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Redwood Empire Chapter HOG #3494



Directors Report “Riding” it’s what we do.

Greetings and welcome to “pre-summer” riding. The weather has been very wet to say the least and has put a damper on our riding. But it looks like we are inching closer to some gorgeous days for riding and having fun with clear coast lines and warm inland temperatures.

The newsletter is coming along and we will be starting ad placement starting in our May edition. All ads will be the same size and the cost for the year will be \$50 (prorated for the rest of this year). Those who would like to place an ad please contact Mike Rooney at newslettereditor@rechog.org. Please mark your calendars for our Summer Run Sunday August 25. This will be a closed chapter ride and each member may invite one guest. Steve Pehargou is making the poker run route ending at Lake Sonoma and Sonoma County Harley-Davidson is providing lunch and donating a major service as our grand prize. There will be raffle prizes and other giveaways to round out the day.

Enough about the business or our club let’s talk about “Riding”. It is what we do and our primary function. We are a riding club and HOG has some great games and tools to enhance our riding experience. The first is the ABC’s of touring. This is a lot of fun to do with another rider or passenger or for those who love to take “selfies”. The best part about this game is you get to ride all over the county, state, or country to find all the letters of the alphabet. Claude and Shirley Jones are experts at this and have supplied us with some great photos of their adventures over the years.

We have a bunch of great rides this year and an easy way to collect your ABC’s.

Ride Save, Have Fun

Randy Mack
Director 2019



Assistant Directors Report

Greeting Redwood Empire HOG members,

Oh, rainy day, come back another day....

I know many of us are feeling a bit “cranky” due to the fact that we have not had our regular doses of wind therapy yet this year. Take heart, I see sun and attitudes changing at the speed of light in the very near future!

We live in one of the most beautiful places on

earth, as far as I am concerned and I still pinch myself everyday that I get to live here. Rain or shine!
I was thinking about another great benefit we have as a HOG member is receiving their magazine. Issue after issue, H.O.G.® features some of the very best motorcycle photos, from beautiful roads and landscapes to behind-the-scenes peeks and detailed pictures of the latest Harley-Davidson® model.
Please send me your photos and stories while your'e out there enjoying your rides this year. I would love to include in our local newsletter for all to enjoy.

Ride, have fun and be safe,
Heidi Faulkner, Assistant Director



Ride Photo's



Ride Reviews

Some of us were able of get some riding in for March but unfortunately our planned rides got rained out. We look forward to many rides going forward this year.



Upcoming Events and Rides

Thursday April 4th
RECHOG General Meeting
China Village, 8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati
Socialize from 6-7, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Sunday April 14th
Sergio's Easter Egg Ride
Meet at 10 depart at 10:30 @ Sonoma County Harley-Davidson

Friday April 19th
Clearlake Ride with Bill Faulkner
Meet at 9 depart at 9:30 @ Sonoma County Harley-Davidson

Saturday April 27th
Bike Blessing with Karen Knapp
Meet at 9:30 depart at 10:00 @ Sonoma County Harley-Davidson

Thursday May 2nd
RECHOG General Meeting
China Village, 8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati
Socialize from 6-7, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Sunday May 12th
Mother's Day Ride with Glenn Childers
Meet at 10 depart at 10:30 @ Sonoma County Harley-Davidson
Ride goes North to Gualala

Saturday - Sunday May 18&19th
Echo Lake overnight with Heidi Faulkner
Meet at 9 depart at 9:30 @ Sonoma County Harley-Davidson
Ride will include riding over some incredible mountain passes, beautiful scenery of rivers, lakes and meadows.

Saturday May 25th
Brown Bag Lunch ride with Sergio

For full details go to the RECHOG web site



Meet at 9:30 depart at 10:00 @
Sonoma County Harley-Davidson
Don't forget to pack your lunch
for a picnic at Drakes Bay.



Dealership Spotlight
Ron Magill
30 years & Over 900,000 Miles!

Ron Magill is a familiar face to many and brings a great wealth of knowledge and experience to our dealership. In March, Ron celebrated his 30th anniversary as a professional motorcycle mechanic!

Ron started riding at age 12, a Honda 70 mini trail. By the age of 14 he had a Honda SL 100 and was very into the dirt bike/motocross scene; however, he had the easy rider poster on his wall and always wanted a Harley. At 17 he got his first big street bike, a 1969 triumph trident 750. At about 20 he got another triumph, a 1969 Bonneville, then came his first Harley, a 1941 Knucklehead (wishes he still had it!) then onto a 1972 Sportster.

In 1986 he bought his present bike, his faithful 1986 FXWG Wide Glide, that has in excess of 900,000 miles on it! at one point he had the XL, 650 triumph and Wide Glide all running at the same time and used the XL for commuting and the Wide Glide for longer trips. The Wide Glide is the only one left and is his daily driver.

Ron started as a professional motorcycle mechanic on March 13, 1989 after graduating from Motorcycle Mechanics Institute (MMI), in Phoenix, AZ.

We look forward to many more years with Ron and are thankful for his dedication!

Membership Board Meeting Topics

- Gift Cards to be given away on all rides.
- Monthly general meeting on July 4th has been changed to July 14th at SCHD at 9 am prior to the River Cats Ride.
- The Annual Summer Run will be a member only ride this with each member able to invite one guest. Lunch will be provided by SCHD at Lake Sonoma after the ride.
- Members will be able to advertise in the monthly newsletter starting in May.

Membership General Meeting Topics

- Chapter to participate in the HOG mileage program with competition within RECHOG
- General meeting for July 4th will be held July 14th, 9 am @ SCHD before the River Cat Ride. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

For full details go to the RECHOG web site

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