

# TALES FROM THE REDWOODS

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REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER #3494





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General Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 5012 Petaluma Blvd N, Petaluma, CA  
Board Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson, 7601 Redwood Dr, Cotati, CA

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## Greetings RECHOGians,

June is here, the beginning of summer with long riding days and warm evenings. Our ride to Mt. Diablo HOG for their "May-Ham" was met with cool weather and though our participation was low our enthusiasm and fun was o& the charts. Thanks to Claude and Shirley Jones along with Donna Fess RECHOG placed second in the chapter challenge moving spoons full of jelly beans as quickly as possible in a three person relay. They never dropped a bean. Earlier that same morning (5 am to be exact) -well before we were out riding and playing games- your LOH officer Kathy Avilla was leading a small band of volunteers to help with traffic control for the Wine Country Half Marathon in the Napa Valley. I would like to thank Kathy for organizing the volunteers for this event. And kudos to Brian and Shelly Bokkin, Lonnie Olaeta, Steve Reed, Karen Knapp and Steve and Nancy Fisher for participating. This event brought in \$800 for our chapter.



**A good long ride can clear your mind, restore your faith, and use up a lot of fuel.**

(Unknown author)

Speaking of good long rides the Reno Aces ride is this month. I was delayed last month for my pre-ride because of rain and snow, but I am looking forward to the ride and I hope you are too. There are a few tickets left for the game and the rooms will only be held until the June 11th.

On Saturday June 25th we will meet at Bad Ass Co&ee located at 50 Mark West Springs Rd in Santa Rosa at 7:30 with kick stands up at 8:00. We should arrive in Reno shortly before 5:00, time enough to clean up and get ready for the game at 7:00 pm. On Sunday June 26th we will meet at 9:00 and depart at 9:30 for the trip home. Last month we had our Frst picnic of the year. The "Burgers and Brats" was held at Lake Berryessa. The three hour ride was led by Ian Refugio and it was fun hear the rumble as they approached and to see their smiling faces as they arrived. A good time was had by all.

**Gray-haired riders don't get that way from pure luck.**

**Ride, eat, sleep...repeat, this is the formula for a great trip.**

Ride safe and have fun, Randy Mack



## Greetings,

I hope everyone is doing well.

Summertime is upon us and with it comes great weather, picnic, vacations, various other fun things and BEES. So watch out while enjoying our country roads. Summertime also brings a major fund raiser for the Chapter, July 31 is the date for the San Francisco Marathon and we can use 40 or more volunteers to help with this event, the proceeds we receive will help fund another BBQ for the group and will help to put on the annual Holiday Party. Our goal this year is to throw the party with little to no cost for our members, that's right if we have enough help with the two marathons the entry cost to the Holiday Party can be free( bar expenses will still come out of your own wallets ) so please sign up and volunteer for these events. I should have our locations and job descriptions ready at the general meeting in July so there will not be any last minute surprises.

Also remember with this warmer weather to use sunblock on uncovered skin and bring plenty of water along on rides to stay hydrated. As always, remember to check the Hotline for last minute changes before leaving for a ride.

That is it for now, hope to see you on a ride.

-Dave

## happy birthday!

David France

Heidi Faulkner

Jeanne Baron

Jack Read

Rob Carter

Marty Hlusak

Freddie Freitas Jr.

Cherie Wheeler



## May was motorcycle awareness month.

Well did anyone notice the overhead signs telling everyone to watch out and share the road with motorcycles? I saw a couple at the beginning of the month then nothing. So it is still up to us to watch out for the other guy.

With the weather getting warmer please make sure you hydrate. Drink as much water as you can during the breaks.

Next month I will have a product I would like to let you all know about that may be one of the best safety devices I have seen in a long while.

Ride safe and see you at the meeting.

## Hi Everyone,

With summer approaching and all the great weather for riding, I wanted to thank all that contributed to the ride destinations and restaurant selections. Not only does it help take some of the stress off of me to come up with different ideas, now I can help plan places where YOU want to go!

