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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 27 Northstars Meeting

- JULY 2-5 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 6 Pass Dardanelles—*Earl&Gretchen*

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's Costume Ride—*Wendy*

MEETING MINUTES: TUESDAY 5.25

Attendees at this month's meeting: **President Gretchen, The Vice, Wendy, Lisa B., Mister Minkler, Allan, Kari, Pat L.,** and a surprise attendee **Bob Pisani**, who promptly plunked down his dues money and is an active member once again! another surprise attendee was member **Doug Hill**. Guests included **Laura Sharek**, and **Glen** with one "n." CORRECTION: In the last issue the Daily Planet, I misspelled our mantra "HYMN! HYMM! FUCK HYMN!! Apologies, and thanks for point it out to me. ☆ **Dues: Don't forget to pay up!** Someone needs to collect from Rene so that he can receive these newsletters. ☆ 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. ☆ SFMC is celebrating their 100th year anniversary. A few Northstars have volunteered to work the booth that Wendy will have set up for Mission Motorcycles. ☆ The return of the Golden Gate enduro is ramping up, as Wendy and Patrick plan the route, which is rumored to be hitting three parts of town, ending up at the Brew Pub. ☆ Bob announced that Ken Ennor, Northstar member past, has moved to Oregon. ☆ Doug Hill is back in town for a few months after moving back East last year. He shipped his bike and will be joining us on some rides this summer. ☆ There are hints that Clear Creek is closing. For more info go to:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2004/06/13/BAGIJ75D2J1.DTL>

Thanks to Glen, Bob Pisani and Gretchen for volunteering for booth duty! And to Wendy for managing us! And to Kari who produced the signs!!!

FEATHER RIVER CANYON

We had a blast through the Feather river and Antelope lake at the top of the Sierra's. Loyaltton had the great prime rib. we were going so well that after we climbed over the pass (49) to Bassetts we took the road over to Greyeagle and back. Then in Downieville we decided to check out a ghost town (Forest City) on dirt roads and on to Nevada city and then to Joe Volpe's home.

Thanks: Gary Thomas, Allan Paul, Joe Volpe, Doug Hill.—Patrick

SFMC is having a block party on June 19 to celebrate their 100 year anniversary as a motorcycle club. Go to: <http://www.sf-mc.org/> Party takes place at the **2100 block of Folsom** between 17th and 18th. **Time: 10–6.**

Interested in workin' the booth? Bob Pisani and Gretchen will be there, along with Wendy and Pete Silva.

Mission Motorcycles will be setting up a booth. Pete Silva will be at the festivities all day, so, if anyone needs a break he can help out.

Kari is making donation/raffle signs (THANKS!) and meeting/ride schedule cards. We will be raffling off prices (motorcycle gear, t-shirts, and SF Brewing Co. gift certs.) and giving the proceeds to Full Circle. There will also be a small handout and details about the upcoming GG Enduro.

From the desk of Joanne...

FYI, I am tentatively scheduled for knee surgery Friday June 18—some authorizations still pending may delay that. Expected crutch time, 8 weeks so it looks like my 2-wheel time for the summer is pretty well shot. Hmm, my 2-foot time for the summer doesn't look so hot either. (ACL replacement and microfracture procedure to replace cartilage) I'll be home for somewhere around 2 weeks.

The good news is it should end up fully functional. And the doc considers dirt bikes rehab.....

—Joanne

✓ VOTE RESULTS—May

Critical information and votes will now be highlighted in the newsletter each month. The following was voted on:

- ✓ **We voted in the SFMC block party details.**
- ✓ **We voted in the rest of the 2004 ride calendar. Thanks to all the Ride Stewards; Kari, Dave, Catfish and the ride leader volunteers!**
- ✓ **Can't remember, but we may have had to vote to sing "Happy Birthday" to Gretchen, our fearless President and leader!**

More on the SFMC Block Party... We are selling ourselves. Ok, here's the real deal. We are attracting people to our booth with a raffle of donated MC gear, t-shirts, and SF Brewing gift certs. (100% of the proceeds go to the Full Circle cause <http://www.fullcircleprograms.org/html/programs/residential/residential.htm>) Also, the Daly City Police will be raffling a Harley Davidson off in our booth to help fund their widows and orphans program. Since we will be attracting a lot of attention it will be up to our volunteers to promote our club to prospective members, as well as sell potential participants on the Golden Gate Enduro event which should bring some revenue into our treasury. • The whole community service attitude can only help our club's image. Oh, I think I just felt a pack of Northstars rolling over. Does that help identify **WHAT THE HELL WE ARE DOING? As always suggestions and comments are welcome.—The Vice.**

LAGUNA (July 10)

Who's all planning on going down to the races on Saturday (esp. if you are planning on joining my ride down there)? Will you need will-call or are you getting your tickets from Wendy?

I'm trying to determine where to start from, which will depend a little on who is all going/where they are leaving from. We'll probably take off around 8 with a pre-breakfast pre-ride snack of sorts (either I'll bring some or we'll meet at a place that has pasteries).

