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Redwood Empire Chapter HOG #3494



Directors Report

Hola mis amigos y amigas,

Cico de Mayo is just around the corner which means we are that much closer to our summer riding. The clouds have parted and the sun has rushed in to create some absolutely amazing landscapes and seascapes for our viewing pleasure. Our rides so far have taken us along the scenic Pacific coast and amongst the redwood

forests. We've meandered through green, green pasture land, budding vineyards and hallways of flowering almond trees. After hunting for Easter eggs we scraped a few foot boards on our way to one of Marin County's treasured spots and stood on top of the dam holding back the pristine Alpine Lake. Our road captains have done a wonderful job of planning and executing these rides so we can complete our single purpose, to ride and have fun. Robert Pirsig said it best in his book *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* "You're completely in contact with it all. You're in the scene, not just watching it anymore, and the sense of presence is overwhelming."

In addition to the riding, we've supported our dealer by giving away fifteen \$25 Sonoma County Harley-Davidson gift cards so far this year. These drawings are free to all members participating in the rides. So come on out and have a little fun with us and maybe you'll win a gift card or two.

Please keep in mind our Summer Poker Run is Sunday August 25th with lunch donated by Sonoma County Harley-Davidson. This is a closed chapter ride.

Each member may invite one guest. Also, our July General meeting will not be held on July 4th. We have moved that meeting to Sunday July 14th at 10:00.

We are holding the meeting at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson, it will be a shortened version, and then at 10:30 we ride to West Sacramento via the delta to enjoy a River Cats baseball game. In August we will go back to our normal general meeting schedule at the China Village.



Assistant Directors Report

Greeting Redwood Empire HOG members,

Spring has sprung! The long-awaited sun is shining brightly, birds are singing, smiles are plenty and life is good. Riding season is on. We have many beautiful rides planned and fun destinations. Be sure to check out the

HOG calendar.

I brought my bike in for mileage service yesterday in anticipation of being safe, taking good care of my bike and making sure everything is good with my 2017 Road King before heading out this weekend for a three-day ride down the coast. I want to give a shout out to the service department at Sonoma County Harley Davidson. I appreciate their professionalism and their high level of expertise. These amazing mechanics have a passion for what they do. I learned more about their qualifications while I was there. The mechanics are factory trained, receive ongoing up to date training in Milwaukee every year. They use only factory tools and factory diagnostics made for Harley Davidson motorcycles. They have an expansive inventory of manuals for every Harley ever made and reference these manuals to make sure the work being done on your bike is accurate for your year and model. These are all the reasons I bring our bikes to the dealership for service. I trust their expertise and enjoy peace of mind while riding. I want to encourage our members to get your bike checked out and be prepared to enjoy a safe riding season this year.

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



Ride Photos



Ride Reviews

FINALLY Mother nature is our friend again. We had 4 rides this month and all were well attended and it was reported that the Road Captains did a wonderful job. Thanks to all who participated. Fun in Sun and Time to Ride Again.



Check out this
months rides below



Spring has arrived, well sort
of, and for Harley-Davidson

and H.O.G., that means the whole country is finally out riding. It's what we do, and it's why we live. This month finds us busy as we are rapidly getting ready for rally season.

Make sure as spring gets underway you remain focused on the purpose of H.O.G.—to Ride and Have Fun. It's really that simple. With all the swirl in the world around us, let's take advantage of the opportunity to get out and ride the best damn motorcycle in the world. Let's have some adventures, find some open road and share a smile.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming rallies and on the road. I will be riding through Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota and Kansas over the next month visiting the Ride 365 winners from the area. Ride safe and more important, have fun.