One of the suggestions was a Coast to Coast ride. I'm actually planning on doing that so if you are interested in taking part in that let me know! I'm planning on leaving California around July 13 and returning in time for our Summer Run August 21. I will be going to Charleston, SC before heading back. I'm just in the beginning stages of planning but I do know I will be stopping in various cities to visit friends and family.

There are others who are also planning some great trips so it would be nice to bring these up during "open mic" at the general meeting, you never know who might have something to contribute to your plans if they only knew you were going! There are so many amazing rides planned already, it's going to be an adventurous year!!!

Ride safe and have fun,  
Donna Fess  
Activities Officer, 2016

## LOH Update June 2016



We seem to be suffering from the same fate as the Jelly Belly Ride a couple of seasons back. Rain or wet roads have deterred us from our adventures. The Petrified Forest ride will come about again – the date is yet to be determined.

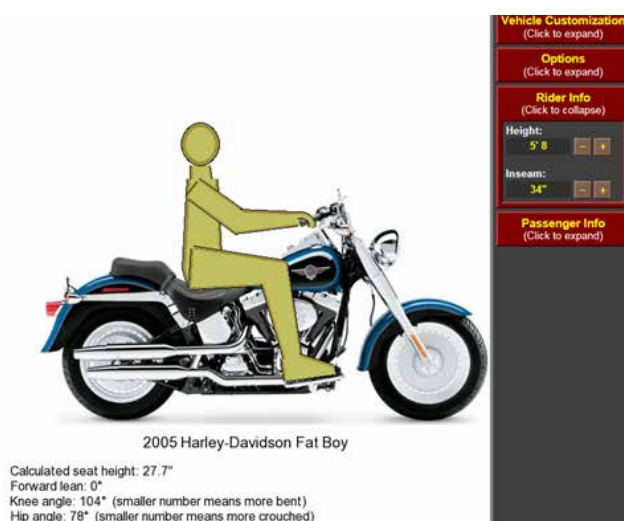
When it comes to owning our own bike, we ladies can educate ourselves about which is the best fitting bike for us. I did a quick search in the Harley-Davidson website and as we all know, they can customize any bike to any of our heart's desire, and therefore, fit one to us properly. That's the specialness of a Harley....so customizable.

They can adjust the bikes' height (to a certain extent), change its seat style, modify the foot controls, raise or lower the handlebars and adjust either, or both, front- and rear-suspensions to accommodate our riding safety and comfort.

There is actually a website for motorcycle ergonomics. You can enter your bike type and get some feedback about whether you are in the zone of proper fit or not.

Visit <http://cycle-ergo.com/> and enter your bike model. To the right-hand side, there is a Rider Info box for entering your height and your inseam. They display a body-shape on your bike model and as you change the height/inseam values, the body posture changes to show you how you'd fit. Specs below indicate how crunched or stretched out you'd be on that standard-model bike. It's pretty cool. You can enter various models if you're looking to buy a bike and maybe end up with an ideal fit for you.

Do I look like this on my 2002 Fat Boy? (I think I may slump a bit...).



### LIMITED TICKETS REMAIN!

### Reno Aces Game & Ride 6/25 - 26

Randy Mack has a few tickets remaining for the 6/25 Reno Aces game and the cost is \$16 per ticket.

Saturday June 25th meet at Bad Ass Coffee at 7:30am with kick stands up at 8am. We should arrive in Reno shortly before 5pm, time enough to clean up and get ready for the game at 7pm. On Sunday June 26th we will meet at 9:00 and depart at 9:30 for the trip home.

If you would like to join us please call Randy (707) 696-6272 or email [randy@mack-faulkner.com](mailto:randy@mack-faulkner.com) to reserve your ticket. (Additional details in Activities Listing)

## Summer is approaching.

With this comes more vehicles, bicyclists, pedestrians and yes all of us bikers. RECHOG's motto has always been, "RIDE and Have FUN!" and Dorene always adds, "And be safe."

