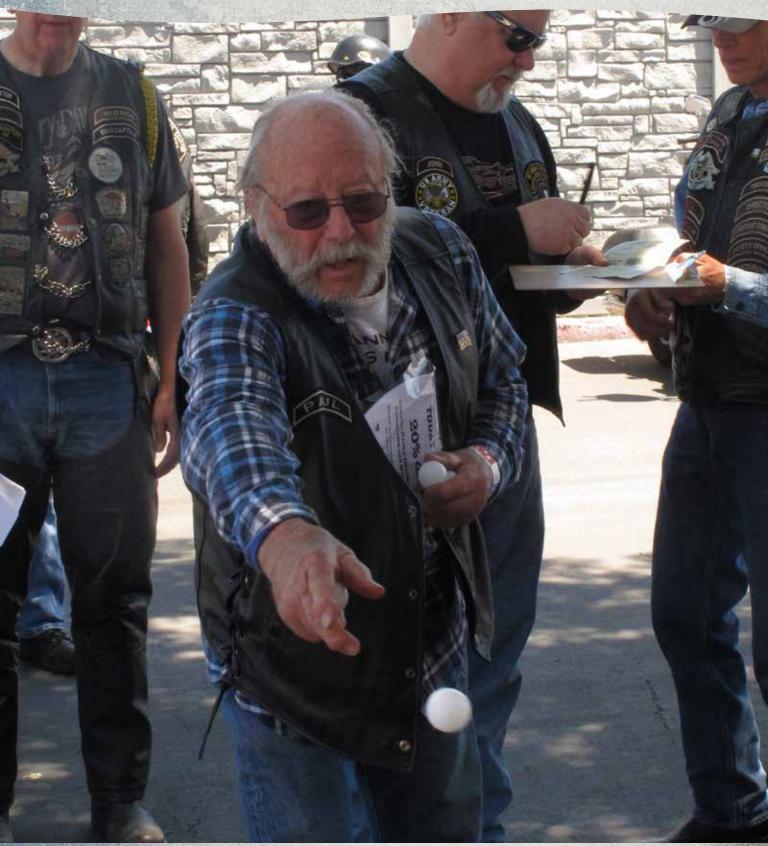
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Save the Date:

August 19
RECHOG SUMMER RUN



DIRECTOR BY DAVE McCOMBS

Fun and games

Greetings fellow riders, have we had a good time this past month? There were great improvements it the weather and it seemed as though we took every advantage of it.

At the end of April we made a good showing at Rip City's Spring ride, I counted about 30 of our members wandering about and once again they did put on a great event.



May brought more great destinations and fun, I missed the ride to the Bay Model and wished I could have attended, I have never been to see it but I had things to do (I hear that I missed an excellent ride), our Spring Run fund raiser had a decent turnout and the route was great, Donna and the ride leads did a nice job putting that together, many thanks to them and La Prima Pizza for hosting us. Our Assistant Director Ian took us out to see the Thunder Birds in action at "Wings Over Solano" held at Travis A.F.B.

Mt.Diablo Hog hosted us for the first of this years B.A.D. Target Rides, we showed with 12.8% of our membership which was not enough for a trophy or points but we did get the top award for the Chapter Challenge! Ian and I managed to best the second place winners score by 90 points. Once again Mt Diablo put on a fun and entertaining event.

The L.O.H Mothers Day Pic-Nick was another great event, a nice group of us met at our Dealership and after taking a short time of visiting and greeting each other Shelly took us on a nice ride along Tomales Bay to Pt. Reyes Station. Ian and I took a shortcut to the Marin French Cheese Factory to hold some tables and greet the group as it arrived. The chapter bought lunch for all the members and guest that attended, afterwards a few that still had room for a little something sweet were lead to a ice cream and candy shop in Novato by our "Director Of Desserts" Ian.

As of this writing that is about it for the fun we have had fort the month, there are/were still plenty more rides and events to attend and I bet we will/did have fun on them.

As of this moment we only have 12 volunteers for the S.F. Marathon on July 23rd, we need several more. As stated before, this is our largest fund raising event. The proceeds help us to fund events such as the Mothers Day Pic-Nick and the Holiday Party, it also helps with other chapter sponsored activities and the cost incurred in the operations of this group.

