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## **GENERAL MEETING LOCATION:**

**First Thursday of the month: 6pm social hour, 7pm meeting**

**China Village, 8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati, CA**

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## Greetings Redwood Empire!

I know there are a lot of folks out there wondering what is going on with our beloved chapter. At our October 4<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting, I decided to step down from my position as Director from Redwood Empire Chapter HOG. I did this partly because of personal reasons and because of struggles within a group of officers within this chapter. I decided to take on this year's directorship with one goal in mind, to ride and have fun. There were some things that got away from us and that needed to be rectified. For all of this, I must apologize to everyone that grew weary of personal issues getting in the way of what we are all here to do. Sometime around mid-October, I had some conversations with our sponsoring dealer and it was decided that I would resume my role as Director minus a few folks in our line-up. Y'all might notice that we will have a lesser amount of officers running this chapter for the remainder of the year. That was a decision made by our sponsoring dealer. But I assure you all that our club is in great hands. We all need to get back to riding and bringing fun back into our chapter.

Since we are in the topic of having fun, Wheelie and I are happy to announce our RECHOG Holiday Party plans. This year's party will be on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be held at Sally Tomatoes in Rohnert Park. We cannot wait to celebrate with everyone as we finish off a great anniversary year for our chapter. The menu is set and will most definitely be delightful. The bar will be open for drink purchases for those that would like to have a drink or two..... or more. Our resident DJ Darryl Kesecker will be providing us with great entertainment for dancing. But of course we hope y'all are able to come out and party the night away with your RECHOG family. Every one of our members makes this chapter what it is today and we would love to celebrate the close of our 2018 season with each and everyone of you. Tickets to the holiday party will be available beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> at the General Membership Meeting. After the meeting, tickets will be available for purchase at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson. Tickets will cost \$25 per person. Cash and checks will be accepted.

I look forward to seeing y'all on one of our upcoming rides. Get out on your Harley Davidson and have fun. Remember, each member can invite one guest to our closed chapter rides. We are here to make our chapter the best we possibly can and to ensure everyone has a positive and safe experience. Please contact me directly for any issues or concerns regarding chapter business at [director@rechog.org](mailto:director@rechog.org).

Please check the calendar at <https://www.rechog.org/calendar> or call the ride hotline at (707)575-6786 for ride updates. You can also check out our Facebook page for more chapter and dealership related content at <https://www.facebook.com/redwoodempirehog/>.





# Wheelie-Tales

How y'all doin'? Here we are in November already with only December left to go until we are at the New Year! It is unbelievable to me how the years can go so fast. Let me start my article by talking about the Holiday party. We have booked our event at our old stomping grounds, Sally Tomatoes. I know a lot of you are going to be happy to hear that as I hear about your desire to return there. We have some big plans for this year so I hope you can make it! Invite your friends and family but recognize there will be a finite amount and when the tickets are gone, they are gone. Tickets will be available at the general meeting and then at the dealership after the November general meeting. The cost is \$25 per ticket and you will have a fun time!!

I guess we should talk about the elephant in the room now. I have been a member of this chapter since 2005 which makes it 13 years. I know that is not long compared to many others in our chapter but I have done a lot in my tenure. I have held many offices culminating in being Director in 2013 and 2014. I also held the position of Director of the Bay Area Directors in 2014. I have worked along many great people and I have a ton of great memories serving our chapter as one of the officers. I could probably write a book of all the times we have had both good and sometimes frustrating but they were always rewarding. We are at a point now that I have never seen before in our chapter. I am not sure where the "Ride and Have Fun" went as it does not appear to be here anymore. In our 30th anniversary year, officer nominations were cancelled. We are having a re-branding of what this chapter will be. I do not know what the future holds for us but like a phoenix, I hope to see it rise from the ashes into a new beautiful bird HOG. At the November general meeting, our sponsoring dealer will inform us whom he has chosen to be Director and then they will get to select their primary and secondary officers to serve under them. I hope you continue to support this person and this chapter into 2019. Remember, the chapter is all about camaraderie and spending time together. Without that friendship and camaraderie what would we be? I participate in a lot of events with fellow members that are both in and out of the scope of HOG and it's because of the friendship we formed through this chapter and we all enjoy each others company as I know most of our members can attest to. We go on great rides and sometime extend them over the weekend, we go on vacations together, we go out to dinner, we go to concerts, we shed tears during sad times, and attend other social events. All of this is possible because we all have Harley Davidson in common and belong to a great chapter. Don't forget the strings that bind us together.

You will notice a slimmed down board of directors during this transition. Please be patient and understanding during this time as we work through these challenges. I look forward to our next general meeting to see what our future holds. I will support the changes and the new Director as I hope you will also. If you have any fears, questions, or concerns please feel free to reach out to me. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and hope you have a nice holiday with friends and family. We will see you soon.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Skydiving







Remembrance Ride 2018







Sturgeon's Mill Lumber Ride 2018





## UPCOMING RECHOG ACTIVITIES

Please review website calendar at [rechog.org](http://rechog.org) & call the Ride Hotline for latest updates and additions 707.575.6786.



