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*The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month. ~Henry Van Dyke*

That's right folks Spring starts March 20th, but it sure felt like spring for a few days in February with temps in the mid 80's on the Monday Funday Ride. March is when days start getting longer and we spring forward into daylight savings time (March 13). It is also a time when our RECHOG calendar starts to fill with great rides and events. For example, the Director's ride on Saturday March 5th: all members will be treated to breakfast at the Cub Scout troop 333 pancake breakfast and then out for a spring day ride. Guests are welcome to join us and support these fine young men; the cost is \$5.00. Then on March 19th we are riding to Folsom for the first time to participate in the Folsom HOG 9TH Annual Spring Breakin' Out Poker Run. <http://www.folsomhog.org/index.php/poker>. They attended their first BAD (Bay Area Directors) meeting in February and it looks like they will begin participating in the BAD events. Other dates to keep in mind, the March board of directors meeting will be held on Thursday the 24th instead of the 17th because of the St. Patty's Day social night at Sally Tomatoes. And our first Summer Run Planning meeting will be held on Thursday March 31st at the Rohnert Park Round Table starting at 6:30. I encourage all who have an interest in this fun event to attend. We will be discussing who our charity will be and how we are going to make this year's Summer Run a fun and exciting event for all. I would like to congratulate Kathy Avilla on a successful and fun LOH ride. This was Kathy's first ride as the LOH officer and her first ride as a road captain. The ride was well attended to the Marine Mammal Center and tour was fun as well as educational. The ride home along Highway one was spectacular. Great job Kathy!







DISNEYLAND WITH RECHOGRS



CABO WITH RECHOGRS



CATALINA/ENSENADA CRUISE WITH RECHOGRS





Our first LOH ride for 2016 started out on a very cold February morning. So cold that 7 drove down and wondered about the sanity of the 7 of us on bikes! At a little past 8:30am, we gathered around for a rider's meeting. I asked if anyone minded reversing the route. The fog was very thick and that made the cold even colder. We agreed to do brunch first, then go to the Marine Mammal Center, and finally take the planned ride back home. This was my first ride to serve as lead and I was a nervous wreck. I feared there would be U-turns since the pre-ride on the previous Saturday did not happen for me. My bike was in the shop! However, Sergio and several others took my map, followed the route and made some great improvements. Sergio sent me a revised map. Randy Mack and Gretchen suggested we go to Toast in Strawberry Village for brunch. The restaurant I'd planned for the ride was not open until later in the morning. With Gretchen riding next to me, she took the lead as we approached the exit to get to Toast. No U-turns yet...



With brunch behind us, we headed out to see if we could catch an earlier tour at the Mammal center. Our original plan was the 1pm tour, and it was barely 10:30am at this point. When we arrived at the Center, we held the raffle drawing – Randy won the gift card, Stacy got a free pass to the Mammal Center and Ian and Jack competed for 'last tickets purchased' for the 50/50 drawing. Ian won (AGAIN!) We were allowed to join the 11am tour with a very savvy British-accented Lady Docent. The information she shared was extremely informative, albeit troubling. We need to quit using plastics...and nets. I'll leave it at that. The facility is the only one of its kind. There are satellite facilities, but they conduct triage only, and then send the mammals to the center for care, and hopefully release. Standard tours are 45 minutes, and we enjoyed a full hour and 10 minutes of our docent's attention. It was very cool hearing and seeing the baby elephant seals. By the end of our tour, Dan and Helen Marshal had arrived by car for the 1pm tour. We couldn't reach them by phone to let them know about the earlier tour, so apologized but encouraged them to enjoy the tour anyway. The sun was out and the day was beautiful. We headed out and took the planned ride along the coast highway toward home. One by one, we parted ways for our homes. Thanks to all who came along and supported the Marine Mammal Center and for supporting REC HOG.. The next ride I lead will be to Iron Steed on March 12th. Hopefully I'll not be quite as nervous - that's a route I've taken before.