My thanks to each and every one of you for being a vital part of the Redwood Empire Chapter,

Now Lets Go And Make Some Noise!

Dave

hello REChOG!

We had some really great rides this month. I would like to report that our chapters Spring Poker Run, LOH Mother's Day picnic, and both the B.A.D. rides were well supported. A big THANK YOU to all who came out and put down some miles with us this month. If you haven't been riding much lately, don't worry. We have so much more fun rides and events planned out for this month and the months to come. Please check out our websites calendar at www.rechog.org/calendar for a detailed list of what's to come.



The plans for our Summer Run event is coming along nicely. Our small group of volunteers are working hard to make sure we put together a great event we can all be proud of. If you have any ideas on something you would like to see happen, please do not hesitate to bring it up anytime to any of the officers or you can attend the Summer Run planning meetings every 2nd Thursday of the month. One thing to remember is that our Summer Run event is exactly that..... OURS! We need your help. As we have seen in the past, it takes a large group of dedicated volunteers to make things run smoothly. Please talk to me or any of the chapter officers for volunteer opportunities. One area of the event we need help with is gathering raffle prizes. I would like to challenge each and every member to come up with one brand new item to donate as a raffle prize.

Contact the Director or Assistant Director for any questions. We are doing everything we possibly can to have as many prizes available. The more raffle prizes we present, the more income the chapter generates. We hope y'all rise up to the challenge.

I look forward to seeing y'all on one of our upcoming rides. Get out on your Harley Davidson and have fun. Remember, you can invite a guest to any of 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"

What does the designation of "B" stand for on the engine type? For example a 2000 softail engine would be a Twin Cam 88B.

The palance crank has more horsepower, but does have more vibration.

Answer: Balanced Crank

A Motorcycle Helmets Shelf Life

Does a motorcycle helmet have a shelf life? With so many manufactures of motorcycle helmets on the market with their ever changing technologies, styles and colors I think this wouldn't be something to worry about. When you purchased your current helmet was style, fit and comfort you were going for and you finally found one that's enjoyable to wear?

So I did a little research and contacted a few manufactures through their websites (Bell, Shoei, Bilt, Quora, and Harley-Davidson) and I asked them "when should I replace my current helmet"? Their answers were pretty much about the same. They all suggested a five-year replacement recommendation that is based on one; the glues, resins and other materials used in helmet production can affect liner materials. Second; your hair oils, body fluids and cosmetics, as well as normal "wear and tear" will also contribute to the helmets degradation. Third; they all mentioned that their experience in manufacturing indicates there will always be a noticeable improvement in the protective characteristic of helmets over a five-year period due to advances in materials, designs, production methods and the standards.

But is that it? No! What if you dropped your helmet (myth or fact) do you have to buy a new one? The general answer was probably not. Helmets they explained are quite durable otherwise, at least all that are DOT approved. Frequent dropping or "spiking" a helmet on the ground (not

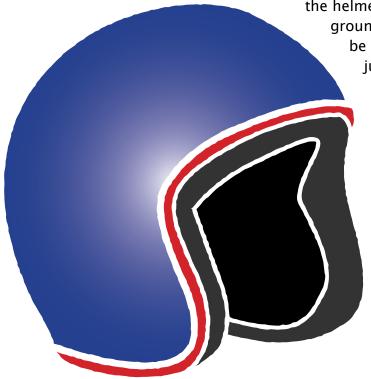
the helmet's performance. Similarly if the helmet falls to the ground at highway speeds "unoccupied", the owner must

recommended), or other hard surfaces may eventually degrade

be aware that some significant degradation may have just occurred and probably should purchase a new one. In general they said, the real damage comes when the helmet contacts an object with a head

inside.

The last two things they mentioned was one; If you notice the helmet getting loose or some of the lining coming out or it leaves little black flakes in your hair, then it's time to retire it, whether it has reached the five years or not. Second; storing the helmet after a ride or for prolonged periods the helmet should always be returned to the helmet bag that it came with in and stored in a cool and dry place.





