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General Meetings: 1st Thursday of every month at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 5012 Petaluma Blvd N, Petaluma, CA
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The 28th Annual Summer Run was a huge success!

And we have a lot of people to thank.

Thank you to our dealer **Phil Eiselin of Sonoma County Harley-Davidson**. Our dealership donated the coffee and donuts to get us started, brought in extra staff and brought them in early to help set up and break down including a mechanic who helped the one bike break down we had that day. On top of all that **Sonoma County Harley-Davidson** was the largest contributor to our raffle prizes. **Thank you Phil**, we are honored to be associated with you and this dealership.

John Mentz led our parking and set up crew he organized the vendors (awesome ice cream and brownies), transported tables, chairs, buckets, ice chests, you name it and then brought it all back to the dealership on Monday. You are a trooper John. Thanks **Lonnie, Barry and Jim O'Rourke** and the other members for helping with the parking.



Linnea Carter led our registration and had help with 50/50 sales and raffle ticket sales from **Conci Mack, Rob Carter, Antonio Lemos, Debbie Mentz, Jean Baron, Susan Kirkpatrick and Heidi Faulkner**. **Donna Fess** headed up our RECHOG Quilt with help from **Vikki Jarrett, Dorene Barnes and Debbie Mentz**.

Thank you **Ian, Sahara and family** for the food vendor and spending all day working the lines for hungry bikers...not an easy task. **Sergio** had way too much fun with the bike games and one of the funniest chapter challenges I have ever seen. He took break now and then to entertain our dancers. **Sean Smagalski's** road course was fun and challenging and so was the slow ride.

A huge shout out to **Steve Pehargou** and the road captains **Brian Bokkin, Shelly Bokkin, Kathy Avilla, Sean Smagalski, Glenn Childers, Steve Reed, and Dave France**. The riders raved about the route. Our poker stops were cheerfully attended by **Paul Benkover** and **Marty Hlusak** at the dealership, **Mare Skipper and Shelly's daughter** at Jenner, **Robert and Terese Gilford** at Stewart's Point Store (see the Stewarts Point Store Facebook page for photos) and **Conci Mack, Robert Gilford, and Steve Pehargou** at Lake Sonoma.

Thank you to our beer and wine folks, **Bill Faulkner, Michael Cresta, Michele Groshong and Victoria Plummer**. **Walter Kettler** deserves a round of applause! Walter not only helped design one of our best run pins ever with the help of **Dave McCombs** but he arranged to have the dancers perform...absolutely beautiful dancing talent!

We cannot thank **Dan Marshall** enough for all the time and effort he and Helen put into securing these fabulous raffle prizes. A big thank you to **Cherie Wheeler** who designed this year's flyer and post cards. Thank you **Ron Bibbler** for arranging the band and **John Mentz** again for the generator. And of course **Dave McCombs** who filled every gap that arose during the day, thanks Dave. Thank you to all the members I did not mention but helped out, if I have forgotten anyone please forgive me. I hope you too had as much fun as I did.

Randy Mack, Director



Splitting Lanes

Well I hope everyone is staying cool. Sorry I will not be at the meeting this month. I am going on a road trip to Maryland.

I just wanted to make a little note about an observation I had the other day with a group that was splitting lanes. We were all in the lane between the fast lane and the middle lane. Everything was fine until a couple of riders starting to split between the middle and the slow lane. What happened next could have been a disaster. The car in the middle saw the bike on his right and moved over to the left and almost hit the rider on his left. When we are in group splitting lanes stay with the group.

Stay cool and ride safe.

Jeff

California becomes first state to legally recognize lane splitting

Gov. Brown signs A.B. 51, directing California Highway Patrol to draft guidelines

August 19, 2016

PICKERINGTON, Ohio – Gov. Jerry Brown signed A.B. 51 into law today, making California the first state to legally recognize lane splitting, the practice in which motorcyclists ride between lanes of traffic.

The bill, sponsored by Assemblymembers Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) and Tom Lackey (R- Palmdale), grants the California Highway Patrol the authority to develop and issue lane-splitting guidelines in consultation with motorcycle safety groups and riders.

“This is great news for motorcyclists in California and throughout the country,” said Rob Dingman, president and CEO of the American Motorcyclist Association. “The California Assembly and the governor have taken a huge step in formally recognizing a practice that has been in use for decades.

