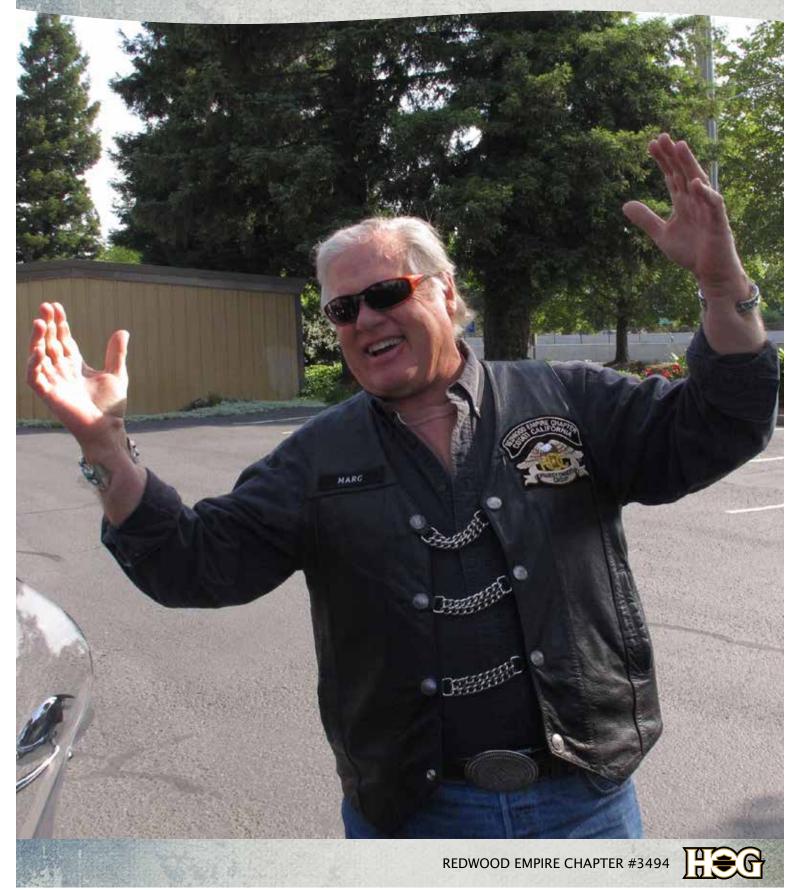
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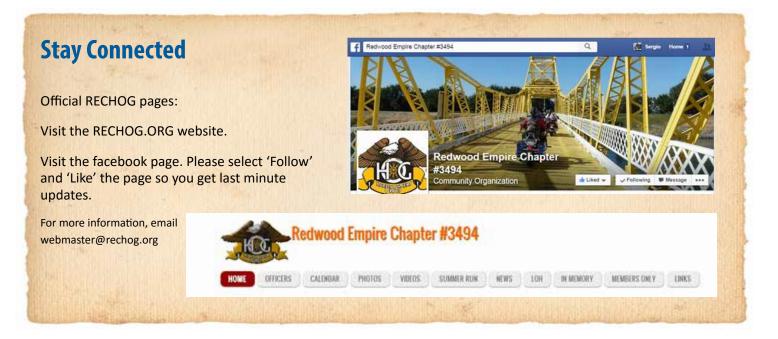


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SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR PUBLICATION: TFTW gladly accepts articles, photos and antecdotes for publication! Please send text, and high-res images in a .jpg or .pdf format. Deadline: 20th of the month. Please email: newslettereditor@rechog.org

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Happy Birthday America! HOG and Harley-Davidson are synonymous with the idea of living and riding free and I am proud to be a part of them.

Our **Reno Aces** ride was a lot of fun. We had great warm weather (ok maybe crossing the valley was like driving through a convection oven) and the roads were in pretty good shape. We traveled through the farmlands of the valley, the oak woodlands of the foot hills, the alpine of the mountains and the high deserts of Nevada. We followed 4 different rivers and went by at least a dozen lakes. We viewed both the Sutter and Sierra Buttes and crossed three different passes. Oh yeah and there was a baseball game also. Unfortunately the Aces lost that night but it was nice to see everyone and have a little fun at the game on a warm summer's evening. Thanks everyone for making this a great ride.

