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Save the Oate:Friday, December 2
RECHOG HOLIDAY PARTY

DIRECTOR BY DAVE McCOMBS

hello Jellow members

Let me open by thanking everyone that stepped up to help with the marathon! They got up early and rode down in the dark and cold to help with this fundraising event. As usual, there were a couple of assignment issues once we got down there but we were able to make a few adjustments and had it all taken care of. After the end of our second shift we gathered at the bikes and headed to Star Restaurant in Novato where all remaining volunteers were treated to breakfast. Although we were short on the number of volunteers we wanted (and needed) for this event, it was still a great fundraising success!

At this point, I am going to start recruiting volunteers for the Berkeley Half Marathon, which will be November 19th this year. I



do not know how many volunteers we will need for this event but I am hoping to be able to show up with a few extras. As we did for the S.F. Marathon, volunteers will get half off their Holiday Party ticket if they wish to attend. That means if you have helped with both of these marathons this year you can get a free Holiday Party ticket, unfortunately this offer only valid for volunteers, guests will require a full price ticket.

Enough about running and on to runs: In just a couple short weeks we will be putting on our own Summer Run, many volunteers are still needed to help make sure this a great event. We could use help with parking, registration, ticket sales and setup/cleanup at the Dealership as well as at the lake. And with other events happening throughout the day. This is our time to shine so lets pull together and show the other groups how to put on a good run!

As the second half of the year starts to gain momentum, lets not forget that October is time for Officer nominations, If you know of another member or if you have an interest in any of the board positions then please make sure to be at the October General Meeting and make your voice heard. There is no requirement to be a Chapter Officer other than membership with National HOG and being a RECHOG member. It takes many voices and personalities to keep the chapter running smoothly and effectively, step up and give it a go, besides a little competition is always good.

Lets Make Some Noise! Dave

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BY IAN REFUGIO

hello REChOG!

What a month that was! We had a lot going on in July. But the biggest event we tackled was the San Francisco Marathon. That was a blast! I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our volunteers who braved the cold and foggy ride into the city in support of our biggest fundraising event of the year. I can't thank y'all enough. Your efforts have greatly helped out the chapters work in putting together a remarkable Christmas Party. To show our appreciation, the chapter will be providing the SF Marathon volunteers a 50% discount for their Christmas Party ticket prices. But it doesn't end there. If you volunteer for the Berkeley Marathon in November, the chapter will offer you another 50% off your Christmas party ticket prices. Please keep an eye out as we release more details in the coming months.



The next big thing we have coming up is our very own 29th Annual Summer Run. This is our chapters biggest event of the year. We hope everyone comes out to support OUR chapter. The Summer Run planning committee has a lot of fun things planned for the big day. We are putting together a great route for the ride, good food for all to enjoy, fun games, numerous vendors, and so much more. But we can't accomplish all of this without your help. We are in need of volunteers to help us pull this off. Please talk to your chapter Director Dave McCombs for volunteer opportunities. Don't forget: August 19th. Save the date and spread the word.

I look forward to seeing y'all on one of our upcoming rides. Get out on your Harley Davidson and have fun. Remember, each member can invite one guest to our chapter rides. As always, if you have any concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to approach me or any of the officers. We welcome any new positive ideas that is beneficial to our chapter. We are here to make our chapter the best we possibly can and to ensure everyone has a positive and safe experience.

"Ride safe. Ride hard"





Rickstands Down

You would think parking your bike would be a simple matter of kicking down the jiffy stand and then getting off. But it's little more complicated than that with issues of Mechanics, Physics and the Age Old Law of Gravity all to consider.

Riders of lighter bikes don't have near as much to worry or consider than the riders with large bikes such as the Softail Delux at 730lbs or the Electra Glide Ultra Classic at 894lbs, its just good technique and confidence that gets the job done. Obviously, one knows you can't just ride into a parking spot and not consider how you are going to get the bike out again since reverse is not an option, but it happens. In shopping centers, sometimes you can ride through one parking spot into another so that you are pointing out for an easy exit.