“Lane splitting keeps riders safer by eliminating their exposure to rear-end collisions, and it helps ease congestion by effectively removing motorcycles from the traffic lanes.”

Studies by the University of California at Berkeley show that splitting lanes is a relatively safe maneuver when both the motorcyclist and nearby drivers know the law and adhere to safe and prudent driving practices.

In 2012, the CHP developed guidelines for splitting lanes, posting them online in 2013 and including them in the Motorcycle Handbook distributed by the Department of Motor Vehicles. However, a citizen complained in 2014 that the guidelines were “underground regulations” put together by a state agency, rather than the legislature. So the CHP and DMV removed them.

A.B. 51 clarifies that the CHP does have authority to develop educational guidelines on lane splitting. The law also removes the practice from the legal gray area, where it was neither expressly prohibited nor approved.

Several other states, including Nevada, Georgia, Washington, Oregon and Texas, have considered legislation during the past two years that would have made lane splitting legal, with certain restrictions.

“We hope that other states will follow California’s lead on this issue,” Dingman said. “The AMA is here to support individuals, groups and legislators who want lane splitting made legal in their states, too.”

The AMA’s official position on lane splitting can be found here: <http://americanmotorcyclist.com/About-The-AMA/lane-splitting>.

<http://americanmotorcyclist.com/Home/News-Story/california-becomes-first-state-to-legally-recognize-lane-splitting>



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THE BEGINNING

The first Harley-Davidson police motorcycle was delivered to the Detroit Police Department in 1908. Right from the start, police departments recognized the tactical advantage provided by a maneuverable vehicle such as a motorcycle along with Harley-Davidson's reputation for reliability.

THROUGH THE TEENS

Harley-Davidson motorcycles accompanied General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing in pursuit of Pancho Villa after he attacked Columbus, NM in 1916. Harley-Davidson motorcycles proved their value as military hardware. Shortly after the Mexican foray, the U.S. was drawn into World War I – as were approximately 20,000 Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Motorcycles were a great aid in dispatching messages before the advent of reliable radio communications. Most of these motorcycles had sidecars which could be fitted with machine-gun mounts if needed.

THE ROARING '20S

Back on the home front in the 1920s, state police forces were being formed in several states to protect rural areas from lawlessness and to enforce Prohibition. The motorized vehicle of choice on rutted rural roads was the motorcycle. In 1921, six troopers kick-started their Harley-Davidson motorcycles and the Washington state troopers were in business. In those days, considering the territory officers had to cover, a motorcycle needed to be reliable. In Louisiana, for example, a force of just 16 men on motorcycles patrolled the entire state.

By 1920, Harley-Davidson was the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world. As mass production increased the numbers of cars and motorcycles on the road, and most speed limits were not enforced, highway fatalities skyrocketed. In 1926, a special office for fleet sales to law enforcement was established. Harley-Davidson published the goal of helping law enforcement "curb this tragic traffic slaughter." Being faster and more maneuverable than most cars on the road, Harley-Davidson motorcycles gave police the upper hand against speeders. By the end of the 1920s, more than 3,000 police departments and government agencies used Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

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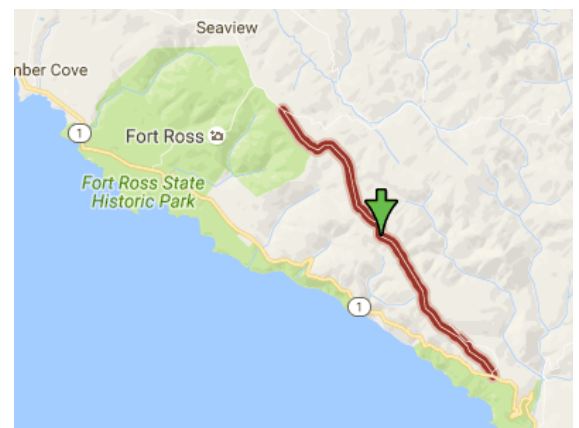
Lots of pre-rides for our Summer Run...and for good reason, too. It was beautiful and LONG, perfect weather, requiring some careful negotiating on sharp curves, bumpy roads, and narrow pathways. The Summer Run turn-out was huge. I was given the 3rd group to lead, and at first, it was about 90 bikes. The Head Road Captain for Mt. Diablo said he'd lead his group separately for safety reasons, etc.