HISTORIAN BY MARTIN HLUSAK

Rec-hog:

Well the rain stopped and May has been perfect riding weather. It's sunny and still cool. And this month started off with a Cinco de Mayo ride to Sausalito. After a quick "pee" stop outside the sailboat building training school, we headed to Marin headland to look down upon San Francisco Bay and Bridge. Then we rode to the base of the Golden Gate Bridge to take pix from the water looking up at the Bridge. Vince Mulligan pointed out that the concrete pier at that location was originally built for the WWII military who raised and lowered netting from the Bridge to prevent enemy submarines from entering the bay! Road Captain Marc Mendelson then led us to lunch on the pier. Delicious, albeit expensive. Hey, it's Sausalito. Then on to the Army Corp of Engineers Bay Model which is a working scale model of the entire bay area encompassing an area equal to two football fields. Back in the 1950's, no computers were available to calculate the tides, so this model was constructed to study the tides as well as the mountain water run off into the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers which feed into the bay area. The site used for the model was the enclosed building on the WWII shipyard, which built huge Oil Tankers to supply fuel to our military warships and aircraft in the Pacific! The model simulates the four tide changes that occur every 24 hours, but does a tide change every 16 minutes. Marc pointed out that the tide under the Golden Gate Bridge can be 6 knots, which is faster than many sailboats. Taking them out to the Pacific Ocean whether they want to or not. Allow them only to return 6 hrs. later when the tide changes. We then road continuous switch backs to reach the top of Mt. Tam, to hike around the panoramic trial that encircles the mountain top. The views of the entire Bay Area were breathtaking, and tied in nicely with the model we walked through earlier in Sausalito. Then onto US 1 coast line to Olema.

That evening SCHD hosted a "See and Be Seen Workshop". Not only did they provide food and beverage, but Jeff from the parts dept. provided an excellent presentation on LED lighting upgrades for your bike. Everyone received a \$25 off coupon, an H-D accessory catalog, and additional printed info. Several free raffle prizes were given out as well, valued up to \$75.

Donna Fess led a great twisty ride during the RecHog Spring Run, over Trinity Road and Oakville Grade to the Napa Valley to Calistoga.

Mt. Diablo HOG B.A.D. ride was enjoyed by all the pirates in search of 'booty'. Several more scheduled rides this and next month are sure to be winners also.

Rec-hog history:

Mel Del Gallo was the directory in 1995 and 1996. Their meeting place was Cattleman's also, except it was located in Montgomery Village. Meetings started promptly at 7:30 pm and if you were late or unruly, you got fined! Dues back then was \$12 per member. They volunteered to help manage the International Bike Show at the Cow Palace in S.F. They raffled off a New Harley as a fund raiser. The most popular vendor venue was the Redwood Run. They did a ABC"s of Touring run, I believe, before National HOG, by having members use a copy of Hog Tails as the magazine in the photo. They left here and rode to Quincy, Ca. They also had speakers at their chapter meeting. Joe Dowd, then Regional Manager of HOG, spoke at one of their meetings. Joe Dowd went on to become the Asst.

Director of HOG International.

Ladies of Harley had their own meetings in addition to the Rec Hog Meetings.

Hog Tails newsletter became sketchy, sometimes only both sides of one page. Sometimes up to four pages, covering meetings and rides. It was black and white and never had photos. When they tried photos, they were unrecognizable.

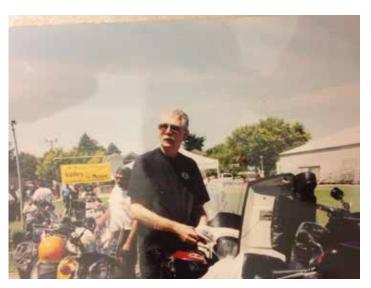
The Archives do contain some color photo prints. As one would see in a photo album separate from the newsletter.

1997 the director was John McGinnis. 1998 and 1999 director was John Lemos. And in the year 2000 it was Mike Loomis.

Jim Jones, a current member, was a member back then along with one or two members, who may recall these directors.

Anyone interested in viewing the Archives may contact me via Historian@rechog.org





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ACTIVITIES LISTING BY MARC MENDELSON

Current info as of May 25^h. 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.

