



Redwood Riders Review



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Santa is coming for you



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Club Business

President's foreword

Prez Sez December, 2016

Our membership has just elected your club officers for 2017. There were no protest marches or recounts called for so we must have done something right. The officers have planned an exciting array of rides for you for 2017. Our Tours and Activities Director Mike will be sending you a ride calendar soon so that you can decide which overnight rides you wish to take and plan accordingly. These rides have been wildly popular with 20 riders participating in our last ride for 2016. They provide an excellent opportunity to get to know your fellow club members while having experiences you will talk about for years to come.

I hope you all get what you want for Christmas. I have made a special trip to Santa to make sure he knows what I want. I hope he doesn't let me down.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Secretary's report

Redwood Riders Meeting

November 15, 2016

Opening Statement: President Ben Johnstone talked about needing a quorum for our election which we had with 24 members in attendance. Ben talked about our growing membership and that we are getting more people involved. Our rides are good with Mike doing such a great job putting the rides together. We have all made some good friends with the growth in the club. Ben thanked Terry and Shirleen for helping to keep the club together during some lean times. Marcel has done an awesome job with membership and the new concepts he has brought to our club. Sharon has done a good job taking the minutes each month. Mark Exter has been an important part of our club as our past president and sgt at arms. Gretchen has taken on the task as our Vice President as well as being a road captain along with Wade as our member at large and as a road captain. And thanks to all of our members for their participation.

Gretchen added a thanks to Ben for the great job being the club's president and keeping it all together.



General Meeting and Election night, November 15, 2016 - China Village, Cotati

Minutes: were read by Sharon McMillan

Treasurers Report: Terry Perry provided the monthly report.

Membership: Marcel reported that we did not have any new members this month and we have a membership total of 96. There are 65 men and 31 women.

Advised that our website has an increased number of hits as well as the Meetup site.

Talked about the different club hats that are available from Toni Morrison. Her contact information is available in the newsletter on the "Contacts" page. The prices are \$15 for the adjustable and \$25 for the flexfit.

Newsletter: Marcel said to "send stuff" to him to include in the newsletter. Updated sponsor information; Mammoth Motorsports is no longer matching online prices. They were always good for matching tire prices, but not anymore. George Homenko offered that The Motorcycle Shop on Airport (correct name?) was a good place to do business with.

Tours and Events: Mike Holden reported on previous rides:

Nov 5th ride to Sausalito had a good turnout out and we did not ride on the freeway at all.

Nov 9th – Wednesday ride to Half Moon Bay – didn't take place.

Nov 13th – ride to Winters had 13 riders. This was led by Michael Turpin as his first ride as our newest road captain.

Sharon McMillan, Secretary



Tours & Events Director's Report

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Recent Rides:

Saturday 11/5 - 14 riders left Shari's at 9:30. We took Stony Point to Mechum Bodega Ave to Tomales to Highway 1. South on 1 to our rest stop in Pt. Reyes Station where 2 riders broke off to attend another commitment. We continued South on 1 through Stinson Beach, over the hill into Marin City and on to Sausalito to Salito's Crab Shack for lunch. We were afforded VIP parking directly in front of the restaurant and seated with a great view of the Bay. After a wonderful lunch (my cioppino was excellent) we headed back North. We bypassed the freeway, instead traversing many of Marin County's quaint little villages like Fairfax, Larkspur and San Anselmo. We turned West on Sir Francis Drake and then North on Nicasio Valley Road. Our final rest was taken at The Cheese Factory. Most of the group headed home up Pt. Reyes / Petaluma Rd. while a small group - me went home through Chileno Valley. All in all it was a great ride.

Wednesday 11/9 - Our first ride in PST . . . had no one show up to ride to Half Moon Bay and a great lunch at Miramar kon the Beach. Too many post-election hangovers.

Sunday 11/13 - The ride to Winters featured our newest Road Captain, Michael Turpin. Rumor has it that he didn't get lost and didn't lose any of the 13 riders that followed him out of Shari's.

Sunday 11/20 - George's Mystery Ride (reportedly to Locke) was cancelled due to weather.

Saturday 12/4 - our last club-sanctioned ride is the Cloverdale Toy Run. Bring a new toy to be given to needy children and enjoy a great BBQ. The day also includes a ride led by Santa Clause down Main Street and through the countryside. It is a fun day so please join us. Check the Hot Line for Go/No Go decision if rain is forecasted (636-4811).

2017 Calendar of long rides coming soon.

Send your suggested rides to: tours&events@redwoodridersmc.com

We go places!

By Mike Holden, Tours & Events Director



Membership Director's Report - Year end.

We have had a great year with great rides and with some great new members joining our club. Adding "North Bay" to our logo was a gamble, but the board of directors were wise in making this decision. We now have members from the following 24 cities.

San Rafael, Sonoma, Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Healdsburg, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol, Novato, Kenwood, Windsor, Forestville, Pengrove, Calistoga, Napa, Point Richmond, Albany, Bodega Bay, Cotati, Saint Helena, Upper Lake, Martinez, Glen Ellen, Middleton, Mill Valley, Cottonwood.

We don't gossip and never say anything negative about other members. This philosophy creates a warm and welcoming atmosphere. President Ben Johnstone said it all at our last meeting when he

said, "Everyone likes everyone."

I also want to thank all the members for supporting the membership effort, telling your friends about the club, passing out club cards and even approaching strangers on motorcycles. New members are the lifeblood of any organization. It takes a group effort to make this happen. You, the general membership deserve a lot of credit. The board of directors is very grateful for your participation.