We were all lined up to go, and he had said he'd follow and then break off. However, he switched his plan and took off first....with many more than Mt. Diablo taking the Q as time to go. It was like a river flowing past me until Randy gave me the nod to 'get going'. The group ended up ebbing and flowing between 40 and 10 bikes throughout the ride I was leading.

We took a route to bypass Guerneville by going Bohemian Highway, and then caught River Road just outside Rio Nido. As a result, our group arrived in Jenner about 15 minutes ahead of the Mt. Diablo group. It was kind of funny. They looked over at us like 'how'd you get here so fast?'

At our first poker stop, some members of another group mentioned their appreciation of what they called "group sense" in my leading. I had no idea what that meant, so asked. It was that when we came to a stop sign, or a gap started to occur with slower riders, I'd hang back long enough to let everyone catch up. One of them commented that most road captains won't wait or don't try to keep the group together and that it was nice 'we' did. It was thoughtful of them to get good feedback for REC HOG.

On Sunday, Aug. 28, the LOH ride to Timber Cove Inn looks to be another fun run along Hwy. 1, and maybe if the fog level is low enough, we will tackle Meyers Grade Road just to spice things up. Following our lunch at Timber Cover, we'll make an optional stop at Fort Ross just for fun.



Check out those RED SHOES!



In which year did the police department start using the Harley-Davidson?

In 1907, police departments started to use the motorized cycle to catch criminals at a quicker speed. They enjoyed the freedom that the cycle gave them. Thus, making their jobs easier. Even today police departments throughout the country still have policemen that perform their duties while riding a Harley-Davidson.

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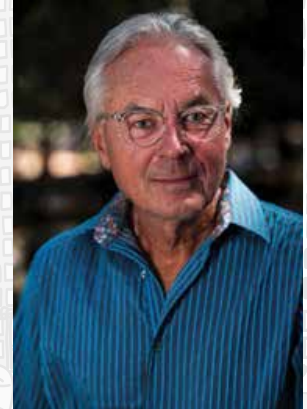
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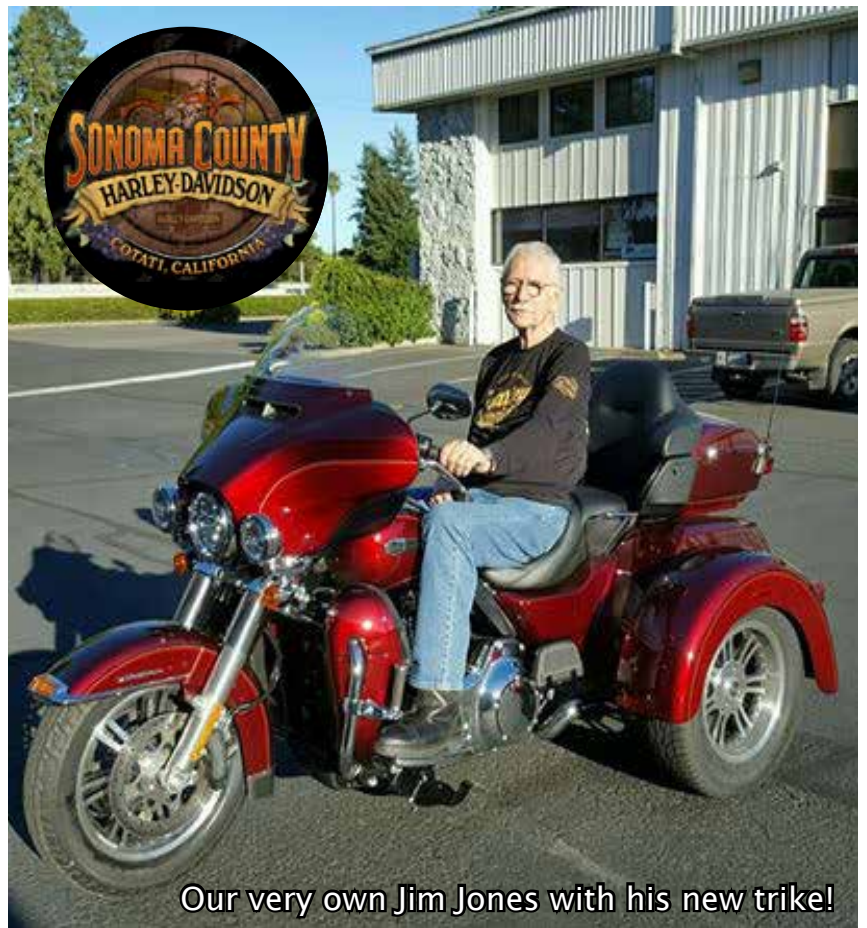
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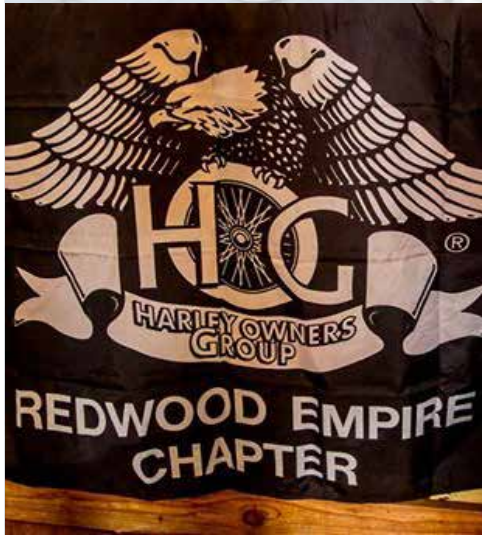


