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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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Chapter website submissions and info, please email: [webmaster@rechog.org](mailto:webmaster@rechog.org)

## Greetings Rechogians;

This month we will nominate our candidates for the 2017 RECHOG board of directors. Serving on the board is a fun and exciting way to support your chapter. Each year your board of director's work together by having round table discussions on matters affecting the chapter regarding finances, important dates, celebrations, rides and events. We meet the third Thursday of each month at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson at 6:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend. We usually meet for about an hour. Get involved, you will be glad you did.

This is a brief description of their responsibilities according to our chapter charter.

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2. Assistant Director: shall be responsible for promoting membership, membership orientation, membership retention, and keeping the Chapter members informed of H.O.G.® programs.
3. Treasurer: shall be responsible for collecting and disbursing Chapter funds, reporting financial transactions to sponsoring Dealer / H.O.G. Manager on a monthly basis, compliance with all revenue recording and reporting requirements.
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5. Activities Officer: assisting in planning and administering Chapter events.
6. Ladies of Harley Officer: encouraging women members to take an active part in Chapter activities.
7. Road Captain: assisting in the planning of routes for Chapter rides.
8. Editor: assembling and organizing all forms of Chapter communications. Ensures all forms of Chapter communications are approved by the sponsoring Dealer / H.O.G. Manager before publication or distribution.
9. Safety Officer: providing Chapter members with information relating to the availability of rider training.
10. Photographer: obtaining and organizing Chapter images for use in Chapter communications and Chapter history.
11. Historian: preparing and maintaining an account of the history of the Chapter.
12. Membership Officer: assisting the Chapter secretary in the Chapter membership duties.
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14. Communications: updates the RECHOG hotline.
15. Sergeant at Arms: leads the pledge of allegiance and keeps order during the meetings.

Please take a moment and say thank you to your current and past officers, they have dedicated their time and energy to make RECHOG a great HOG chapter.





# RECHOG 2016 Holiday Party

## at the Flamingo Hotel & Resort

### *Saturday, December 10, 2016*

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# POLICE MOTORCYCLES AND HARLEY-DAVIDSON

## A Short History (con't)

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### THE GREAT DEPRESSION

As with most manufacturers, the Great Depression hit Harley-Davidson sales hard. Starting with the stock market crash of 1929, sales fell each year until 1933. But even in that year, Harley-Davidson aggressively marketed its product as "The Police Motorcycle" and supported national campaigns for traffic safety. The three-wheel Servi-Car, introduced in 1931, became very popular with police departments for traffic and parking enforcement and continued to serve as a Harley-Davidson standard for 41 years.

### WORLD WAR II AND THE 1950S

During WWII, Harley-Davidson produced 88,000 motorcycles for the war effort, including the horizontally opposed, two-cylinder, shaft-drive XA 750 model. (They were never sold to the public and only 1,000 were made.) For its patriotic efforts, the Motor Company was awarded four prestigious Army-Navy "E" awards.

In the 1950s, teenagers took to street racing in hopped-up jalopies. To slow this trend, the Pittsburgh Police Department formed its Harley-Davidson motorcycle officers into a Hot Rod Squad. The image of a motorcycle cop parked behind a billboard became an icon of Americana. And the idea that a police officer would sit on anything other than a Harley-Davidson wouldn't be conceivable until the 1970s.

An important relationship developed in the 1940s and continues to this day as Harley-Davidson and Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety (formerly the Traffic Institute at Northwestern) have worked together for more than 60 years to provide officer training.

### RECENT HISTORY

In the last five years, Harley-Davidson police sales have more than doubled. Today, just as in the late 1920s, more than 3,800 police departments ride Harley-Davidson motorcycles in the U.S. alone. Harley-Davidson Police motorcycles are also used in 45 countries. This is a dramatic increase from the Motor Company's 80th Anniversary twenty years ago, when just over 400 state, provincial, county and municipal police departments were equipped with Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

After the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Harley-Davidson donated 37 motorcycles to the New York Police Department, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the New York State Police.