With this being said, have a great summer and read this poem:

### Biker's Poem

I pray for all the groups and clubs,  
I pray for the sport that all of us love.  
No matter what style no matter what race,  
Your soul has no color, your soul has no face.  
We started out afraid to lean right or left,  
And now we use speeds that could bring us death.  
So turn back the throttle it might save your life,  
You may have a husband, you may have a wife.  
Think of your family and what they will miss,  
Your touch and your smile, the warmth of your kiss.  
Think of your loved ones when you turn the key,  
God Bless all the bikers and also  
God Bless Me..  
-Kelly K

And I'll leave you with this....

What does it mean to pre-board? Do you get on  
before you get on?  
-George Carlin







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## JUNE

### 02 RECHOG General Chapter Meeting

General membership meeting held the first Thursday of every month, at Cattlemen's in Petaluma. Eat and socialize beginning at 6pm. Meeting begins at 7pm. Please sign-in for: Birthday for that month drawing, next month birthdays that go to Tales of the Woods, Guests, and get your FREE Member ticket.

### 03 Friday Off Work Ride, meet at SCHD at 9:00 leave at 9:30. Lead RC Ian Refugio.

### 05 Bokkin's Ride

Ride will meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00, leaving at 9:30. Brian Bokkin will lead, Shelly Bokkin is sweep.

### 11 Golden Gate BAD Event, LOH Officer Kathy Avilla will lead the ride to the Golden Gate BAD Event. Meet at Johnny Java's at 8:00, leave at 8:30. Ian Refugio will sweep.

### 12 Road Captain Breakfast Meeting. Meet at Marvin's Restaurant, Cotati at 8:00am. All Road Captains are encouraged to attend, and anyone who would like to become a road captain

### 15 Hump Day Dinner Ride, meet at SCHD at 5:30, leave at 6:00. Dinner destination will be Stumptown Grill, 15045 River Rd, Guerneville, CA



### 16 RECHOG Board of Directors Meeting 6pm

at Sonoma County Harley Davidson. Members are encouraged to attend and observe the workings of their club and participate in the round table discussion.

### 19 Happy Father's Day

Meet at SCHD at 10:00 and leave at 10:30 for the Papa's Day Ride to Isleton Crawdad Festival! Lead RC Sergio Bravo, sweep Glen Childers.

### 20 First Day of Summer!

Let's celebrate with a Monday Funday ride. Meet at SCHD at 9:30, leave at 10:00. Lunch destination will be Schellville Grill, 22900 Broadway, Sonoma, CA 95476. Lead RC Donna Fess.

### 23 Summer Run Meeting

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

### 25-26 Reno Aces Baseball Overnighter

Meet at Bad Ass Coffee, SR at 7:30am with kick stands up at 8am. Reno Aces game at 7pm. Return home on Sunday. Randy Mack has game tickets, and hotel rooms are blocked out at Harrahs Reno-2 blocks from the stadium. Discounted rate of \$99 + taxes & resort fees. (Reservations: 1-888-726-6311, Group Code:T06RED6). Cut-off date is June 11th and is first come first served. Internet reservation link: <http://www.totalrewards.com/hotel-reservations?propCode=REN&groupCode=T06RED6> **LIMITED TICKETS REMAIN!**

## JULY

### 01 Friday Off Work Ride, meet at SCHD at 10:00 leave at 10:30. Lead road captain is Steve Fisher.



### 03 Road Captain Breakfast Meeting First Sunday of the month. Meet at Marvin's Restaurant, Cotati at 8:00am. All Road Captains are encouraged to attend, and anyone who would like to become a road captain. Ian Refugio will lead a ride to the Jelly Belly Factory after the meeting, more details to come.

### 04 Independence Day! We will be participating in the 4th of July Parade in Calistoga, more details to come.

### 07 RECHOG General Chapter Meeting

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**09** **Golden Gate BAD Event,**  
More details to come.

**17** **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 years 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.