We will ride either down the coast (but that would probably be cold) or down Hwy. 9 (probably not too busy at that time). We will hit Santa Cruz (I have a warning that the Cops are out in force down there) and make our way to the Moss Landing Cafe for a 9:30-10 am breakfast, then down to the races, probably in the front gate unless everyone has their tickets, planning on being parked by around 12 or a quarter after so and ready to watch the 12:50 AMA Superstock race. Folks can hang out at the races together, but PLEASE NOTE folks are on their own to ride back, as I'm sure some folks are staying at various places for the next day of racing while others may be going home, etc.—Kari

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (CONTINUED)

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

Catfish's June Dirt Ride

With the other weekends booked up now, this is the ONLY June DIRT ride.

Plasse's Resort <http://www.plassesresort.com> at Silver Lake (El. 7200') on Hwy-88 has finally opened for the season, and Steve Hursh has made reservations for three campsites for Fri, Sat. and Sun. nights (June 25-28).

Info from their web pages above... Campsites: \$27/night (4 people + 1 vehicle) \$ 5/night (extra vehicle)

Showers and other facilities, restaurant, bar, and general store at the resort. An OHV trail runs right out of camp (south) that leads to the Immigrant Trail and other jeep trails southwest towards Bear River Reservoir.

Some would guess about a day of riding. A Dual-Sport bike would be best for riding in this area, as you could then get to the numerous trails north of 88, and also over to Red Lake and Hope Valley to get to the Blues Lakes and the Deer Valley Trail down to Hermit Valley on Hwy-4. Trucks *could* haul dirtbikes to the other trail heads also.

Anyway, the trailer crowd (Steve Hursh, Julio, and Catfish) are heading up Friday morning. Some folks should be able to tent camp with us at our reserved sites. If a large number of folks are interested, then more campsites may be needed. Let us know if you are coming too!—Catfish

FOUR SPRINGS IT WILL BE!

On Saturday, May 8th, Julio & Catfish met for breakfast & headed up to Little Stony for a day of dirt exploring. Crossing the creek to climb Lovelady ridge (Trail 01), we noticed that the low spot on the far side of the creek was getting DEEP as we both crossed the center & just barely sputtered out of the water! The creek, or the 1st 3/4 of it, was 6-12 inches deep; but the hole at the far side was almost 3 feet deep!

Climbing Lovelady ridge is WAY easier than climbing Crackerbox out of Little Stony. In the rocky areas, the trail had a LOT of large loose rocks to negotiate. Looked like it got the same *maintenance* that Crackerbox got. We followed it over to Pacific Ridge & on to road M5. We discussed exploring the lower roads & looking for trails 09 & 10 that I'd never done before. Turned left from M5 onto 16N25 & followed the signs towards Wilson Camp. Past right by Trail 10 without seeing it the 1st time, but the road was fun to follow with its loong climb to the top of Spanish Ridge.

There was a maze of roads & forks at the top, so we explored our way down several dead ends. One required 2-men-lifts of each bike over the BIG, angled log at the edge of a cliff; twice. Did I mention my 29" inseam? Why do I keep following this olde FOOL?!?

Eventually, we wandered back down 16N25 from the ridge & located the turn for Trail 10. It drops down the side of the ridge a bit & then follows the side 'til it arrives at a small meadow with a road crossing the far side. Followed this road to the left & returned to the maze of forks at the top of the ridge again. Hmm... Back down to the meadow & then tried this road to the right. It goes around the corner, has a downed log that bikes can just barely ride by, & then forks a little further up. The smaller trail to the right is marked 09 & the continuing large road to the right was un-marked.

Back-tracked to the meadow again, saw an old empty NF sign holder from this direction, & then realized that the meadow WAS Wilson Camp! Then I notice that trail 10 crosses this road & heads up the next hill. This section of 10 gets steep & loose, and is very lightly travelled. Several places the trail was hard to find tracks to follow. Eventually we got to a loong loose hillclimb that I was only able to do about 100-150 feet of it at a time. After my third panting stop, Earl wandered further up & returned to said it got worse.

We headed back down 10 to the meadow & then left & over to trail 09. It appeared to be climbing the same ridge, but from a different direction, with different terrain. With some clutch slip-pin', I was getting up this loong hill more easily & we just kept climbing & climbing & climbing...

Made our way to the top of the ridge & the trail was very hard to follow now. Got to the peak** & couldn't find a trail down, except what we had just climbed. This is a COOL area & it looked like we were the first to climb it this year! So, after enjoying the view & a snack break, we headed back down 09. Somehow, we ended up going down a loong loose hillclimb & realized we were going back down trail 10 again! Hmm... This time we got to a spot where Earl had seen a single track & turned left to try to get back to trail 09. This single-track was fun & did get up back to trail 09 & down to the fork in the road.