As you know I enjoy planning and riding the overnight rides. Please save the dates of Thursday September 29 thru Sunday October 2. I am working on a ride to the **Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch** via highway 96. We can spend the entire Saturday at the Ranch which includes a pool, saloon with card tables and billiards, a fishing pond, Friday night BBQ and bon fire with sing along, and horse drawn hay rides. For those adventurous type there is also horse back riding.

Please come out and support your chapter by participating in the **San Francisco Marathon** Sunday July 31st. It is a unique opportunity to ride into San Francisco with no traffic in the wee hours of the morning plus have a little fun with the runners who are very appreciative of our services. This is a great way for our club to make a little money for our picnics, raffle prizes and events.

This year's **Summer Run** Sunday August 21 is in the final planning stages with our last Summer Run meeting scheduled for **Wednesday (day change)** July 27th at the Rohnert Park Round Table starting at 6:30 pm. There is still time to get involved and have some fun.

Be sure to save the date Saturday December 10th for our annual **Holiday Party** at the Flamingo Hotel and Resort. There are 20 rooms blocked out for our group for those who would like to stay with more information in the months to follow.

Ride safe and have fun. Randy Mack, Director



#### HELP WANTED

That's right, we need your help at the San Francisco Marathon on July 31st. As of this writing I have 26 volunteers and need at least 40 (45 or more would be better). We will be getting \$90 per volunteer which is \$20 more than all previous years. With 40 volunteers we will raise \$3,600 for the chapter.

In past years we have had as many as 45 volunteers and I have been assured that each person that shows up will have an assignment and the chapter will be credited for them, but there is a chance if we are unable to fill our positions we may loose our place at the starting line and and end up with less desirable positions around the course.

This is the biggest fund raising event for the chapter for the year and is much need to help build our treasury and enable us to do more for our members. The chapter will buy lunch for the volunteers on the day of the event and volunteers will get first chance at Holiday Party tickets. The prices of the tickets will be greatly reduced this year and the more volunteers we have the cheaper they will become.

The funds brought in also help to pay for things like our Tin Barn Classic, which is a free to members picnic at Lake Sonoma, as well as other chapter sponsored outings and rewards.

If you have signed up already, **THANK YOU!** If you haven't, what are you waiting for?

I will see you on the road... and hopefully at the marathon.



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#### SAFETY OFFICER

#### **Over Packing**

Well I think summer has arrived. The reason I mentioned over packing is that we are having to carry different amounts of clothing for a day of riding. I was at a motorcycle shop a few weeks ago and ran into a guy that made the local news. He was the rider that had an accident caused by some clothes that he bungeed to the back of his bike slipped off the fender into his chain. The next thing he and is passenger knew was they were sliding down the road. He ended up with bruised ribs and a few broken bike parts. His passenger was OK. Please make sure to pack everything securely.

The other item I mentioned at the last meeting was something Ian, Sergio and I ran into in Laughlin. It is called Lightning Strike. It is a pair of lights that mount to the engine guard and a button that mounts near your horn button. When you push the button the two bright white lights strobe very fast to get the other drivers attention. The demonstration was amazing. Take a look at their web site for a demonstration. www.getlightningstrike.com. It is one of the most amazing safety products I have ever seen.

Ride Safe. Jeff



#### LOH Update July 2016

Can you believe we just past the ½ way point of 2016! Wow.



Saturday, June 11, there were 4 of us who met at Johny's Java Hut at 7:30am. It was clear that our club's participation in the Golden Gate Chapter's BAD event was going to be extremely small. By the time we discussed options, we were down to 2, but would pick up one more on the way through Novato.

Dave France, Paul Swallows and I arrived at Dudley Perkins by 9:30am with just enough time to get registered, take a break, and jump back on our bikes to start the tour. There must have been over 150 participants....very impressive. The whole group left as one and followed the leader to Golden Gate National Cemetery for the Flag-day celebration and remembrance of those thousands of souls that gave their all in service to this nation. The guest speaker made a pretty powerful comment when he said "it seems they don't like our flag anymore, but they sure don't mind our benefits." He was talking about all the places and people who want our flag removed from public places. Interesting, isn't it.

Anyway....after the celebration, they split the bikers into two groups of 70 or so each. We were in the 2nd group, so waited the 15 minutes to give the others a head start. We headed out finding our way past Alice's Restaurant, and through redwoods until we reached Highway 1 and Half Moon Bay. It was a beautiful sight .... slightly cool, but absolutely crystal clear.