## Road Rash

Well the other day I was involved in an accident while racing my daughter. It was a foot race that only lasted about 20 feet before my upper body went faster than my lower body. At the end of my race I ended up crashing to the ground first landing on my hands, then my shoulder, my side then my head. What I thought was a minor wreck I ended up with a separated shoulder, and road rash over my side, arm and knee. The interesting thing is there was only a small hole in my t-shirt on my back and no hole in my pants where my knee hit the ground. With all of this, it makes me think how bad this would have been on a motorcycle. I am the first one, when it gets warm, to stop wearing my leathers and switching to a light shirt and jeans. I know this is a long story to just say wear your protective clothing. The next time I race my daughter I am wearing my leathers and a helmet. Don't forget your gloves.

Ride Safe.



What does the designation of “B” stand for on the engine type?  
For example a 2000 softail engine would be a Twin Cam 88B.

ANSWER: Balanced Crank



# FLASHBACK FOTO

JUNE 2015  
FORTUNA OVERNIGHTER

"Register On-Line at [www.folsomhog.org](http://www.folsomhog.org)"



## Spring **BREAKIN' OUT** Poker Run

9TH Annual

Saturday - March 19, 2016

FOLSOM H.O.G CHAPTER 1787

Singles - \$15.00 | Doubles - \$25.00 (2-up)

Registration: 9 – 11 am  
Harley-Davidson of Folsom  
115 Woodmere Road., Folsom

Friday Pre-Run Party - March 18, 2016  
Early Registration, and Complimentary BBQ  
Time: 5 – 7 pm

Includes: Live Music | 50/50 Raffles |  
High/Low Hand Draw | Vendors | BBQ |  
Chapter Challenge | Run Pins to the 1<sup>st</sup>  
300 riders who register

"Raffle award begin and food services  
end at 3:00pm"

Rain Date: Saturday, April 9th

Master of Ceremonies  
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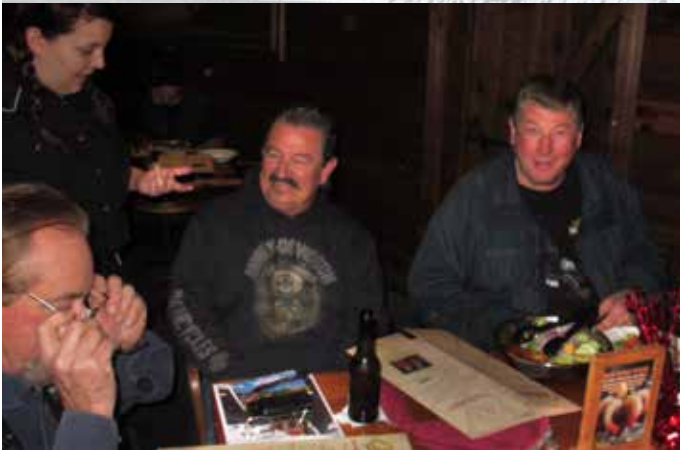


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**SUPERBOWL 50 RIDE AND PARTY**



**FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**







VALENTINE'S DAY RIDE AND GAME





Current info as of Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. Please review website calendar at [rechog.org](http://rechog.org) & call the Ride Hotline for latest updates and additions 707.575.6786.

## MARCH

### 03 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.

### 05 Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast

Meet at Johnny's Java at 7:30 leave at 8am. Randy Mack will lead the ride to Ursaline High School for breakfast then lead a ride afterward.

### 06 Road Captain Breakfast Meeting

First Sunday of the month. Meet at Marvin's Restaurant, Cotati at 9am. All Road Captains are encouraged to attend, and anyone who would like to become a Road Captain.

### 12 St. Patrick's Day Poker Run presented by Ironstead Harley Davidson.

Irish Feast of corned beef & cabbage and the first 80 people who register will receive a commemorative Irish pint glass. \$17.00 a person. Meet at Johnny's Java at 7:00am leave at 7:30. LOH Officer Kathy Avilla will lead the ride to Ironstead.



### 17 FYI: St. Patrick's Social Night at Sally Tomatoes.

This is not a ride, just an evening to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and eat corned beef and cabbage!

### 19 Breakin' Out Folsom HOG Poker Run

Meet 7:30am at Johnny's Java, Cotati, leave at 8am. Official ride to Folsom HOG for their Spring Poker Run. Cost is \$15 single and \$25 for double rider. Benefits Child Advocates El Dorado County. See [www.folsomhog.org/index.php/poker](http://www.folsomhog.org/index.php/poker) for more info, or to register.

