



# Redwood Riders Review



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## Club Business

### President's foreword

What makes our club unique? I think it is our friendliness. We greet each other when we start a ride or enter the meeting. We make sure that nobody is ever left behind in a ride. We help each other when we can. We genuinely like each others company. This happens because we all practice learning each others names and greeting each other. When we stop on a ride, or eat lunch on a ride or at a meeting we make sure to engage in conversation with those next to us. I used to say that we were the "Cheers" of motorcycle clubs "where everybody knows your name". We are growing and now big enough that I have trouble remembering everybodys name. I have a much easier time recognizing faces though, so if I don't greet you by name, be patient, I will learn it soon enough.

Submitted by Ben Johnstone

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### Secretary's report

#### Redwood Riders Meeting Summary August 16, 2016

**Opening Statement:** President Ben Johnstone opened the meeting sharing what he likes about our club; we are a friendly and social group and encourages that we carry this on.

Ben talked about the **Hearst Castle ride** he is putting together for **October 21-23**. There was a change in the motel that we will be staying at. He sent out the email to the members with info about the lodging and that has changed. We will be staying at the Courtesy Inn. Room rates are \$75. Phone number to call is 805-927-4691.

At our last board meeting, Wade Roberts was selected as the new Member At Large and he has accepted the position.

By-laws were revised and Ok'd by the Board of Directors.

**Hats (\$17) and visors (\$11) are now available.** (Additional visors will be ordered)

**Minutes** were read by Sharon McMillan

**Treasurers Report:** Terry Perry gave the treasurers report.

**Membership:** Marcel gave us a breakdown of our membership. We have 73 riders, 14 co-riders for a total of 87. Of the 87 members, 58 are men and 29 are women.

Marcel put together our first newsletter after quite a few years without one. The cutoff date to submit items is the 25th of every month for publication on the 27th. Tom Cooke is providing articles and Sylvia Schagerer will submit items from a woman's point of view. Marcel would like everyone to submit something including sharing your photos.

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup> there is a benefit ride put on by the American Legion** which starts at the Windsor Town Green in Windsor and ends up at the Villa Chanticleer in Healdsburg for a Tri Tip BBQ and includes many raffle prizes. More info to follow – save the date. Marcel has sent the flyer to all members by Email. Another reminder will be sent next month for this very worthy cause.

**Tours & Events:** Mike Holden was not able to attend the meeting due to out of town guests He provided his report to Gretchen Tomm to read to the membership.

Recapped our recent rides. Aug 6<sup>th</sup> was the ride to Cache Creek led by George Homenko with 14 riders. The 2nd Wednesday, Aug 10<sup>th</sup> had 8 riders going to Old Sac.

**August 21** (Sunday) Ben will lead the group which will end up at **River Rock Casino** for lunch.

No first Saturday ride in September due to that being Labor Day weekend.

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** (Wednesday) will be a ride to Mendocino.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** – (Sunday) ride to Mt Tam

**Safety Officer:** Tony Albini was not at this month's meeting. He did want it mentioned that everyone should get in the habit of inspecting their bike before each ride and check your gear as well. Terry Perry advised that everyone check for loose bolts. He has a newer bike and found that he had quite a few bolts that needed tightening up. Melisa Brown asked about a group of riders that she saw with bikes holding up traffic until the group got through the intersection. This is illegal to do and could result in someone getting cited for it.

**Old Business:** No report yet on a new meeting place.

A question had come up in an earlier meeting about publishing the membership roster. It was decided that this would not be done due to privacy issues.

**New Business:** By-Law Changes: Marcel passed out copies of the by-laws with the changes and additions. A vote was held; 17 approved and 1 opposed.

**The By-Laws will be available online** to members only as nonmembers should not have access to them. An Email will be sent to all members with the URL to the By-Laws and to all new members when they join the Club.

Robyn Chosy recently attended a cornering school in Stockton. Ben had her share her experience with the membership. She enjoyed the class and felt it was worth attending. It is a 4 part program. Each class cost \$119.

Paul Benkover said that he felt that our club should support other club's activities. This next weekend is the annual HOG chapter poker run.

**50/50 Raffle:** Winner was Terry Perry who donated his portion back to the charity for a total of \$43 going to Ceres Community Project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Next general meeting 7: PM Tuesday September 20 at Olive Garden Rohnert Park.