### THE FUTURE

Throughout the years, police and military organizations have realized the advantages of using Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Today, benefits such as high resale value and the ability of the motorcycle to enhance public relations (critical to community policing efforts) continue to increase our police/fleet business. "There is something undeniably right about a cop on a Harley-Davidson."



1968 Electra Glide



2016 Road Glide Ultra 1280

## Timber Cove Ride

What a warm welcome we received at Timber Cove Inn! The remodel is still ongoing, but the lobby and restaurant were complete and beautiful.

The ride to there, along Highway 1, was amazing. It was chilly when we started out, then warmed up nicely. The Carters scored both the 50/50 and the gift card (rigged!!!)

We arrived a bit earlier than expected, so opted to wait till the noon 'lunch begins' time rather than be seated for a late breakfast. I watched Randy and Conci play pool (... both are darn good at the game, too). Glen checked out the newly remodeled patio (a water feature in its previous life), while the rest of us spent time at the bar, or out around the fire pit. There was no wind...there was no fog. It was a stunning day. I wandered off a bit to see if I could spot any whales, but none appeared. There were so many boats on the water. We all agreed that anyone could have skied out there – it was incredibly calm. Quite the rare day for our Sonoma/Mendocino coastline.

Lunch – the food was excellent and the service impressive. For some reason, they pampered us like we were royalty!

We talked about riding home via Myers Grade Road, but most of the group were ready to head home the quickest way they could. Randy, Conci and I opted to pay a visit to Ft. Ross before heading back. We lucked into arriving just as a docent tour began.

I'd never been there during a tour, so the education about the place was enlightening. We checked out all the buildings, and read signs explaining what things were. I had to leave before they did so I could get to work. Overall, it turned out to be very fun day.



When did the current largest American motorcycle rally first begin?

- A. In the mid-30s, led by the Jackpine Gypsies
- B. In the mid-40s, in response to rising gas prices and rationing
- C. In the mid-50s, thanks to an upswing in popularity brought about by Kerouac and Brando

A. The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the largest in the U.S., was first held by the Jackpine Gypsies Motorcycle Club on Aug. 14, 1938. That weekend in 1938 had a lineup of only nine racers!



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TIMBERCOVE RIDE







SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING





# OCTOBER

**01** 11th Annual Chill Billy Fun Run presented by RIP City Riders. Benefits Veterans Housing and Services. Hot Rod and motorcycle show. \$25.00 per person registration fee includes run, poker hand and barbeque lunch. There will be vendors, live music and raffles, including a 2016 Harley-Davidson Street Bob. Starts at 8:00 at SCHD.

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

**08** Summer Run Volunteer Appreciation Party. In appreciation for your commitment to the chapter we are having a "Summer Run Volunteer Appreciation Party" for those who volunteered their time to make the Summer Run such a success. This will be held at Randy and Conci's house, 2111 Rogers Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 on Saturday October 8th starting at 5:00 and dinner served at 6:00. I will be serving beer, wine and soft drinks along with BBQ tri tip, chicken and vegetarian options. (This is NOT an official RECHOG event). Please RSVP



to Randy Mack [director@rechog.org](mailto:director@rechog.org) or call him at 696-6272 so he can have enough food and drinks on hand.



**09** All you can eat SUSHI! Ian Refugio will lead a ride to an "all you can eat" sushi restaurant in Vacaville. Meet at Johnny's Java at 8:30, depart at 9am.

**14** 2017 Harley Davidson model demonstrations. The Harley Davidson demo trailer will be at Sonoma County Harley Davidson dealership to show off the new 2017 models!

**15** Ironsteed BAD Event Details to come.

**16** Road Captain Breakfast Meeting at Marvin's Restaurant in Cotati at 8:00am. All road captains are encouraged to attend and anyone who would like to become a road captain.

