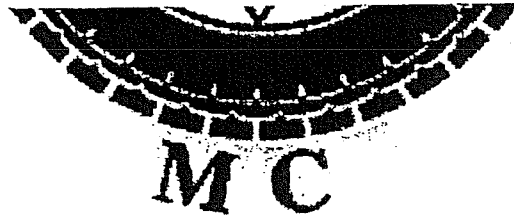


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NEXT MEETING: April 27th 7:30 PM at Tosca Café (242 Columbus Avenue, S.F.)

For the April meeting the San Francisco Northstars will once again be Luxuriating in the exclusive back room of the Tosca Café.

As usual, Chinese food delivery from the Great Hunan restaurant can be arranged. However, unlike prior meetings, if you would like to have food waiting for you, you must notify the Sgt.-at-Chinese-Food by e-mail prior to 6:00 PM on April 26th (the day BEFORE the meeting). This is advance notice requirement is due to the fact that the Sgt.-at-Chinese-Food will not be checking his e-mail on Wednesday. As has been the typical pattern, cost is estimated at \$9.00 per person.

Upcoming Events:

- April 23rd:** AMA TT Races at Salinas
(camping and limited tickets hosted by Glen).
- April 30-May1/2:** The 51st Annual Songdog Ranch Ride
(see details on-line or contact Mark for more info)
- May 13-15:** AMA Pro Superbike races at Infineon
- May 7:** Jim's dirt ride at Nicassio (with overnight campout)

May 27-29: AMA Pro Superbike races at Miler Motorsports Park

June 15-18: High Sierra Dual Sport Camping Ride

July 22-24: MotoGP at Laguna Seca

July 30: Sacramento Mile

The March 30th meeting once again took place at the historic Tosca Cafe with a record-breaking crowd. Chinese food o' plenty and no shortage of adult beverages.

Many members were present, however due to the unusually lax security, IDs were not checked and thus the actual list may or may not be entirely accurate. Believed to be among those present were: Earl, Wendy, Jim, Glen, Mike, Mark and (newly paid Member) Lisa. Glen brought a guest: Jennifer.

Rather than simply admitting she scheduled her Golden Gate Enduro Ride on a date where she had a conflict, Wendy opened up the meeting suggesting that the Word Steward published the wrong date! Hah, impossible! So until Ms. Epstein squares away her calendar and truly confirms the date, the Daily Planet publishers will not be involved in further confusing the Paid Membership with her capricious date changes. The Publishers also referred the matter to outside counsel to investigate bringing a slander action against her for making such outrageous allegations against the humble, yet infallible, Word Steward.

Wendy seemed to notice how her spurious claims seemed to be creating a grumbling undercurrent and, wisely, backpedaled a bit from her unfounded personal attacks and mentioned speaking to Pete Silva who was quite receptive to the idea of hosting a party and overnight event at his place. Realizing how thin of ice she was skating on with setting dates, Wendy wisely decided to leave the actual ride date to be determined.

Mark volunteered to lead a Songdog Ranch ride, with the assistance of long-time ride leader Mike. The departure date was set for April 30 with an optional Monday (or more) bonus loop.

Glen announced that he was still working out the details of the Salinas TT event.

The Club's newest millionaire, Jim travels to Costa Rica and drops a cool 1.3M (Colones) on an exotic new bike: a 2011 Freedom (250cc 4-stroke) that is rumored to be THE hot bike in Costa Rica. The Freedom performed admirably for the first 2,300 Km until the plastic chain guard came adrift wedging itself in the rear wheel and completely locking it up! Both bike and rider survived and were soon back on the road without any further problems during the rest of the trip.

Earl had a full ride report from the March dessert ride/ Birthday party. Hans traveled down from the (almost) Great White North, Brad Luther made a starring appearance on the ride sporting a Honda XR650L that Hans had located for him. Aireon was there on a KTM and Bill G. was there on his own new KTM!

