

HI ALL from Henri --Please read-- lots going on and new stuff too (see near the bottom of minutes)!

MORCA MINUTES FOR MONDAY MARCH 3, 2008 at 6:30 PM at English Ale in Marina.

Minutes submitted by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 3/4/2008

Twelve people attended including all officers + webmistress.

Our website is: www.morcamtb.org

2008 OFFICERS are:

President- Peter Sherrill

VP: Gary Courtright and Chris Mack

Secty: Henrietta Stern

Treasurer: Susan Brown

Though not an officer, our Webmistress, Shelley Potts, really provides a very valuable service. Thanks!!!

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Total balance is \$1,112. Peter will need reimbursement for payment she made for insurance (\$200) and our share of a booth for SeaOtter (\$200). We previously agreed to help pay for food for BBQ following the March 22 poker ride.

We agreed we will hold off on becoming a tax-exempt 501-C-3 organization until after SeaOtter (where we are granted money in exchange for volunteering) as the 501-3-C fee is \$750. Susan will pursue that when directed to.

MEMBERSHIP -- Please pay your dues if you have not already. Renewal notices came by e-mail. See website on how to join us!

BLM TRAIL WORK SAT MARCH 8, 2008 -- Watch for e-mail from Peter or website posting. Meet at BLM office at 9:00 AM. Take 8th and Gigling and follow signs to BLM office via Parker Flats Road. Call BLM or Peter is questions. We will work on 50 or Goat-- depends on situation.

ALSO SUNDAY MARCH 9 is DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. In honor of the occasion, the normal SATURDAY 2:30 PM ride will be leaving at Saturday March 8 at 4:30 PM to enjoy some riding and one of the last night-time opportunities. Bring lights etc-- this will be a longer ride.

ESCA/ FORT ORD CLOSURES/INFORMATION KIOSK - Henri attended ESCA meeting on Tues Feb 26; see separate e-mail re: minutes. Importantly, trail closures will likely occur by mid-June. Gary asked whether we could recycle the old outhouses or whatever to make the info kiosk in order to recycle and reuse. I will ask at ESCA March 25 meeting. We volunteered to put two kiosks up with ESCA to pay for materials. MORCA will maintain the kiosk at 8th and Gigling; runners will maintain the one at Intergarrison and Schoonover. Construction most likely will be in April-May timeframe.

FIRST ANNUAL DEAD HORSE TO ROCK TIME TRIAL has been extended to MARCH 15! See info and flier on website. Honor system-- time yourself

from Comanche horse grave at bottom of Trail 19 to rock outcrop at Top of Trail 49. Use marked BLM trails only!! A bit of pavement on Barloy Canyon Road is needed to stay legal between Trail 23 and 50. Winner gets a special prize and glory at our March 22 BBQ! All welcome to test themselves as many times as you want until 3/15. Use website to post times. Prizes to fastest man and woman. Tell your friends!

CLEAR CREEK EXCURSION MARCH 15-16. This is an area near King City south of Pinnacles, mostly used for motorcycles in drier times. IMBA will be there to check it out-- Peter plans to go-- watch for e-mail or web for details.

MARCH MADNESS -- SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2008 POKER RIDE AND BBQ!! 12-6 PM timeframe. Note changed date. This is day before Easter. We plan a **poker ride + BBQ** at Chris V's house afterwards. Chris and bearded Steve in charge. Mark your calendars and stay tuned! Be prepared to potentially do something funny at each station! All good fun. Poker ride will likely be \$5; meet at 12; on the trails 1:00 for a couple of hours, BBQ afterward. Chris will develop a flier to post on website soon.

IMBA TRAIL DAYS AND CAMP-OUT AT HENRY COE MARCH 28-30 -- See the recent e-mail to MORCA on this. Contact Josh Moore [mtbikes@gmail.com] of ROMP on this.