### 20 Valley of the Moon Easter Ride

Meet at SCHD at 10am leave at 10:30. Lead RC Randy Mack



### 21 Monday Funday ride.

Meet at SCHD at 10am leave at 10:30. Lead RC Donna Fess

### 24 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. If you want to learn about RECHOG and how you can participate in our events, rides and activities, this is a good meeting to attend.

### 27 Happy Easter!



### 31 First meeting for Summer Run

6:30 pm, meet at Rohnert Park Round Table Pizza (new location by Raley's).

## APRIL

### 01 Friday Day-Off Ride

Meet at SCHD at 10:00 leave at 10:30

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### 09 In the event the Folsom HOG Spring Poker Run gets rained out, this is the scheduled make up day.





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**24** Ride the Skunk Train!. Half Day ride to Northspur from Willits. Meet at Johnny's Java at 7:00am leave at 7:30. More details to come.

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**14** Mt. Diablo BAD Event, more details to come.



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**28** Sacramento BAD Event  
more details to come.

**30** Happy Memorial Day!

## JUNE

**11** Golden Gate BAD Event, more details to come.

**25** -26 Reno Aces Baseball Overnighter more details to come.

## JULY

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



## AUGUST

**21** RECHOG Summer Run  
more details to come

## FYI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY

Daytona Bike Week

March 4-13

Arizona Bike Week

April 6-10

Laughlin River Run

April 27-30

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

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

### March 2016

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### April 2016

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**February 4, 2016** Call to Order: 7:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance led by: Jack Read  
Previous Meeting Minutes Motion to Accept: Steve Reed Second: Joline Levesque

Director Randy Mack: Randy told members that at the next board meeting, 2/18/16, we will discuss which charity to support with this year's Summer Run. Anyone with suggestions should bring them to the meeting. March's board meeting will be held on 3/24/16. Everyone is encouraged to come out for the Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast on 3/5/16. The club will buy breakfast for the first 50 riders. We'll meet at Johnny Java's at 7:30 am and depart for Ursuline High School at 8:00 am. Price of breakfast for non-members is \$5.00.

The first Summer Run meeting will be held on 3/31/16 at 6:30 pm. Meet at Rohnert Park Round Table restaurant.

Folsom HOG has joined the Bay Area Directors. Their annual poker run will be held on 3/19/16. Meet at Johnny Java's at 7:30 am and depart at 8:00 am. Price is \$15 for single rider and \$25 for two. Let's get out and support Folsom HOG and welcome them to the group. Other BAD rides scheduled for this year are:

5/14/16	Mt Diablo HOG	5/28/16	Sacramento HOG	6/11/16	Golden Gate
7/9/16	Oakland HOG	8/21/16	RECHOG	TBD	Iron Steed

Some other events being planned are the BAD picnic at Cache Creek Casino on 10/29/16, Overnight to Reno Aces baseball game (\$16.00 for tickets to the ball game-pay Randy in advance), and a 3 day 2 night ride to the area around Weaverville with one night spent in Weaverville. That will be planned for late summer.

Assistant Director Dave McCombs: Dave introduced honored guest Heidi Faulkner. Birthdays for February are Lonnie Olaeta, Randy Mack, Glen Gillis, Kathy Gillis, Zac Pacheco, Nancy Pacheco, Ted Thomas. The winners of \$25 gift cards were Glen Gillis and Ted Thomas. Dave will have more information on the southwest rally next month. To register look at castatehogrally.com or call 760-644-2118. Dave thanked all of the volunteers that helped at the Berkeley 1/2 Marathon.

Following members received pins:

Laurie Mackenzie	Bill Parker	Pete Imbs	Steve Reed	Jeff Baron	Mike Johnson	Lonnie Olaeta
Ted Thomas	Steve Pehargou	Sergio Bravo	Shelly Bokkin	Brian Bokkin	Kathy Avilla	Vince Mulligan
Randy Mack	Conci Mack	Steve Fisher	Jack Read	Dave McCombs		

San Francisco Marathon will be held near the end of July. We'll need volunteers for that one, so keep it in mind. Jolene needs the T-shirts for the quilt right away.

