



DAILY PLANET

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Northstars Motorcycle
Club**

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UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS:

- FEB 3 **2-Mtn Ride** (Catfish)
FEB 23 **Dirt Day Ride – TBD** (Catfish)
FEB 27 **CLUB MEETING** – S.F. Brewing Co.
MAR 16 **Delta Ride Dual-Sport** (Catfish)
MAR 26 **CLUB MEETING** – S.F. Brewing Co.
APR 5/6 **Carnegie Hill Climb Weekend**
APR 12/13 **Mendocino Moto Camping
Weekend** (Kari)
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 Meetings are held the last Wednesday of
the month at 7:30 PM @ the San Francisco
Brewing Company – 155 Columbus Avenue
San Francisco California*

INSIDE:

- **NEW BUSINESS**
- **RIDE SCHEDULE**
- **RIDE REPORTS**
- **DUES ARE DUE!!**

CLUB MEETING MINUTES: WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30TH 2008

Meeting Opened with eight members. In attendance were Glen, Catfish, Doug, Allan, Lisa, Kari, Laurel, and Jim. Guests were Diter, Scott (aka Scoot), and Lisa's friend Danielle that was visiting from Auburn, CA.

Old Business none really, but the last newsletter was read and new officers were acknowledged.

New Business membership cards were distributed by Glen for dues paying members in attendance. I think Lisa got a shiny new card this year.

All were in favor of our annual donation of \$50 to Micapeak for our website hosting.

All were in favor of paying for the plaque that was presented to Max and Irene Hightower at the annual dinner.

Lisa brought an article from CityBike magazine that talked about The Hurt Report. The Hurt Report, aka Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures. The Hurt Report was a study conducted in 1981 on motorcycle safety. Dr. Harry Hurt was the primary author, and the report "...significantly advanced the

state of knowledge of the causes of motorcycle accidents...” Lisa mentioned you could go to www.mcnews.com (Motorcycle Consumer News) to report your information.

There was some discussion of what constituted membership in the club. Pause, as Lisa gave Diter some grief saying that crashes only counted marginally toward membership fulfillment. Ouch, shots fired. But laughs and giggles ensued of course. This was a good point though and no one seemed to recall what the exact requirements were so I waded through old email and it appears that requirements changed in March 2007 to the following: membership vote is to attend at least five club events (rides or meetings), including at least two rides and one meeting. Sorry, Diter, nothing about crashes.

More from Lisa in regards to the “Craig” t-shirts, and I quote, “Pick up your fucking t-shirts”. More pauses for giggling, maybe you had to be there, but it was pretty funny. Lisa was kind enough to gather all the funds and order the shirts, so please contact her to make arrangements to pick them up SOON, lisa.brazieal@peachpit.com.

Ride scheduling was a fun time at the meeting! Some good ideas and some new items on the list this year so be sure and check it out. A few more overnighters and moto camping rides were added. Note that Soggydog, I mean Songdog, has moved to the end of May this year and will be a 3-day ride over the Memorial holiday weekend. Hallelujah, hopefully we can stay dry and not freeze our a\$\$es off this year. Yes, I know that is what electricians are for, but dang it was wet and cold. Also note in June there is a 3-day trip to Malakoff Diggins State Park (http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=494) I have reserved 2 campsites that will hold 16 people altogether. Five people are signed up so far, so let me know if you are going and I’ll add you to the list as it is first come first serve. However many nights you want to stay is fine. The overall ride schedule is still poetry in motion so stay tuned for some additions, specifically, dirt and dual-sport rides from Catfish. Giddy up!

Doug Hill announced that he is shipping his bike to Raleigh/Durham sometime in May and will be riding back to Berkeley. He is looking for any volunteers interested in accompanying him on the

journey. Sounds fun. Retirement, a splendid thing I would imagine.

Kari and I mentioned that Max and Irene Hightower are now able to sell Craig’s items that were titled. We will be giving the Northstars and motorcycle community first dibs on the motorcycles. Pictures and more info are posted here: <http://sfnorthstars.micapeak.com/craigs-motos/>. Thanks to Mike for putting that together!

Kari finally put the ol’ SV650 out to pasture. Mooooooo. She was able to get \$400 bucks from Fremont Cycle Salvage, yay. She mentioned she still has the shop manual in hard copy and CD-ROM if anyone is interested in one or both.

Jim Carnes may actually leave in February for his Central American adventure down to the Guatemalan border. Or maybe that was February of 2009. The current plan is to head out at the end of February and stay gone through the end of March. He’s got the KLR all tricked out with some groovy lookin’ highway pegs (no ape hangers though) and nice Pelican case panniers. At least he looks good going down the road – quite dashing...said with British accent.

New Bikes I am the only one to report a new moto as of late. A 2007 KTM 450 EXC-G, which is plated! Yee-haw – just a little excited, can you tell. I have wanted a true dual-sport for sometime now and I came across this deal on Craigslist and couldn’t pass it up. I hadn’t ever checked out KTM’s before, until I went to Costa Rica in December and rode the 640 LC4. Done. Put a fork in me. It was awesome, and hence the shiny orange and black beast now sharing the stable with the others.



Ride Reports included Allan's full recap of his ride from San Francisco to Texas. Wow, earth, wind and fire come to mind! He seemed to have a few, ah, challenging days dodging the fires and ash from the recent San Diego area fire; giant tumbling tumbleweeds; blown electrics; and high winds. Dang, I think I'd need a stiff drink. Well, come to mention, Allan did find several brewpubs along the way, specifically one near the Grand Canyon, and something about British girls partying at that aforementioned brewpub. Wah-huh, imagine that. Sounded like a great ride overall.

Sue Watson and myself had an excellent time on our Costa Rica dual-sport adventure in December/January. The details were too long for the meeting, or the newsletter, but if anyone is interested in pictures and travelogue, they can check them out at the link below. The slide show party at my house was fun too with ~25 people showing up. http://www.lsutcliffe.com/MotoPics_CostaRica.htm

Sounds like the 2-mtn ride was a doozy! Were we expecting snow? Check out some pics here: <http://sfnorthstars.micapeak.com/2008/2-mtn-ride/>. Stay tuned for ride report from Catfish.

2008 NORTHSTARS OFFICERS: President Glen Coddington; President of Vice Wendy Epstein; Treasurer Gino Fortunato; Ride Steward, Dirty Steward, Web Steward Mike (Catfish) Chaplin; Word Steward Sergeant at Arms Laurel Sutcliffe; Club Historian Pete Silva

2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$30 (still cheap, cheap!)

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