Submitted by Sharon McMillan, Club Secretary

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## **Tours & Events Director's Report**

### **AUGUST EVENTS**

**The August rides** have continued July's great participation levels. The August 6th ride to Cache Creek was led by our new Road Captain, George Homenko. George was followed by 14 riders over Mark West Springs Road, up Hwy 128 to Middletown for a short rest, then straight up to Hwy 20 East before turning South on Hwy 16 and on down to the casino. After a wonderful lunch at Cache Creek buffet we headed home on down Hwy 16 to Winters. We turned East on Hwy 128. We had a short wait along Putah Creek to allow firefighters to do their work before. Heading over to Silverado Trail and back over Mark West Springs. The weather was more than cooperative with clear skies, cool temps in the morning and a warm balmy afternoon.

Our **Wednesday ride** this month went to Old Town Sacramento with seven bikes and eight people, including two new members from Blue Lake. We again traversed Napa Valley to Hwy 128, had a short rest stop at Turtle Rock and continued past Lake Berryessa to Winters. From there we continued East through the farm country to Davis. We jumped

on Hwy 113 down to Hwy 80 then down Hwy 5 to Old Town. Our planned lunch at Railroad Fish & Chips didn't materialize due to a severe shortage of parking at that end of town. However, Redwood Riders being the resourceful folk that we are, we ended up at the other end of Old Town and had a wonderful lunch at Joe's Crab Shack. The return was fragmented (by design) with some people staying in Old Town, some going to the Harley Shop in Sacramento and some heading West on Hwy 80 to Jamieson Canyon and on home.

Ben will be leading a ride to **River Rock Casino on August 21st**. If you can make, you should. Ben's rides are always interesting.

### LONG RIDES

**Several "Long Riders"** (all members of the Club) leave on August 19th for a two week, 4,000 mile ride through Canada, returning down the coast. It will include Glacier, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, prince Rupert, a 16-1/2 hour ferry ride (with recliners), a ride down Vancouver Island and a return down the coasts of Washington, Oregon and California.

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

**Wednesday, September 14** - we have a ride to Mendocino. If you can make this ride you should do so. It is always a beautiful and fun ride. Meet at Shari's at 9:00am, ride at 9:30.

**Sunday, September 18** - This ride will be to Mt. Tam, weather permitting. This is a a ride with stunning scenery if it is clear. If there is a heavy fog that limits visibility we will adjust. Meet at Shari's at 9:00am, ride at 9:30.

**Tuesday, September 20** - General Meeting. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Come early and have dinner and conversation with us. Meets at Olive Garden.

**Saturday October 1** - Ride to historic Alice's Restaurant

### Upcoming Long Rides

October 21, 22, 23                      Ben Johnstone Leads to Hearst Castle


By Mike Holden, Tours & Events Director

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### Membership Director's Report

New members in August	Current membership	Membership Statistics
George Richard	Number of riders        72	
Scott Malloy	Number of co-riders <u>14</u>	Men        59
Cindy Seiff-Malloy	Total Club members    89	Women    30
Mark Hemhauser		
Duke Callahan		

### Birthdays in September

Horus Brailsford Ted Knight Steve Packwood	Wade Roberts Robyn Chosy	
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### Notices

**Upcoming elections**

At the October general meeting we will be asking for nominations for the annual election of officers.

Please start thinking about who you would like to nominate for office.

**RRMC Membership Cards**

If you don't have your membership card yet, check with Marcel or Terry. You need these to get the

discounts offered by our sponsors.

**Sponsor Benefit:** Mammoth Motorsports

They are still beating or matching on line tire prices. (Cannot match close out, under cost prices.)

By Marcel Svizzero, Membership Director

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**Safety Officer's Tip of the Month**

Always make sure that we check out our bikes and gear prior to rides. Check all lights, brakes, and fluids. Make sure you wear good eye protection and a Snell or Dot approved helmet. This is a good habit to get into prior to getting on the bike, and riding not just by ourselves but also as a group. As much as we want to hurry up and get out in the wind it is our duty to ourselves and our Club Members. Finally, be sure to top off your gas tank before going on a ride.

By Tony Albini, Safety Director

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## Editorials

### Wisdom of the month

A motorcycle patrolman was rushed to a hospital with an inflamed appendix.

The doctors operated on him and when he came round he was relieved when they told him all had gone to plan and he was going to be fine.

But the patrolman kept feeling something pulling at the hairs on his chest. He was worried that something may be wrong but he was still too weak from the surgery to do anything.

