



DAILY PLANET

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UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS:

- MAR 16 **Delta Ride Dual-Sport** (Catfish)
MAR 26 **CLUB MEETING** – S.F. Brewing Co.
APR 5/6 **Carnegie Hill Climb Weekend**
APR 6 **Dirt Day 101 – Hollister**
(Lisa/Laurel)
APR 12/13 **Mendocino Moto Camping**
Weekend (Kari). Possible venue
change due to weather.
APR 26 – MAY 11 **Moab Dual-Sport** (Catfish)
APR 30 **CLUB MEETING** – S.F. Brewing Co.
MAY 3 **Marin Ride** (Jim)
MAY 3 **Legend of Motorcycles**
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.
For full year posting of all rides, go to the website.

CLUB MEETING MINUTES: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27TH 2008

Meeting Opened with nine members. In attendance were Glen, Doug, Allan, Kari, Laurel, Wendy, and Gino. Guests were Diter and Wendy's friend/employee Nancy Garcia. Nancy rides a 07' Honda Shadow 600, 07' Honda CRF100, and has a 77' Harley 1200 Shovelhead. She has caught the dirt bike bug lately and has been out riding every weekend on her CRF.

Old Business: Diter is eligible for membership after one more ride, yay. Lisa was not at the meeting to give him any grief on past rides, but we all chimed in for her and gave him a minor amount of grief. On a serious note though, we do look forward to the next ride with Diter and increasing membership in the club.

T-Shirts – we missed Lisa this meeting and an update on how many people have picked up “their fucking t-shirts”. I think it is just Wendy's t-shirt that has yet to be picked up, doh. Allan has Josh's t-shirt, whew.

New Business: There are a few changes/additions on the calendar. Please note that “Dirt Day 101” has been added in April. Lisa and I are hosting a day at Hollister Hills (Carnegie is closed for the hill climb). There are been a number of friends that have expressed interest in learning how to ride dirt, or re-learn how to ride dirt, so we thought it would be fun to drag the dirt bikes and anyone who is interested down to Hollister and teach them the

*Club Meetings are held the last Wednesday of
the month at 7:30 PM @ the San Francisco
Brewing Company – 155 Columbus Avenue
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basics. We'll meet at the park around 10:00AM on Sunday, April 6th.

There is an AYU (As Yet Unnamed) Baja ride in March. If anyone is interested in going, talk to Doug or Kari for more details and specifics.

Kari mentioned that the Mendocino trip on April 12th – 13th might have a venue change. Apparently it gets a tad rainy and wet around that time of year still and it might be a bit mushy and slushy for us tent campers. Which would defeat the goal of being happy campers. Kari is going to monitor the weather and will keep us posted.

Since Lisa was not at the meeting, we thought it fitting to name her as organizer of the Carnegie Hill Climb day. Hopefully she reads the newsletter so she can find out we've nominated her, surprise. I am sure there will be emails, but if folks are interested in meeting up at the event, we'll coordinate further.

Songdog was discussed in relation to whom do we invite - Northstars and friends or Northstars and anyone else. Northstars and friends seemed to be the consensus along with having all our meals (dinners/breakfasts) cooked for us. Thank goodness! I just get a bad feeling/visual of us all crowded around propane stoves, especially when there is alcohol involved. Someone is going to lose a beard or an eyebrow or worse. That whole happy camper thing comes to mind again. Glen mentioned he'll probably be driving and is happy to carry some things down, within reason.

Glen handed out copies of February's edition of Urban Moto where his photos from the AMA Supercross event were featured. He had some amazing shots in the centerfold and also wrote the featured article. Way to go Glen!!

New Bikes: There were no new bikes so we decided to talk about new bike accessories, of which folks had several. Kari installed integrated brake and turn signal LED lights on her FZ1. I rode home behind her just to check it out. Very cool. The most stunning news though was that she washed her bike for the first time since purchasing it. Oh, it's gray, who knew.

Diter reported that he is rebuilding a couple of 89' VTR 250's. Once rebuilt, he is interested in racing them. Also, his Ducati (Ginger) has a full fairing on it.

Wendy is working on "the goat" – Yamaha GTS 1000. She is working on the suspension, in search of a rear shock. Something about waiting for a 94' Ohlin shock from Sweden and a side stand issue. Good luck with all that. She mentioned that the new Yamaha WFR250 will be plated...woo-hoo, more dual-sportin'.

Ride Reports: Glen expounded on the 2-Mtn ride. This year it was not promoted to the general moto public, it was only a club ride. A total of 6 brave souls showed up for quite an interesting day. A first clue should have been that no bicyclists were seen, as were very few cars on the roads. Morgan Territory wasn't too bad, there was a stop at the Junction for snacks, and then on up to Mt. Hamilton. The road was closed up to Mt. Hamilton but being the outlaws that they were, they snuck through and went for it. Glen came around a turn to find Scott with a dropped bike in the road. Whups. Later the same happened to Catfish. Fortunately no one was hurt and a good decision was made to turn around and call it a day.

Gino shared his Sydney, Australia adventure with us. He picked up an 83' Moto Guzzi 650 from Trans-Atlantic Bike Share (www.bikeshareworld.com/). He followed a buddy of his around and had a great time sightseeing. However he soon learned that his buddy was prone to flat tires and this would plague them throughout the ride. Apparently there were many cows lingering about and Gino was yelling "moooooove" quite frequently in his helmet, as they were going a bit slow and he a bit fast. The "hen" night at the hotel invoked a few laughs as Gino explained that every ugly woman in the vicinity was there in the lounge. Beer pints are called schooners...hey Gino, how did the hens start looking after a few of those schooners.