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28TH ANNUAL SUMMER RUN





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Current info as of August 25th. Please review website calendar at rechog.org & call the Ride Hotline for latest updates and additions 707.575.6786.



SEPTEMBER

01 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.

08-17 Open Road West H.O.G. Rally

Open Road West is unique in that it is a ten-day riding event starting in Santa Fe, NM and ending in Lancaster, CA traveling through CO, UT and AZ. Pre-registration is preferred. Register by July 26, 2016

10 Glen Childers will be leading a ride. Meet at SCHD at 9:30, departing at 10:00. Details to come.

11 Easy Ride Meet at Johnny's Java at 10:00, depart at 10:30. Shelly will be

leading a nice and easy ride out to Bodega through Occidental along the Bohemian Hwy ending in Forestville for lunch. This will be a great ride for new riders!

14 Hump Day Dinner Ride.

Meet at SCHD at 5:30, depart at 6pm. Steve Reed will lead a ride to Hamburger Ranch in Cloverdale. The ride will take 45-60 minutes, dinner approx 7pm.



15 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.

18 Western Railway Museum

Steve Pehargou will lead a ride to the Western Railway Museum at Rio Vista Junction. For further information about the museum you can visit their website at www.wrw.org. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00, depart at 9:30. The cost is \$10.00. RECHOG will pay for one entry to the museum and one lunch for the

lucky raffle winners. Lunch will be at Tortilla Flats in Rio Vista.

29-OCT. 1 Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch

Randy Mack will lead at ride to Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch. We will travel north to 299 and east onto 96 through the Pacific Coast Range which includes the Six Rivers National Forest and the Klamath National Forest. Our first night is in Happy Camp, then onto the Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch. <http://www.greenhornranch.com>. If you cannot make the whole trip, perhaps just meet us at the Ranch on Friday night, but don't be late for the big bbq and bon fire. See Randy's email for details. Space is limited so please call early.

OCTOBER

02 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 9:00.

06 RECHOG General Chapter Meeting at

Cattlemen's Restaurant, 5012 Petaluma Blvd N, Petaluma, CA Social hour starts at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:00pm

15 Ironstead 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 9:00, depart at 9:30. The ride will take about an hour, going south on Hwy 101 for 45 miles. Lunch: TBD. Visit the website for more information: <http://www.waltdisney.org/> or YELP: 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.

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05 The Barbary Coast Chapter of Wind & Fire MC will be hosting the 10th Annual Johnny "V" Memorial Toy Run benefiting the San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 Toy Program. Meet at SCHD at 9:00, depart at 9:30. The donation for riders is \$5.00 along with a new unwrapped toy.



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Las Vegas Bikefest
Sept 29-Oct 2

For more outside activities please pick up a copy of Thunder Press at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson. 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

Ride and have fun,
Donna Fess, Activities Director, 2016



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Date: 8/4/16 Call to Order: 7:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance led by: Jack Read

Previous Meeting Minutes Motion to Accept: Mike Faria Second: Steve Reed

Director Randy Mack: Randy told everyone working the Summer Run to meet at SCHD to help set up no later than 7:00 am on 8/21/16. Next he thanked all of the volunteers that worked the San Francisco Marathon. The holiday party is going to be held at the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa. Randy is planning a 4 day ride to the Green Horn Dude Ranch. The ride will go from 9/29-10/2/16. He suggested we all read the Tales From The Woods article, Happy 28th Birthday RECHOG. It is a retro look at the founding of our chapter. Next he introduced Randy Kremlacek, from the California Flat Track Association. He spoke to us about the Santa Rosa Mile, flat track motorcycle racing at the Santa Rosa Fairground, Chris Beck Arena on 9/23/16. He passed out postcards with the race information on it.