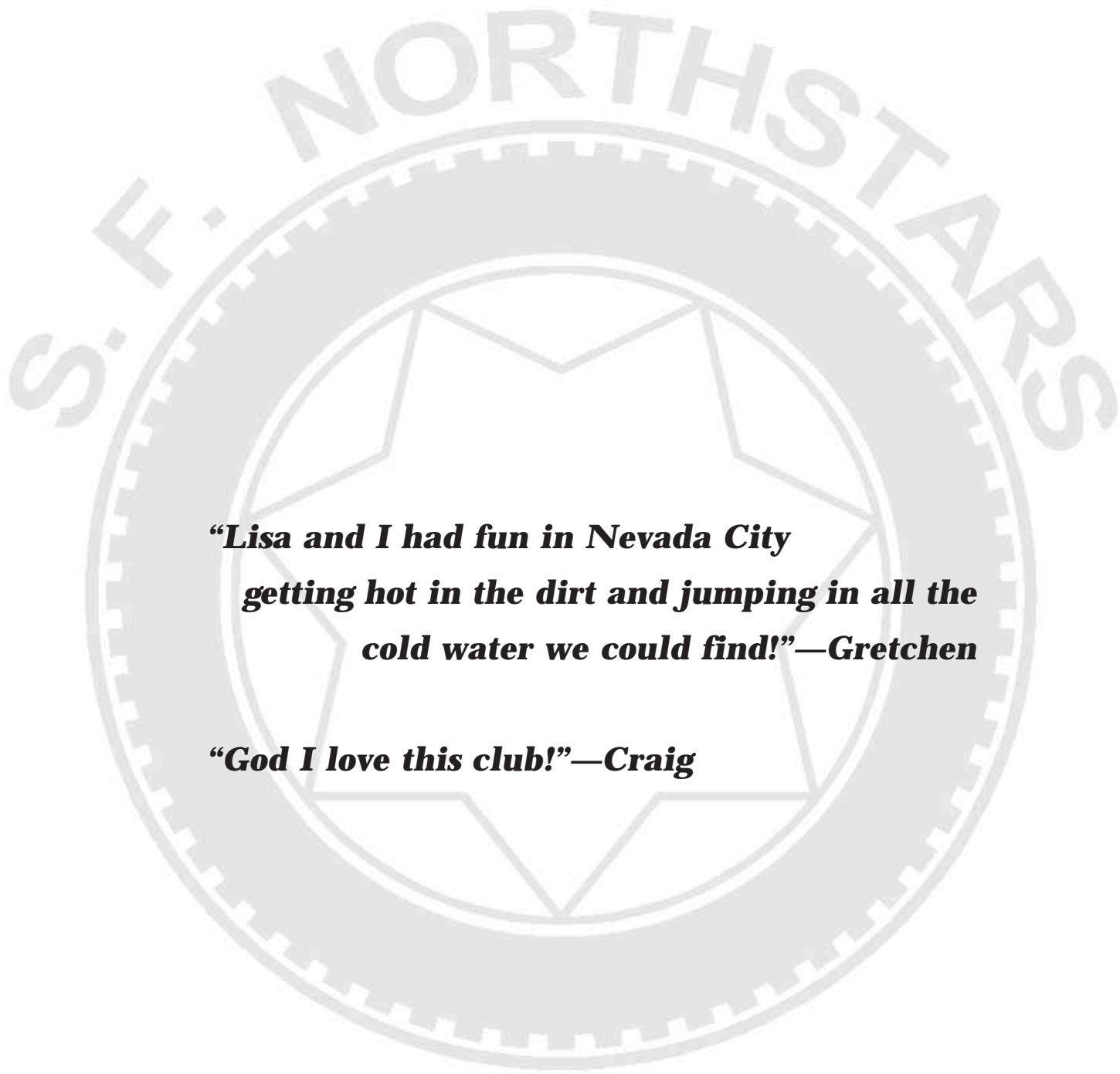
We took the road for a mile or so & it turned into another trail marked 09 & we followed it back down to a road. There were a couple more forks on 09, so there are yet more trails down here we haven't done. Looking at the map, this road should have been the one to Green Flat campground, so we headed that way to checkout the campground. It was lust spot in dense trees with almost complete shade. Up at the higher end, was a big wooden HOT-TUB, err-uh, COLD-TUB with a fresh water pipe leading to it from the creek. Even

had a bar of soap sitting on the wooden platform to one side. Nice camp site!

Rode back to M5 & then took trail 04 up to trail 03 & back down M5 to Cedar Camp. This is the other high-elevation camp site with thick trees & a cool creek passing thru with a waterfall. We were feeling a bit tired by then & decided to head back down to Lovelady & Little Stony. The ride back was uneventful. Got to the creek crossing & went WAY over to the right to avoid the DEEP hole in the center. This was MUCH shallower.

Loaded up the bikes & headed back to Williams & dinner at Granzellas. Great dinner, great day of exploring, & I came home without further damage to myself! YEAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!

**Since I believe this was the 1st time any Northstars have gotten to the top of this 5600' mountain beyond trails 09 & 10, I will name it "Mount Julio" for the 1st NS to reach the top!—Mike



***“Lisa and I had fun in Nevada City
getting hot in the dirt and jumping in all the
cold water we could find!”—Gretchen***

“God I love this club!”—Craig

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