**16** Walt Disney Family Museum Ian Refugio will lead a ride to the Walt Disney Family Museum located at 104 Montgomery St, San Francisco. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9am, depart at 9:30. The ride will take about an hour, going south on Hwy 101 for 45 miles. Lunch: TBD. More information: [www.waltdisney.org/](http://www.waltdisney.org/) or YELP: [www.yelp.com/biz/the-walt-disney-family-museum-san-francisco?utm\\_source=ishare](http://www.yelp.com/biz/the-walt-disney-family-museum-san-francisco?utm_source=ishare)



**17** Monday Funday Ride and Bowling. Meet at SCHD at 10:00, depart at 10:30am.

**20** 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.

**23** RECHOG Picnic. Details to come.

**29** Annual All BAD Event at Cache Creek Casino, details pending.





**30** Sean Smagalski will hold a Skills Training for Road Captains ONLY. We will meet at 2:00, location to be determined.

**31** Happy Halloween!



**06** Remembrance Ride, details to come

**11** Veterans Day Ride to Yountville, details to come.

**13** Road Captain Breakfast Meeting at Marvin's Restaurant in Cotati at 8:00am. All road captains are encouraged to attend and anyone who would like to become a road captain.

**24** Happy Thanksgiving!

**27** 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Willits Toy Run. Presented by Willits Wild Bunch and Willits Rotary and benefits the Willits Rotary Christmas Program. Bring one unwrapped toy to Evergreen Shopping Center, 1700 S. Main Street, Willits, CA to participate in the pack ride that starts at 12:00, escorted through town by the Little Lake Valley FD. Party begins at 12:30 at Little Lake Grange. There will be live music by II BIG, raffle, live auction, and FREE buffet lunch. Meet at SCHD at 9:30 and depart at 10am for a RECHOG group ride to Willits.

## NOVEMBER

**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** The Barbary Coast Chapter of Wind & Fire MC will be hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Johnny "V" Memorial Toy Run benefiting the San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 Toy Program. Meet at SCHD at 9am, depart at 9:30. The donation for riders is \$5 along with a new unwrapped toy.

**13** So you think you can ride? Sean Smagalski will hold a skills training day for EVERYONE interested. All skill levels are welcome and will benefit from this event. Meeting location and time to be announced.

**17** 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.

**20** Berkeley Half Marathon, details to be announced.

## DECEMBER

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

**12** RECHOG Christmas Party at The Flamingo Hotel

**25** Merry Christmas!

**31** Happy New Year!

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

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**General Meeting Minutes Redwood Empire HOG**

Date: 9/1/16 Call to Order: 7:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance led by: Jack Read  
 Previous Meeting Minutes Motion to Accept: Mike Faria Second: Rob Carter

Director Randy Mack: Randy started the meeting thanking everyone who worked to make the Summer Run a success. He mentioned many members by name for all they contributed to the event. Randy presented Laura, from the Valley of the Moon Foundation a check for \$2,500. She thanked everyone who helped make the Summer Run successful and said that she hoped to work with us again next year. There were a few unclaimed items left over from the Summer Run raffle. They were auctioned off and raised another \$200 that was presented to Laura, for the Foundation.

Asst Director Dave McCombs: Dave thanked Randy for his leadership and hard work organizing the Summer Run. He introduced a guest, Bill Faulkner. Members with birthdays this month included Mike Faria, Linnea Carter, Ian Refugio. Winners of the SCHD gift cards were Linnea and Ian. Dave reminded everyone that the Regional Rally starts next week. He also asked for more volunteers for the Berkeley 1/2 Marathon on November 20th. They will pay the club \$90 per volunteer. Like last year, the club will buy the volunteers breakfast.

Membership, Lonnie Olaeta: Lonnie informed us that we now have exactly 172 members in good standing. He had to draw three white tickets before a winner, Jim Jones, was found.

Treasurer, Linnea Carter: Linnea gave an updated accounting of the club's funds. She also thanked the members that helped her at the Summer Run registration tables.

Activities Officer, Donna Fess: Donna thanked everyone who helped with the quilt raffle sales. She mentioned that the newsletter is up to date as far as rides are concerned. She suggested that our Safety Officer talk about dealing with blowouts on the road, at our next meeting.

Ladies of Harley, Kathy Avila: Kathy reported that the ride to Timber Cove went well as did the tour of Fort Ross. She's planning an upcoming ride to the Athena Grill in Suisun.

Safety Officer Jeff Baron: Jeff had a 911 Memorial pin. He raffled it off and it took three tries before Paul Hlusak's number was drawn.