See ya on the road,

H.O.G. Regional Manager
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Upcoming Events and Rides

Thursday May 2nd

Thursday June 6th

RECHOG General Meeting

China Village, 8501 Gravenstein

Hwy, Cotati

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Hwy, Cotati**

**Socialize from 6-7, Meeting starts
at 7:00 pm.**

Sunday May 12th

**Mother's Day Ride with Glenn
Childers**

Meet at 9:30 depart at 10:00 @

Johnny's Java

Ride goes North to Gualala

Wednesday May 15th

Board of directors meeting

**6:00 pm at Sonoma County Harley-
Davidson**

Saturday - Sunday May 18&19th

**Echo Lake overnight with Heidi
Faulkner**

Meet at 8 depart at 8:30 @

Johnny's Java Cotati

**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

Meet at 9:00 depart at 9:30 @

Sonoma County Harley-Davidson

**Don't forget to pack your lunch for
a picnic at Drakes Bay.**

**Socialize from 6-7, Meeting starts
at 7:00 pm.**

Sunday & Monday June 9&10

**Santa Cruz Overnight with Steve
Pehargou**

Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00

depart at 9:30

Down the coast to Santa Cruz

Friday June 14th

Our First Mystery Ride for 2019

Meet at 9:00 depart at 9:30 from

Sonoma County Harley-Davidson

**If we told you it would not be a
mystery.**

Wednesday June 19th

Board of directors meeting

6:00 pm at Sonoma County

Harley-Davidson

Saturday June 22nd

Delta Ride with Robert Gilford

Meet 8:30 depart 9:00 from Bad

Ass Coffee

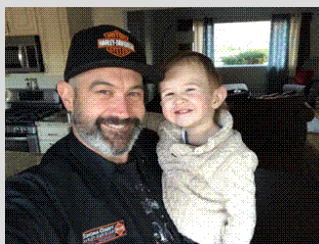
**To the delta and back without
riding on interstate 80**

Ride includes stops in Lake

**Berryessa, Al the Wop's, Rio Vista,
and Ferry rides.**

For full details go to the

RECHOG web site calendar



Dealership Spotlight David Svoboda

David Svoboda is the newest member of our sales team at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson. He is a local boy, born and raised in Santa Rosa. After high school he attended the University of San Francisco where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts. Then came his move to the Big Apple!

David was fortunate enough to land an audition with Martin Landau in front of James Lipton who awarded him with a scholarship to The Actor's Studio in New York. In 2007 David completed his time at The Actor's Studio with a Master of Fine Arts.

With the economy in turmoil, he turned to selling real estate on Wall Street. It was during this time that he received "the call" from Days of Our Lives! For nearly 10

years David appeared on and off Days of Our Lives.

During this time, he also worked as an EMT for the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles on their critical care transport team. He was also a part of the California Fire Prevention Organization helping to educate children, families and firefighters about fire and life safety. When this organization received funding to extend their program to northern California, David was able to move back to Santa Rosa. When funding for the program ended, he began looking for a new job and landed at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson.

David is a proud husband and father to his 1 ½ year old son, William Jackson Edwards Svoboda. He enjoys riding his 2013 Forty-Eight and is looking to upgrade to a Road Glide Special!

WELCOME to the Chapter 10 New Members for April

Josh Ortiz
Justin Brady
Chico Cruz
Scott Murray

Judy Deparis
Sam Knapp
David France

Ambrosio Vigil
Mark Newton
Heather Meyer

Membership Board Meeting Topics

- Currently membership is at 108 members and growing
- Tax returns and tax exempt paperwork all updated and filed
- Chapter bank balance in good standing after purchasing \$500 in gift cards for upcoming events
- 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 have a DJ and ride route to be finalized by Steve and Mike with 3 stops
- 2nd Road Captain meeting to be held on 4/28
- Newsletter will add sections displaying new members and member sponsors and board member will call every new member
- Dealership will start including the upcoming rides in their newsletter

Membership General Meeting Topics

- Currently membership is at 104 members and growing
- General meeting for July 4th will be held July 14th, 9 am @ SCHD before the River Cat Ride. Coffee and donuts will be provided.
- All ride photos can be emailed to photographer@rechog.com
- Many great rides held over the last 40 days

For full details go to the RECHOG web site

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