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

**23** **Cuttin' The Cheese Ride**  
We'll venture Sonoma County backroads, visit local cheese artisans and tour Bohemian Creamery at noon. Tour cost is \$20 for an hour tour and 11-12 cheese tastings. RSVP & payment to Cherie. Meeting place and departure time TBD.

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

**31** **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! More details to come.

## AUGUST

**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.

## 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

## FYI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY

Street Vibrations Spring Rally

June 3-5

Laconia Motorcycle Week

June 11-19

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](mailto:activitiesdirector@rechog.org)

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

### June 2016

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### July 2016

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Date: 5/5/2016 Call to Order: 7:03 pm Pledge of Allegiance led by: Jack Reed  
 Previous Meeting Minutes Motion to Accept: Stephan Pehargou Second: Ian Refugio

Director Randy Mack: Randy talked about riding to the HOT training in Las Vegas. The training was great. He encourage new members to call us (officers) and we will show them the roads. He would like to see a reduction in "lunch rides" or to have ride leaders make lunch the middle stop in the ride. We need to support our dealer. Randy would like to see our RECHOG website updated and made more user friendly. At future meetings we will be treated to photos from recent past rides. The Reno Aces overnight ride is 6/25/16. We will be riding to and from Reno on some beautiful back highways. The ride to Reno terminates at the Harrah's Reno Hotel where we can walk to the ball park, just blocks away. The return ride departs on the morning of 6/26/16.

Asst Director Dave McCombs: Dave introduced guests, Bill Faulkner and Monica Swallow. This month's birthdays included Richard Sheldon, Claude Jones, Mare Skipper and Kathy Avilla. The winners of the gift cards from SCHD were Claude Jones and Richard Sheldon. Dave spoke briefly about the BAD rides coming up in the near future: Mt Diablo on 5/14/16, Vacaville on 5/21/16, Golden Gate on 6/11/16. He also spoke about the Sacramento BAD event. Their event is a three day event including their North/South challenge. We will not have a led ride to that event but anyone wanting to participate can make an unofficial ride out it. Check their website for additional information.

Dave continued speaking about the Harley Davidson free entry into the HD museum to all HOG members and the raffle drawing that Harley Davidson is putting on for those who test ride a Harley Davidson motorcycle. The raffle winner will receive a 2017 Harley Davidson of his or her choice. Best Western Motels is offering upgrades for HOG members. Information is available on the members.HOG.com website. Dave made some comments about the HOG/HOT training that he recently attended. He spoke about their 2 1/2 rules; Ride and have fun, every rider must sign a waiver (members annual waiver is sufficient for members) and immediately or as soon as possible call Thor at HOG if there are any incidents that may have a liability or insurance issue.

Dave thanked the club and individuals for the support they have given him during the last few months.

Membership, Lonnie Olaeta: Lonnie introduced our newest member, Heidi Faulkner. We currently have 177 members.

Treasurer, Linnea Carter: Linnea gave an updated accounting of the club's funds.

Lead Road Captain Steve Pehargou: Steve brought up the Memorial Day ride that he is leading on 5/30/16. Riders will meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00 am and depart at 9:30 am. June has a lot of rides and will be a busy month.

Activities Officer, Donna Fess: The Dinner Rides have been moved to Wednesday. Meet at SCHD at 5:30 pm and depart at 6:00 pm. She reminded members about the Mt Diablo BAD ride on 5/14/16. We need to meet early to get there in time to sign in. Meet at Johnny's Java at 7:00 am and depart at 7:30 am. There is a Monday Funday ride on 5/16/16. Meet at SCHD at 10:00 and depart at 10:30. If any members have suggestions or ideas for rides please turn them in to Donna. She wants to expand the types of rides we go on and get everyone's ideas into motion. There is no Summer Run meeting this month. The next meeting will be held next month. Steve Reed is leading a ride to the Putah Creek Cafe in Winters on 5/22/16. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:30 am and depart at 10:00 am. There is a pre-ride on 5/15/16, meeting at SCHD at 10:30 and departing at 11:00 am.