Historian Doug Barnes: Doug related a story about a circus lion tamer interview and shared a story about a problem with using a credit card.

Dealership report: Randy shared that SCHD will be holding an open house on 9/23-25/16 so people can take a test ride on the new Milwaukee 8. Tickets for the Santa Rosa Mile will be on sale at the dealership. On 10/14/16, the Harley Davidson demo trailer will be at the dealership to show off the new 2017 models.

Open Mike: Dorene Barnes said that she would like to have a run next year that ends at the Rohnert Park Annual Rib Cookoff. Jack Read thanked the club and members who thought of him while he was in the hospital. Dave McCombs thanked Kathy Avila for leading the last ride at the Summer Run. It was the largest group of rides that day. Mare Skipper commented on a little bit of confusion caused when the Mt Diablo riders broke off from the group to take their own ride.

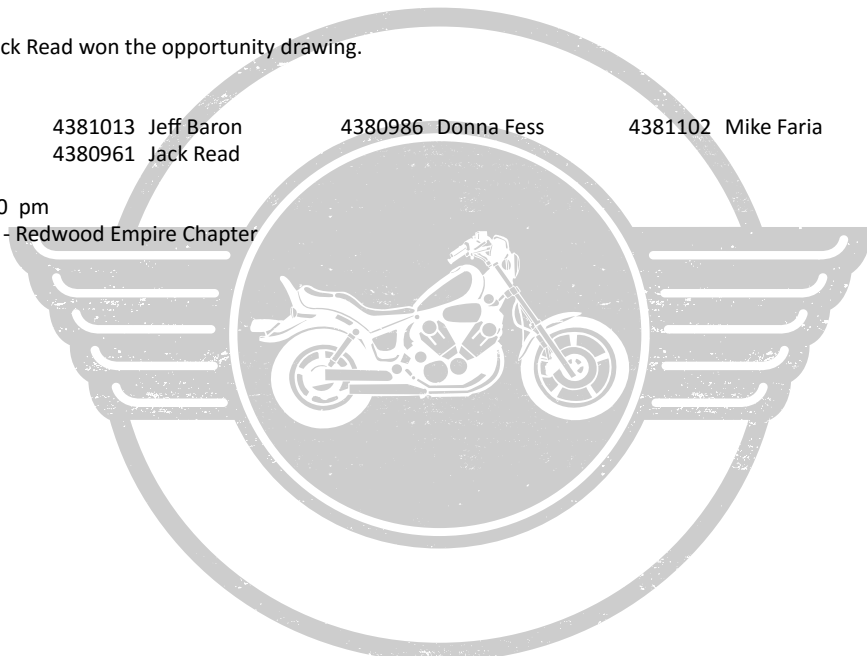
Members only drawing: David Iler's member number was drawn. He was not in attendance. Next month the member drawing will be for \$100 in gift certificates.

Opportunity Drawing: Jack Read won the opportunity drawing.

**Raffle Winners:**

4380949 Debby Mentz	4381013 Jeff Baron	4380986 Donna Fess	4381102 Mike Faria	4380909 Heide Faulkner
4380936 Ron Sarver	4380961 Jack Read			

