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CLUB MEETING MINUTES:

UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS:

- OCT 11/12/13 Yosemite Ride (Laurel)
- OCT 29** **CLUB MEETING** – S.F. Brewing Co.
- NOV 15/16 Prez Ride (Jim/Glen) – Dirt Day
103 at Nicasio Ranch
- NOV 26** **CLUB MEETING** – S.F. Brewing Co.
- DEC 14 Vice Prez Ride (Wendy) – Sonoma
County
- DEC 31** **CLUB MEETING** – S.F. Brewing Co.

*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*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH 2008

Meeting Opened: Members in attendance were Wendy, Jim, Laurel, Doug, Glen, Kari and Mr. Minkler was in the house! Good to see him. Guests were Wendy's faithful co-worker, Nancy Garcia.

Old Business: I think Jim mentioned something about Catfish. Teasing of course because he wasn't there to defend himself against the whippersnapper. Nothing old, this continues to be a trend, but I like it.

New Business: Oh no, not more talk of new membership. Darn, we had to giggle, drink more beer, stare at the person next to us and shrug our shoulders again. But Glen did jump in and brought up the issue of business cards. First off, we need more of them and then we can all carry some and pass them out to potential new members. Good idea, Glen.

Glen also mentioned that Urban Moto continues to run a listing about our club. He wasn't sure about Friction Zone, but is checking to see if they are getting the word out about how cool we are.

More news about Glen and his Urban Moto connections. He's got a big ol' centerfold in the August issue. He's also in City Bike (September issue) with pics from the supermoto school that he and Jim partook in a few months back. Way to go, guys!

Upcoming Rides/Events: I guess I am a day late and a dollar short on the AMA Laguna Seca ride of

September 26/27, but we did talk about it at the meeting. Yes, very helpful at this point. We'll turn that into a ride report for the next newsletter.

Ok, you are all probably sick on the Yosemite ride reminders so I won't remind you anymore. Some of us are staying over until Monday for Columbus Day, others are making like bananas and splitting on Sunday after brunch. Brunch is at the Ahwahnee at 10:00 am for 13 of us lucky souls. Mmmmm.

Glen and Jim decided to turn the Prez Ride into a Dirt Day 103 campout. It will be the weekend of November 15/16 on the property of Jim's friend near Nicasio. Stay tuned for more details. Should be a barn burner, ooh, wait, maybe not, it's a bit dry up there.

Wendy mentioned that her custom bike show is coming up on Saturday, December 6th. Anyone is welcome to enter. She's got the same BBQ guy coming and he's supposed to be the bomb.

For the Vice Prez ride, Wendy whipped out her iPhone and committed to Sunday, December 14th for a Sonoma County ride that includes a stop at the Jelly Belly factory. Count me in!! Although I have yet to tour the factory, Willy Wonka always seems to come to mind. I wonder if they have Oompa Loompas in there....but I want it noooow Daddy. Oh sorry, back to our regularly scheduled newsletter.

Don't forget the annual moto show in San Mateo coming our way on December 19 – 21. I am sure we'll scare up a gang to bust down the doors as time nears.

Last but not least, we have Catfish's Mojave ride December 26 – January 2. Whoa, looks like it is shaping up to be quite the shindig with lots of folks chiming in and making it happen.

Oh, and one more topic of discussion was for ride planning next year and incorporating our own Northstars dual-sport Lost Coast adventure. Apparently Catfish knows the secrets roads and there is definitely some interest from the group to put it together.

New Bikes: This has to be a first, but none of us have new bikes. I have my 04' Yamaha FZ6 for sale so stay tuned as the proceeds might be donated to a new toy of the dual-sport variety. We'll see.

Ride Reports: Doug had a fun romp the past week on a 4/5 day trip. It started with lunch in Markleeville then manifested itself on to Crescent City, then to Quincy for a BMW rally, onward to Chico, and finally a run down Feather River. Ah, to be retired. Go, Doug!

Kari and Ben's Mendo Madness ride and weekend were a hit. Mmmm, that champagne was good too! Lisa, Catfish, myself, and John Alfonso had a romping good time weaving our way from Suisan to Wooden Valley Rd, up through Middletown, over to 175 and through Hopland, to Flynn Creek and Comptche-Ukiah and finally down to Highway 1. Wheeeee. Glen and his friend John rode up later that afternoon and had a great ride as well, just in time for champagne too.

Glen's Moab trip and dirt ride took the prize though. Three weeks and 4,000+ miles logged for Glen and his friend, John. They hit Fort Collins, the Rocky Mountains, Santa Fe, Moab, Monument Valley, and Bonneville Speed Week. One of the highlights was the dual-sport trip they took with Jim's buddy in Moab. The write-up of Glen and John's excellent adventure will be in Urban Moto next month, looking forward to that!



Wendy had some thrills herself as she got to take the new VMax for a spin in Las Vegas. She was at a convention and they coughed up a few of the bad boys for a cruise around the streets. She was burning rubber and pulling wheelies up and down the strip. Well, ok, maybe not, but she said it has more power than anyone could imagine, it handled surprisingly well, and it was one bad a\$\$ machine overall.

I had a little adventure of my own down to Santa Barbara last weekend to visit my family. I hadn't been all the way down Highway 1 in ages so I took Friday off and meandered down the scenic coast. I forgot how beautiful it was. I stopped several times for photo ops and was pleasantly surprised to see the elephant seals on the beach down south as well. I stopped at some of my favorite wineries in the Santa Ynez valley and then down San Marcos Pass by Lake Cachuma and finally rolled into my Mom's house and enjoyed happy hour with said Santa Ynez valley wine.