We passed through La Honda and Big Basin, finally ending up in Huckleberry Campground for BBQ chicken, tri-tip, salad, baked beans, bread, and of course ice cream for dessert. The only issue was it was already 2pm! Paul wanted to stay for the chapter challenge, but I needed to be home by 6 and Dave needed to get home to his family. Rumor was the leader of our group missed the turn....so we had an extended ride. We left around 2:30 retracing our steps back to Highway 1, rode through Half Moon Bay and Pacifica till we got to where we could connect to the Great Highway. I logged about 300 miles on my bike from start to finish.



Even though we were pathetically represented, the ride was amazing. I did learn, however, that Bobby Buchette and his long-time sweetheart, Paula, were to be married on June 12th. They were both at the picnic and having a blast. Congratulate them the next time you see them about.

The next ride I'll lead will take us to the Petrified Forest...if it doesn't rain that is!



#### Pre-Registration Closes July 21st, only a few weeks left to register for Open Road West

Open Road West, a Harley-Davidson corporate event, is set to start on September 8, 2016 in Santa Fe, NM and end on September 17, 2016 in Lancaster, CA. This 10 day riding rally has slightly over 1,600 miles of spectacular roads, sites and scenery you can count of a heck of a ride and event. Couple this with six hosted meals, suggested routes, Rally Guide and options for merchandise all for a basic \$65 registration fee, it's a bargain.

Open Road West (ORW), is this year's California H.O.G. Rally (formally State HOG Rally) and is an event put on by H.O.G. members for H.O.G. members. Over two years of planning has gone into this ride so you can count on the experience of a lifetime. Locations such a the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge, Million Dollar Highway, Monument Valley, Jerome, parts of Route 66, Seligman and London Bridge are just a few of the highlights on the ORW primary routes.

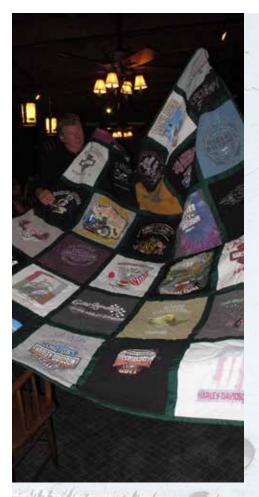
Don't have the full 10 days for the rally? Not a problem, we have the solution. The ORW Rally Committee has designed the rally with a break in the middle in Flagstaff. This is a great opportunity to ride to Flagstaff and participate in the final five days of the rally. If you don't have that much time, you can join the ride at any one of the seven locations where the rally stops; Santa Fe, NM, Durango, CO, Grand Junction, CO, Flagstaff, AZ, Kingman, AZ, Palm Springs, CA and finally Lancaster, CA.

Santa Fe, Flagstaff and Lancaster will all have local routes/maps should you desire to venture out and see some of the surrounding areas. There are some great areas around all three towns and each local H.O.G. Chapter has picked a few of their best rides. All maps will be posted on http://www.openroadwest.com/the-road/.

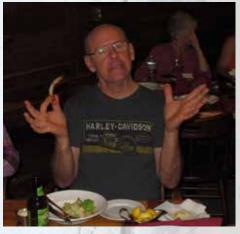
Need lodging? The ORW committee has worked hard to secure the most favorable rates for the various cities we are stopping at. While your first choice may no longer be available, there are plenty of rooms in each city to choose from. Please go to: https://secure.lenos.com/lenos/omegameetings/OpenRoadWest2016/

Finally if you would like to register and be a part of this great riding experience and join over 400 of your best H.O.G. bothers and sisters then go to: http://castatehogrally.com/registration.php

Thank you for considering Open Road West, pre-registration closes on July 21st, so don't miss out of one of the best rides of 2016. For more information go to http://www.openroadwest.com or contact Bill Davis - Rally Coordinator bill@hog-rally.com.









JUNE GENERAL MEETING





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#### **ACTIVITIES LISTING**

#### **BY DONNA FESS**

Current info as of June 23rd. Please review website calendar at rechog.org & call the Ride Hotline for latest updates and additions 707.575.6786.

