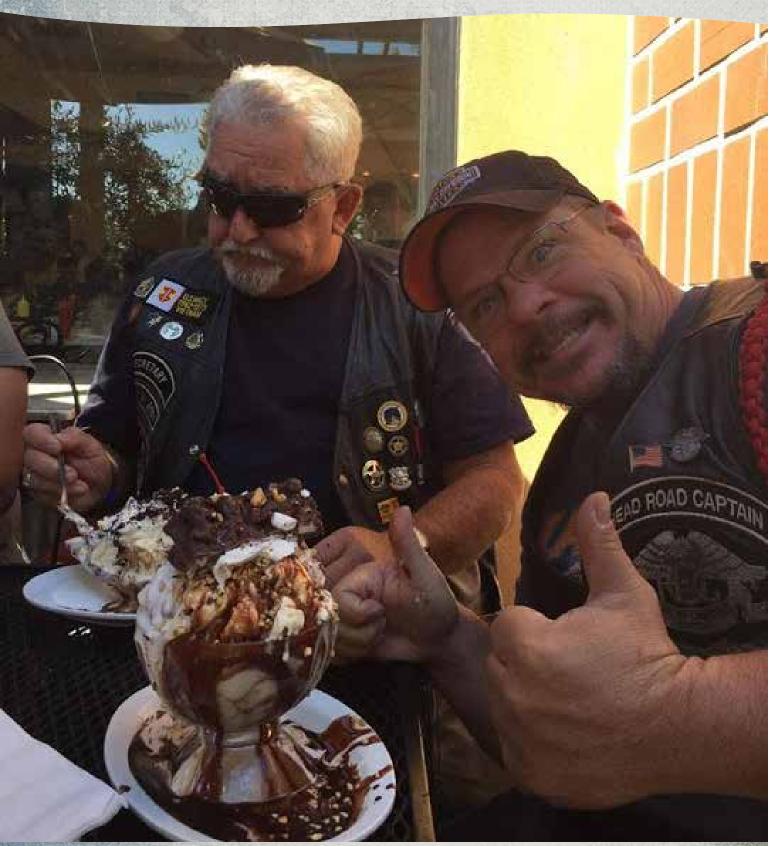
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DIRECTOR BY RANDY MACK

### Happy Thanksgiving Everyone,

Our last picnic of the year was held at Paradise Park in Tiburon, clear skies, calm water and a stunning view of the Bay and the Richmond San Rafael Bridge as the 23 riders arrived. The water was so calm we witnessed people water skiing in the bay. Ian Refugio planned an awesome ride up the coast and there was plenty of help preparing the lunch. A good time was had by all. Thank you to all who participated and volunteered with this event.

I am very thankful to have worked with the RECHOG board members over the last two years and would like to acknowledge their time and efforts in supporting our club and dealership. Thank you Kathy Avilla LOH 2016, Donna Fess LOH 2015 & Activities 2016, Rob Carter Activities 2015, Jeff Baron Safety 2016, Dave Sullivan Safety 2015, Sergio Bravo Webmaster 2015&2016, Steve Reed Photographer 2015&2016, Jack Read Sergeant at Arms 2015&2016, , Doug Barnes Historian 2015&2016, Jim Jones Communications 2015&2016, Cherie Wheeler Newsletter Editor 2015&2016, Steve Pehargou Head Road Captain 2015&2016, Lonnie Oleata Membership 2015&2016, Linnea Carter Treasurer 2015&2016, John Mentz Secretary 2015&2016, and Dave McCombs Assistant Director 2015&2016.

November is election month with all positions being uncontested except for the Sergeant at Arms position. Jack Read and Mare Skipper are the nominees and will give their speeches at the November general meeting prior to the voting, best of luck to them both.