## NOVEMBER

### 01 RECHOG General Membership Meeting.

Our general membership meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month) at China Village Restaurant located at 8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati. Eat and socialize beginning at 6pm. Meeting begins at 7pm. Please sign-in for the birthday raffle drawing; next month's birthday list for the Tales of the Woods; and the guests list. WE WILL BE HOLDING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2019 OFFICERS ON THIS MEETING.

### 12 Veterans Home / Yountville Ride.

This is our chapters annual ride to the veterans home in Yountville. There will be an outdoor ceremony at the grounds of the veterans home at Armistice Chapel. After the ceremony, our group will move to the dining hall and help serve wine to our veterans. There will be a toast at 11:11 am with all our veterans in attendance. Meet at Johnny's

Java at 8:00 am and departing at 8:30 am. This is a closed chapter ride. Each member may invite one guest. We especially encourage all our member who are Veterans to join us in this ride.

### 15 RECHOG Board of Directors Meeting.

Board of Directors will meet at SCHD at 6:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend and observe the workings of our chapter and participate in the round table discussion. If you want to learn about how you can participate in our events, rides, and activities this is a good meeting to attend. Anyone considering becoming a chapter officer in the future is encouraged to attend.

### 18 Sonoma Raceway Thanksgiving Food Drive.

This annual food drive supports

the Friends in Sonoma Helping (Sonoma) and the Redwood Empire Food Bank (Santa Rosa). To qualify for the ride, laps around Sonoma Raceway, and drawing you need to donate at least five or more Non-perishable food items of food, or give a \$10 donation. With your donation you will get ONE ticket for the lunch time drawing . Meet at 7694 Bell Rd, Windsor. Coffee, rolls, Raffle/Drawing tickets will be waiting for you. Meet time is 7:30 am. Mandatory riders meeting at 7:50 am. NO EXEPTIONS. We will depart at exactly 8:00 am. Open to all riders on all bikes. Bring your family and friends.

### 22 Happy Thanksgiving!





**25** **Willits Toy Run.** Our chapter will be riding to the Annual Willits Toy Run. We will ride from Cotati to the Evergreen Shopping Center in Willits. Cost: 1 new Toy. Pack leaves at Noon with an escorted ride thru town to The Little Lake Grange. Live Band, Auction, Raffle, Free Food and No Host Bar. Benefits the Willits Children's Christmas Program. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:30 am and departing at 10:00 am. Sergio Bravo will lead this ride. This is a closed chapter ride. Each member may invite one guest.

**16** **TENTATIVE Date for VOM Christmas Ride.** Please check back with us soon as we finalize plans for our annual Christmas ride to the VOM Children's home.



a limited supply so buy yours early. Tickets will be available for purchase at the November General Membership Meeting and then they will be held at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson for purchase afterwards. We will be having a delicious buffet (menu listed below), with a vegetarian option for those that require such. (Please let us know if prefer the vegetarian option as it must be pre-ordered). For more information, please check out <https://www.facebook.com/redwoodempirehog/> Happy Holidays!

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**08** **Road Captain Christmas Party.** This is the date for the RECHOG Road Captain Christmas Party. All of this year's Ride Leads / Mids / Sweeps will be notified by our Head Road Captains Brian and Shelly Bokkin. Times, location, and party details will be included at that email. Thank you all very much for what you do for our chapter!

**22** **RECHOG Holiday Party.** We have booked our Holiday Party and it is confirmed and in the books. Mark your calendars for our Holiday event! Social hour and appetizers begin at 6:00 pm and dinner service will begin at 7:00 pm. After dinner will be music, dancing, and a whole lot of fun until 11:30 pm. The event will be held at Sally Tomatoes, 1100 Valley House Dr, Rohnert Park. Tickets are \$25 per person and there is

### APPETIZERS

- Prosciutto and fresh fruit
- Imported & Artisan Cheese Selection
- Swedish Meatballs
- Puff Pastry cups with smoked salmon

### BUFFET DINNER

- Grilled Flatbread with olive pesto
- Caesar salad
- Tomato Mozzarella Salad
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Mixed Saute Vegetables
- NY Strip with Mushroom reduction
- Roasted Salmon with mango papaya salsa

### DESSERT

- Ice Cream Buffet

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

BY VINCE MULLIGAN

RECHOG October 2018 General Meeting Minutes  
Location: China Village Cotati CA  
Date: October 4th, 2018



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Call to Order: Ian Refugio called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Flag Salute: Jim Wheeler lead us in the pledge of allegiance.

September General Meeting Minutes: No motion was made by to accept the September Meeting Minutes as there was no October News Letter.

