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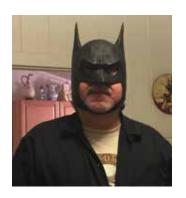
August 19
RECHOG SUMMER RUN



DIRECTOR BY DAVE McCOMBS

A Call For help!

Hello fellow members, this month I must reach out to you and ask for your help with manning the volunteer positions at the San Francisco Marathon. The date for this event will be July 23rd. This year Jumping Fences (the marathon promotion company) would like us to have 50, that's right 50 of our members man the Start/Finish lines and a few of the associated areas around it. It doesn't just have to be members helping out, family and friends can also join us.



One reason for such a high number of volunteers needed is due to a couple of other HOG Chapters that will not be able to help this year and they are hoping other groups will be able to help fill this void. Also this year is the 40th Anniversary of the San Francisco Marathon and they have promised it will be bigger and more exciting than in the years past, with more music and entertainment not only at the start but also spread out around the cities course.

They have once again agreed to give the chapter \$90 for each we have down there helping to ensure this years event is a grand success. If we can fill this request we will be able to deposit \$4,500 into our treasury to help with keeping our Holiday Party fun and affordable for our members, this also helps to fund other events the chapter is trying to provide with no cost to the members such as the up-coming Mothers Day Pic-Nick and a fall event that is in the works.

Feel free to call or text me at 707-696-1388 or e-mail me at dave_mccombs@yahoo.com if you can help.

We can also use some help with our Summer-Run, there are many places where members can help to ensure this event is fun and safe for us all. Please feel free to come to a planning meeting held on the second Thursday of each month at the Round Table Pizza, #40 Raley's Town Center in Rohnert Park. We meet from 6;00 to 7:00 pm.

Remember this chapter belongs to us all and the more involved we get the better it will become, but it will take the help of not just a few but many of us for this to happen!

Let's Get Out And Make Some Noise! Dave



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BY IAN REFUGIO

"If she loves what you ride, she's a keeper"

Hello RECHOG!

I hope y'all are having fun out there and taking advantage of all this nice weather we've been having. We have so much more in stock for y'all this month. I hope each and every one of you are ready for some more fun. May is the first month for the B.A.D. target rides. We have Mt. Diablo HOG and Sacramento HOG holding their events this month and it promises to be lots of fun and great riding. Let's show up and support them as they have supported us in the past. We are also bringing back our RECHOG Spring Poker Run on May 6th. We hope everyone can come out and support our chapter. Invite a guest if you like. We have a fun filled day planned out. And to show our appreciation to everyone, we are sponsoring a FREE Mother's Day picnic for all our current chapter members. Please join us on the ride and hang out with friends on what we hope will be a great day for all.

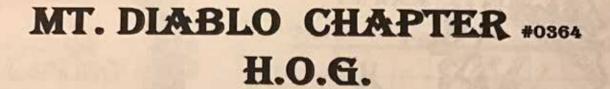
The chapter officers and volunteers are hard at work planning out our future events. Plans for the Summer Run in August are coming along but we need your help. If you're interested in helping out, please approach me or any of the officers for information. The San Francisco Marathon is also coming up fast. Please reserve July 23rd for our chapters biggest fundraising event. The marathon committee has asked our chapter for 50 volunteers. We hope everyone rises up to the challenge. We encourage all



able members to come and help out. Our assigned position for future marathons will depend on how many volunteers we can come up with this year. We are also depending on our marathon fundraising events as a source of resource for our holiday party. We as a chapter will take out what we put in.

I look forward to seeing y'all on one of our 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 Hard. Ride Safe.



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MAY-HAM 2017 SAT. MAY 13TH

Come See What We're Doing This Year

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Raffle, Games, Food & Fun



\$20 per person

Registration 8:00 - 10:00a.m. Last Led Ride Out 10:30a.m.