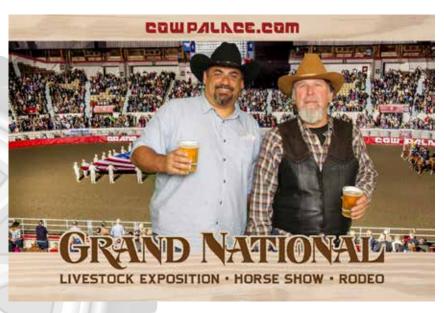
Our annual Holiday party is Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Flamingo Resort in Santa Rosa. Tickets are available at the dealership or by contacting Randy Mack (707) 696-6272. Ticket price is \$30.00 (an \$80 value) which includes a free gift from the chapter, free door prizes, music, dancing and dinner. There will also be raffle prizes, opportunity drawings and a whole lot of fun. Come join the party. If you would like to stay the night at the Flamingo please contact them at (707) 545-8530 or email Shannon@flamingoresort.com



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BY DAVE McCOMBS

Greetings to all, fall has now officially arrived and with it for now comes some of our warmest weather of the year, so be prepared on your rides and outings bring along plenty of water and sun-block.

November also brings us our last major fundraising event for the year. The Berkley Half Marathon is on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and we could use some volunteers! I currently have about 10 members signed up and could use another 20. As with the S.F. Marathon, the chapter will receive \$90 for each of us that help with this event and all volunteers will be treated to lunch on that day...That's right! The chapter will buy lunch for the marathon volunteers after the event, so mark your calendars!



We've had nominations for our chapter officers, and at the November General Meeting we will have elections for the Board Of Directors for the coming year, 2017. And, in December we will celebrate at our annual Holiday Party, Saturday December 10th at Flamingo Hotel. Come out and celebrate another great year with RECHOG!

It is hard to believe that the year is nearly done, in no time at all we will be doing toy runs and into the Holiday Season and before you know it 2017 will be upon us, so lets make the best of the days to come and do a bit of riding.

I am hoping that I can get out and go on some of the remaining chapter rides before the wet weather hits us. So with that said...

LETS GO MAKE SOME NOISE!!!
-Dave McCombs, Assistant Director

LADIES OF HARLEY

BY KATHY AVILLA

The trip in September up to Happy Camp, and then over to the Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch was worth every mile (946 on my bike). There was an abrupt beginning for me as I had it in my mind that the meet-up time was at 9:00am. So when at 7:30am, my phone rang and it was Randy asking where I was, I said home, why? That's when I learned we were supposed to leave at 7:30....oh boy. Thankfully, every-

where I was, I said home, why? That's when I learned we were supposed to leave at 7:30....oh boy. Thankfully, everything was mostly packed and I scrambled to gather everything else and got on the road. I arrived at Bad Ass at about 8:15 and they weren't too angry with me.

It was colder than anticipated. The wind chill and over cast skies kept the bikes cool...and us too. When we were about to Garberville, the sun broke through on occasion. There were just 5 of us, Randy and Conci, me in the middle, and Dan and Helen in the back. We made very good time as a result. We arrived at Happy Camp by around 4:30 I think, which was earlier than expected. We checked into our rooms, wiped down our bikes (from the heavy fog) and made plans to have dinner across the way at the pizza place. It was a quaint little town. The only gas station was an unmanned automated deal, and if you didn't have a credit or debit card, you were out of luck!

While at dinner, we became aware of some commotion outside the restaurant. Officers came in for some beverages and I, of course, had a casual chat with them about other restaurants in the area, etc. We had no idea until after they left, the waitress exclaimed, "Happy Camp ain't so happy tonight. Big pot bust." We finished our pizza and salad

(hand-made and very tasty by one very tatted-up 80-year old lady that was very energetic), and headed outside. There, parked beside the only market, were at least 3, if not 4 huge hauls of marijuana, hanging over the edges of wooden bins (the kind that would haul hay or firewood, maybe). Numerous officers and other authorities were gathered around the trucks, discussing the situation we guessed. We really wanted to get a photo of the haul, but thought better of it. Our hotel was modest, and probably way better than a jail cell.