Friday Off Work Ride, meet at SCHD at 10:00 leave at 10:30. Destination is El Farolito, 8465 Old Redwood Hwy in Windsor.

Belly Flops and Buds Shelly Bokkin will lead the Belly Flops and Buds ride for a tour at Jelly Belly and Budweiser, Ian Refugio will sweep. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00, leaving at 9:30.

Sean Smagalski will lead a ride to the Sebastopol Kiwanis July 3rd Independence Day Fireworks Extravaganza and Music Festival! Meet at Johnny's Java at 5:30, depart at 6:00pm, The ride will go to Analy High School Football Field. The band, "Poor Man's Whiskey", starts at 6:00, so there will be dancing and food vendors, and over 4,000 people. Fireworks start at 9:40. Entrance fee is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Bring warm gear for the ride home, no "camping chairs" allowed due to the renovation of the football field, regular folding lawn chairs is acceptable, or bring a blanket to sit on.





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

Oakland Target Run Registration is from 8:30-10am at Oakland, fee is \$15 for single rider, \$25 for double. This event includes a Hi/Lo Poker Run, raffle prizes, 50/50 and a short ride from the Oakland dealership through the Oakland Hills then followed by an afternoon of fun at Oakland Harley Davidson. Lunch will be available for purchase from food trucks. Meet at Johnny's Java at 7:30, depart at 8am for the ride to Oakland Harley Davidson.

Hump Day Dinner Ride. Meet at SCHD at 5:30 depart at 6:00. Steve Reed will lead, destination details to be announced.

Fairfax Breakfast Ride. Meet at Johnny's Java at 8:00, depart at 8:30. Destination is The Hummingbird, 57 Broadway Blvd, Fairfax, CA. Lead road captain, Ian Refugio Road Captain Breakfast Meeting at Marvin's Restaurant in Cotati at 8am. All road captains are encouraged to attend and anyone who would like to become a road captain.

LOH Ride to Petrified Forest. Meet at Johnny's Java at 8:00am, depart at 8:30. The ride will go west and through some back roads, stopping for a break in Occidental by 9:30am. Ride continues along Bohemian Highway and connects with River Road, heading for Petrified Forest National Park. The docent-led tour begins at 11am. It is a 90-minute walking tour so a change of shoes from riding boots may be desired. Admission: Adults \$10. Students and 62+ adults is \$9. Children 6-11 vears is \$5.Kids less than 6 are free. Please bring a picnic lunch and drinks with you. There are picnic tables available under the shade of Redwood Trees at the park. Kathy will lead the ride back to Santa Rosa for whoever wishes to follow.

Monday Funday Ride. Meet at SCHD at 9:30, leave at 10:00. Lead road captain is Glen Childers.

Cuttin' The Cheese Ride We'll venture Sonoma County backroads, visit local cheese artisans and taste some delicious fromage. (No tour, therefore no cost.) Meet at 9am at Sonoma County H-D, depart at 9:30am. Lactose intolerant need not apply! :)









Summer Run Pre-Ride, Road Captains only. Meet at SCHD at 10:00 and depart at 10:30.

Summer Run Meeting at 6:30 at Round Table Pizza in the Raley's Shopping Center, Rohnert Park.

San Francisco Marathon Please join RECHOG for a bright and early ride to the city, to help out at the annual SF Marathon! We'll raise much needed funds for the RECHOG chapter, have lots 'o fun, AND go for breakfast after the runners depart! Meet at the Chevron Station in Petaluma by the 116 exit at 3:00am and depart at 3:30am.

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



Friday Off Work Ride. Meet at SCHD at 10:00, depart 10:30. Steve Fisher will be lead road captain.

Pia's Birthday Ride! Meet at SCHD at 10:00, depart at 10:30, Sergio will be lead road captain.



Monday Funday Ride. Meet at SCHD at 10:00, depart at 10:30. Sean Smagalski will be lead road captain.