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Technology and Safety

There are countless motorcycle enthusiasts, and heritage matters. A bike's pedigree is most often than not is the key selling point, and the legacy of a manufacturer will stir brand loyalty that will last throughout a rider's two-wheeling or three-wheeling life. However, with this in mind and the presence of a storied past doesn't mean that builders have shied or will shy away from the engineering marvels of the 21st century; in fact, the opposite is true.

These engineering marvels "improvements" taken from the auto industry like the Electronic Throttle, Adaptive Headlights, and Linked ABS are continually finding their way onto modern motorcycles, though it's understandable if you haven't noticed: manufacturers like Harley Davidson take great pains to integrate this technology as subtly as possible in order to maintain its "timeless" appearance their enthusiasts and fans know and love.

Traction Control? So where is the mention of traction control? August of 2016, in the invitation to the media to attend the launch of the 2017 Harley-Davidson motorcycle range in Seattle; the words "more control" are accompanied by "more power" and "better handling" to indicate the technological updates to be featured on the 2017 range.

Cruisers from competition like BMW, Honda, Ducati and Moto Guzzi feature advanced levels of traction control. Which means, Harley will most likely have to go against their traditional old school approach and offer traction control, which is considered as a basic safety feature in these times.

What's my point? While some of the danger involved in riding motorcycles can be attributed to poor riding skills, intoxication and riding above ones skills, there are facts that are not open to interpretation. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) its latest review of data of 2014, about 15 percent of all highway deaths were from motorcycle riders, making motorcycle riders around 30 times more at risk than car and truck drivers and about 50 percent of bike crashes involved no other vehicles. Clearly, motorcycle riders' biggest enemies are themselves. To the end of reducing the number of motorcycle injuries and fatalities, there are manufactures like Harley Davidson that are willing to make safety features a priority.

-Vince

This is Mare's newest grandniece, born in Albuquerque 5 weeks to the day before RECHOGers blew into town for the HOG Officer Training. Yes, we start them out good and early!







HISTORIAN BY MARTIN HLUSAK

Rec-hog:

In spite of Marc Mendelson's (Activities Director) and Donna Fess's (Head Road Captain) valiant efforts to plan and execute a great riding itinerary, Mother Nature has been less than co-operative with the weather, thus far this year! She assaulted our Rec-Hog volunteers at the Napa Valley Marathon with rain and hail. Although the Marathon was completed and organizers want us back next year. Nevertheless, many of our scheduled rides have been cancelled due to rain. How much rain? According to the University of Ca. Co-operative Extension Sonoma Co. the rainfall in inches for the 1st four months in Santa Rosa was: 2014 – 17.39", 2015 – 4.33", 2016 – 15.79", 2017 – 39.95"! And as of this writing we are only ½ way through Apr. 2017. So thus far, we are more than 5 times more than 2016. And more than 9 times more than 2015! But on the bright side, MAY showers bring May flowers. Right? Also, in many parts of the country Harleys are still hibernating waiting for the snow to melt. So now may be a good time for a good cleaning or tune up. And Sonoma Co. Harley Davidson dealership is glad to help.

Rec-hog history:

In 1993 the former secretary Wanda Fisher became the new director for the following two years. Wanda accepted the leadership of the Chapter of 157 members with enthusiasm. One of her goals for the club was to increase membership through member participation, saying, "Club participation is the most important contributing factor to the success of our events; success cannot be obtained without the support of ALL our chapter members!" this was a tall order as the membership grew to almost 350! Wanda headed the chapter until 1995 when the controls were taken over by Mel Del Gallo.

harley-Davidson history:

The Wall Street Crash of 1929 changed the American economy overnight. And the depression that followed had a severe impact on H-D and it's competitors. Excelsior-Henderson company stopped motorcycle production in 1931. Harley production in 1933 slumped to less than 4,000 bikes, it's lowest since 1910. But the Co. survived the Great Depression intact partly because of the family ownership. They did not have to answer to any stockholders. They rolled up their sleeves, got on with the job, and waited for the economy to improve.