After leaving Happy Camp, we headed towards Yreka! At about 31 miles south of Ashland, we turned south and eventually connected with Highway 5 (ask Randy for the route details....it was fantastic). When Mt. Shasta came into view, we could see, very clearly, the infamous lenticular cloud formation above its peak. At our fuel/break stop, I asked if we could stop along 5 at some point for a photo of it...when we did stop, the wind was so strong, we could actually see the formation rotating about the summit.



We said farewell to Dan and Helen at the stop...they wanted to head on to Redding. Randy and Conci with me in tow, continued on eastward until we reached our destination at The Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch. There we met up with Bill and Heidi. The place was beautiful. The ranch house we stayed in was solid wood, no TVs or phones in the rooms.





There was a cook house where we had dinner, breakfast, and lunches, all home-made and delicious, coffee and fruit available all day long and events to keep us entertained each night. The horseback ride was the rea highlight. With 600 acres at their disposal, trails could lead to anywhere. The horses knew where to go, though, especially when we got close to the ranch after 2 hours on the trail.

Sunday morning arrived way to soon, so we packed up and left around 9am, anticipating we'd get rained on along the way. We also noted the frost on the grass! Randy commented that he hoped we would be out of the hills before the rain hit, and that's exactly what happened. We rolled through some light shower that didn't last long, but sure dirtied up our bikes.

I arrived in my driveway at about 4:30pm, and after unpacking, spent another 2 hours cleaning off the grime on the wheels and chrome. A really nice trip, Randy, and with all that was offered at the Guest Ranch, it ended up being a bargain after all. Thank you for the adventure.

#### **MEMBER SUBMISSION**

I wanted to share my recent experience attending a very worthy event and ceremony. I saw a posting on the RECHOG friends Facebook page about a run taking place on October 12th from the Sebastopol Cemetery to the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. The information was about the facilitated movement of the remains of four local Veterans thru the Missing In America Project (MIAP) (<a href="http://www.miap.us/">http://www.miap.us/</a>). Two RECHOG Vets and I accompanied the American Legion Riders from Chapter 111 to Dixon where we met up with others from the Patriot Guard Riders. The remains of the Vets were treated with dignity and respect from the procession of the flag draped urns to the motorcycles in Sebastopol and then at the National Cemetery via another ceremoniously flag lined exchange. The VA holds quarterly ceremonies honoring the Fallen Heroes who have no family left to take ownership of them. (the next is January 11th, 2017 <a href="http://svnncsc.org">http://svnncsc.org</a>)

The ceremony was held in an outside dedicated area and was attended by several members of the military in uniform, a two person horse contingent, members of the community, and a class of local school children who took turns each reading the 212 names. After each name, rank, branch, and war period were read a ring of the bell followed. A final farewell was given by the American Legion Post 637, a rifle volley and playing of taps by a lone bugler. At the conclusion, the flag was presented to an attending Military General who represented the absent families along with an expression of gratitude and thanks.

Regardless of my own personal views about war and what I want done with my own remains, I thought this honorable expression of respect was fitting and deserving to these Vets who had no one left willing to take this role. All those involved appeared sincere and dedicated to providing a worthy final resting ceremony. I thought it was a great opportunity for the school kids to begin to have an understanding of the military experience and appreciate what others are doing to work towards our protection/freedom. I was personally very honored to have participated in this experience along with two of our own Vets and encourage others to do so in the future.

-Anonymous

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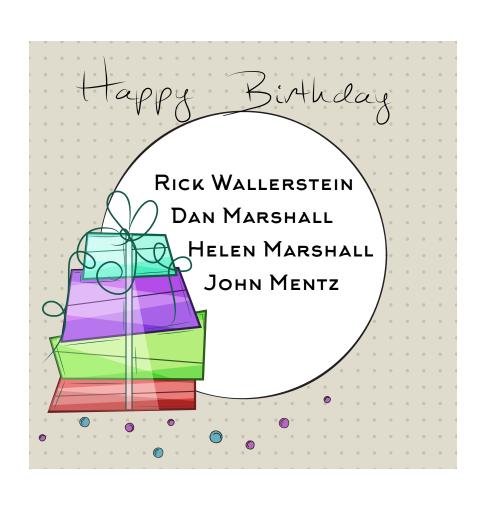
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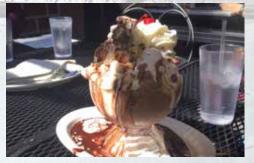