Asst Director Dave McCombs: Dave read this month's birthday list: Jeff Baron, Marsha Busekist, Steve Pehargou, Kim Cleary, Gary McLerran, Conci Mack. Winners of gift cards were Gary McLerran and Conci Mack. We had one honored guest, Emily Guggemos. Dave recognized the 39 volunteers that worked the San Francisco Marathon. He also reminded the club that we need volunteers for the Berkeley 1/2 marathon in November.

Membership, Lonnie Olaeta: Lonnie introduced new member Jim Butler. The winner of the white ticket drawing for a \$15 gift card for Cattleman's was Jack Read.

Treasurer, Linnea Carter: Linnea gave an updated accounting of the club's funds.

Lead Road Captain Steve Pehargou: There is a road captain meeting at Marvin's in Cotati at 8:00 am on Sunday, 8/7/16. After the meeting, riders will leave from Marvin's to do the final Summer Run route pre-ride.

Activities Officer, Donna Fess: On 9/8/16 there is a ride to the Rio Vista Train Museum. Free entry to the museum for one rider and one rider's lunch will be paid for.

Ladies of Harley, Kathy Avila: The Petrified Forest ride was fun and informative. On 8/28/16 there is a ride to Timber Cove Lodge. Kathy asked to see hands of those going on the ride so she can get an idea of size of group for lunch reservations. Next year, Kathy would like to do a ride to Austin, Texas. Riders can fly to Austin and rent motorcycles from Austin Harley Davidson.

Historian Doug Barnes: Doug reminded members that two of our number will be leaving in a permanent move to Las Vegas. He thanked Nancy and Steve Fisher for the excellent support and contributions they have made to RECHOG. With Las Vegas in mind, Doug shared information about Janet Airlines. The airline that flies back and forth from Las Vegas to Area 51 shuttling employees of that mysterious site.

Open Mic: Conci Mack was curious about the photograph of a goat riding the backseat on a motorcycle, in this month's TFTWs. Mare Skipper asked for help selling raffle tickets for the quilt on Sunday 8/7/16, at the dealership. She pointed out this is the Fishers last meeting with us. Steve Fisher pointed out that Area 51 got its name from the designation on the BLM map that was used in locating the site. Nancy Fisher told the group that they will miss the friends they have made at RECHOG and told us to stop and say hello if we're in the Las Vegas area. Mike Faria invited everyone to his End of Summer party on 9/4/16. Debby Mentz asked for a show of hands from those planning on attending the Open Road Rally. Appears that no one present at the meeting is planning on going.

Participation drawing: Bob Clark's number was drawn. He wasn't present so next month's gift cards will go up to \$75.

Membership Drawing: Linnea Carter won the opportunity drawing.

Raffle Winners:

4381283	Mare Skipper	4381168	Jack Read	4381141	Dave McComb
4381285	Mare Skipper	4381275	Mare Skipper		

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43 pm

John E. Mentz, Secretary - Redwood Empire Chapter



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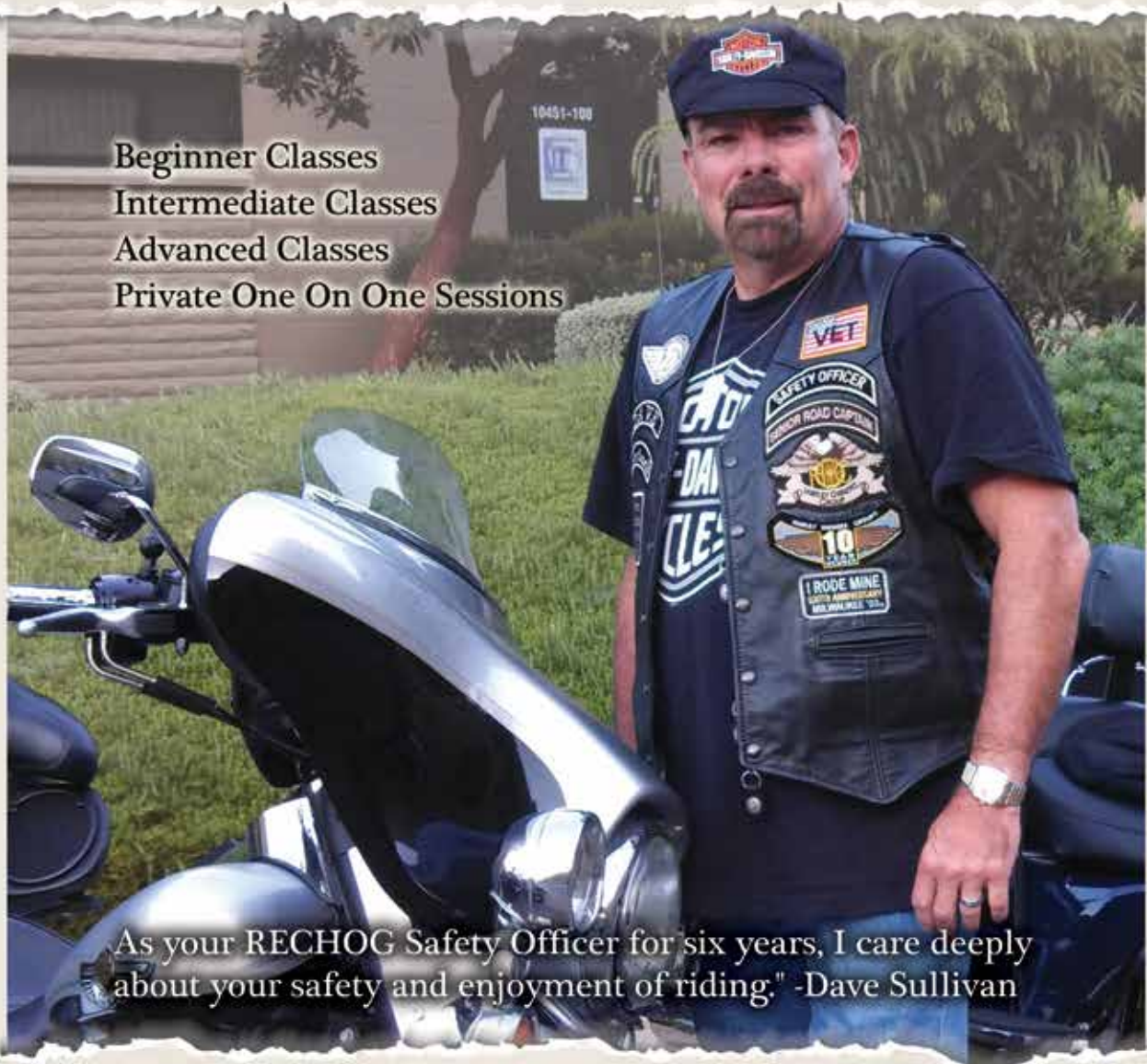
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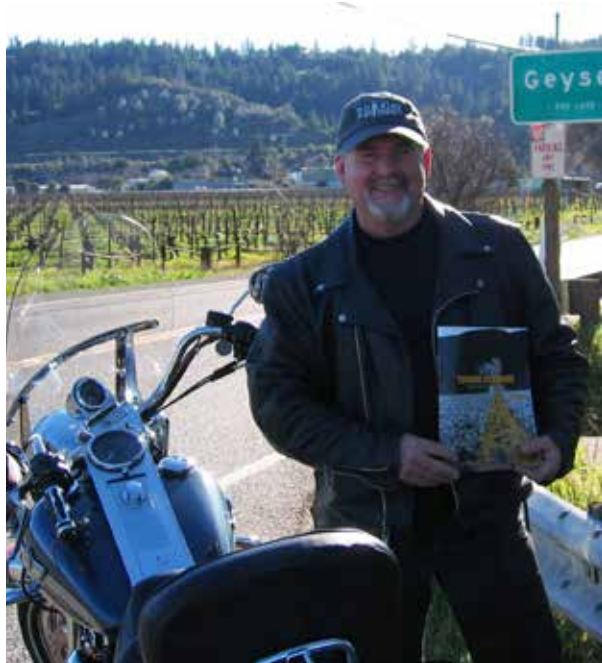
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