SEAOTTER 2008 KIDS BIKE RODEO for little kids under 10-- Chris Mack and Anna Bixler will coordinate our efforts, with a small committee likely to be formed to work out the details. **Fri-Sat-Sun April 17-19, 2008 plus Thursday construction on mini-stunts--** Ken and Chris will lay out the area. Area is the old lake sort of near the track (near where the huge stunt ramps were last year). **We need 6-8 volunteers per day. 10:00 AM (and ongoing?) registration/liability waivers (no fee); 11-12 AM skills rodeo with six stations. 12-1 PM kiddie races around the course (not over obstacles); 1-4 PM general fun for the kids.** Susan and Anne to assess insurance/hold harmless agreements. All the action and our booth is close by. SeaOtter contract will pay us \$540. We voted to accept. This is a major fund-raiser so mark your calendars! **The more people who help out the better**, as we can easily take turns to give each other a break.

DON'T FORGET, WE AGREED TO HELP IMBA to staff one aid station for their Saturday April 19 family fun ride. I assume we hand out food etc. for a couple of hours. Peter will attend planning meeting in a few weeks and see if we can get a station close to Laguna Seca due to our other commitments with booth and kids zone.

We also need to staff our booth we share with MBOSC--we welcome your ideas to make our booth look cool. Anne might be able to get a TV to show Chris' Kids Day video. One person every couple of hours just to let people now about MORCA.

Shelley will set up a signup on the website. She and Peter need to coordinate with final details. Watch the website and stay tuned.

MAY 3-4 is 24 HOURS OF ADRENALIN. We voted to commit to staffing an aid station at the bottom of Ewok in exchange for free corporate team (10 people). That means two people for 24 hours in 4-hr shifts at our volunteer station. So who wants to ride and/or who wants to help? As we get closer, Shelly will set up volunteer sign-up on web. Let Peter know if you are interested in being on the team and/or volunteering. We voted to camp in Chapparral area in trees due to nice amenities and easy stroll to the action.

SUNDAY MAY 18 is SPRING KIDS DAY AT TORO PARK, 10-1 in association with Monterey County Bike week. It is always fun to host Kids Day, and it should be beautiful. Stay tuned for details.

Speaking of kids-- **NorCal Highschool Mountain Bike League** has a race at Toro Park morning of May 4. Over 400 kids from all over NorCal, with 35 highschools involved. Very festive and fun to watch! Also fun to volunteer! A change in plans will also set their April 13 race in our area too. Stay tuned or ask me or Mark Kintz about it.

NEW! LADIES ONLY RIDE IS COMING IN APRIL, likely on Monday evenings after work. Sue Lottridge + Shelley etc would like to lead a slow, easy ride to encourage gals to come out and ride, especially those who may feel rushed at other no drop rides ("oh, don't wait for me; I'm sorry I am so slow") and enjoy a very mellow ride with no pressure, maybe work on some skills etc. No boys for now. Several guys at the meeting thought of female friends and loved ones who might really like this, so get their bikes tuned up!! Watch for e-mail and web announcement in April.

NEW! FUN! HELP US CREATE A MORCA NEWSLETTER IN TIME FOR SEAOTTER and also for bikeshops etc. We envision a quarterly newsletter and **we solicit your travel stories, race reports, funny trail happenings, "Ask Antone", animal sightings, artwork, photos, cartoons and ???** And we need a name for this rag! "The De-Railer" was suggested at the meeting. We solicit your ideas. For the special SeaOtter edition, the **deadline for submissions is April 1** (natch!) Our Susan volunteered to put this together.

Submit stuff to Susan at: scbrownrides@comcast.net

We did not talk about printing costs etc, but a sponsor might be great (maybe bike shops, other businesses who ride???)

OTHER REMINDERS AND ON-GOING:

MORCA LOGO-WEAR: See our website; we have a Paypal account.

REGULAR RIDES-- Gary and Anna are still leading the **regular Saturday afternoon ride from 8th and Giggling at 2:30 PM**; social pace, no one dropped, possible A and B groups, if needed. (Note March 8 ride only is 4:30

PM). Also **Wednesdays 8th and Giggling meet at 5:30 PM, roll at 5:45 PM**-- need lights and layers now, but soon it will be light for the whole ride!

BLM COORDINATION re legal night riding and making certain trails

legal: We continue to strive to develop positive relationships and work toward these goals.

All-- carry MORCA cards with you to tell people about us-- or remember the website to tell new friends on the trail.

NEXT MEETING-- Next MORCA meeting is Mon April 7 at 6:30 PM at English Ales in Marina (Reindollar) -- all welcome.

That's all for now, folks! [See you on the trails!](#)