



DAILY PLANET

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Northstars Motorcycle
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UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS:

- MAY 16** Supermoto USA School at Infineon
- MAY 24/25/26** SONGDOG!!! 3 Days (Catfish)
- MAY 28** CLUB MEETING – S.F. Brewing Co.
- JUN 20/21/22** Malakoff Diggins State Park Moto Camping Weekend (Laurel/Lisa)
- JUN 25** CLUB MEETING – S.F. Brewing Co.
- JUN 28/29** Big Boot Trail Ride, Far West Motorcycle Club, Big Lagoon California, Benefit Fund Raiser for the BlueRibbon Coalition. By invitation ONLY, the Northstars have been invited by Don Amador Not a ride for beginners.
- JUL 18/19/20** MotoGP & AMA Superbikes at Laguna Seca
- JUL 19/20/21** McArthur-Burney Falls State Park Moto Camping Weekend (Laurel/Lisa)
- JUL 30** CLUB MEETING – S.F. Brewing Co.

CLUB MEETING MINUTES:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH 2008

Meeting Opened: Members in attendance were Glen, Jim, Laurel, Kari, Allan. Guest was just Diter.

Old Business: Not a whole lot going on in the old business category this month. We seemed to have been a bit distracted this meeting as Allan kept brining out pitchers of Norton. Imagine that, us getting distracted. Thanks for the beers, Allan.

Glen did manage to get to Wendy's BBQ event and accessory sale on the 26th at Mission Motorcycles. However, he was a wee bit late and it was over by the time he got there. Oh well, better late then never I guess.

I passed off Doug's copy of "Lois on the Loose" to Jim for a roaring good read. Jim in turn handed me "Investment Biker", how catchy.

Glen has some info on the Supermoto school but it seems that all the rental bikes may have been rented. We talked about rescheduling this and making it a Northstars event on a Saturday so us working stiffs can make it and we'd have a better turnout. There seems to be a fair amount of interest overall, which is great.

New Business: Kari mentioned that her and Ben were leaving for Songdog on Friday instead of Saturday morning. They are taking a leisurely stroll to Fort Hunter Liggett and spending the night at the Hacienda. See this great website that Kari provided

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

to find all sorts of cool and funky places (<http://www.californiamudholes.com/>). They roll into “The Dawg” on Saturday all fresh with minimal road grim. Why does the Orbit gum commercial come to mind – “Mad Dog, you look gritty”. If you’ve seen the commercial, you’ll get it, otherwise you’ll just continue to believe that I am a bit “odd”. Kari has an extra room on Friday night as their friend, John, cancelled. So, talk to her if you are interested in joining them on Friday.

Kari also mentioned the Mendo Redux ride in September...why does that sound like a new diet pill. Wah-huh. This ride might replace the Shasta ride in October, but she reserves the right, as most women do, to change her mind, several times.

As we all know by now, Diter was voted into the club unanimously as a full-fledged Northstar member. Way to go, Diter!! Oh, there were a few conditions by Jim and Kari though, it is going to cost him three KLR motor rebuilds.

Scott is up next with eligibility, come on down, Scott.

Glen provided copies of the April edition of Urban Moto. Thanks, Glen! Check out page 11 with Glen’s photos of the snowbound stud muffins on the Two Mountain ride. Way cool! Never mind that the rest of us sissies (me included) whine at the thought of rain leaking through the crotch of our Aerostich suits and our paws getting a little cold from the biting rain. These were real men that endured...where’s Jack Palance when you need him.

There was talk of putting the Eureka weekend ride on the calendar later in the year at some point. We’ll follow up at the next meeting and see if Catfish is interested in leading that ride.

We discussed having better communication in relation to rides. Not that “we have a failure to communicate” completely, but we all agreed we could do a few things better. So, from now on, if you are the ride leader, please provide your cell phone number in the email communication to the group. Also, as a courtesy, if you are planning on making the ride then please email the ride leader so he/she knows whom to expect. I know this is hard to believe, but there have been rides whereby no one shows up, and the ride leader is sitting around waiting. Been there, done that, not so much fun.

This is a reminder to check the website too and make sure your contact information is current and up to date. If not, send Catfish an email so he can update it.

New Bikes: Diter has a new/old 92’ KLR 650 that has pink pinstriping but is mostly blue and green. Sorry, Diter, but you blurted it out initially and there is no taking that one back! Put a fork in you. You’ll have to bring it on the next ride to clear up this misunderstanding as you call it.

And I finally picked up my new 07’ KTM 690 SM supermoto from Scuderia. Since I am vertically challenged I had them lower it 2” and it is sweeeeet! I also ditched the hideous stock exhaust and had some Akrapovic pipes installed. Purrrrrr, all better now!



Allan still has his bike for sale: 88’ BMW R100RS with 49K miles. Maintained well and is white/pearl in color. Northstar price is \$2,900, otherwise \$3,500.

Ride Reports: Kari’s Gualala ride last month was a hit as y’all saw by the emails.

Glen reported on his Gumball Rally of a ride down to San Diego to shoot the World MotoX event. He left late and rolled into San Diego at 1:30am, then had do-overs upon coming home and again arrived late at 1:00am and had to work at 7:00am. Ouch. But the event was great with big names showing up for it. Looking forward to the pics, Glen.

Jim shared some of the highlights of his Central American odyssey that took him all the way to the border of Belize. Tales of gnarly ferry crossings with truckers and moto and tent lashed to side of boat so they wouldn’t blow away; amazing views of

baby whales; stuck in La Paz for days trying to get proper moto permits; eating bananas and chips handed out by kind souls because no other food was in sight after rolling into town with all restaurants closed; meeting and riding with wild women in the Yucatan and taking tips from Gino on how to party; running out of gas coming into Mazatlan and having some American dude in an RV, that Jim had met earlier in his trip, pass him by and not even stop – where’s the love, sheesh; breaking a highway peg in Mexicali when his bike tipped over, whups. And many more war stories. He’ll be putting a slide

show together, so he says. Hey, maybe we’ll get an invite to watch it too.

Make sure to scroll down to the next page for Wendy’s May event calendar.



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Event Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
closed	closed	9am - 6pm	9am - 7pm	9am - 7pm	9am - 6pm	9am - 5pm
gone riding	gone riding		Open Late	Open Late		Brown Bag Saturday get it in the bag & get 15% off in stock items
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gone riding	gone riding		Open Late <i>Top of the Hill Motorcycle Club Meeting 7pm</i>	Open Late		\$19.99 Oil Change excludes oil filter 9am - 3pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
gone riding	gone riding		Open Late	Open Late		Demo Day Kawasaki EX650 demo registration starts 9:30am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
TOHC 7:30am Calistoga Ride	gone riding		Open Late	Open Late		open Saturday 9am-5pm start of Memorial weekend no store event
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
gone riding	Memorial Day gone riding		Open Late	Open Late		BBQ \$1 Food/Drink
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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