Treasurer, Linnea Carter: Changing over to January memberships for everyone has really made things easier and will help make it easier to set up our annual budget. If anyone has questions about the budget you can contact her after the meeting but it would be better to come to the board meetings where more information is provided.

Membership, Lonnie Olaeta: Lonnie introduced new members, Donald Cronk, Ray Potter, Charles Star and long time member but first meeting attender Pia Bravo. The membership raffle (white tickets) went to ticket 5637854, Caroline Hlusak.

Activities Director, Donna Fess: Monk's in Novato has line dancing every 2d Thursday of the month. Cost is \$10/person and lessons are given before the dance. Next Thursday is the next one and Donna encouraged everyone to put on their cowboy hats and boots and come out and enjoy an evening of line dancing. On 3/17/16, at 6:30 pm members can meet at Sally Tomatoes for a traditional St Patrick's Day dinner. On 2/14/16, there will be a Sweetheart Ride. Meet at the dealership at 9:30 am and depart at 10:00 am. The ride will end at approximately 12:30 pm and will be followed by a Newlywed Game. Any couple wanting to be one of the newlywed couples contact Donna.

Safety Officer, Jeff Baron: Jeff's helpful driving tip for the month is to watch out for potholes. Due to the weather the roads are in pretty bad shape. Make sure your tire pressure is correct at/or near the upper limit so you don't damage your rim if you hit a pothole. Spread out a little bit on rides to allow for sudden maneuvers around the holes.

Ladies of Harleys, Kathy Avilla: LOH ride on 2/20/16, to the Marine Mammal Center. Kathy needs a head count and pre-payment of \$9.00 (\$7.00 for seniors) for anyone wanting to go. Ride will depart SCHD at 8:30 am.

Lead Road Captain Steve Pehargou: The next Road Captain meeting will be held on 2/7/16, at Marvin's. The meeting will start at 9:00 am. Following the meeting anyone interested in going for a ride out to the coast. Riders will meet at SCHD at 10:30 am and will depart at 11:00. We will be returning to SCHD at 1:00 pm. Steve had patches to pass out to new Road Captains; Kathy Avilla, Jeff Baron, Sergio Bravo and Ian Refugio. Mike Faria will be hosting a Super Bowl Party at his house and members are invited to attend. The Esparto Almond Festival will be on 2/28/16. Those wanting to make the ride will meet at Johnny Java's at 8:00 am and will depart at 8:30 am. There is a Monday Funday ride on 2/15/16. Meet at SCHD at 10:00 am and depart at 10:30 am.

Historian Doug Barnes: Pope Francis's 2013 Dyna Super-Glide was sold to a private buyer for \$327,000 and an autographed Harley-Davidson leather jacket was sold for \$77,485. The money went to benefit a hostile and soup kitchen at the Tramini train station in Rome. Willie Davidson, the grandson of a Harley Davidson founder, gave the motorcycle to the Pope as part of the 110th HD anniversary. The buyer had to promise to preserve the bike and not take it on the road. Doug related a story about Booger, Cooter and Gomer and how they were asked to identify Booger's burned body.

Dealership Report: Randy spoke for Phil and invited everyone to look at SCHD Facebook page and encouraged members to "like" the page watch it for "secret deals."

Opportunity Drawing: First ticket drawn was 4382882 but went unclaimed. Next number drawn was 43822929 and the winner of the \$100 was Marc Mendleson.



**Raffle Winners:**

4382075	Rosalie Mack	4382695	Paul Benkover
4382982	Donna Fess	4382945	Helen Marshall
4382963	Helen Marshall	4382861	Vince Mulligan
4382774	Jack Read		

Monthly member gift card drawing: JM Cercley. Next month's drawing will start at \$25 again.