Donna is planning a "progressive" ride for 5/28/16. So far the Guilfords have offered their home for the breakfast stop. We still need volunteers for the lunch, dinner and dessert stops.

Ladies of Harley, Kathy Avila: Kathy mentioned the LOH ride on 5/8/16, headed to the Petrified Forest. Meet at Johnny's Java at 8:00 am and depart at 8:30 am. She recommends that members bring comfortable shoes for the 90 minutes docent led walking tour. Admission is \$10 general and \$9 for seniors and students.

Safety Officer Jeff Baron: HOT training was interesting. He urged new members and new riders to call any of the officers and we'll set up rides for them to practice on or to just learn and enjoy our beautiful area. Jeff pointed out that we need to appreciate the excellent support we get from our dealership and members gave owner Phil Eiselin a round of applause.

Open Mike: Donna led off talking about the HOT training. She mentioned she did not attend the breakout session about "off season riding" since we can pretty much ride year 'round. HOG does not have a lot of rules but she thinks our club is doing things right. If anyone is not getting the e-mail blasts please let her know to be included. Vikki Jarrett presented Dave McComb with the quilt she won in last year's raffle. The quilt project was lead by Jolene and Vikki want Dave to have it in her memory. Donna mentioned that the quilt was part of Jolene's legacy to the club and the quilt raffles will continue in her memory. Ian mentioned that the HOT trainers brought up impromptu rides. Even if a ride is not officially scheduled by the club our insurance still covers the ride with one caution. Any non-members must sign a waiver for the ride. Ian is planning a ride in September heading to the national parks in Utah. Brian Bokkain took an opportunity to recognize and thank Walter for his for his assistance at the dealership. Walter is always on top of the parts issues. Randy added that Walter has also arranged for Belly-Dancers to entertain us at this year's summer run. Donna told us she has signed up for the "Open Road" rally and that the site is very user friendly and encouraged everyone planning on going to get signed up soon. Randy re-emphasized the need for non-members to sign a waiver when going on the impromptu rides.

Members only drawing: Stephanie Lokas' tag was drawn but she was not there to claim her gift card. An additional \$25 will be added to the gift card for next month's drawing.

Opportunity Drawing: Steve Fisher won the opportunity drawing. Monthly Membership Gift Card Drawing: Debby Mentz won a \$25 gift card.

Raffle Winners: 4382225	Richard Sheldon	4382019	Debby Mentz	4382032	Jack Read
4382067	Brian Bokkin	4381955	Ian Refugio	4382192	James Jones
				4381998	Steve Fisher

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm  
 John E. Mentz, Secretary - Redwood Empire Chapter





