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Official Newsletter of the San Francisco-Northstars Motorcycle Club

Schedule of Events

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| June 5-7 | Lost Coast Ride
Contact Kari for details! |
| June 24 | Meeting @ Brew Pub |
| June 26-28 | High Sierras DS Ride
and Camping
Contact Catfish for
details |
| July 3-5 | Laguna Seca Moto GP |
| July 10-11 | Malakoff Diggins Ride
and Camping
Contact Laurel for
details |
| July 25-26 | Nicasio Ranch Dirt
Camping Riding |
| July 29 | Club Meeting |

MEETING MINUTES April

Members: endy, jim, doug, glen, kari
Guest: bob pavao

New bikes: jim and kari had new bike bits – jim a new leo vince pipe, kari a new end-of-day, thanks for saving my ass-mission motorcycles tire (thanks Wendy's peeps!!) laurel has a "TRADE" that she'll get may 9....(after songdog) aero pipe, belly pan, bug screen, fly screen, handlebars (she may need to trade that for some TMD bars, or at least put the stock bars back on)

Ride reports: jim and doug told about the Gualala ride....managed to see pete slote and friends out on tin barn road. Good roads, and good food (again) at Bones (new location – Dirt ride on FRIDAY for the slackers and retirees ☺ catfish + a couple of others. Don't know how it went though, catfish was a no show at the meeting.

This week was Wendy's annual death valley week, although she tried to cancel it...but the leader insisted though....555 miles yesterday alone. had an ST and a Goldwing on the ride ...quite cold – electrics going the whole time, but no critter casualties this time though. Someone had to be home at 2 in the afternoon, which meant leaving at 3 am, which wasn't gonna happen as free breakfast was at 6 am they froze the whole way back AND saw at least 2 dozen patrol cars.

Doug went for 2 weeks to Sidney and rode south oz. we are jealous....

Lost Coast Ride June 5-7

Start: 8:00 breakfast, 9:00 start. Breakfast/start at Kari and Ben's place in Sebastopol. Please contact Kari if you need directions. 5430 Hutchinson Road, Sebastopol.

Ride: Up 101 to 128 then on to the Lost Coast on Friday. Sat. will be a Bonus Loop lead by Catfish. Sunday ride home. Dinner Friday night will be at the Eel River Brewing Co. 1777 Alamar Way.

Stay: Fortuna. People are staying at the Holikday Inn Express, the Comfort Inn and Suites, and the Super 8. (all within walking distance of the Brewing Comp.)

Sheet Iron 300

Hi All,

Sue and I did the Sheet Iron 300 Dualsport ride this weekend and had a blast!! We had two, yes count em' two, roll charts for each day that had written trail directions from Stonyford to Fort Bragg and then back the next day. Oh my. And they barely fit in the roll chart holders they were so long. Took a few miles to get the hang of the hieroglyphs and feel confident that we were not heading off into the pea patch. We got the hang of it though and soon settled into a rhythm and pace that was comfortable.

There were 500 entries and a sea of people at the campground area at Stonyford fairgrounds on Friday night and Saturday morning. All we were missing were the horses and cowboys, we did already have a few clowns :-). All I could think of was that this had cluster f^*k potential written all over it, but we were both pleasantly surprised that it was anything but. Everyone we encountered was a kindred spirit on the trail. If you were stopped to the side taking a break, people would slow and hold out the universal "thumbs up" questioning your status. Good to go, thanks! No one roosted you while they politely passed with a wave or toot of the horn.

There were easy or hard splits and pavement bailouts, which really helped to thin the masses and keep dust to a minimum. There was about 80% dirt and 20% pavement. At one point Sue and I headed west on Sherwood road (paved) out of Willits and didn't see any other riders for about 20 miles. I was questioning if I would end up on a dead-end hillside having a stare down with someone's horses - ugh, Yosemite blunder flashbacks. But no such blunder ensued, whew, as others eventually caught us from behind.

We left at 7:00 am and arrived in Fort Bragg at 4:00 pm, not bad for the first timers. We showered up and then headed for libations at the North Coast Brewing Company with some other folks. I can't remember when a beer tasted so good! I was fast asleep by 8:30, no table dancing for me, lights out. 6:00 am came mighty early, especially for Sue :-). We suited up for battle in our not so fresh riding gear, eewwww, and wandered into the parking lot of the hotel with 40+ other not so fresh guys and gals. But everyone was smiling and ready to take on another day of playing in the dirt.

It was another fun filled day of exploration and roll chart antics. There were a few oopsies with the roll chart directions being unclear and leaving us flipping a coin on the direction to take. But the roll chart Gods were shining down on us and we guessed right each time. Sunday took us over to Ukiah via several back fire road trails and then into Cow Mountain OHV area and then into Clear Lake area. More dirt fire road trails and into the Stonyford OHV surrounding areas and finally some pavement back to the fairgrounds and lovely 95 degree weather. And oh yeah, why did we think it was a good idea to not pack up the tent before we left on Saturday. UGH, can you say heat stroke! Besides the heat and fatigue, we had huge dirt smiles plastered across our faces, grinning from ear to ear and high 5'ing! We were very proud of ourselves for making the journey, working together really well, and navigating through some tricky areas. We'd do it all again in a heartbeat! Thanks for a great adventure, Sue!

Laurel

