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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 31 Northstars Meeting

AUG 14-15 National Trials competition

AUG 21-22 Street ride—*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 6 Pass Dardanelle's—*Earl&Gretchen*

October 26 Meeting

OCT 1-3 Songdog Rally PENDING
Petey's sidecar event. Possible BBQ at Infion or Songdog Rally. Vote TBD at next meeting.

OCT 15-17 Eureka Ride—*Catfish*

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

OCT 31 Vice's Costume Ride—*Wendy*

November 30 Meeting

NOV 12-14 International Motorcycle Show

NOV 13 Prez ride to the MC show—*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

MEETING MINUTES: TUESDAY 7.27

Her honor the Vice, Wendy is on tap to run the meeting. ⚡ Minutes from last meeting read; Guests: Paula Keezer, Jeano Fortunato, Millia Boyd—2 mo. old! Glen. ⚡ OLD BUSINESS: *Jim got a ticket* for crossing double yellow after dropping off \$\$ to Full Circle after SFMC party. No good deed goes unpunished! ⚡ *SFMC party was fun!* Those guys sure looked good for being 100! Lots of folks there. Booth folks gave out lots of NS biz cards. When asked about the club Joe Volpe said they have interesting meetings. They have rules for talking out of order (pay a quarter), tough on potential members (hazing?) and yet they have fun. ⚡ NEW BUSINESS: *Friday night departure has been set for Donner Summit Trials* event on August 13th. Ride up and down mountain to Quincy, American River etc. Trials event on Saturday is mostly amateur stuff. Plans are to go do a fun ride on Saturday skipping the trials action. Finals and Pros on Sunday. Alan will lead a ride on Saturday and then return for BBQ that night. If not enough interest in BBQ then dinner in Truckee. Bring sleeping bag or rent one. Minimal gear required. Cost is \$16 per night. Alan can bring 7 plus or minus a few more. Need advance notice. Bunk beds! Men's dorm and Women's dorm. Patio and grill outside. ⚡ Northstar *Golden Gate Enduro Labor Day Ride—Dirt?* Will there really be dirt? Maybe! Ride will go thru the park. Sept 6th. Trivia questions will be asked about the route to prove you were there. Bonus trivia questions will be available. Route sheet to be detailed. Pre Pre-ride did not happen... to be continued. \$10 for lunch beer not included. \$25 entry fee so \$15 to club. T-shirts and trophies will be awarded so that comes out of the \$15. Hopefully \$25 will cover. The event will be a timed run just like an enduro. Credit for finishing each of the trivia questions, minus 5 points each minute early and minus 1 point for each minute late. Need a release of liability form for this event. Will there be a sweep? Maybe. Wendy will do check in and check out at start/finish line. This will be a full day event despite it being a 120 minute ride. Want to keep it safe and sane! Shirts—NS logo on the back, front will have the GG bridge with a motorcycle of some sort. ⚡

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Sept 25th is the Dardanelles ride.

14 beds in 7 cabins in reserve at this point. Start time is 7:30 at Coco's at Mines Road and 1st street in downtown Livermore. Lunch is at Mountain View BBQ in Walker! Should arrive at Dardanelles in time for porch sitting, cigar smoking and scotch drinking! There is one larger cabin with multiple beds or you can have more privacy if you want a smaller room. Rooms range \$45-\$125 a night depending upon your choice. Dinner will be at the lodge. 3-pass ride to get there. Additional 3 passes on Sunday to get home. Call Gretchen with more details. ★ Dirt rides for next couple of months will be local day rides. Most likely early start times to beat the heat. ★

Ride reports: Wendy – Rode Highway 4 past Arnold up into the Stanislaus National Forest. Found a great area where they snow mobile in winter and offer dirt riding in the summer. Mostly logging trails with real logs across the road! Only ran into a few young kids on ATVs and such. There's a hunting cabin out there available for folks to overnight. Some supplies on hand. Restock with goods if you bring them. This is untouched National Forest. No maps with much detail. Roads are on GPS. Rangers are real excited that folks are coming up there. Beware that there are some loggers out there. 6n39 is the main road. Lots of offshoots. Right by Alpine Lake. Lisa - slow ride report. Friend Rachael is associate art director at Diablo magazine. Backpage is called 24/7. Did a motorcycle photo shoot out on Mines Road. Pictures of Lisa. Shot

photo from back of pickup truck. Photos on website. URL to follow on email. While riding back around 8pm, something hit her on the chest. Breasts have officially knocked out a bird! Dove was in middle of road. Put him on side of road and made a memorial for him. Apologized and left. Photo will run in Diablo magazine in October (that's of Lisa on the motorcycle, not of her killer breasts). ★

Kari—Cool turnout for ride to the races. Tommy, Jim, Wendy, Kari and a couple of others. Nice casual ride took 5 hours to get to Laguna Seca...including breakfast. Up Bonny Doon, out San Gregorio, Empire Grade to Santa Cruz. Police presence was zip! Traffic going in on Saturday was mild. ★