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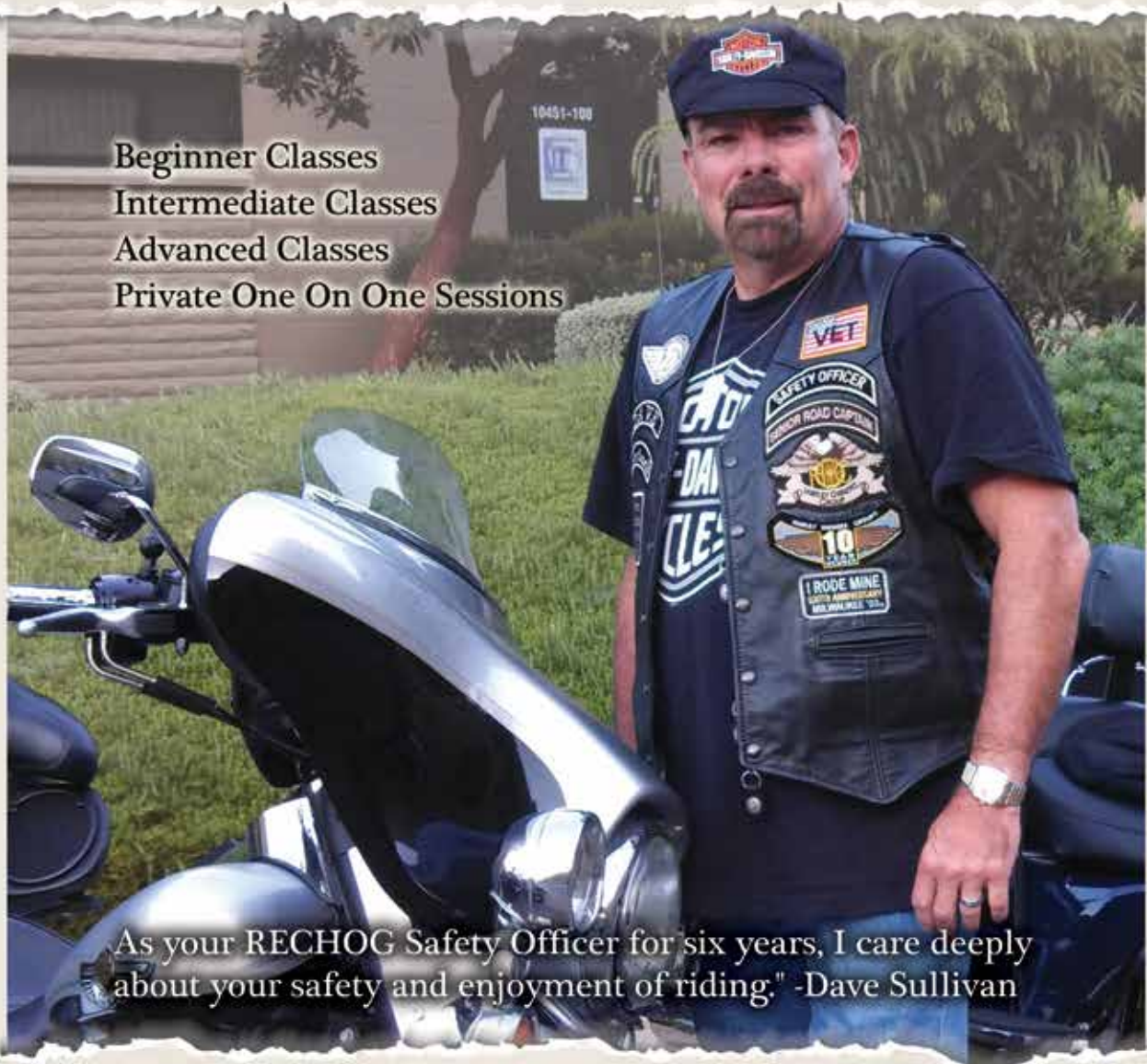
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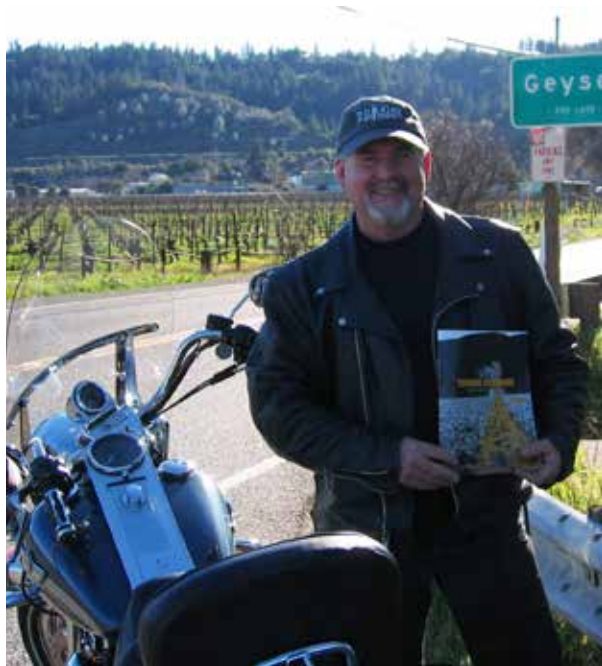
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