🌟 We're glad you're here shaven and not leaking. if you feel the need to scratch, go ahead.. 🌟 Pete brought some paraphernalia. The original GG Enduro t-shirt. Pictures of Petey perspective' gold. Petey wanted to keep the feel of the older t-shirts. Thanks Pete and Brad for designing the t-shirt. . 🌟 Craig has the ability to scan and upload pictures onto the web site, so give him any old photos and he'll post them.

**At this month's meeting, Pete brought in some great photos of days past. Craig took a handfull and will be scanning them to upload onto the website. If you have any interesting photos from years past or current rides send them to Craig. Any digital pics please burn to a CD and get them to me. All hard copy, bring them to the next meeting. Craig will work on creating a nice photo archive online.**

## THE SCOOP ABOUT SONGDOG

I just talked to Jim this morning & the situation is NOT good. :( Jim not only NEVER had permits to build ANYTHING on this property, but its not even "zoned" to allow anything but a house anyway! The county inspector has told them that NOTHING had permits, not even the 80-year-old windmill!

The 1st of many tens of thousands of dollars would be needed to pay the county to re-zone the property. THEN, ALL of the non-code & non-permitted structures (house & barn too!) would have to be torn down. Then the new planning process & new permits for new structures could be started.

None of this is going to take place, 'cause Jim & family can't afford any of it. Jim & Joan are currently moving everything to their new cabin up on Pine Mountain, including the Rev-Pack sewing business.

The Songdog ranch is officially "history" now according to Jim. Because of all of this, daughter Jenny & her husband who were going to take over the ranch & campground business very soon, are now looking for property near Lake Isabella.

The ranch will be "for sale" as soon as they can legally get it ready to sell. They do not know yet what, if not all, of the structures they may have to remove to sell the land.

As if this weren't bad enough, Joan is having health problems. She has a genetic nerve problem that is slowly causing a loss of use of her leg muscles. She is just barely walking with a cane now & is getting leg braces next week. Jim fears she'll be in a wheelchair if this continues.

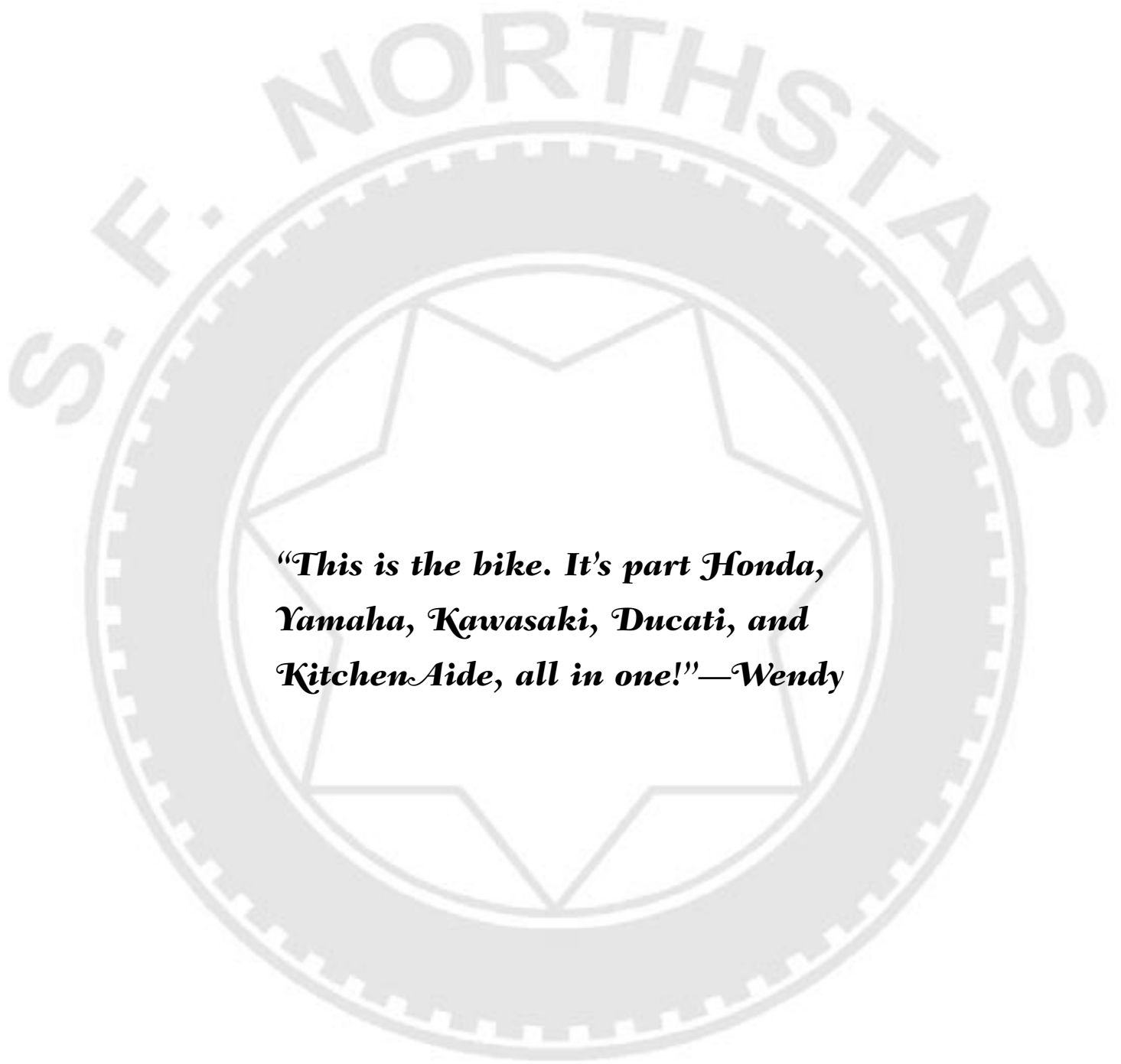
If you have any extra karma sitting about, send some down to Jim & Joan. They sure can use some right now. He sounds amazingly cheerful (as always) on the phone considering what's up down there.