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. 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

-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

#### FYI FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Aug 8-14 Street Vibrations Fall Rally Sept 21-25 Las Vegas Bikefest Sept 29-Oct 2

For more outside activities please pick up a copy of Thunder Press at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson. If you have an idea on a place to go, or an event that the group might like to do, please send an e-mail to the Activities Director at: activitiesdirector@ rechog.org

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





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#### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 6/2/16 Call to Order: 7:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance led by: Jack Read

Previous Meeting Minutes Motion to Accept: Claude Jones Second: Steve Pehargou

Assistant Director, Dave McComb: Dave started the meeting by introducing this month's guests, Rick and JoAnn Wallenstein, Sergio Chileno, Hippy Al and Nancy McLerrau. Next he introduced new member Dave Porter. Birthdays this month included Jeanne Baron, Jack Read, David France, Marty Hlusak and Rob Carter. The winners of the birthday gift cards were Marty Hlusak and Rob Carter. Dave briefly mentioned the upcoming Open Road Rally.

We need 45 volunteers for the San Francisco Marathon. This year they are paying \$90/volunteer. That money will be used to reduce the cost to members for the Christmas Party. Volunteers this year will be treated to lunch. The marathon is on 7/31/16. The Berkeley 1/2 Marathon will be in November and we will need another 30 or so volunteers, also at \$90/each, to cover that event.

Treasurer Linnea Carter: Linnea explained the current standing of club funds.

Membership Lonnie Olaeta: Lonnie introduced new members Rick and Joann Wallenstein and Dave Porter. The white ticket drawing was won by Sharon Mack.

Director Randy Mack: Randy thanked Kathy Avilla for leading a group to the Napa Marathon and earning funds for the club. Randy reminded us about the upcoming Reno Aces game and Reno ride, on 6/25/16. There are 4 tickets left. Meet at Bad Ass Coffee at 7:30 am and depart at 8:00 am. The next Summer Run meeting will be on 6/23/16, at 6:30 pm at Rohnert Park Round Table. Randy thanked Walter for getting belly-dancers to perform at the Summer Run. Hop Monk will be providing beer for the event.

Randy got serious for a moment discussing last weekend's progressive ride. About 30 people responded saying they would be there. Hosts did a great job of getting their homes ready and preparing the meals. The Gilfords put on a great breakfast. Thirty people left the Guilfords' and only 8 showed up at the next stop. It was embarrassing for the club. Randy apologized for the club to Nancy and Gary for going to all the effort and making their house available and preparing the food. When we do another progressive ride, if you RSVP please let Randy know if you can't make the entire ride.

Road Captain Steve Pehargou: Steve told us that the next Road Captain meeting will be on 6/5/16, at 8:00 am at Marvin's in Cotati. Shelly's ride will follow the meeting. He encouraged people to sign up for the SF Marathon. On 6/12/16 there will be a pre-ride for the Summer Run. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00 am and depart at 9:30 am. On 6/11/16 Golden Gate HOG is having a BAD ride. Upcoming rides will include a ride to a working gold mine.

Safety Officer Jeff Baron: Jeff distributed pins and other handouts from Michelin Tires. He endorsed some high-power lighting called Lightning Strike strobe lights, saying they are incredibly bright and can prevent some collisions. He raffled off a digital tire pressure gauge. Conci Mack won the gauge.

Activities Donna Fess: Donna displayed this year's raffle quilt, displaying the special Joline remembrance patch. Tickets will be available at the next meeting. The Friday Fun-Day ride will be cancelled unless we can come up with a road captain. We are waiting for information on the Calistoga 4th of July Parade.

Open Mike: Brian Bokkin, talked about the first ride he is leading as Road Captain on Sunday 6/5/16. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00 am and depart 9:30 am and will end in Windsor at 12 noon. He's calling the ride the Grapevine Twistee Course.

Membership drawing worth \$50. Member #118, Debby Mentz won the drawing. Next month it goes back to \$25. Opportunity Drawing for \$80 went to Jeanne Baron.

Raffle Drawing: 4381844 Mike Farias 4381789 Freddie Freitas

4381893 Glenn Childers 4381835 Mike Johnson 4381592 Marc Mendleson 4381889 Glenn Gillis 4381806 Jack Read

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 pm John E. Mentz, Secretary - Redwood Empire Chapter







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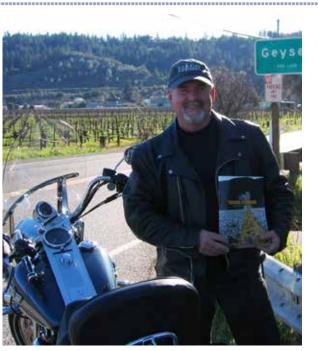
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