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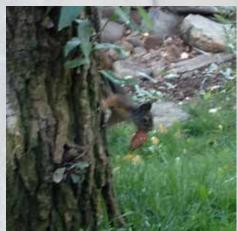




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Friday Off Work Ride. Meet at SCHD at 10:00, depart 10:30. Ian Refugio will lead this ride.

The Barbary Coast Chapter of Wind & Fire MC will be hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Johnny "V" Memorial Toy Run benefiting the San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 Toy Program. Meet at SCHD at 9am, depart at 9:30. The donation for riders is \$5 along with a new unwrapped toy.

Remembrance Ride. Meet at SCHD 10:00, depart 10:30am.





Veterans Day Ride to Yountville, details to come.

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.

So you think you can ride? Sean Smagalski will hold a skills training day for EVERYONE interested. All skill levels are welcome and will benefit from this event. Meeting location and time to be announced.

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.

RKA Food Drive. Be at Sonoma Raceway at 8:00 with either 5 cans of food or \$10.00 to be able to ride around the track.

Berkeley Half Marathon, details to be announced.

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24th Annual Willits Toy Run. Presented by Willits Wild Bunch and Willits Rotary and benefits the Willits Rotary Christmas Program. Bring one unwrapped toy to Evergreen Shopping Center, 1700 S. Main Street, Willits, CA to participate in the pack ride that starts at 12:00, escorted through town by the Little Lake Valley FD. Party begins at 12:30 at Little Lake Grange. There will be live music by II BIG, raffle, live auction, and FREE buffet lunch. Meet at SCHD at 9:30 and depart at 10:00 for a RECHOG group ride to Willits.





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Road Captains Christmas Party, details

Cloverdale Toy Run. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00, leave at 9:30am. Bring an unwrapped toy.



# Christmas Party at The Flamingo Hotel, Santa Rosa Tickets are available at the

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Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!

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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: 10/6/16 Call to Order: 7:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance led by: Jack Read Previous Meeting Minutes Motion to Accept: Steve Reed Second: Vince Mulligan

Director Randy Mack: Randy opened the floor to nominations for next year's officers. Nominations were:

Director: Dave McComb

Asst Director: Ian Refugio
Treasurer: Linnea Carter

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Asst Director: Ian Refugio
Secretary: Jim Wheeler
Historian: Marty Hlusak
Membership: Rob Carter

Road Captain: Donna Fess Safety Officer: Jeff Baron / Vince Mulligan

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Voting for new officers will take place at next month's meeting.

The annual Christmas Party will be held at the Flamingo Hotel on 12/10. The tickets are here and available for purchase @ \$30 each. There are still some rooms available. There will be plentiful gifts and raffle prizes at this year's party. The "demo" truck will be at Sonoma County Harley Davidson on 10/14-15. Come on down at take a demo ride on the new models. Randy reiterated that the BAD Picnic is on 10/29 and we'll meet at Johnny Java at 7:30 and leave at 8:00 am. Another RECHOG picnic is being planned for 10/23 and will be held somewhere in Navato.

**Asst Director Dave McCombs:** Dave started off by mentioning that we still need at least 16 more volunteers for the Berkeley 1/2 Marathon on November 20th. He welcomed returning guest Bill Faulkner. Birthdays for the month are Richard Decroff, Jean Riggs, Steve Kinerk, Susan Kirkpatrick and Ron Sarver. Winners of SCHD gift cards were Jean Riggs and Steve Kinerk

Membership, Lonnie Olaeta: Susan Kirkpatrick is now a member, pending receipt of her National HOGS number. White ticket drawing was won by Jim Wheeler

Treasurer, Linnea Carter: Linnea gave an update on the club's finances.