On most of our rides we just don't get the luxuries of a large asphalt surface, no loose gravel, no pot holes, or slopes of any kind, with little to no tight maneuvering. So what's the best advice or tips for parking? Best advice is not to "Rush" but be "Patient" while parking the bike. "Stop and consider" the situation, consider the slope of the parking area, is it gravel with pot holes, will it be tight maneuvering, are you backing in or parking front tire, then come up with a parking plan. Start by getting the bike close (leaving room for maneuvering) and square as possible to the parking spot you have chosen, making all additional maneuvers minimal. If paddling the bike, smooth and controlled maneuvers with head up keeping the bars squared at first and then using bars for turning keeping from locking bars left or right, and using smooth front brake operations. Don't ever be afraid of pulling forward making an adjustment to continue parking or starting over, or even asking for help. Parking during a group ride has its own safety considerations to deal with but going into a single file formation and allowing the Road Captain to start looking for a space big enough for the group. The group should stay in formation rather than branching off in the parking lot to find their own space, this will avoid confusions and possible collisions with other bikes or vehicles. By keeping the group together and lining up in order, makes departures easier, taking up less space in a parking lot. If this is not an option, staying in single file formation and waiting for the bike ahead to park and not branching off still avoids confusions and collisions and thus giving a better public image.

Tips:

- 1: Square the handlebars when stopping. One of the most common causes of tip-overs or drops is stopping suddenly while the handlebars are turned or the bike is leaned
- 2: Choose your footing. Sand, gravel and slippery substances reduce traction not only under your tires, but also under your boots. Wear footwear with oil-resistant, tread-like soles to minimize the likelihood of having a foot slide-out from under you.
- 3: Mind your Jiffy stand. Failing to fully lower the jiffy stand is a sure-fire way to inflict harm to your pristine chrome or plastic bits. Take the time to make sure the jiffy stand is fully extended and then carefully lower the weight of the bike onto the stand before hopping off.
- 4: What gear is best? When parking on any slope leave bike in first gear to prevent bike from rolling forward or back while on the Jiffy Stand.
- 5: **Keeping Jiffy Stand Coaster onboard**. For less than \$20.00 made of polypropylene is designed to go under the jiffy stand preventing sinking in soft ground such as dirt, asphalt, or grass.

"As always, have fun and keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up" Vincent Mulligan Safety Officer HISTORIAN BY MARTIN HLUSAK

REC-HOG

July got hot as predicted. But August is historically the hottest month for our area. So Caroline and I took a trip up the Ca. and Ore. Coast. Slow going but beautiful and cool. It never got over 74 degrees. Slow going since speed limit is 55 in Ore. and traffic will not let you do the limit anyway. Heavy rain this last winter took it's toll on some of the hillsides, causing them to landslide onto some roads and bridges. ODOT (Ore. Dept. of Transportation) was working to clean it up. But is forced to delay traffic with only one lane open. And unlike Ca. which has a 10 min. traffic delay mandate, Ore. can have you waiting 20 min. or more! But if you plan accordingly (we only did 200 mi. a day) delays are a small inconvenience since the ocean view is so beautiful and the weather so accommodating.

We made our way up to Bay City, Ore. to peddle the rails with Oregon Coast Railriders. Where you peddle a four man aluminum railway cart with polyurethane wheels for 12 miles on a owned and maintained train track that is no longer used. Each person peddles independently, so you can coast. But only at the peril of your other riders.

The hotel gem had to be the Driftwood Shores Resort and Conference Center in Florence, Oregon. Every room faces the beach and ocean. Step outside your sliding glass door onto the balcony and watch the sun set. Or walk onto the beach itself. Most comfortable bed I've ever slept in! A Chevy Corvette group was staying there the night on our way to northern Oregon and on our way back south. These were all brand new Corvettes! The on site restaurant was bit high brow for us, so one night we ordered take out from them and ate in our room. Really good seafood. This room elsewhere, like Astoria, Ore., would be \$400, but we paid \$133 incl. tax!