Marty Hlusak

Answer:: On the bottom Some say the shocks are on the bottom to provide a smoother ride. While other think it is to give the appearance of the old Hardfail Model, which was a rigid frame with no shocks. Some say the shocks are on the bottom to provide a smoother ride. While other think it is to give the appearance of the old Hardfail Model, which was a rigid frame with no shocks.

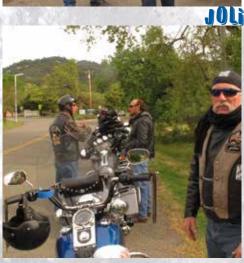


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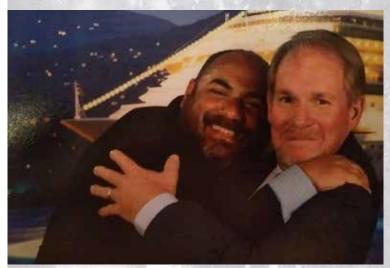


















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ACTIVITIES LISTING BY MARC MENDELSON

Current info as of April 26th. Please review website calendar at rechog.org & call the Ride Hotline for latest updates and additions 707.575.6786.



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: Birthday for that month drawing, next month birthdays that go to Tales of the Woods, Guests, and get your FREE Member ticket.



Cinco de Mayo Friday Off Work Ride. Meet at SCHD at 9am, depart at 9:30. Marc Mendelson will lead a ride down HWY 101 to Sausalito to visit the Army Corps of Engineers Bay Model where you will see an enormous working scale model of the tides flowing in and out of the Bay and Delta. Lunch stop TBD. We will also visit the Pt. Bonita Lighthouse in the Marin Headlands and then return north along the coast on beautiful US 1.

RECHOG Spring Run. Several Road Captains will lead a 2+ hour ride through Glen Ellen and up over Trinity Road and Oakville Grade to the Napa Valley ending at La Prima Pizza in Calistoga. There will be a poker run and a 50/50 at the destination. \$10 registration per person. Meet at SCHD at 9:00, Depart at 10:00.



Travis Air Force Base Wings Over Solano Air Show ride. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00 am, depart at 9:30 am. Assistant Director will lead this ride. Admission: Free, open to the public. The highlight of the event is a performance by the U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron," The Thunderbirds"! These talented pilots conduct precision aerial maneuvers demonstrating the capabilities of Air Force high performance aircraft to people throughout the world. In addition, several static military aircraft will be available for public viewing/tours.

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

Mt. Diablo HOG B.A.D. Ride. Prepare to be boarded. Surrender the Booty. Raffle, Games, Food and Fun. \$20 per person. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Mt. Diablo May-Ham Ride. Meet at Johnny's Java at 7:30, Depart at 8am. Dave and Ian will lead the 1 hour ride to McGuire HD.



Road Captain Meeting.
Meet at Marvin's
Restaurant in Cotati at 9:30.
All road captains and anyone
interested in being a road captain
are encouraged to attend.

LOH Mother's Day Picnic The chapter is sponsoring a FREE Mother's Day picnic for our current members at the Marin French Cheese Company located at Point Reves-Petaluma Road. There is a \$10 fee for nonmembers. Meet at SCHD at 10am. Depart at 10:30. Shelly Bokkin will lead. Everyone is invited to attend the ride planning meeting which will be held at the picnic as well. This would be a good time to suggest a special ride you have been thinking about or would like to lead. Bring your questions and comments.

Monday Fun Day Ride. Smag will lead a ride around Howell Mountain near Angwin. Meet at SCHD at 10:00, Depart 10:30.

RECHOG BOARD Meeting, 6:00 at SCHD. Members interested in the workings of the club are welcome to attend.





Sacramento HOG B.A.D. Ride. Casino Classic. Meet at Johnny's Java 7:00 am. Depart 7:30 am. It is a 2-hour ride to HD of Sacramento. Ride pins to first 150 registered. Poker run. High hand and Low hand. Raffle Prizes. Registration fee is \$25/rider and \$15/passenger. Prices include LUNCH! Director will lead.

Good Old Boys Memorial Ride. Details TBD.

