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Happy 28th Birthday RECHOG

On June 2, 1988 the first meeting of the newly formed chapter of H.O.G. was held at Michael's Harley-Davidson in Santa Rosa (4780 Sonoma HWY). There were 10 people present to help get this chapter off to a good start. Several names were suggested and the title of "Redwood Empire" was voted in as the name of this chapter. Bylaws which were drawn up and furnished by the Harley-Davidson Motor Co. were read to all people present. The meeting was chaired by Michael Leskar, and at this time several of the offices needed to run a local H.O.G. chapter have been filled by volunteers, Sue Phelps was Secretary Treasurer and Victor Stupansky was Road Captain. Sam Marovich was eventually elected as their first Director. It was decided by the people present that the best time to hold the local H.O.G. meetings would be the 1st Thursday of every month at 8pm. The Charter was effective on August 29th 1988. Under the direction of Sam, the chapter began attending other H.O.G. functions, gaining momentum and growing in membership. In December the Redwood Empire Chapter held their first Toy Run and the first Christmas Party was held at Shooters West in Santa Rosa. By March of 1989, membership had grown to over 50 members. The Chapter was holding, monthly brunch runs, attending regional rallies, gearing up the Redwood Run and making plans for their first MDA Benefit. The Redwood Empire Chapter of the Harley Owners Group was definitely on its way. (Reprinted from August 2009 Tales from the Woods)

We have had a long history of riding and having fun. We have an amazing chapter with numerous rides and events to choose from weekly. If you are looking for someone to ride with, this is the place to be. With the assimilation of social media our connection to one another is instantaneous and spontaneous. We don't have to wait for a scheduled ride anymore; we can just put it out there and nine times out of ten someone responds "let's ride". How cool is that? It is nice from time to time to have the whole chapter come together as one to say "we are RECHOG". Our 28th annual Summer Run is just that time. I hope all of you will come out to support your chapter as we celebrate our 28th running of the Summer Run this August.

Thank you,
Randy Mack
Director

Happy Birthday!

Steve "Pikachu" Pehargou

Kim Cleary

Gary McLerran

Jeff Baron

Marsha Busekist

Highway Runaways

PORTLAND, Ore. (JUNE 30, 2015) – Harley-Davidson is celebrating 100 years of strong and confident women riders by supporting renowned photographer and motorcyclist Lana MacNaughton and the Highway Runaways Ride. Distinguished for her “Women’s Moto Exhibit,” MacNaughton is leading four of her closest female friends on a cross-



country Harley-Davidson motorcycle journey, starting July 3, when she kicks off the ride in Brooklyn, New York. This four-week tour will end in San Francisco. The Highway Runaways Ride is inspired by the infamous Avis and Effie Hotchkiss ride in 1915, when the mother and daughter became the first women to ride their Harley-Davidson motorcycle across the U.S. Many women have blazed their own trail in the sport of motorcycling, and MacNaughton leads a modern-day celebration of how women riders are unleashing their rebellious spirit and living life on their terms. Like the Hotchkiss ride 100 years ago, the Highway Runaways Ride is also being powered by Harley-Davidson. Specializing in the photography of the modern-day female motorcyclists, MacNaughton has dedicated her career to capturing and revealing the courageous and beautiful women who live to ride. During the 4,500-mile trek, MacNaughton will collect stories from women riders and take photographs of those who share her passion for the open road. “This ride embodies the spirit of strong and powerful women. Riding a Harley is about escaping the authority and the structure of mundane life; running away is our dream and it has now become our reality,” MacNaughton says.

Through the Highway Runaways Ride, MacNaughton and her friends are exhibiting their freedom and independence on two-wheels, and they aren’t the only ones riding Harleys to exhibit their strong and powerful spirit. In a survey commissioned by Harley-Davidson, a majority of women riders said that motorcycling made them happier, more confident and feel sexier. MacNaughton is providing a glimpse into motorcycling on these terms, using her camera to capture experiences along way. The pictures will be posted on both Lana and Harley-Davidson’s social media channels at @womensmotoexhibit and @harleydavidson, using #hwyrunaways.