Wendy—Sunday's ride home was 101 back, cussing whole way. 156 was worse! Came up to an R bike with bags that was lane splitting but not too fast. She passed him and ran up to a guy going 20 mph with 50 bikes stacked up behind him. She passed as many as she could. When the freeway finally opened up her minimum

speed from that point on was 90! She had the large bags on the GTS! Yikes! Apparently 880 is faster but 101 was good. Two guys on sportbikes were dogging her at this point. She cut over to 580 and they followed her there too. Finally she tucked in behind car doing 82 mph and they left. Made it home in 2.5 hours. ★ *Tommy took 156* and left prior to end of race. Gave up on 101 and did 156 to Santa Cruz and then up 9. Wide open. One cop at 9 and skyline. After that wide open again! ★ If you check your gear at *Ducati Island* and don't pick it up in time you go without! Had to spend the night and pick it up the next day. ★ *Craig did a fabulous road trip* in his van. Did manage to whip out the XR for a couple days of fun up in Oregon. Pics and story to be posted soon. ★



Paula—Kari's ride to Lassen. Drakesbed lodge out on the far end of Lassen is awesome! Fab food, nice camping, dinner reservations allow you full use of facilities. Quite civilized. Restaurant has power but no where else. Nice formal hot springs with clear water. Hiked to Hells Kitchen and Terminal geyser. Marmots, deer, and other critters. The next day rode back thru Chester for July 4th party and then back out 89 to Northside of park by a creek. This National Forest campground has at least 100 feet between sites and is a really beautiful place. Finished up wine and scotch that night by the campfire, at least that what appeared to have happened since no one remembers... Left Kari behind and ran up past Shasta and then on to Crater Lake for 2 days. Wandered the rim and spent some quality time on the East side. No one over there and yes, the lake is really

that blue! From there went north to pumice desert and then down 138 thru Umpqua National Forest. Got to hot springs and ran into another naked Northstar, Mr. Hightower. After a pleasant soak we got kicked out by locals who were cleaning the tubs. Despite the fact that this is a primitive hot springs there are plenty of folks who care for it and maintain it. Later we celebrated Paula's birthday at Eagle's Rest campground on the river. The next day Craig took easy route to Gold Beach. Paula took the backroads to Galice and then attempted to take the fun route over the Cascades. While stopping for some chips and a soda some of the locals chatted her up. They told her the road was closed. She rode out to check it out. No go. Rocks all across the road from a tremendous land slide. She backtracked to Galice for options from locals. A couple of old timers at bar told her you can't get by landslide. Nearest road 100 miles south thru Grant's Pass. What about going over the mountains? Rafters were going that way. Old timers said oh you don't want to do the mountains. Despite the warnings she used her GPS to guide her

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over the mountains. 70 miles of dirt! Got into Illiam national forest and hit it hard on the pavement. While zooming along at warp speed a bear jumped out in front of her. She managed to miss the little guy and hoped to miss the big one somewhere behind! She had to take another road to bypass the second road that was closed to get to pavement to get to Gold Beach. Once she hit the pavement she did her best to lose the chicken stripes on the tires. She was quite successful! The next night was spent at Mill Creek near Crescent City after a day of fun on the Rogue River (see Craig's report on the web). The next day she cruised down the Avenue of the Giants and stopped at Founders Park. Amazing old trees! Finally she ran down to Mendocino for the night. The day after that she finished up with Stewarts Point/Skaggs Springs road and then 101 on home. ★

Joe...lots of fun riding between 50 and 80. Dirt and street! ★ *Bob and son did a ride.* During the ride the son started weaving around. Turns out he was sick...at both ends! Bob felt bad for him until he got nailed as well. Must have been food poisoning. Blech! Bad news! ★ New bike report: *Bob—Lovin the new Triumph!* ★ Joe—Earl has another vote of confidence for great work from Joe. Fabricated and mounted new radar detector. Three cheers for the Valentine One! ★ That's all folks!—Craig

MEETING MINUTES: 6.29

Welcome to Ang and Kevin! Raffle at SFMC 100th anniversary – raised \$114—to be delivered by Jim or mailed by Allan. ★ GGEnduro: Wendy – asked for anyone who wants to help with the Enduro. Need to get Pat L., he knows the city the best, Everyone spread the word about it, Wendy brought cards that were also at the anniversary party. ★ Guests: Glen, Paula, Alex Remos, Members: Catfish, Tommy, Mark, Allan, Chris, Gretchen, Wendy, Kari, Jim. Former members Alan Macias and Angela Barks (with Kevin) were at the meeting as well. ★ New Business: Website: We should post the announcement for the Enduro to the website. Wendy to send artwork to Catfish. Catfish will post to the website, as well as convert to a form that will work for Citybike....we traded Brian Halton a membership for ads, so we need to get the GGEnduro. Wendy also brought archive photos that Tim Burk sent. ★ Wendy also brought Laguna Seca tickets for anyone who wants. She will have these. ★ MEMBERSHIP: Allan reviewed who had paid membership for the year. Discussed how to get other members to pay their dues. People to talk to about paying their dues include: Matt Brockway. If you know others, please talk to them about the Enduro if nothing else. ★ Lisa will be inviting EOMB. ★ Upcoming Rides: Sat. Aug. 14 and 15th Donner Ski Ranch for eat, ride, eat, land, play in the hills, watch 2004 AMA National Trials Play on the Downyville motorcycle/bicycle roads??? ★ PICNIC!!! and