Assistant Director: Jim Wheeler introduced our Members having October birthdays; Susan Kirpatrick, Jean Riggs, Steve Kinerk; Jean Riggs won a Gift Card from Sonoma County HD. Honored guests were welcomed Brianna Downey from Valley of the Moon Children's Home. October has lot going on for rides coming up so keep an eye on the RECHOG Website. Jim mentioned his trip to Hawaii went skydiving with 9 others.

Raffle Prizes: Raffle prizes were given away throughout the evening. A list of prizes and their respective winners is listed below.

Treasurer: Tammy announced the chapter is solvent. Tammy gave a small talk about what the RECHOG has done throughout the year for the Valley of the Moon wish list.

Membership Report: Vincent noted we are still at 158 members and announced new member Warren Ryan. The member drawing was held and #41 Freddie Freitas was called and was not present to collect his bounty.

Safety Officer Report: No Safety Report was given.

Historian: Doug Barnes started by saying that he had joined the chapter in 2003 and was a large chapter and in short period of time he got involved with the club. Tonight the room is thin and I haven't seen it like this ever. I hope that what ever happens with the chapter it will be beneficial to the club. But in the end Doug as usual was leaving you with this.....

Director Time: Ian noted that this will be his last General Meeting due to "stuff" going on and he is handing the Director Position over to Jim Wheeler. Ian mentioned that we are having a Christmas Party on December 22nd and that Jim Wheeler will be putting out all of the details in the coming weeks. There was some discussion on the fact that there were no nominations tonight for a November vote. Ian reiterated what Phil had talked about tonight and get RECHOG back to the basics and get back to riding. Ian congratulated the Road Captains and Sweeps what they have done throughout the year. Ian congratulated all of the members who came out and supported the Summer Run and supported the Valley of the Moon Children's Home.

Honored Guest Brianna Downey thanked the chapter for all that was done this year with the children in mind. She explained a little of what the Children's Home is all about. The October 2017 fires have been a huge stressor on many families and children and gave thanks to all of the members of this chapter who opened their wallets to provide a little comfort at this time.

Dealership Report: Phil began his report about how well Ian has done all year long and has tried harder than any other Director in the past years. Phil with the effort of his pre-selected Director is going to make this a riding club and that's it. Phil is not going to mention who this individual is out of respect for he/she. Phil did note that he/she is a RECHOG Member is good standing and has plenty of leadership experience and that this individual's intent is to make this a riding club only. He/She will appoint who the rest of the board is. Phil talked about what the HOG is about and getting this club back to riding. Tammy Mulligan asked Phil, if this individual won't take the Director position what happens to the club? Phil replied that the club would be shut down.

Open Mike: Ian asked for questions with Susan Kirkpatrick congratulated Ian for all he has done and leads great rides. Sergio Bravo was irritated that rides are put together and no one shows. Stephen Pehargou believes in the Road Captains Program, but Phil pointed out that higher quality rides is what's needed to be end of story. Heidi Faulkner talked about a story of the learning to ride on the freeway because of Randy and Stephen and how it worked for her. Bill Faulkner talked about how it's very fun riding with the group and that's what riding is all about. Heidi also mentioned that as a brand new rider bought new bike in 2012 Sportster and how the bike wouldn't go any faster than 55mph so she bought a bigger bike and congratulated to all who came along and help her Ron Sarver and Stephen. Glen Childers has been a club member since 2001 and has logged 102,000 miles and the pins I wear are the miles that I have covered. Being on the open road and we have lost that bond. There's nothing I would like better than to see this club get back to what it has been in the past. Brian Bokkin felt he should say something as I have this experience as the Head Road Captain. We started out so strong this year and along the way we fell a part. Dorene Barnes mentioned Jim Phillips long time member and his health condition stage four and has chosen to stop all treatments and say hello and say good bye that he will be at the next board meeting.

50/50 Drawing: Won by Phyllis Stireman (0193915)

Head Road Captain Rides this month Norcal Sky Diving Brian B mention that sky diving is a lot of fun and hopes that everyone will join. Cost depends on what you want to do such as dinner and extras. Mention you are with RECHOG and will be a part of the group. Encourage people to come out for the ride planning meeting and show your support and show up for rides. If you want to plan a ride get a hold of Shelly or Brian and get it into the works.

LOH Heidi is leaving to gold beach Oregon meeting at Johnny Java's and come home Sunday. Heidi talked about rain gear as the weather maybe wet and the ride will be a lot of fun.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Vincent Mulligan Secretary

### Raffle Prize Winners:

Ticket Number	Name	Prize
631734	Glen Childers	Harley Hat
631614	Marty Hluask	Harley sign
631602	Jack Reed	Harley sign
631647	Randy Mack	Harley Hat
631600	Stephen Pheragou	Harley Shirt
631785	Margo Lampell	Honey
631624	Jean Riggs	Harley Shirt





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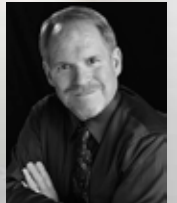
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