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

Livermore HOG Summer Ride: Meet at Johnny's Java 7:00 am. Depart at 7:30am. Let's support our sister chapter. Livermore HOG. You have register online (FREE) to attend: www.livermorehd.com/ summer-ride. Join us for a scenic 2-hour ride through the Livermore countryside. There will be a FREE lunch, poker walk and raffle prizes. RIDE START & DESTINATION: Livermore Harley-Davidson® I-580 @ North Greenville Road · Livermore. CA 94551. RIDE TIMES: Sign-in from 9AM to 10AM. Kickstands up at 10:30 AM. Return to Livermore HD @ approx. 12:30 PM. ** FREE LUNCH AT END OF RIDE FOR REGISTERED RIDERS ONLY! **PRE-REGISTER at: http://www. livermorehd.com/summer-ride. Director will lead this ride.



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 vallev. 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.



Novato Festival Ride. This ride will be going to downtown Novato for the 34th Annual Novato Festival of Art, Wine, and Music. There will be multiple bands playing on the outdoor stage. Lineup includes Anna Mar, Rainbow Girls, Matt Jaffe and the Distractions, Greg Loiacono Band, and G. Love. There will be plenty of food, vendors, and fun activities for all. This event is 100% FREE. Meet at Johnny's Java at 11:00 am. Depart 11:30 am. Assistant Director will lead this ride.



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 Dudlev 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.



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.

Marshall Store Thursday \$1 Oyster Ride. Marc Mendelson will lead a ride to Marshall for lunch. Meet at 11:00, Depart 11:30 Bad Ass Coffee, Mark West Springs Rd.

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

Scandia Go Karts. Meet at Scandia at 7pm to race go karts against your riding buddies. 7-10pm.

Tentative ride to the Isleton Crawdad Festival in the Delta.

Monday Fun Day Ride



-25 Reno Aces Road Trip Randy Mack will lead a weekend ride to Reno to watch minor league baseball. Meeting at Johnny's Java 7am departing at 7:30. 14 rooms are blocked at a local hotel with a group rate and there are 24 tickets are available for the game. Game tickets are \$16 each. Please contact Randy for game ticket sales and hotel group rate information. (707) 696-6272.

Independence Day

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-8 Ride to Redding and Graeagle in Plumas County. Randy Mack will lead a ride to Redding and Plumas County. Depart Thursday July 6th. Meeting

at Bad Ass Coffee at 6 departing at 6:30 we ride to Redding and tour the Shasta Lake Caverns. Cost is \$26 per person for the 2 hour tour. Then we stay in Redding that night (have not confirmed the hotel yet). Next day ride to Plumas County with lots of back roads. We stay Friday and Saturday night at the River Pines Resort. "I have 20 rooms blocked out at the River Pines Resort. Saturday for those who want I will lead a ride around the area." Randy.

Friday Off Work Ride

Planning meeting for the Summer Run. 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.



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Oakland B.A.D. Ride "Christmas in July" Oakland HOG is raising toys for the less fortunate children in the Bay Area. Bring an unwrapped toy (no stuffed animals please) for any age to the event and receive \$5 off the registration price. All gifts will benefit the children of the Ronald McDonald House at Stanford. A short ride from their dealership through the Oakland area, followed by an afternoon of fun, live music, and raffles. Registration is \$15 for solo and \$25 for two-up. Ride pins available while they last. Raffle prizes and 50/50. Live blues band. Hi/Low hand. Lunch options available from food trucks. Meet at Johnny's Java at 7:30 am. Depart at 8am. Director will lead ride.

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



40th Anniversary. This is a major fundraiser for RECHOG. WE NEED 50 VOLUNTEERS!!! The Marathon will donate a set amount to the chapter for each volunteer we bring. Member and non-member are welcome. Director Dave McCombs has arranged for RECHOG to man the staging and starting area for the marathon. This is a prime location for us and very fun to staff. Ride details will follow at a later date. Please direct your questions to Dave McCombs at director@rechog.org or by text at 707-696-1388 or Ian Refugio at assistantdirector@rechog.org or by text at 415-858-9070.

-30 SAVE THE DATE!
Dates reserved for an event at Sonoma County
Harley-Davidson. This SCHD event associated with the NHRA drag and Flat Track racing that weekend. More details to follow.

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 10:00. 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.

