



DAILY PLANET

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The San Francisco Northstars Motorcycle Club

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- FEB 16-19 **MOJAVE** Desert Ride & Camping
FEB 28 **CLUB MEETING** – S.F. Brewing Co.
MAR 4 **DELTA Ride** – Meet 8:00 AM @
County Waffles in Clayton
MAR 16 – **BAJA** Dirt Safari – Patrick Lydon
APR 1 & Craig Hightower
MAR 28 **CLUB MEETING** – S.F. Brewing Co.
APR 14-15 **SONGDOG** Reunion Ride – Meet
7:30AM @ Duarte's Tavern in
Pescadero
APR 25 **CLUB MEETING** – S.F. Brewing Co.
APR 29 **STONYFORD** Dirt Ride
MAY 5-6 The **EUREKA!** Ride
MAY 18-20 AMA Superbikes at Sears Point
MAY 20 **NORTH-BAY** Day Ride
MAY 25-28 **LOON LAKE Dual-Sport**
Camping Ride
MAY 30 **CLUB MEETING** – S.F. Brewing Co.
JUN 1-3 **LOST COAST LUAU** – The
Village Idiots Motorcycle Club
JUN 10 **EAST BAY** Day Ride
JUN 24 **Dirt or Dual-Sport** Day Ride
JUN 27 **CLUB MEETING** – S.F. Brewing Co.

INSIDE:

- **TWO MOUNTAIN RIDE**
- **RIDE PLANNING MEETING**
- **ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**
- **DUES ARE DUE!!**

CLUB MEETING MINUTES: WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31ST 2007

Meeting Opened with five members, with members. In attendance were Craig, Glen, Doug, Alan and Josh. Catfish called via cell before the start to announce his absence for the evening.

Old Business included discussion of reducing membership eligibility requirement to 2 meetings and 2 club rides (down from 3 ea) to encourage new members – bring your thoughts to the next meeting or post via email. **DUES ARE DUE!!!** We only have seven paid members thus far, so bring your check to the next meeting or throw it in the mail!! Current dues are \$30/annually. Continued conversation of 'signature' rides. The first of this year was the Two Mountain Ride, which was opened to the public to draw public interest and support to the club (oh, and possibly new members as well). More 'signature' rides to follow this year.

New Business highlighted upcoming rides, including the then upcoming Two Mountain Ride, the Delta Ride in March which will include Skaggs Springs Road, the Songdog Reunion Ride, and last but certainly not least: Mojave!! The June zoom zoom track day was cancelled due to lack of spaces

*Club Meetings are held the last Wednesday of
the month at 7:30 PM @ the San Francisco
Brewing Company – 155 Columbus Avenue
San Francisco California*

available, however Craig is hoping to add a track day soon, watch out for him to share an R6 with Laurel on the track... Also, Alan is planning to add a Sierra ride later in the year starting from Chico.

New Bikes were limited to Doug's brand-spankin' new '07 R1200GS. He was up to 80 miles as of the meeting time, and enjoying his time in the saddle. Seems someone may have been inebriated while building the '05 GS he traded in, as it was

constantly in the shop for repairs; we're all hoping for better luck with the '07. Join us on the next ride to see what color it is!

Ride Reports included Doug's crisp (cold) ride to Pt. Arena a couple weeks prior, and Craig & Laurel's ride to Mercey Hot Springs in Firebaugh, California. They had a great time on BLM land with the hot spring's owner and his R1200GS.

Two Mountain Ride - 2007

Text by Craig Hightower

Photos by Craig, Catfish or Glen

Once again, we embark upon an all day tour of some of the finest twisty roads in the far East Bay with a visit to two of the highest peaks in the greater Bay Area. This year's ride was listed as the 24th Annual. Pretty damn impressive!



Roughly 30 riders on all makes of two-wheeled motorized vehicles descended upon the Hubcap Cafe for nourishment before embarking upon this awesome tour of the East Bay. Our fearless leader

stepped up to the task and coached the group on proper etiquette, the route and the "Don't F*ck Up!" rule.

All in all a great time as always with plenty of stories, "moments" and fun for all.



**Thanks to Mike for
UPDATING our
website!! If you
haven't seen it in
awhile, check it out:**

www.micapeak.com/sfnorthstars/



**RIDE PLANNING MEETING:
17 JANUARY 2007**

A great many thanks to Mike (Catfish) and his wife for hosting the year's first half *ride planning meeting*!! In attendance were six members and one guest: Mike, Craig, Laurel, Doug, Glen, Kari and Josh. Unexpected absentees included Max and Kate, unless they made a brief appearance before my arrival. For a quick re-cap; the menu included chicken & veggie kabobs and chocolate-chip & macadamia-nut cookies. Rides were discussed and planned. Thanks for all in attendance and all who volunteered to lead rides!!!

**ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET:
27 JANUARY 2007**

This year's annual **NORTHSTARS** banquet dinner was held on January 29th at the Delancey Street restaurant in San Francisco. Thanks to *da Pres* for continuing the **Desert First** tradition!! This year's awards included a new cell phone for Craig; a home study cycle for Kari; the prestigious **Torque Award** to Doug; the **Cast Iron Butt** award for Kari; and a motorcycle book for Paula.

THANKS to the following shops for their support and raffle donations:

- San Francisco Brewing Company
- Fremont Cycle Salvage
- Motojava Café
- Munroe Motors

DID YA KNOW...

THE SAN FRANCISCO NORTHSTARS MOTORCYCLE CLUB became a lifetime member of the **BLUE RIBBON COALITION** in 2006

2007 NORTHSTARS OFFICERS: President Craig Hightower; President of Vice and Treasurer Allan Paul; Ride Steward, Dirty Steward, Web Steward Mike (Catfish) Chaplin; Word Steward Sergeant at Arms Josh Roper; Club Historian Pete Silva

NORTHSTARS SWAG is now available online!!

2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$30 (cheap, cheap!)



Don't earn this shirt in 2007...

It's that time of year again...

DUES are due!! This year's dues are \$30/member. Please bring cash or check to the next meeting, or mail checks payable to San Francisco Northstars Motorcycle Club to:

Allan Paul
San Francisco Brewing Company
155 Columbus Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94113

Dues help the club operate by providing funding for club events and rides, subsidize the annual banquet dinner and the newsletter. If mailing, please cut out this box and mail with your check. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming rides and events!

Send all editorial comments, classifieds, ride/race reports, etc. to: Josh Roper: moto@roperhome.net