**Lead Road Captain, Steve Pehargou:** Steve mentioned the upcoming Summer Run Volunteer party at Randy's house on 10/8, Sushi Ride on 10/9, Iron Steed's target ride on 10/15. For Iron Steed's ride, meet at Johnny Java at 7:30 and depart promptly at 8:00 am. There will be a road captain meeting on 10/16. Plans are being developed for a Monday Funday bowling day on 10/17. The annual Twisted Tunnel ride is coming up, watch the hotline. The annual BAD Picnic for all HOG members will be held at Cache Creek Casino on 10/29. Meet at Johnny Java at 7:30 and depart promptly at 8:00 am.

Ladies of Harley, Kathy Avila: Kathy reported that the ride to Greenhorn Creek was great. Fun horseback riding and an entertaining marijuana cultivation bust at Happy Camp were the highlights of the trip.

Safety Officer Jeff Baron: Jeff had a 911 Memorial pin. He raffled it off and it took three tries before Paul Hlusak's number was drawn.

Historian Doug Barnes: Doug related a story about a sure way to get added charges on a parking ticket.....for someone else!

**Safety Officer, Jeff Baron:** Jeff's tip for safety this month is to be very aware of items in the back of trucks as you overtake and pass them. Falling objects can be a great hazard to riders.

**Open Mike:** Mike Faria, SRPD will be on the lookout for motorcycle violations on Friday in a saturation patrol. **Jeff Baron,** knows a good airbrush artist who will do lettering and art on motorcycles and helmets. **Conci Mack,** recommends that people watch the Harley-Davidson mini-series. **Steve Pehargou,** mentioned the Fallen Warrior ride on 10/8.

**Members only drawing:** Al Abramson's member number was drawn. He was not in attendance. Next month the member drawing will be for \$125 in gift certificates.

**Opportunity Drawing**: Marty Hlusak won the opportunity drawing.

#### Raffle Winners:

6765966 Randy Mack 6765786 Michael Johnson 6765723 Steve Reed 6765710 Dave McComb 6765961 Randy Mack 6765907 Robert Guilford

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53 pm

John E. Mentz, Secretary - Redwood Empire Chapter



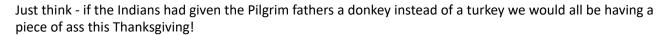


HISTORIAN BY DOUG BARNES



# Wishing everyone a happy thanksgiving.

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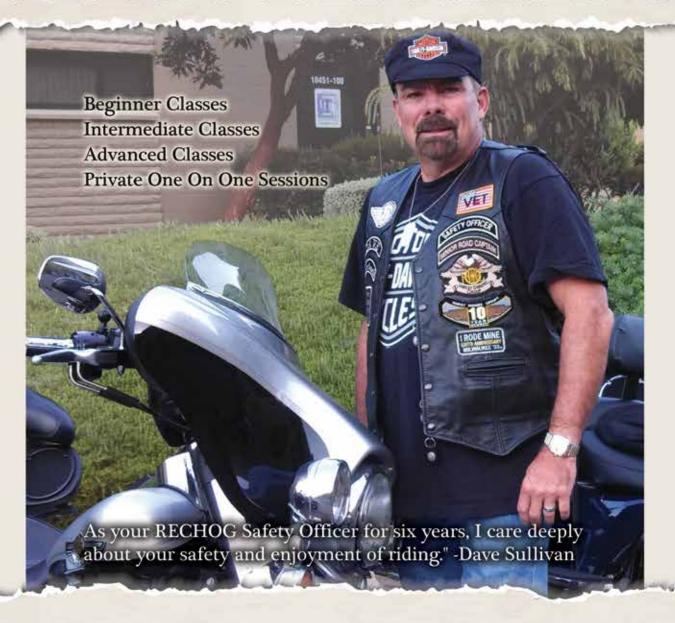


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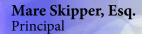
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