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2018 IN REVIEW



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In 1998, the very first Harley Davidson operations
ever opens in which foreign country?

ANSWER: Brazil



Greetings Redwood Empire!

Our 2018 riding season has finally come to an end. I hope that y'all had as much fun as I did this year. I've had many memorable moments this season. We started the year strong with such great rides and tremendous support from our members. Our ride planning team and I greatly appreciated the energy we received from the group. The picnics, shrimp boils, lunches, and dinner rides we've shared throughout the year will always be treasured by all who participated. I especially loved hearing when members asked us when we were doing these events again. There have been a lot of people from within and outside of the chapter who volunteered many hours to make things happen for us. I would like to thank them all for their time and effort. Our dealership has also supported us in so many ways. Their readiness to help the chapter is and always will be greatly appreciated. Our lineup of dedicated officers also deserve to be recognized. It takes a lot of pre-planning, flexibility, and sacrifice to be an effective part of the team and these folks were able to do exactly just that. I personally would not have been able to do what I set out to do this year without the guidance of the last three directors before me. I never truly realized how much it took to lead an entire chapter to a certain direction until I was already in the drivers seat. But I must say that having a great group of members in our club made the challenge very worthwhile and rewarding. Thank y'all very much for supporting me and having my back especially these last few months.

I know that a lot of y'all have uncertainties as to the chapters direction for this coming year. I understand where everyone is coming from and I feel what you're feeling. But I believe that this chapter will be just fine because of the quality of people we have in it. I encourage everyone to give change a chance. I will be renewing my membership for 2019 and I look forward to seeing all of you there with me. I hope y'all give the chapter a chance to succeed before you decide to move on. But if you do decide to no longer be part of this group, then I wish you the very best and I hope you continue to have fun and ride safely on your Harley Davidson.

I look forward to seeing y'all on next year's rides. Get out on your Harley Davidson and have fun. Remember, each member may invite one guest to our closed chapter rides. We hope everyone has a positive and safe experience in this club. You may contact the chapter officers directly for any issues or concerns regarding chapter business at rechog@gmail.com.

As always, ride hard and have fun RECHOG!



Wheelie-Tales



How y'all doin' ? In the words of Frank Sinatra's 1969 song, "And now, the end is near and so I face the final curtain..." We have come to the close of 2018 and we put it in the history books. This has been an interesting year, to say the least.

I first want to say that it has been an honor and a privilege serving our Director, Ian Refugio. The amount of time and dedication he has demonstrated was prevalent by watching him. His heart is true and he always tried to do what was best for the chapter. Our friendship continues whether we will be serving in the chapter or doing things outside of the chapter. Our friendship is above a patch we wear on our back.

I also want to say thank you to all of the other officers I served with this year as we would not be able to do what we did without all of your support and dedication; Vince Mulligan, Tammy Mulligan, Stephen Pehargou, Brian Bokkin, Shelly Bokkin, Jim Jones, Heidi Faulkner, Mike Johnson, and of course, my lovely wife and best friend Cherie Wheeler. Thank you all for your countless hours of time you volunteered for our chapter and the dedication you demonstrated. We will continue our riding together and friendship for many years to come.

We have been able to accomplish a lot this year. We made many donations to the children of Valley of the Moon funded by the decision to use our ride raffles to fund purchases they are so desperately in need of. This partnership with VOM began way before I started with RECHOG and I hope it continues for many decades going forward as these kids need us. We had a successful Summer Run, and multiple members BBQ's and shrimp boils and of course countless ride. There have been times of stress and dissent but that's what makes us a "family" as we find ways to come through that adversity. We will cap this year off with our annual holiday party and I guarantee it will be a fun time.

Of course all of the buzz and talk around the campfire has to do with the future of RECHOG and how things will be. I have been privy to member's conversations on both sides of the fence. Regardless of your opinion or decision you make, I will respect your decision and not let that alter any friendship we have or activity we partake in. Good luck to Randy and Heidi next year as I know they will do great. Randy and Heidi have both put together some great rides in the past are stand up folks. I look forward to 2019 and will see you around or on Facebook. We will continue to ride and have fun the way we know how!!



Greetings RECHOG!

It's hard to believe that we are closing in another amazing year of riding and having fun together.

I have enjoyed serving as your Ladies of Harley officer this year. I felt a bit weak in the knees every time I had a ride to lead. Thank you for your support and encouragement as I continue to learn how to become a better rider and lead.

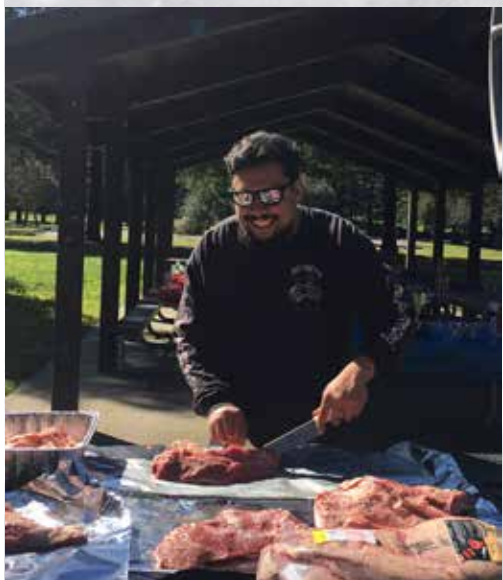
I know we all share the common bond of riding and the unspoken therapy that happens as soon as we hit the throttle. It doesn't matter what challenges I have going on in my life, something happens on the inside of me. Burdens are lifted, heart is full and life is good. The best part is pulling up alongside one of you, looking over and giving each other a big ear to ear grin.

I feel so blessed to live in such a beautiful area and get to ride with such a fun, interesting, diverse and loving group of people.

I am looking forward to another year of riding and smiles!

LOH Officer, Heidi







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stop a Harley
owner on
horseback?

ANSWER: Unplugging the carousell









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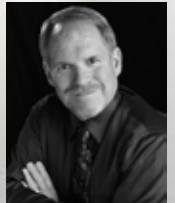
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**It is good to have an end to
journey towards; but it is the
journey that matters in the end.**

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