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, Catfish

## GOLDEN GATE ENDURO... A SUCCESS!

☛ Up Cruised Petey on the jet ski, Brad Lackey in tow, onto the curb at the SF Brew Pub. Leaning it onto the sidewalk, the boat anchor got dragged out of the "trunk" and with a clang dropped onto the sidewalk and wrapped around the lightpole. Petey had arrived! ☛ Whata great turnout at the Northstar second annual Golden Gate Enduro. Participants wondered how much dirt there really would be. Word has it that Earl actually did some dirt in Golden Gate Park, as he pulled up onto the walking path along Martin Luther King Jr. Way, making the right turn onto 25th, then Lincoln, and on the way to Twin Peaks. ☛ The route took us around the best of the best of the City. From Coit Tower to the Officers Club in the Presidio, through Sea Cliff, to the Legeon of Honor. A quick stop at the U.S. San Francisco, past the Cliff House, through GG Park and over Twin Peaks. How many steps you ask, are there up to the fountain in St. Francis Woods? That is still being contended. ☛ All in all we traveled less then three miles of freeway, a short jaunt on 101 exiting at Vermont then onto the crookedest street in San Francisco (which is NOT Lombard). Pennsylvania is the longest and steepest street in the City. ☛ Erik banged into a Lincoln Continental on the freeway on the last leg. Lady didn't even know she had hit him by the expression on her face as she stared straight ahead while Erik tried to establish eye contact. ☛ Everyone loves a good raffle, so a supply of great give-aways was raffled off at the end, including a helmet, a backpack. 24 riders in all signed up for the event and finished. Dave Rivers and Gary tied for first place. Richard Jung, EOMB's top "A" rider-took home the trophy for last place, only because Erik parked his bike and beat him to turning in his times.

**THANKS to Pete Silva & Brad Lackey for a fun time at Infineon Raceway watching the sidecar races. And to Craig for leading a good ride. Paula & guest, Mario, joined the ride, while Kari hooked up later with them. Gretchen & guest rode a different route after "sleeping in" & metup at the track. Mark & Patty were already there since Mark was warming up to race on Sunday. A good day was had by all.**



***"This is the bike. It's part Honda,  
Yamaha, Kawasaki, Ducati, and  
KitchenAide, all in one!"—Wendy***

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