Lana MacNaughton next to Evel Knievel’s XR750 at Circuit of the Americas.

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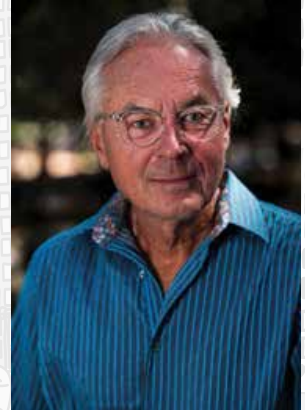
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Summer Run 2016
Sunday, August 21



1989 HARLEY DAVIDSON FLH SHOVELHEAD



On July 4th, three RECHOG members left Bad Ass Coffee to head towards the parade in Calistoga. When we arrived, we parked our bikes about 1 block from Lincoln Avenue, in the shade. The weather was just perfect, and cool for a change. David France, Gary McFarlan, and I decorated our bikes and set about to wait.

The parade manager found us and said we were #61 and to move way down the road to get in line....we didn't. We stayed in the shade about a block from the action.

Dave heard it first - another bike coming toward us....it was Ray Potter, one of our newest members. He parked and began decorating his bike. Then another bike rumbled toward us...It was Dave Marks, and his wife, Norma, behind him in their SUV. Now we are 5! Dave Marks asked if we'd seen Mike Thompson yet, 5th district congressman. We hadn't. Then Dave walked up to a man and shook his hand. He introduced us to Mike Thompson. Mike was surprised at the small turn out (so were we, really).

Mike decided he needed to take a sit-fit test on Dave Mark's bike ...it fit okay!





And then came Flo...on her own ride. We tried to convince her she could ride with us, but she said her "Vrum vrum wasn't loud enough". David made friends with her very quickly anyway.

As the parade participants began to line up along the road in front of us, we had excellent seats to view the activity. I was particularly amazed by the dancing horses!

Finally our number was up, and we rolled out... side by side. We made as much noise as we could and were cheered on. We would wait for a nice gap between us and the group ahead, then ride as fast and loudly as we could until we caught up, then sat and waited as we chatted with the crowd along the curbs and sidewalks. Cheers and thumbs up encouraged us on each time.

When we reached the announcer's booth, we had agreed to pause briefly and then give them a nice rumble....we did, too. At the end, David and Ray had other engagements, but Dave and Norma Marks invited Gary and I to join them at the Rutherford Grill for a late lunch. That's a destination restaurant someday...their food was almost as amazing as the fun we had being 'compact' but very, very present at the Calistoga 4th of July Parade.





RENO ACES BASEBALL OVERNIGHT



CALISTOGA FOURTH OF JULY PARADE





JULY GENERAL MEETING



JELLY BELLY AND BUDS RIDE



Current info as of July 25th. Please review website calendar at rechog.org & call the Ride Hotline for latest updates and additions 707.575.6786.



AUGUST

04 **RECHOG General Chapter Meeting** at Cattleman's Restaurant, 5012 Petaluma Blvd N, Petaluma, CA. Social hour starts at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:00pm

05 **Friday Off Work Ride.** Meet at SCHD at 9:00, depart 9:30. Ian Refugio will lead a ride to Jennie Low's Chinese Restaurant located at 120 Vintage Way, Novato. The ride will be 100 miles and about 2 ½ hours. After lunch we will walk next door to Tuttimelon Frozen Yogurt and Ice Cream for dessert!



07 **Road Captain Breakfast Meeting** at Marvin's Restaurant in Cotati at 8:00am. All road captains are encouraged to attend and anyone who would like to become a road captain. Steve Pehargou will lead a pre-ride for the Summer Run after the meeting, leaving from Marvin's at 9:00.