Eventually, he managed to pull his hospital gown down enough to check what was causing the discomfort. When he looked down at his chest he saw three wide strips of ultra-adhesive tape stuck firmly to him. Written on it in large black letters was the message: "Get well soon... from the nurse you gave the ticket to last week. I'll be round to remove the tape later."

*From various Internet sources, public domain ~ Editor*

### Country motorcycle



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**Tom's Take** ~ Submitted by Tom Cooke, Newsletter staff writer

Lyrics to 'Motorcycle Song' by Arlo Guthrie.



Arlo Guthrie

I don't want a pickle  
Just want to ride on my motorcycle  
And I don't want a tickle  
'Cause I'd rather ride on my motorcycle  
And I don't want to die  
I just want to ride on my motorcycle

It was late last night the other day  
I thought I'd go up and see Ray  
So I went up and I saw Ray  
There was only one thing Ray could say, was:

Just last week I was on my bike  
I run into a friend named Mike  
Run into my friend named Mike



Mike no longer has a bike. He cries:

**(The club is taking a ride to Alice's Restaurant on October 1.)**

*"Alice's Restaurant Massacre" is a record by singer-songwriter Arlo Guthrie, released as the title track to his 1967 debut album [Alice's Restaurant](#). It is notable as a satirical, first-person account of 1960s counterculture, in addition to being a hit song in its own right and an inspiration for the 1969 film, also named [Alice's Restaurant](#). The song is one of Guthrie's most prominent works, based on a true incident from his life that began on Thanksgiving Day 1965 with a citation for littering, and ended with the refusal of the U.S. Army to draft him because of his conviction for that crime.*  
Excerpt from Wikipedia ~ Editor)

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**Paul's Tech Corner** ~ by Paul Albert, Newsletter staff writer

**This months Tech Tip is the dreaded Oil Change.** Personally I don't trust anyone with my motorcycle. There are good mechanics out in the world. But finding one can be a challenge. And some technicians are careless, don't take pride in their work, and are just in it for a paycheck. To avoid that one possibility I prefer to service my bike myself, so I know all was done right.

To begin, I believe in using factory parts, and lubricants. Yes these parts cost more, but you know they fit and will not void your warranty (save your receipts). The lubricants contain additives that are not in conventional motor oils used for automobiles. Many motorcycles share the same oil with the transmission this is another reason to use motorcycle oil only. I won't get into the argument that all oils are the same, play it safe buy the factory approved. Oil filters, yes there is a difference between stock and after market. I have cut open cheap oil filters and discovered the glues used to hold the filtering material had dissolved. Some, don't have the necessary pressure release valve in case of a clog. Some filters are not designed to be used with synthetic oils.

Tools, for a novice there is nothing wrong with Harbor Freight Tools. Basic tools, a socket set, ratchet, oil filter wrench, low drain pan, funnel, 3/8 torque wrench, an old gallon bottle, for the waste oil. You can take the waste oil to ORileys auto parts, for free..

**The oil change.** To prepare, locate your owners manual, almost all manuals will show you how to change your oil. And check the level. You will need an oil filter, drain plug washer/gasket, oil filter, latex gloves, rags, newspaper, and fresh oil. Harleys require teflon pipe sealant for the drain plug threads as well as a new rubber o ring. The information as to the location of the drain plug, oil filter, and filler hole, plus how much oil will be required for the change are in most cases in the manual.

Personally I recommend the factory shop manual as the best guide. Warm the engine, a five to ten minute ride will work. Use a flat clear area. If the bike has a center stand use it. Get out your tools, rags, and write down the mileage, date, for your records. Refer to the manual, or factory shop manual if you bought one. Lay out some newspapers in case of splash. Make sure the drain pan is under the drain plug. Carefully open the filler plug. the oil is HOT! Never use pliers or vice grip they will mess up the drain bolt, by rounding out the hex, a socket that fits properly, is the best choice usually with a short extension. Caution the oil is hot. wear latex gloves. Let it drain for a few minutes to a slow drip. Wipe the drip off, start the drain plug by hand, do not cross thread, when seated, tighten with the socket wrench. As for how tight to make the bolt. Most manuals will give you a Torque specification. Using a torque wrench is ideal. Moving on to the oil filter. Relocate the oil pan under the filter. Remove the filter using a filter wrench. Upon removal, visually look at the filter, make sure the old rubber gasket is still on the filter and not stuck to the oil filter housing on the motor. You don't want two gaskets on the filter, as one of the two will blow out under oil pressure causing one hell of a mess. Ask me how I know. Using your finger, smear a little fresh oil on the new filter gasket. Spin on the new filter, (if the filter is in a canister see the owners manual for assy and torque) rule of thumb is when it touches the housing and stops, 1/2 to 3/4 additional turn. Wipe any oil residue off. Add oil thru the oil filler hole, use a few ounces less than required. Start bike check for leaks, and re-check level. If under-filled add, if over filled use an oil suction gun, from Harbor freight, remove the excess, that is why I said a little less than specified. I don't recommend taking the drain plug out to lower the oil. Note there is usually a high and low level mark and cold or hot, usually explained/shown in the owners manual. Finally, road test, return and re check for leaks, and oil level hot. Here is my disclaimer, change your own oil at your own risk. If in doubt, take it to a repair shop you trust. Be careful and check that nothing is dripping or loose. Nuff Said.