The other adventure we did up the coast was to stop and tour all the Lighthouses. It was challenging to find some of them and the tours were time consuming. Not recommended for everyone. Unless they intrigue you as they do us.

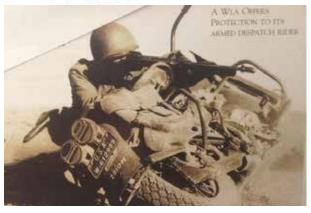
Do I see a HOG ride in the future?

The Rec-Hog board has been discussing having 20 years of the Rec-Hog Archives rebound, to make them more









accessible. However, being fiscally responsible, the board has deemed the cost prohibitive. Director Dave McCombs suggested that we buy the hole punching and treading machines and do it ourselves. I checked into the cost of these machines and they exceed the cost of having them professionally done. So I took the problem to Larry Jacobs, the Rec-Hog member who does our newsletter and flyer printing. He offered to allow me to use his machines at no cost if I do the labor! Which of course I am willing to do. So I feel the club owes a big *THANK YOU to LARRY JACOBS*!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Harley Davidson History: By the time U.S. entered WWII the economy had already adjusted itself to effects of the conflict. H-D civilian production had been put on hold earlier in 1941 as the company geared up for the war effort. During the following four years over 90,000 military machines were supplied to the Allies. The vast majority of these were side-valve WLA's. Their widespread use on the battlefields of Europe helped to advertise the H-D name worldwide.

Harley emerged from the war in good shape. Other manufactures folded lacking military contracts. But Harley production of civilian bikes did not reach full capacity until 1947. The war had unintended consequences on the bike scene. The availability of cheap ex-military motorcycles, and the large number of veterans looking for excitement created a new trend to customizing motorcycles. The ex-military bikes were stripped of any extraneous parts to improve handling and speed. This was the dawn of the "Bobber"!











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JULY General meeting







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Please review website calendar at rechog.org & call the Ride Hotline for latest updates and additions 707.575.6786.



AUGUST

RECHOG GENERAL Chapter 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 the birthday raffle drawing; next month's birthday list for the Tales of the Woods; and the guests list.

Friday Off Work Ride. We'll be riding over the river and through the woods to Ocean Cove Bar and Grill we'll go. We'll meet at SCHD at 9:30 and depart at 10am. The address is 23255 Coast Highway, Jenner, but it's not in Jenner, it's about 15 miles up North on Hwy 1. Karen Knapp will lead ride.

Ft. Bragg Lunch Ride. This is a lunch ride to DzSilver's at the Wharfdz in Ft. Bragg. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00 am. Depart at 9:30 am. AD will lead ride.

Summer Run Planning meeting. 6pm meet at Round Table Pizza, 40 Raley's Town Centre, Rohnert Park. Anyone interested in helping out with the Summer Run is encouraged to attend. Many volunteers are needed.



Ride Planning Meeting.
Meet at SCHD at
10am. All road captains and
anyone interested in being a road
captain are encouraged to attend.
Those who would like to meet
for breakfast before the meeting
are welcome to make their own
arrangements.

Final Summer Run Pre-ride. Open to all members who are willing to lead, mid-sweep, and sweep the group-led rides. There is a summer run "route reconnaissance" ride immediately after the ride planning meeting. Meet at SCHD 11 am. Depart at 11:30.

Marshall Store Thursday \$1 Oyster Ride. Marc Mendelson will lead a ride to Marshall for lunch. Meet at 11am, Depart 11:30 Bad Ass Coffee, Mark West Springs Rd.

RECHOG BOARD Meeting Board of Directors will meet at SCHD at 6pm. Members are encouraged to attend and observe the workings of our chapter and participate in the round table discussion. If you want to learn about how you can participate in our events, rides, and activities this is a good meeting to attend. Anyone considering becoming a chapter officer in the future is encouraged to attend.



