



# DAILY PLANET

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### UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS:

- JUL 18/19/20 MotoGP & AMA Superbikes at Laguna Seca
- JUL 19/20/21 McArthur-Burney Falls State Park Moto Camping (Laurel/Lisa)
- JUL 30** CLUB MEETING – S.F. Brewing Co.
- AUG 16 Full Moon Ride (Glen)
- AUG 27** CLUB MEETING – S.F. Brewing Co.
- SEP 6 Craig's Memorial Bakery Ride (Laurel)
- SEP 13/14 Mendo Moto Camping (Kari)
- SEP 24** CLUB MEETING – S.F. Brewing Co.
- SEP 27/28 AMA Road Racing at Laguna Seca (Glen)
- OCT 11/12/13 Yosemite Ride (Laurel)
- OCT 29** CLUB MEETING – S.F. Brewing Co.
- NOV 16 Prez Ride (Glen)
- NOV 26** CLUB MEETING – S.F. Brewing Co.
- DEC ?? Vice Prez Rid (Wendy)
- DEC 31** CLUB MEETING – S.F. Brewing Co.

### CLUB MEETING MINUTES:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> 2008

**Meeting Opened:** Members in attendance were Glen, Jim, Laurel, Catfish, Mark Boyd, Doug, and Wendy. Guest was Bruce and Nancy Garcia.

**Old Business:** Again, not a whole lot to discuss or address other than chat and swap/return some more books around the table. Doug has Lois Pryce's (of Lois on the Loose fame) new book (Red Tape and White Knuckles) on order and should have it read and finished by the next meeting to pass around.

**New Business:** Our prez noticed that we seem to get meeting categories jumbled around a bit so he looked up the order of business to be followed and it goes like this:

Old Business  
Guests  
New Business  
Upcoming Rides  
New Bikes  
Ride Reports

So, thar ya go! We'll try to be good officers and fall in line with procedures and rules at the meetings. Yeah, right.

This really isn't new business, but it was a funny story that Wendy kicked off the meeting with. We were joined on the Songdog ride by a couple that were friends of Wendy and Bruce's. Laurie and Craig were 2-up on a BMW 1200GS. They had

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been tooting along quite well and staying with the pack of wild marauders. The group got strung out a bit as we typically do on long rides, but we eventually regrouped for lunch and at other designated spots. But then there's Joanne, yes, our princess of riding prowess and ever so stealth on the KLR. Fast forward to Craig taking his bike into the Marin dealership for servicing after the ride. The dealer asked if anything in particular was wrong with the bike and Craig informed the dealer that it was running very bad. Oh really said the dealer, what seems to be the problem. Craig said, well, I got passed by a girl on a KLR. True story.

That was about it for new business, other than giving Mark Boyd some grief for never showing up.

**Upcoming Rides/Events:** Well, maybe this should be past and upcoming rides since the upcoming rides that were mentioned at the meeting have now past. Confused, yes, good.

Wendy mentioned the Dykes March that was Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. We'll look forward to the update at the next meeting. I am sure there will be some, ah, interesting stories.

Another now past event was the police drills and competition at Bob Dron's Harley shop in Oakland on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Quite the show as Sue, beau Jason, and I watched the spectacle. The event we watched had all the PD's competing in a timed obstacle course on their Harley's or BMW's with one Honda in the mix. It was very impressive and the best part was a few low-speed get-offs. No injuries other than pride and ego.

One final past event that Glen mentioned, I know, how helpful are past events, was the cancer benefit for Poll Brown that was written up in Urban Moto. The event was listed on page 7 and was Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

On to the good stuff and upcoming playtime. The next moto-camping trip sponsored once again by Lisa and Laurel is a 3-day weekend to McArthur-Burney Falls SP in July, which is up above Lassen Volcanic National Park. There is a conflict with the MotoGP races at Laguna that weekend though. So far it is Lisa, Kari, Ben, and myself. Details soon to follow.

Kari has the Mendo Redux moto-camping adventure coming up September 13/14. Details to follow on that as well.

Note that Yosemite has been pushed back a week to October 11/12/13 (Columbus Day Weekend) as Evergreen Lodge was booked for a wedding on October 4/5. Get your reservations in soon.

**New Bikes:** None. Dang, guess I better get busy.

**Ride Reports:** Ah, Malakoff Diggins, affectionately name "The Diggins Ride". The consensus was that we all dug it! Do-overs, yes please.



Lisa, Catfish, and myself had a rollicking good time heading out on Friday and meandering up north via the Delta, Twin Cities, Latrobe, 49, 20, Pleasants Valley, Tyler Foote, and into the Diggins. There were a few other side roads in between but it was a nice easy ride up. Catfish accused me of "riding like a girl"...harrumph...I guess Lisa and I were in sightseeing mode. Ben and Sue drove up separately on Friday and hauled all our food and supplies up. Many more kudos to them! Guess we sort of cheated on the true moto-camping aspect, but some creature comforts sure are nice and so is BBQ'd tri-tip and chicken at the end of the day. Jim, Glen, and Glen's friend John, arrived on Saturday afternoon after a great ride up. We all promptly headed to the secret swim hole (Blair Lake) to cool off.



Dinner was a fabulous spread of marinated chicken and other goodies cooked by our chefs Ben and Sue. Hiking, a tour of the town of Humbug, more swimming, juggling lessons from Jim, Frisbee (thanks to Glen), eating, and drinking were all in order for the weekend. A great time and fabulous discovery of a hidden gem!

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Doug informed us that he was off on another adventure up to Wyoming and Canada. He's leaving in July and will report in from the road. Have a great time, Doug!

Wendy kept us entertained with some of her tales from the Escape from Alcatraz triathlon event where she was a spotter. Boy we could have fun with that one. She was on "the goat" (GTS100) and got to break all the traffic rules. You missed the big smile on her face. She also ushered some folks around on a TT (Tavern to Tavern) ride. Starting place was Foster's Bighorn in Rio Vista and according to Wendy, this is where the ugly people hang out. No comment, never been there. The posse weaved its way over to Al the Wops in Locke where some shenanigans took place, but what else is new when you are with Wendy.