crash at B and B Morshead Aug. 21. ★ Oct. 16 and 17th Eureka “Lost Coast” ride – it is a two day ride, not a three day. ★ NEW BIKES: Allan Paul not only got his liquor license, he also got a V-Strom!!! Will be selling the BMW, although some had suspicions he'd get caught up in the “Multi-bike syndrome” And wondering how to “Break-in” bike without breaking it... ★ Ride Reports! Allan paul's break-in for the new V-Strom, the feather river ride with Pat L, Doug Hill, Gary, Joe V. Went up to Donner, then out of Oroville and up the Feather River- couple of construction sites along the way that allowed them to get out on front a bit, too. Report that the Mill in Loyaltown is closed, resulting in lots of vacant signs, and is becoming a bedroom community for Truckee! Hit a couple of other old mining towns before taking a 10 mile or so dirt road up to a gold rush town. All of the Downyville's bicycle roads are paid for with the motorcycle gray sticker program. (Jim said he had had his dual sport on those before). ★ Wendy re-conquered the motorcycle (WR250) that threw her for a, well, dislocated shoulder. Went down to Clear Creek. Didn't get thrown from the bike, but DID almost get SHOT, several times! By some yahoos shooting rounds. Lots of folks rode it and thought it handled weird due to the lowering of the whole bike. Wendy also admitted her bike was “Saggy,” as well as too light in the rear end. She also took her motorhome down into Clear Creek on some very non-motorhome roads, down to Oak Flat (Slope, at least in the middle of the night). ★ Gretchen went up with the EOMB up north and went dirtbiking; after an exhausting trip down to the river and back, folks said “let's go swimming in the river.” She was too exhausted to go, until a 16-gear monster truck came over the hill to pick them up and make new trails down to the river. ★ Hot Springs ride! Was successful with lots of roads and lots of soaking! More hot springs on the way for the Lassen Trip, too!—Kari

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GOLDEN GATE ENDURO—SEPTEMBER 6

- ✓ Members, be sure to sign up.
- ✓ Bring guests and encourage others to join in the fun!
- ✓ Call Wendy for more details.

TOM HUNG'S SATURDAY August 21 Ride

DETAILS: Meet at 7:30 for breakfast at Mama's on Broadway in Oakland.

CLUTCHES OUT at 9:00

He'll be ridin' Redwood road, highway 9, and many other fun roads headin' toward Santa Cruz.

Call Tom if you're interested in attending.
510.326.5740.

Dardanelles: September 25-26

- *There are multiple rooming options (for ex. multiple single beds in one room for less expensive or queen beds for couples).*
- *For rooming prices and reservations Call or e-mail Gretchen at gretchhoff@sbcglobal.net or call 415.587.2335 to reserve a room by Thursday September 9.*

ride info...

** Clutches out at 7:30 at the old Buttercup off Hopyard in Pleasanton.*

** Late lunch at Mountain View BBQ in Walker! (Be sure to eat a big breakfast.) * Should arrive at Dardanelles in time for porch sitting, cigar smoking and scotch drinking! Dinner will be at the lodge.*

HEY EARL, WE'RE THINKING OF YOU

☛ Steve Hursch hosted a pre-surgery dinner for Earl on Saturday night in Pleasanton. We all wished Earl a speedy recovery from heart surgery, and hoped he'd be good to those nurses!

NEWS FLASH! When Earl went into the hospital for his procedure, the tests revealed that the section of his aorta that had an aneurysm has shrunk back to normal size and subsequently will NOT need surgery to fix at this time!

Earl wrote to the list: No new parts for now. I was surprised to say the least when the surgeon told me that the angiogram indicated that there was no need for surgery at this time. He said he would follow up with CT scans every six months.

There are some unanswered questions that my personal doctor and I have and he is working with me to get those answers. Right now I am recovering from the angiogram and will be back to work next week and looking forward to a return to a normal life style after my personal doctor gives me the OK.

Jim at Songdog Ranch needs to obtain the correct permits in order to reopen the campground. See www.songdog.com. It's a scary site (temporarily closed until further notice).



“RUMOR MILL: I hear nurse Ratchet is going to be at the next meeting to demonstrate cam shaft maintenance and care through the glove slapping technique.”

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