RECHOG 29th Annual Summer Run. This is our biggest event of the year! Volunteers Needed. Please come out and support our chapter. Let's make this a safe and fun event for all in attendance. All volunteers please meet at SCHD at 7am for set-up. Registration begins at 8am to 10am at the dealership. Rides will depart at 9am/9:30/10am/10:15am. For volunteer details, please McCombs contact Dave director@rechog.org lan Refugio at assistantdirector@ rechog.org. More info: rechog.org/ summer-run/ or facebook.com/ events/783744541785063/. The route will lead out to Bodega Bay via Valley Ford then north up the coast to River Road. There will be a poker stop at Duncan's Mills. The ride will proceed through Guerneville to Wahler Road thence across the Russian River and up Westside Road to the Lambert Bridge Crossing. Then out to Lake Sonoma picnic area via Dry Creek Road. Good food, vendors and entertainment are planned.

Monday Fun Day Ride. TBD. Donna will lead.







American Canyon Paint Ball challenge. Sean Smagalski will lead. Meet at Johnny's Java at 7:30am, Depart 8am. Cost is about \$75-\$100 per person. More details to follow soon. BANG-BANG SPLAT!!!





SEPTEMBER

Friday Off Work Ride This is a ride to brunch at Marvin's in Novato. Meet at Johnny's Java in Cotati at 10:00 am. Depart at 10:30 am. AD will lead ride.

Assistant Directors Long A\$\$ Ride. We will ride towards the Russian River then back down the coast towards Stinson Beach. We will then ride up to Alpine Lake, Mt. Tam, and Muir Woods. Make sure you have a full tank of gas and a full belly. Meet at SCHD at 9:00 am. Depart at 9:30 am. AD will lead ride.

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- 1 0 R E C H O G Overnighter: Eureka Road Trip. Samoa Drag Racing Championships. Details to follow.

Fallen Warrior Memorial Ride. This ride will head up to Windsor in support of the American Legion Riders Post 111's 8th Annual Fallen Warrior Ride. This year's ride is in memory of US Army Ranger Corporal Timothy Shea, born & raised in Sonoma. He enlisted in the US Army in 2003 becoming a Ranger assigned to 3rd BN 75th Ranger Regiment in Fort Benning, GA. Cpl. Shea was deployed 5 times during his 2.5 years in the service. Cpl. Shea was killed in action by an IED during Operation Iragi Freedom on August 25, 2005. This ride will benefit US Army Ranger Veterans at the Pathway **Home in Yountville.** Registration: Cafe Noto, 650 McCelland, Windsor Town Green at 8:30am. Ride departs: 9:15 am. Followed by a 2.5 hour ride. Cost: \$20/ rider; \$10/passenger. Tri-Tip BBQ at Villa Chanticleer Picnic Grounds. RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!!!



More RECHOG fun continued on next page...

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Lane Splitter HOG B.A.D. Ride Director will lead ride. Details to follow.

Monday Fun Day Ride. Details TBD. Glen will

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Alice's Restaurant. The group will ride to Woodside, CA for lunch at Alice's Restaurant. We will be taking the coastal route most All road captains and anyone

of the way there. Meet at Johnny's Java 9:00 am. Depart at 9:30. AD will lead ride.

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Friday Off Work Ride

RIP City Riders "12th Annual Chilly Billy Fun Run" plus Hot Rod and Motorcycle Show. Registration 8-10:30am at Sonoma County Harley Davidson. *First 500 signed-in get run pins. *Ride ends at the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds, Petaluma. Admission into the fairgrounds is free. Famous BBO chicken served from 11:30 am -3:30 pm. There will be live music, vendors, raffle prizes including a 2017 Harley Davidson Street Bob. Donations for bike raffles to benefit the Blue Star Moms and Ranchin' Vets.

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-22 Rechog Overnighter: Road Trip to Monterey, Carmel, Big Sur. Details to follow.