Brad was reported to have left the campground, riding with Hans, who later became frustrated with his decidedly un-Northstarlike pace and ditched him. Brad spent 5-6 hours riding around lost...er, enjoying the scenery, before being found by Earl and brought back to camp. Brad apparently thought far enough ahead to enjoy a Valley Machine cookie so there were no worries of malnutrition during his detour...

Earl reported that the Club installed a very cool Don Singer Memorial sculpture at the famous Husky Memorial outside California City. Earl had several pictures – hopefully some of which will make their way onto the website. The Sculpture was based on a Harley Davidson tank, containing Don's ashes, with Northstar belt buckles replacing the filler caps. Hans apparently did most of the work in creating it, though it would be hard to imagine the Prez did not lend a hand or tool in the creation of such a fine looking project. When it came time to mount it, the assembled members ran into some other guys down there who just happened to have a jack hammer that they were willing to loan which came in quite handy in permanently fixing the Big Don Memorial.

Wendy had just competed in another Lemons race the past weekend at Sears Point and apparently was quite successful in netting a purse of 1,500 Rubles!

Wendy also announced that she found, and bought, her dream home in Montana. She described it as a 2-car garage with a kitchen. What more could anyone want – well a toilet, perhaps, but not much more than that!

Jim introduced a Vespa riding friend, Ian, who was leaving the next morning to relocate back to the U.K. and the meeting then concluded....

51st ANNUAL S.F. NORTHSTARS SONGDOG RANCH RIDE

MINI-BIKE(S)



FAST RIDING

BIG GUNS

HEAVY DRINKING

SUCCULENTLY GRILLED MEATS AND TATERS

OFFICIAL RIDE DETAILS

Saturday, April 30th

7:30 AM - Meet for breakfast at Duarte's
8:30 AM (sharp) - Ride departs

The ride will follow Highway 1 down to 166 with the traditional gas and coffee stops along the way. There will be an optional lunch stop in Morro Bay and then on to the Dog!

This is a private event so (safe) shooting not only welcome but encouraged!

As a special treat in honor of this monumental occasion we have arranged for a celebrity chef to prepare Saturday night's dinner. The world famous Mr. Richard Tater will be barbecuing beef, chicken and wherever else he can find!

Sunday, May 1st

Sunday morning breakfast will also be supplied.

Two ride options:

OPTION #1: "Bonus Loop" There will be an optional day ride, with camping again available at the Ranch for Sunday night but you will be on your own as far as food.

OPTION #2: Return to the Bay Area following the traditional inland route with lunch in Paso Robles.

Sleeping pads (should) be available on a first come first served basis.

In addition to food, soft drinks and water will be supplied but participants are encouraged to bring their own alcohol, or make arrangements for the delivery thereof directly with The Prez.

Members or (pre-approved) guests unable to make the ride itself but wishing to drive directly down for the festivities are more than welcome. Drive down, hang out, hike, bring a dirt bike, ATV, bicycle, whatever – you will have fun! As the entry fee covers food camping and relates supplies, the same fee applies for non-riding participants.

Cost:

\$50 for current 2011 Members

\$60 for pre-approved guests

Please send checks to:

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The (not so) Fine Print:

Registration cut-off is Wednesday, April 27th at 8:00 PM. This is to ensure an accurate head count for purchasing food and supplies. This is a rain or shine event so no refunds can be made for cancellations. Late registrations MAY be accepted at the sole discretion of the ride leader with an appropriate bribe of a minimum of either a bottle of Herradura, box of .44 Magnum ammo or \$20 US currency.

This is a hearty ride and not for the faint of heart or limp or right wrist.

Thus space is limited to S.F. Northstars and pre-approved guests ONLY. If you wish to bring a guest not know to the ride leader you will need to vouch from them and take personal responsibility. This includes, if they cannot keep up with the pace of the ride you will be responsible for looking after them. If they are unable to maintain a good sense of humor once at the Ranch, they will be shot. Depending on how irritating they are you, as their sponsor, may well be shot too. Most likely only in the foot, though as "Membership Has Its Privileges."