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## Members' views, stories and helpful tips

Have you heard of this product.? **Doc Bailey's Leather Black.**



The Original Doc Bailey's Leather Black actually contains a dye pigment that restores lost color. It also cleans, nourishes and waterproofs. Doc Bailey's Leather Black gently cleans leather with specially formulated detergents which actually lift dirt out, opening the pores of the leather allowing the lanolin oil to flow into the leather nourishing and softening it. Doc Bailey's Leather Black actually penetrates deep into the leather to restore lost color. As a finishing touch, special waxes lock the color in which protects and waterproofs your leather.

FYI, this is listed on our Links page in the great products category  
I have used it for years. It is a fantastic product. ~ Marcel

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## Stranded Rider?

The Ministry of Transportation in Ontario, Canada, advises that **riders who need help should "... place your helmet on the ground near the road."** One of the more common hand gestures, used in some locations, is for the passing rider to give a thumbs-up signal, to which the stranded rider would return a thumbs down gesture if help is needed or a thumbs-up if it's not needed.



**What do you do if a rider is stranded?** As indicated earlier, we live in a riskier world than our forefathers.  
Here are several questions to consider:

- Do I have the tools and expertise to help someone repair their motorcycle?
- Is it too risky to stop after dark to offer help? Should I offer it only during daylight hours?
- If a group of riders is stopped, how much can I really add to fixing any problem?
- Is it safe to stop and offer help to strangers on the road?
- Does the situation feel OK or do I sense that something isn't right?
- Should a single female rider ever stop to help a male rider(s)?

Each rider has to assess the particular circumstances of each situation. My personal experience has shown, though, that riders are often likely to offer help to other riders because of the overreaching camaraderie and goodwill among motorcyclists, even now.

Excerpt from Road Runner Magazine suggested by Mike Holden

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## Symptoms of a "Hardcore Rider."

Ride with the Redwood Riders almost every ride.

Like to ride with the Club as a pack.

Like to ride alone.

Help in running the club, run for office or accept an appointed position.

Love long rides.  
Love to go on overnight rides.  
Go to rallies and events during the year.  
Go to the big rallies, such as Street Vibrations, Laughlin or Sturgis.  
Ride your bike during the week and/or to work.  
Always clean your bike before going on a ride.  
Modify your bike because it has to be your own.  
Ride with or without your partner.  
Have two (or more) bikes, or saving for a second bike.  
Have too many pins to wear.  
Have a genuine affection for your fellow club riders.

If a couple of these apply to you, you are a potential hardcore rider.  
If several apply to you, you might be a hardcore rider.  
If most apply to you, you are definitely a hardcore rider.  
Welcome Brother and Sister!

Lets hit the road and ride the wind. ~ Marcel

*Can you think of any more symptoms? Send them to me at the address at the bottom of the page. ~Editor*

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# Rides

## July 2016 Three Day Ride to Gold Beach, Oregon





Deco style bridge built in 1932





Farm House Lunch



The "Spin around"





Photos submitted by Redwood Riders George Homenko, Gretchen Tomm, Marcel Svizzero, Michael Holden

### **End of June 2016 Three Day Ride to Mammoth**





Mammoth Lakes



Mono Lake



Highway 395 fire



Photos submitted by Redwood Riders, Gretchen Tomm, Marcel Svizzero, Michael Holden, Maria (Dee Dee) Dargence

**Next Month: Jasper, Banff, Canada.**

**We go places!**

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