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! Marc Mendelson, Activities Director, 2017





July 2017 General Meeting

Call to order: 7:00pm by Director Dave McCombs

June General Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Vince Mulligan, 2nd Steve Reeves. Motion passed.

Assistant Director: Ian Refugio announced July Birthdays: Debbie Mentz, Donna Fess, Jim Montenegro, and the winner of the birthday drawing Cliff Busekist.

Director awarded a gift card to the first person who could find and say a typo error in the Newsletter. Winner was Jean Riggs. Raffle tickets were drawn throughout the meeting and the results are listed below.

Treasurer: Linnea Carter gave a report showing solvency and savings.

Membership: Rob Carter stated membership is now 137. Mark Hilla was drawn for Progressive Membership, but lost out since he was NOT PRESENT!

Safety Officer: Vince Mulligan gave a captivating presentation on Tire Safety. He reported that only 1% of tire failure was due to manufacture defects. Some members found this incredulous, and many questions and answers ensued. Also discussed were which vehicles are most likely to have the least safe tires, as bikers should avoid riding next to them.

Historian: Marty Hlusak continued with his speed presentation, but his slide show included only motorcycles this month. **Director**: Dave McCombs announced that the Holiday party will be held at the Hilton Round Barn on Dec 2nd, 20 guest rooms are reserved @ \$109 per night. And members who volunteer for the marathon policing will receive discounted ticket to the holiday party.

40th Anniversary S.F. Marathon is on July 23, 2017 and we are trying to get 50 Volunteers.

Our Chapter received 1st place at the Golden Gate Chapter Challenge.

July 15 is Oakland's Target ride. If you bring a toy entry is \$5 less.

Summer Run Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We need more help

Past Rec-Hog Director Wanda Fisher recently passed away. She was the 2nd female Hog director nationally and internationally! And was given a moment of silence. Memorial ride July 8 meeting at 10:00 am at SCHD.

Open Mike: LOH director Shelly Bokkin announced an LOH ride & movie July 9 meeting at SCHD at 10:00am.

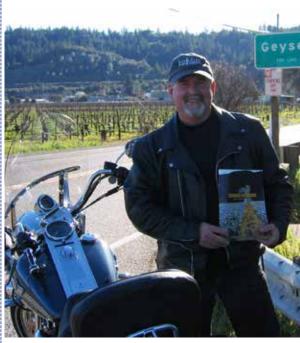
Jim Jones announced that this is his 22nd year as a Rec-Hog member.

50/50 Drawing: Won by Ian Refugio.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm

Raffle prize winners:

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Ticket #	Name	Prize	Ticket #	Name	Prize
394306	Katrina Freitas	H-D mug	394254	Marty Hlusak	H-D tin wall plaque
394260	Wayne Hovey	H-D roll blanket	394187	Sergio Bravo	H-D mug
394220	Heidi Faulkner	H-D belt buckle	394245	Jeanne Baron	H-D glasses
394317	Darryl Kesecker	H-D belt buckle			



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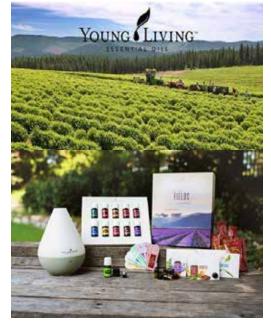
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Kona Ice Shaved ice treats (cash please)



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Tara Jack Jewelry (prefers cash, but credit cards accepted)







Fairall Farm Jams and Jellies (credit cards accepted)



Birds and Beads Jewelry (cash only)



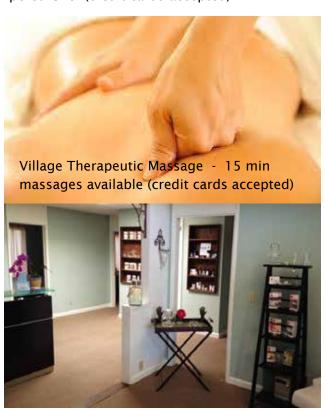


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