Open Mike: Steve Pehargou mentioned that the 2/24/16 dinner ride will end up at Dickey's BBQ in Petaluma. Meet at SCHD at 5:30 pm and depart at 6:00 pm. There will be a short ride to Dickey's then dinner. Jeff Baron brought up the movie being made by Brian Bokkin's friend. Filming will be on Saturdays in April and will be in the Modesto, Fresno and Castle AFB area.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 pm

John E. Mentz, Secretary - Redwood Empire Chapter





# A two wheel lifestyle

Letter to all the RECHOGS

Sorry all you RECHOGS, but you won't be seeing much of me this year (I doubt you'll even notice!). I cannot make the monthly meetings thru June, even though its only a mile or 2 from my home. My wife has gone back to college (Human Services) and has a night class on Thursdays. I must come home directly from work, and make sure my 2 boys in High School have finished their homework and then feed them (you'd think they could do both of these things themselves). I still ride my 2001 Road King (coming up on 90,000 miles) to work in Novato every day it isn't pouring rain. Thats 600 miles a month just for the commute (and yes I am a lane splitter). The only time I use a car is if I have to carry something that won't fit in my saddle bags.

And, I won't be riding with you most weekends. As some of you may remember I have taken up bicycle riding and am entering into my 4th season, at the age of 62! I am really into it, the endorphins your body releases are the best High ever, and make you feel like doing this all the time. Last year I rode in three 100K distance events and two 100 mile events and this year I am planning to ride in five 100 mi events plus some others. My legs are telling me "We want to ride more".

I have a new bike for this season (a red & white Scott Solstice + Ultegra), and I am already starting to train, doing 50 - 75 miles on the weekends weather permitting. Ill ride more days after daylight saving starts. To end this riding year Im hoping to ride around Lake Tahoe in September, about 100K distance at elevations in the up to 8000 feet. Theres even a 200 mile Marin Double Century over Mt Tam in August thats getting closer to my capabilities, thats 16 -18 hours of riding!

Technology is totally out of control in the bike industry. My bike is all carbon fiber and aluminum, weights under 17 lbs (plus me and a water bottle), and could hit 50 mph going downhill steep and peddling like crazy (think backside of Wilson Hill)! The area where the tires touch the ground is 2 square inches per wheel, and the tires are inflated to over 100 lbs of pressure!

On top of that we've just added a Sondors electric bike to our garage. Bright Yellow with Balloon tires. The kids use it to and from school and friends and I use it for running errands. You can peddle but it also has a 350 watt battery run engine that will go 20 mph for a distance of 50 miles. I even drove it to work it Novato once, by the bicycle trails, its definitely a little slower that taking the Harley on the freeway. ..But perfect for running around town for groceries, doctor appt., a burger or shopping without having to fire up the old faithful gas guzzler.

This is an open invitation to anyone in the club (there may be a couple of you I know) that might be interested in joining me on a beautiful day riding through the landscape in a different way than on the motorcycle. You'll have to provide your own bicycle. Send me an email or text when you are available and Ill re-direct my route to where you are, and well ride at a pace that will make you want to do this everyday!

Oh, did I mention that this is a very healthy thing to do, and can help all of you grow stronger, live longer, and loose that stubborn weight that won't go away.

See you out there on those back country roads,  
Ride Hard and Live Long! (and don't check out my junk)  
-Jay Daniel







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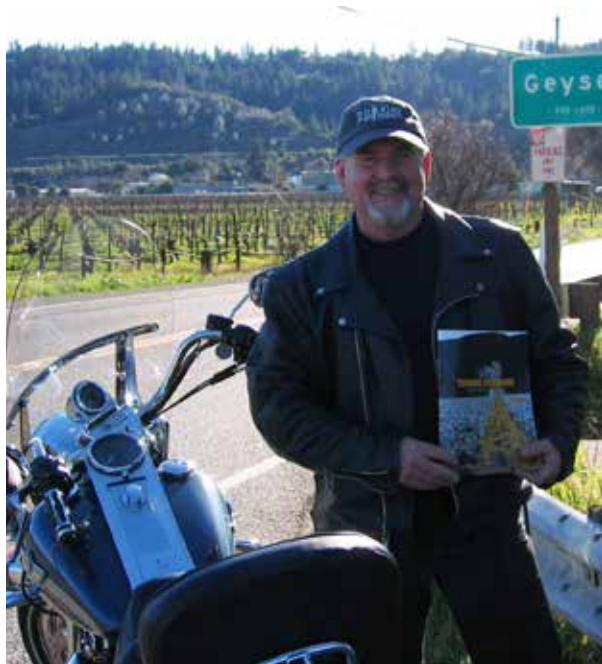
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