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

Reno Ace's Baseball June 24-25

Meeting Saturday June 24th at Johnny's Java at 7am and departing at 7:30am. Ride through the foothills and mountains to Reno. Check in to the Whitney Peak Hotel located two blocks from the 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 each paid in advance and no refunds (24 tickets available). Hotel reservations are made by calling the hotel, there are 14 rooms blocked out for the discounted group rate of \$129+ tax.

Whitney Peak Hotel, 255 N. Virginia St, Reno, NV 89501 Booking Link: https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.

Shasta Caverns / Plumas CountyJuly 6-9

Thursday we meet at Bad Ass Coffee at 6am and departing at 6:30 am. We ride to Lake Shasta for a 2 hour Shasta Cavern Tour (cost \$26) then ride to Redding for the night at the Best Western Plus Hilltop Inn. There are 20 rooms blocked out under RECHOG motorcycle club at the \$139.99+tax group rate. Friday we ride some great back roads to the River Pines Resort in Graeagle where we stay for two nights rate vary depending on the room but about \$100 per night (there are 20 rooms blocked there also). Saturday you can lounge around the resort or your join me as I will lead a ride to see some of the amazing sites around the area. Sunday we head home. Each person must make their own room reservation at the two different venues:

Best Western Plus Hilltop Inn, 2300 Hilltop Dr, Redding, CA 96002 (530) 221-6100 under RECHOG motorcycle club.

River Pines Resort 8296 CA_89, Graeagle, CA 96103 Email Leslie at riverpines@thegrid.net under RECHOG

RECHOG OVERNIGHTERS

RECHOG February General Meeting Minutes Location: Cattleman's, Petaluma, Ca

Date: May 04, 2017

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Flag Salute: Mare Skipper lead us in the pledge of allegiance

February General Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Steve Pehargou to accept the

February meeting minutes as prepared with a second from Donna Fess

Assistant Director: Ian introduced our guests Larry and Ron from Mt Diablo HOG and Addie Campbell; Member Birthdays were announced, Rich Sheldon, Mare skipper, Doug Barnes, and

Claude jones, Claude won a \$25 gift card from SoCo HD

Larry and Ron from Mt Diablo HOG gave a talk about their upcoming BAD ride.

Raffle Prizes: Raffle prizes were given away throughout the evening. A list of prizes and their respective winners is below.

Treasurer: Linnea announced the chapter is solvent

Membership Report: Rob mentioned to members to pay their dues and sign a release form, membership is now at 125 members; Faye Saulters was introduced as a new member; Rob gave away a \$25 SoCo HD Gift Card. Winning ticket 862003 Mare Skipper

Activities Officer Report: Marc announced upcoming rides and events

Safety Officer Report: Vince gave some tips on braking, and making sure to make yourself visible

Historian: Marty gave a presentation with a slideshow regarding humans and speed

Director Time: Dave discussed the upcoming SF marathon on July 23, the chapter needs 50 volunteers, Dave also discussed BAD target events and encouraged members to come out and support the other chapters events, if members have ideas about rides they should reach out to the officers to let them know about them, Summer Run planning meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at the Rohnert Park Round Table

Open Mike: Sergio announced the May 5th ride to the Bay model in Sausalito, Shelley announced the mother's day ride on May 14th, Marty wished everyone happy star wars day, Ian announced the wings over Solano ride on May 7th

50/50 Drawing: Won by Steve Reed (0250664)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:52pm

Minutes compiled and submitted by Jim Wheeler

Raffle Prize Winners:

Ticket Number Name Prize

4971510 Heidi Faulkner Cooler Chair

4971598 Sam Knapp Coffee Cup

4971458 Mike Faria Tablet Cover

4971608 Ron Sarver BBQ set

4971651 Pete Imbs HD Domino set

4971553 Steve Kinerk Cheese Board



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mother's day ride











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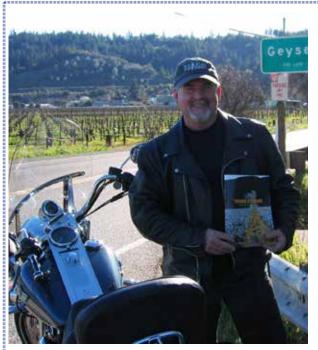
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