Memorial Day Ride to San Francisco National Cemetery. Steve Pehargou will lead. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00, depart at 9:30.

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Friday Off Work Ride Brian Bokkin will lead a ride. Meet at SCHD at 10am, Depart at 10:30 am.

-4 Street Vibrations Rally Reno

-4 FYI Monterey Artichoke Festival

Summer Run Pre-ride.
Open to all members
who are willing to lead, midsweep, and sweep the group-led
rides. This is a summer run "route
reconnaissance" ride. Meet at SCHD
10:00. Depart at 10:30.

-9 Friends of RECHOG Yosemite group ride. Members please contact Marc Mendelson, Donna Fess, or Sean Smagalski for details. The group will ride together up to El Portal on the Merced River to check into the Cedar Lodge for 4 nights. From there we will take day rides into Yosemite Park. Marc will lead a ride to Hetchy Hetch Reservoir. Donna will lead a ride to the top of Glacier Point Road to the overlook of the valley. Sean Smagalski will lead a ride to the valley floor where we will plan to take a float trip down the river. If the Tioga Pass is open, we will ride out the east exit and visit Benton Hot Springs on the 9th. Details are subject to change depending on the weather and snow. There are possibly still some rooms available. Please contact one of us with your questions. This ride is open to all. This is not a chapter ride.

Planning meeting for the Summer Run. 6:00pm. 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.

-10 Rocky Mountain Regional HOG Rally, Steamboat Springs, CO

Golden Gate HOG B.A.D. "25th Annual Flag Day Extravaganza" Meet at Johnny's Java at 7:30, depart at 8am. Director and Assistant Director will lead the ride to Dudley Perkins H-D. From there the run will be an escorted ride to the Golden Gate National Cemetery. Cost is \$25 per person. Run pin and bike flag to the first 250 riders. Cost includes lunch, Poker run, games and raffles plus 50/50. This is a B.A.D. target ride. Your participation is important to give Rechog a good showing and to support the other chapters.



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Location: Cattlemen's, Petaluma, CA Date: MAY 6, 2017

Director Dave McCombs called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Sergeant at Arms Mare Skipper led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marty Hlusak made a motion to accept the March general meeting minutes as presented. Mare Skipper seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Asst. Director: Ian Refugio literally let his hair down to the envy of some LOH members and thanked all the members who volunteered their help at the Napa Valley Marathon. He apologized that he could not award prizes to everyone. But he did draw two members and awarded gift certificates to Steve Pahargou and Mark Hilla. Two "This Month's Birthday" prizes of \$25 gift cards were given to Sergio Bravo and Walter Kettler. Guest, Kiwi Terry, was introduced. A brief report on HOT (Harley Officers Training) conference was given noting that changes in the general meetings and road captains will occur. He then announced the upcoming national rallies, encouraging members to contact club officers who can help coordinate who is attending what, so riding groups can occur.

Treasurer Linnea Carter gave a general financial report and encouraged any members wanting more details to attend the board meetings or contact her directly.

Secretary was absent, having been called away to vacation in New Orleans and the Caribbean to consume adult beverages. His position was filled by Marty Hlusak, who could not complete the task without the help of Ian.

Membership director Rob Carter reported that membership is increasing. And stressed that release forms MUST be signed. Further if members are not receiving notices that they feel they should be receiving to please contact him.

Safety Officer Vince Mulligan reported on the HOT convention and stressed that there are only three rules: 1. Sign the waiver. 2. No Alcohol 3. Report any incidents to the sponsoring dealership.

Historian Marty Hlusak made a valiant effort to utilize the projector and screen at the meeting place to continue a talk on "Speed" highlighting pictures of man and animals going "fast". The glitch was the delay between pictures and the members patience was greatly appreciated.

Director thanks the volunteers at the Napa Marathon and encouraged participation at the next S.F. marathon. He encouraged ideas for rides. And he encouraged attendance at the Summer Run meetings.

Open Mike: Ron Sarver announced his daughter has been stricken with M.S. and announced a fund raiser for M.S.

