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Redwood Empire Chapter HOG #3494



Directors Report

Greetings everyone,

Sturgis is calling....again. Check me out!!! For some of our members like Mike Johnson the ride to Sturgis is an annual event. For others like me we like to have a few years between treks out to the Black Hills. And for some this

is their first ride to the motorcycle Mecca. This year I have the pleasure of riding with all RECHOG members (both past and present) to South Dakota. What started a simple two person two bike ride has grown to nine bikes and ten people who are excited and fun to hang out with. We'll play around a few days in the Colorado Rockies before we arrive, then enjoy all the festivities of the Sturgis Rally along with riding all through the Black Hills. On our return we'll take some of the classic routes on the Chief's Highway and over Bear Tooth Pass and make our way north to take in the Road to the Sun in Glacier before heading to the coast of Oregon and south to go home. Nineteen days of pure nirvana. If you have been, you know exactly what I'm talking about. It is why we bought our machines in the first place. If you have not taken this ride and are wondering if it's worth it....yes it is, every time. As Nike says "just do it" and you too will have that little smile when someone talks about wanting to go for the first time.

August 25th will be our 31st annual Summer Run and I look forward to seeing everyone enjoying this event. Sonoma County Harley-Davidson has really stepped up this year to provide not only lunch but also the grand prize for high poker hand which a full service for your bike. Please mark your calendars for that Sunday.



Assistant Directors Report

Greeting Redwood Empire HOG members,

There are times in life when you are going about your everyday business and have a “serendipity moment” I experienced this moment while at the Sonoma County Building and Permit department. I was there to pull up septic info for a property and that’s where I met the front desk person. Her name is Ruth Cox, AKA Eva Elle. She liked my Harley Shirt and mentioned that she paints Harley Engines. This grabbed my attention and she

shared pictures off her phone of her paintings. I thought this is a special woman possessing a huge talent and I want our RECHOG members to know about her. A bit of back ground on this incredibly talented lady. Ruth was born in Ceres, CA. She is one of 4 girls. Her mom was an artist and her dad a navy officer stationed in the Sea of Japan the day Ruth entered this world. Art was in her DNA, as he began drawing at age 4. Ruth loved to watch her mom paint and as she watched, she grew into her own talents as an Artist. A tragedy happened for this happy home when her parents both died in a car accident when Ruth had just turned 8.

Ruth and her sisters were raised by a cousin who also had 2 boys. Painting became the channel for healing and connection for Ruth and has seen her through many tough times. Ruth had also suffered a tragic car accident where she was miraculously saved and lived not only to tell about it, she was able to depict that moment in her

painting Titled "Crossing the Line."

As I continued to study and be in awe of her paintings, I asked her, "Why engines, motorcycles, cars and not landscapes, apples and the like. She replied, "I love beautiful machines. They are stunning, shiny and mechanical. They inspire me."

Ruth eyes lit up and she continued to share her love for Harleys. She lived many years in the town of Locke near the Sacramento Delta. She remembers on her toughest of days, she would hear the rumble of Harleys followed by their beauty as they drove by and immediately felt uplifted.

This is a reminder of how our own lives impact those around us, sometimes without us even being aware. With that in mind, let's keep riding and giving off good vibes wherever we go.

Ruth has been recognized with awards of excellence through the Prestigious Fine Art awards by the State of California. If you would like more info and might be interested in commissioning Ruth to paint your Harley, she will be at our general meeting in August and our guest in October.

You may contact her directly at (415)999-0569

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Have fun and ride safe,
Heidi Faulkner, Asst. Director



Ride Photo's

Lots of sun and fun
Check out this
months rides below





Summer is officially here and that means the whole country is out Riding and Having Fun. It's what we do, and it's why we live. We're already in the middle of rally season. Those who've attended rallies so far have had a great time riding some of the best roads in our beautiful country. There are a lot more rallies to come. I'm excited and hope to see you all out on the road.

Ride 365 is in full swing. Hopefully your Chapter members have signed up and their mileage readings are in the system. More miles equal more smiles! The Journey Challenge is yet another reason to get on the best damn motorcycles in the world, and do what we do.

To Ride and to Have Fun. It's really that simple. Let's take advantage of the opportunity to get out and ride, feel the wind in our faces and share some adventures with fellow H.O.G. members.

While you're at Sturgis, be sure to stop by the Pappy Hoel campground, check-in and say "hi." We have a couple of H.O.G. rides planned during the event, as well as a pool party and some surprises along the way. Lastly, don't forget to sign up for the **National H.O.G. Rally**, August 29-31 in Milwaukee. We are treating our members this year, so registration is free. There will be three days of riding, hanging out and having fun. Don't miss it!

Ride safe, and more importantly, HAVE FUN,

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**Upcoming Events and
Rides**

August 1st General Meeting
6pm China Village

Sunday August 11th
Clearlake Ride
with Glann Childers
Meet at SCHD at 10am depart at 10:30am

Friday August 16th
Colusa Casino Ride with Randy Mack. Meet at 9am depart at 9:30am from Sonoma County Harley

Wednesday August 21th
Board of directors meeting
6:00 pm at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson

Sunday August 25th
Annual SUMMER RUN
Meet at 9am, depart at 9:30am
SCHD. Members only ride. Each member may invite 1 guest. Enjoy a ride over the mountains through the woods, then the vineyards we are known for before arriving at Lake Sonoma for lunch provided by SCHD

Sunday September 8th
General Meeting starting at 10:00 am.
Coffee and donuts will be served at the meeting.
Tin Barn Classic with Steve Pehargou departing at 10:45
Meet at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson at 10 and depart at 10:45.

Friday September 20th
Alice's Restaurant with Karen Knapp. Meet at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson at 9 depart at 9:30 Down the Great Highway to Alice's Restaurant.

Sunday September 22nd
Twisted Tunnel Run with Steve Pehargou Another RECHOG classic ride through a variety of tunnels throughout the Bay Area including Marin, San Francisco, Alameda and Oakland.
Lunch at Europa Hof Brau in Orinda. Meet at Johnny's Java at 8:00 and depart at 8:30

Saturday September 28th
Fort Bragg ride with Bruce Wing
A casual 250 mile day with lunch in Fort Bragg. Meet at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson at 9 depart at 9:30

For full details go to the RECHOG web site calendar



Dealership Spotlight

MEET Jesus Rangel

Jesus was born and raised in Santa Rosa and attended Santa Rosa High School.

Jesus has worked at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson since May of 2017. He is currently working in our parts department and is an MMI graduate with experience working as a Harley-

Davidson technician. He brings a great wealth of knowledge and experience to our dealership.

Before working at SCHD he served in the United States Navy for 20 years. He was stationed in Lemoore, CA for 16 years and Great Lakes, IL for 4 years. While in the

Navy, Jesus taught swimming and worked as an aviation electrician on F/A-18s.

He is a proud father of two kids and enjoys riding his 2003 Heritage Softail.

WELCOME to the Chapter 8 New Members for July

David Rigney
Angela Griffith
Donald Gibson
Angelo Leone

Jose Berra-Gonzalez
Patrick Gardner
Jonathan Abrego Cardoa
Juan Gonzalez Rosas
Zachery Fleckner
Michael Henley

Membership **Board Meeting** Topics

- No meeting in July

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