14 **Skunk Train Ride!** We will be taking the Pudding Creek Express scenic 7-mile, 1-hour round trip ride along the beautiful Pudding Creek Estuary. Meet at Bad Ass Coffee at 7:30, depart at 8:00. We will take Hwy 101 to Dry Creek Rd to Cloverdale where we will stop for a break before continuing on Hwy 128 to Hwy 1 to Fort Bragg. The train ride leaves at 11:00. Adults age 13 and up \$25.00, Children age 2 - 12 \$15.00, Children under 2 years of age are free, Dogs \$10.00. Concessions are available on the train and there is a full bar. You CANNOT bring alcohol onto the train. And you can only bring food on the train if you are traveling with a child or if you have a dietary restriction. The ride will be called as "over" before we board the train. Those wanting to go to lunch after the ride, we will be going to Mayan Fusion, 32351 N. Harbor Dr. Fort Bragg - 707-961-0211, visit the website to view the menu, www.mayanfusionftbragg.com.

15 **Monday Funday Ride.** Meet at SCHD at 10:00, depart at 10:30. Sean Smagalski will lead a ride to Point Reyes then back to AMF Bowling in Petaluma for bowling, food, drinks, & lots of fun!

21 **RECHOG Summer Run** Ride through beautiful Sonoma County, ending at Lake Sonoma. Ride cost is \$15 for single rider and \$25 for a couple, benefitting Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation. Lunch will be separate.

27 Ian Refugio will be leading a ride to Alice's Restaurant in Woodside, CA. Meet at Johnny's Java at 8:30, departing at 9:00.

28 **LOH ride.** Meet at Johnny Java's at 9:00, depart at 9:30. Kathy Avilla will lead a coastal ride with a mid point stop in Jenner. Lunch reservations have been made at Timber Cove Inn and a visit to Fort Ross for anyone interested.

SEPTEMBER

08-17 **Open Road West H.O.G. Rally** Open Road West is unique in that it is a ten-day riding event starting in Santa Fe, NM and ending in Lancaster, CA traveling through CO, UT and AZ. Pre-registration is preferred. Register by July 26, 2016





10 Glen Childers will be leading a ride. Meet at SCHD at 9:30, departing at 10:00. Details to come.

11 The 'TBD' Ride Shelly Bokkin will be leading a ride. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00, depart at 9:30. Details to come.

14 Hump Day Dinner Ride. Meet at SCHD at 5:30, depart at 6:00. Steve Reed will lead a ride to Hamburger Ranch in Cloverdale. The ride will take 45 minutes to an hour, dinner approximately 7:00.

18 Western Railway Museum Steve Pehargou will lead a ride to the Western Railway Museum at Rio Vista Junction. For further information about the museum you can visit their website at www.wrw.org. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00, depart at 9:30. The cost is \$10.00. RECHOG will pay for one entry to the museum and one lunch for the lucky raffle winners. Lunch will be at Tortilla Flats in Rio Vista.

25 Air Show Sergio Bravo will lead a ride to the Air Show. Details to come.



29 -OCT. 1 Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch Randy Mack will lead at ride to Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch. We will travel north to 299 and east onto 96 through the Pacific Coast Range which includes the Six Rivers National Forest and the Klamath National Forest. Our first night is in Happy Camp, then onto the Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch. <http://www.greenhornranch.com>. If you cannot make the whole trip, perhaps just meet us at the Ranch on Friday night, but don't be late for the big bbq and bon fire. See Randy's email for details. Space is limited so please call early.

OCTOBER 02 Ian Refugio will lead a ride to an "all you can eat" sushi restaurant in Vacaville. Meet at Johnny's Java at 8:30, depart at 9:00.

15 Ironsteed BAD Event Details to come.



16 Walt Disney Family Museum Ian Refugio will lead a ride to the Walt Disney Family Museum located at 104 Montgomery St, San Francisco. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00, depart at 9:30. The ride will take about an hour, going south on Hwy 101 for 45 miles. Lunch: TBD. Visit the website for more information: <http://www.waltdisney.org/> or YELP: http://www.yelp.com/biz/the-walt-disney-family-museum-san-francisco?utm_source=ishare

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Sept 29-Oct 2

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Ride and have fun,
Donna Fess, Activities Director, 2016

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General Meeting Minutes Redwood Empire HOG

Date: 7/8/16

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Jack Read

Previous Meeting Minutes Motion to Accept: Mike Faria Second: Ray Shipway

Assistant Director, Dave McComb: Dave started the meeting by introducing special guest Jim Butler. The birthday members this month are Jim Montenegro, Debby Mentz, Ron LaMariana, Donna Fess, Shelly Bokkin and Cliff Busekist. Winners of the birthday drawing gift cards were Shelly Bokkin and Cliff Busekist. Donna Fess was presented a birthday present of Belly Flops. We need 7 more volunteers for the San Francisco Marathon. Our club is making \$90/volunteer and we're going to control the starting line again this year. Sign up after the meeting.

