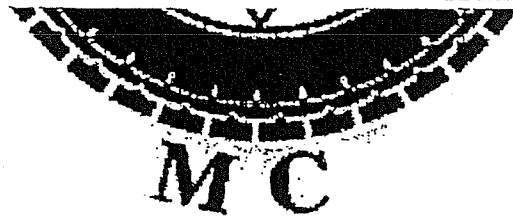


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NEXT MEETING: July 27th 7:30 PM at Toca Café (242 Columbus Avenue, S.F.)

Once again the monthly San Francisco Northstars meeting will return to its semi-official clubhouse at the exclusive back room of the Toca Café.

As always members can request delivery of food from the Great Hunan restaurant. Please submit your requests for food to the Chinese Food Steward (via e-mail) no later than noon on the date of the meeting. Anticipated cost is approximately \$9.00 per person. Those not making a formal request will be tied to their chairs and forced to smell the appetizing aroma of the ethnic delicacies being savored by the better prepared members who ordered their food in a timely manner.

The June meeting took place immediately following the awards ceremony after 2011 Golden Gate Enduro.

Participants in the Enduro included: Earl; Mike C.; Jim C. and Allison; Jim's guests Mark & James; Gino & guest Greg; Mark W. and guests Eric & Marineh; and Joanne.

All participants received Official 2004 (cough, cough) Golden Gate Enduro T-shirts, stylish black Yamaha can cozies and Matco plastic mugs featuring various (clothed) women's pictures. Choice of mugs were given based upon finishing order

The Official results of the Golden Gate Enduro are as follows:

1st - Joanne

2nd - Mark W.

3rd (tie) Gino & Greg

5th (tie) Earl & Mike C.

7th Mark Washington

8th – Jim C.

MIA: Eric & Marineh

The Word Steward's notes are painfully unclear as to whether Joanne actually received any sort of prize for winning the event (beyond first choice of the Matco mugs!) as the Word Steward was simultaneously performing the additional job of Prank Telephone Call Steward.

The Meeting was called to order and Gino indicated that the Bank of America wants to increase service charges for the Club's checking account but seems willing to maintain a free savings account. Thus Gino made a motion that he be authorized to write checks from his personal account and then reimburse himself from the Club savings account.

Mark W. Seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mike C. announced that he had acquired a new bike; namely a Beta 520 RS and further spilled the beans that our own El President (who, it should be noted, was absent from the meeting due to extremely poor schedule planning on his part) had also acquired a new bike: an 88" BMC Bobber!

Under the topic of Ride Reports, Glen described going on a ride celebrating something (an anniversary perhaps) hosted by Keihl's. 20-30 riders on a variety of bikes participated on the ride through Marin and S.F., and end up being welcomed back to the store on Fillmore with food and drinks!

A stellar ride report was given by all participants in the Golden Gate Enduro. Riders first met at Mission Motorcycles and were greeted with hot coffee, hot dogs, cold sodas and room temperature chips. Route sheets and a car with various questions were given out and participants set off at predetermined intervals. The directions were well written but this being a Northstar event many of the riders placing outside of the top two finishing positions complained and offered excuses ranging from feeble to outright absurd.

In spite of the grumbling no tickets or crashes were reported and a great time was had by all and but it was only to get better after the meeting concluded!

Mike announced details of the July 14-18 Sierra Dual Sport Ride, which told interested parties to contact him for details of camping on Thursday night. However, at this point in time that is probably a moot point!

Laguna Seca MotoGP: Glen announced Urban Moto may have a camping spot with extra space for a tent or two. Glenn will follow up and provide details later.

At this point the meeting was formally concluded and the post-enduro party began! A bottle of Herradura and Azul appeared along with a variety of premium beers to kick things off! Soon thereafter a table of Chinese food of such colossal proportions appeared that the sheer volume amazed even the Chinese Food Steward.

Our own Glen and the always colorful Wade Boyd as well as some employees of Wendy's shop appeared.

However, to quote virtually every late night infomercial, But Wait – There's More!

Yes, Wendy, in her role as Electric Motorcycle Steward, provided a display Zero to entertain everyone. Virtually every one even got to play with the Zero in some manner or the other. While the Northstars have not historically embraced change, the Zero was thoroughly admired by all present! I must admit I was quite enthralled by the Zero. It seemed very nimble and appeared quite flexible. While not a sport bike, it looked quite stylish in its minimal bodywork and, I might add, even better once the various panels were removed!

The Zero even inspired the Quote of the Evening. Wendy, while examining the Zero from behind announced: "So that what it looks like from that direction." Obviously, our own President of Vice keeps up a quick enough of a pace that she rarely is following any bike so she found that view to be a rather enlightening.

Overall this was a party of epic proportions. Good, clean, wholesome fun was had by everyone on in attendance. Personally, I only wish someone had filmed the event so that we could submit it to Zero to use for their marketing campaign. They could update Honda's classic old commercial ("you meet the nicest people on a Honda") to "you meet the nicest people on a Zero at the dealership!"

Many Hymns were offered! The first ones to Wendy and Mike C. for organizing and putting on an extremely fun and well organized Golden Gate Enduro.

Even bigger, and louder, Hymns were offered to Wendy for arranging and hosting one of the better Northstars parties I can remember!

Finally, the biggest, and loudest, Hymn was offered to Wendy for supplying the stylish Zero electric motorcycle that truly made the party (which almost certainly will end up as a question in future enduros!)