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





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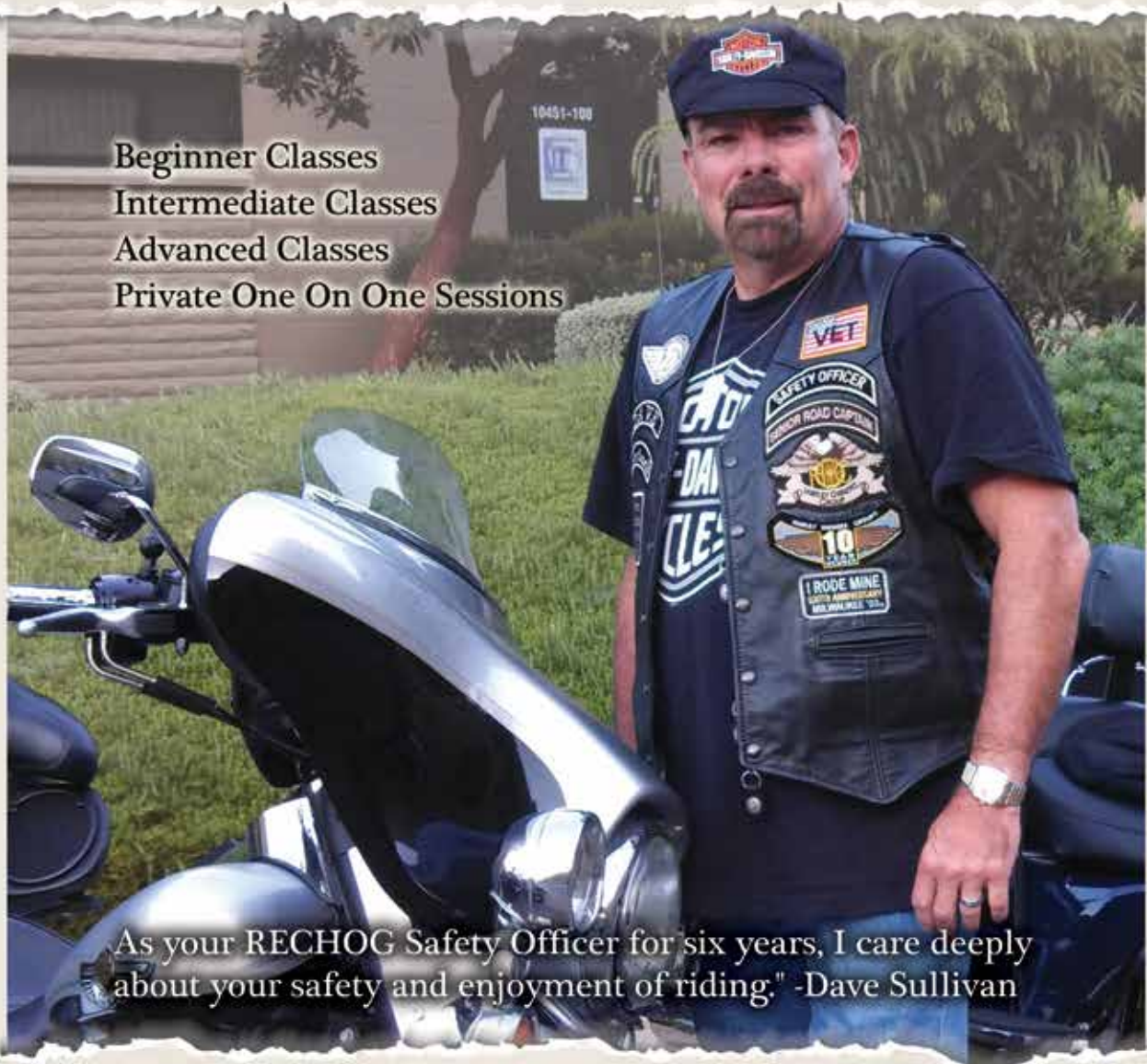
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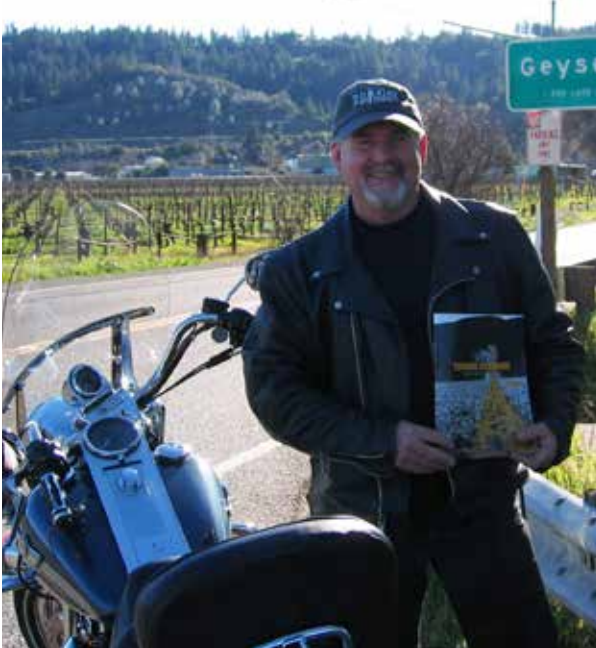
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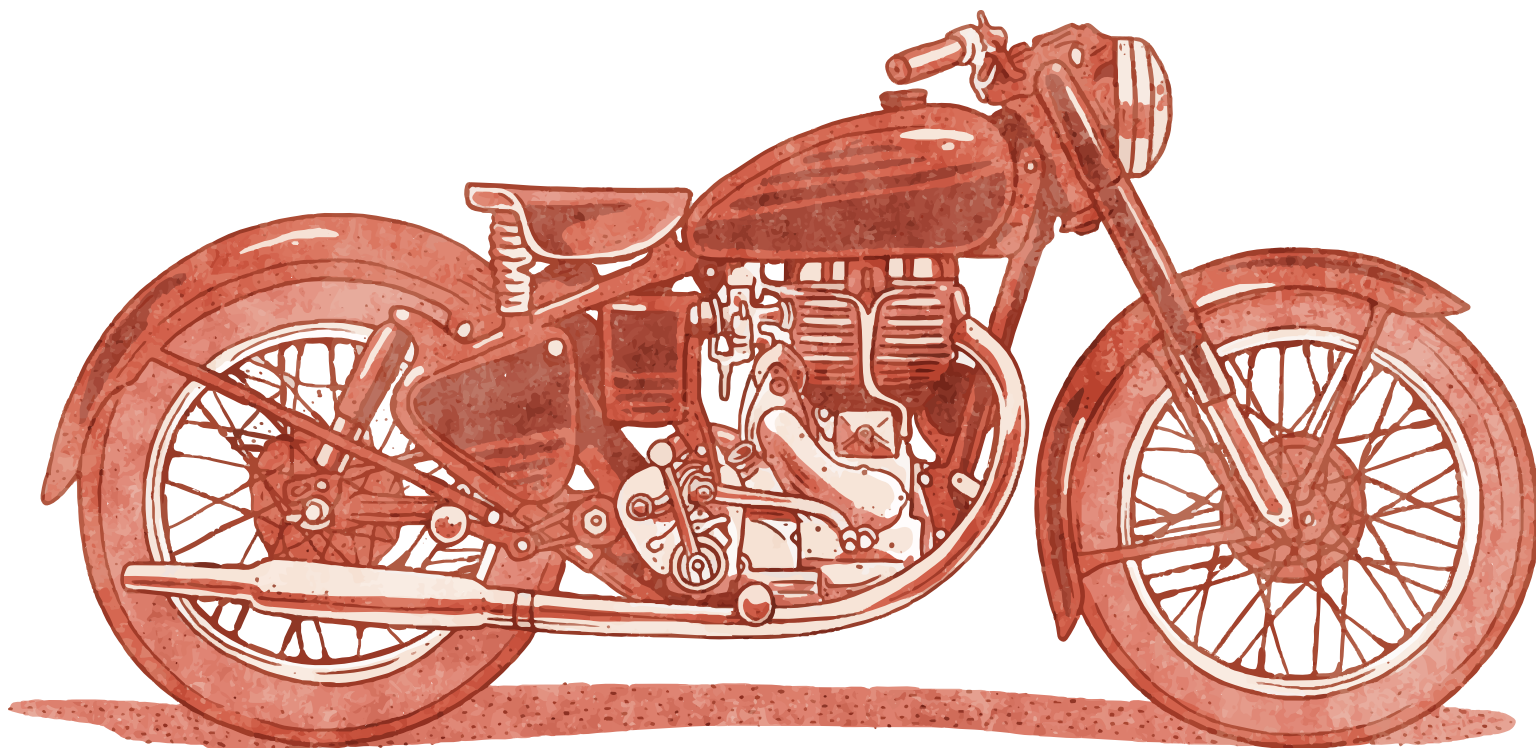
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and go... Old riders pick a  
direction and go.

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Life should not be a journey to the grave with  
the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well  
preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, in a  
cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out,  
and loudly proclaiming, "Wow! What a Ride!"  
~Hunter S. Thompson