Marty Hlusak thanked Randy and Conci Mack for the Marine Biology ride and told two corny jokes we heard during the lecture.

Meeting Adjourned 8:06 pm Minutes compiled by Marty Hlusak

Prizes: Progressive Membership: Glenn Gillis \$25

50/50 Jim Montenegro \$75 Membership Mare Skipper: Mug

Raffle: 4971343 Marc Mendelson H-D tin

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RECHOG OVERNIGHTERS

Reno Ace's Baseball June 24-25



Meet Sat, June 24th at Johnny's Java at 7am and depart at 7:30am. Ride through the foothills and mountains to Reno. Check in to Whitney Peak Hotel (2 blks from ball park). Game starts at 7pm. Sunday take a different route home. It's a fun weekend of riding and baseball! Game tickets are \$16 ea. paid in advance and no refunds (24 tickets available). Make hotel reservations (14 rooms are reserved at \$129+ tax group rate) Whitney Peak Hotel, 255 N. Virginia St, Reno, NV 89501 Booking Link: https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=13492&nights=1&checkin=06/24/2017&group=RECHOG624 Or call 775-398-5400 and ask for the RECHOG rate or Booking code- RECHOG624

Cutoff date to make reservations: 6/2/2017

Shasta Caverns / Plumas County July 6-9

6am Thursday, meet at Bad Ass Coffee, depart at 6:30 am. Ride to Lake Shasta for 2 hr Shasta Cavern Tour (cost \$26) then ride to Redding for a night at Best Western Plus Hilltop Inn. (20 rooms reserved at \$139.99+tax group rate). Friday we ride some great back roads to the River Pines Resort in Graeagle where we stay for 2 nights (Rate depends on the room but about \$100 per night (20 rooms reserved at River Pines Resort). Sat—lounge around the resort or join Randy to see some of the amazing sites around the area. Sun—head home. Make reservations at both hotels: 1) Best Western Plus Hilltop Inn, 2300 Hilltop Dr, Redding, CA 96002 (530) 221-6100 under 'RECHOG'. 2) River Pines Resort 8296 CA-89, Graeagle, CA 96103 Email Leslie @ riverpines@ thegrid.net under 'RECHOG'



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Saturday, May 6

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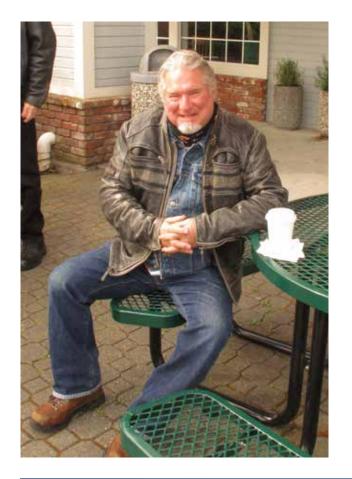




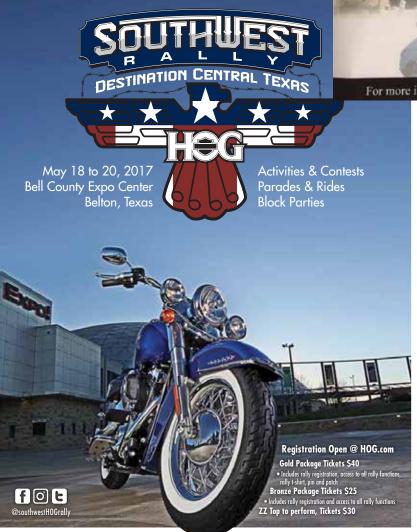


















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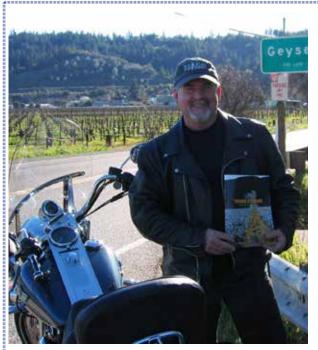
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