Dave told everyone Randy is planning on an overnight ride to Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch, 9/29-10/2/16. More information will be forthcoming.

Treasurer Linnea Carter: We need 12 more volunteers to help at the Summer Run sign in area. Linnea gave the monthly financial report.

Membership Lonnie Olaeta: Lonnie started off with the members drawing. Debby Mentz won a Harley Davidson wall plaque. Lonnie introduced our newest member.

LOH Officer Kathy Avilla: Kathy reported that 5 members rode in the Calistoga 4th of July parade. She then talked about the upcoming ride to the Petrified Forest.

Road Captain Steve Pehargou: The road captain meeting will be held on 7/17/16, at Marvin's. Starting time is 8:00 am, followed by the LOH ride. There is a dinner ride Wednesday. Remember that the money raised by volunteers at the San Francisco Marathon will be used to reduce prices for the Christmas Party tickets. Meet at the Chevron on Lakeville Hwy (116) in Petaluma at 3:00 am.

Safety Officer Jeff Baron: Ride safe. Be sure to watch for gravel, especially along the edges of the roadway.

Activities Donna Fess: Remember the quilt. We need help selling tickets Sunday at the dealership and the Friday Night Market in Rohnert Park.

Historian Doug Barnes: Doug discussed the most useful and functional word in the English language. He also told us about "Wooden Leg Insurance."

Open Mike: Jeff Baron mentioned SRPD is doing a motorcycle safety training and enforcement. Steve Pehargou discussed issues with the Poker Hand stops during the Summer Run. David France asked for ideas and discussion on how to increase the number of riders on our rides. Steve Pehargou, Donna Fess, Mare Skipper, Mike Faria and Sergio Bravo all made suggestions and shared ideas. Dave Sullivan is offering levels I, II and III training classes. Contact Jeff Baron to set them up if you are interested. Jim Jones commented on his observations of St Jude's Hospital for Children. He recently visited there and was impressed by their tour and some of the generous corporate sponsors.

Membership drawing worth \$25. Member #132, Nancy Pacheco, who was not present. . Next month it will be \$50. Opportunity Drawing for went to Rob Carter.

Raffle Drawing:

1582	Mike Turpin	1567	Kathy Avilla	1375	Mare Skipper	1410	Katrina Bruce
1345	Shelly Bokkin	1518	Vince Mulligan	1326	Dave Sullivan	1462	Larry Jacobs
1531	Steve Reed						

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 pm

John E. Mentz, Secretary - Redwood Empire

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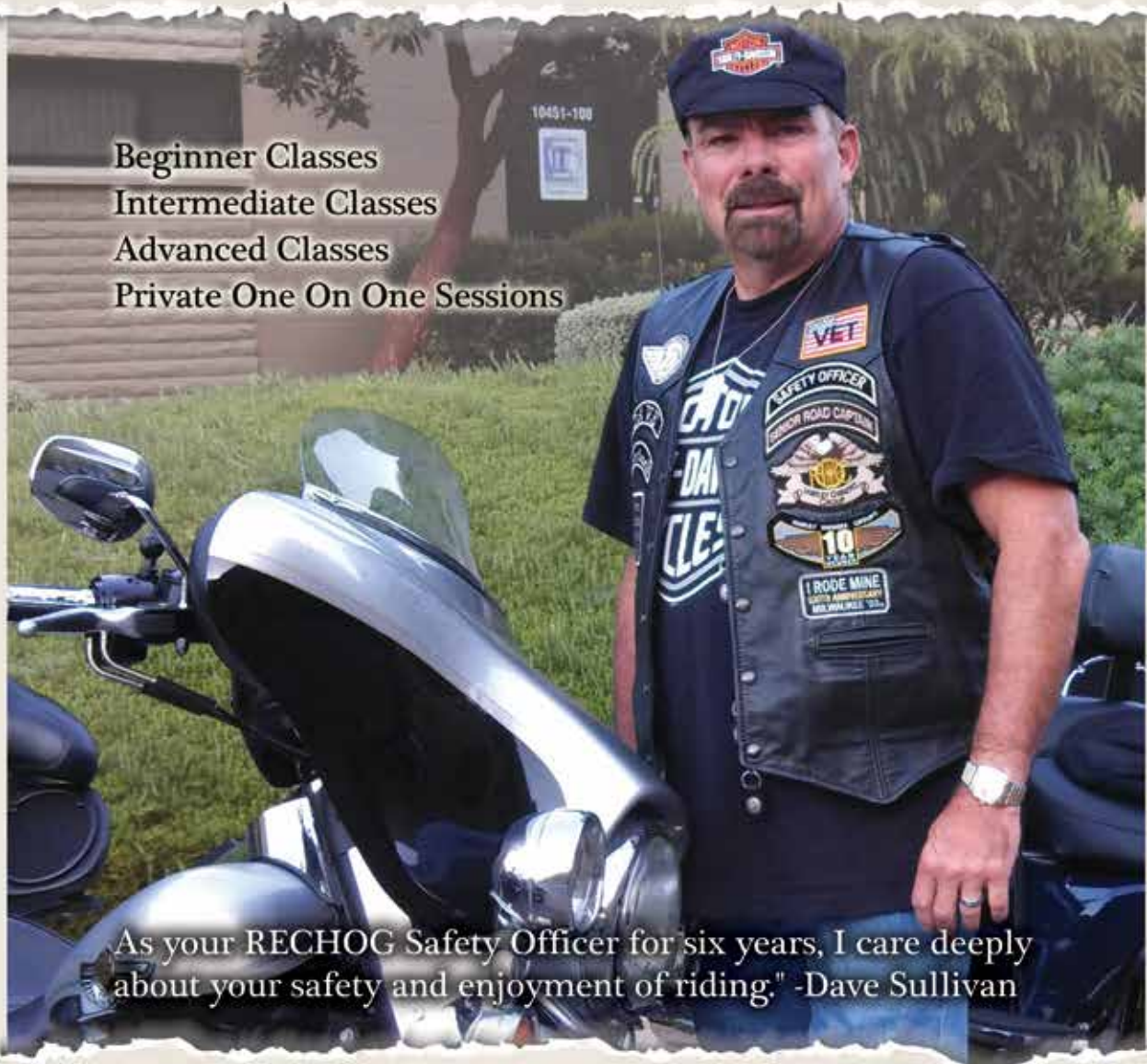
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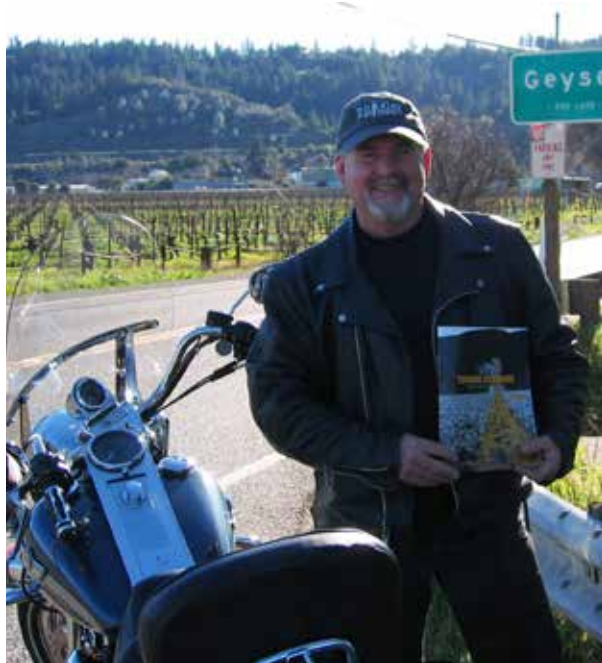
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