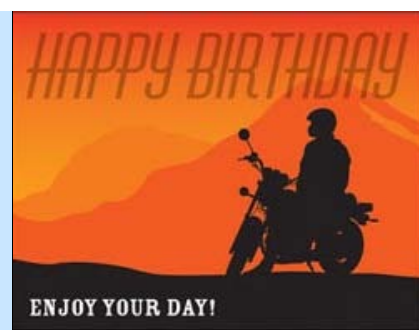
Lets make next year even better!

New members since last meeting	Current membership	Membership Statistics
None in November	Number of riders 82	Men 65
	Number of co-riders <u>14</u>	Women 31
	Total Club members 96	

Birthdays in December

Graham Balfour
Paul Benkover
Dee Dee Dargence
Dave Porter

Sue Greenberg
Graham Hawkes
Samantha Albini



Bulletin Board Notices

Please don't forget to send in your membership dues.

If you did not get a renewal notice email, contact Marcel at:
membership@redwoodridersmc.com
2017 membership cards will be handed out at general meetings and on rides.
See Dee Dee or Marcel.

New Road Captain announced

Welcome to the team, Michael Turpin. Thank you for serving.

Hotline

For last minute ride changes call the hotline. 707-636-4811

New schedule for "After Holiday annual party."

The Party is scheduled for the **fourth Saturday** of January. Please add January 28 to your calendar.

It will be held at the China Village, Cotati. (Food is great.)

If you would like to help in any capacity, please contact. our VP Gretchen.
vicepresident@redwoodridersmc.com

Club Gear

Please note, we have added the contact information for ordering patches, T-shirts and hats on the Contacts page of the newsletter.

Be proud to be a Redwood Rider

Next general meeting, please order your Redwood Riders hat. Be proud to be a Redwood Rider and show our colors. Many of you do not agree with the old style of vests and patches. I get that and it is OK. However, we can wear hats that show our logo and still be in the current style. It is also good for name recognition. It gets our name out to the public. Name recognition also helps get new recruits for our club. New members are the lifeblood of any organization.

Road Rules Safety reminder

We do not ride side by side. We ride staggered. We never pass another rider in the same lane, at any speed. It is OK to get next to the rider in front of you when coming to a stop sign or a red light but never when the bikes are moving.

Thank you Melisa Brown for doing such a great job at the annual party last year.

RRMC Membership Cards

If you don't have your membership card yet, check with Marcel. You need these to get the discounts offered by our sponsors.

By Marcel Svizzero, Membership Director



Safety Officer's Tip of the Month

A case for wearing a full face helmet.

The importance of protecting your eyes and face while riding is absolute. I had a friend that was wearing a half helmet and the vehicle kicked up a small rock that came up and hit him in the nose. He was able to pull off to the shoulder and regroup before riding again. This could have been a lot worse then it was. He could have been hit with a bigger rock, lost control of his ride, and had a lot more damage done to him and others. Wear a full face, DOT approved helmet whenever possible.

By Tony Albini, Safety Director



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Editorials

Wisdom of the month

Three riders are out camping in the woods, and one of them, after frantically looking through his riding pack, asks the other riders if they have anything he can use to wipe, for he has to go big time.

The other riders says, "no, sorry we don't have anything" To witch the other replies " well what am I supposed to do" and one replies "use a dollar"

"Great idea!" exclaims the rider, then he trots off into the woods.

20 minutes later, he comes back, his hands covered in crap and a total mess. One buddy asks "what the hell happened?" To witch he replies " I lost the two quarters, but I still have the 5 nickels!"

The other buddy responds, "See that was his mistake right there, only using 75 cents."

From various Internet sources, public domain ~ Editor



"HONEST, HOW'D I KNOW WHEN I BOUGHT HIM A HARLEY LAST CHRISTMAS THAT WE'D BE OUT OF A JOB THIS YEAR?!"



Tom's Take ~ Submitted by Tom Cooke, Newsletter staff contributor

Bikers stick together, no matter what!

Joel sorry for Springsteen's broken bike

A motorcycle that Bruce Springsteen was riding when a group of veterans found him broken down on the side of a New Jersey road was built by none other than Billy Joel.

Joel told an audience in New York on Monday he gave The Boss the motorcycle, which broke down on Veterans Day.

Joel sang Springsteen's "Born to Run" and then told the crowd he called Springsteen when he saw the news. Joel says he



Dan Barkalow, left, and Bruce Springsteen pose for a photo in Wall Township, New Jersey, on Nov. 11. Barkalow and a group from the Freehold American Legion helped Springsteen when his bike broke down on the road. RYAN BAILEY

apologized and Springsteen replied, "No worries." Joel built the motorcycle for Springsteen at the 20th Century Cycles shop in Oyster Bay, a town in Long Island. Some bikers from the Freehold American Legion found Springsteen on the side of the road. He hopped on the back of one of their bikes and headed to a local bar while he waited for a ride.

More at the URL link below.

[Billy Joel Takes Responsibility For Bruce Springsteen's Motorcycle Breakdown, Covers "Born To Run" In His Honor](#)

So these bikers pulled over to help a stranded motorcyclist... who it was will leave you speechless.



From left: Bob Grigs, Dan Barkalow and Ryan Bailey (Freehold American Legion) with Springsteen

This past Friday, a group of motorcyclists from [Freehold American Legion](#) were taking a ride around Manasquan after a Veterans Day event in New Jersey. They saw a man pulled over with a broken bike near Allaire State Park, and decided to pull off the road and help him out.

But as they got closer to the man, they started to notice something familiar about him.

"I just pulled over and got off the bike and said, 'Hey, I think I know you,'" Dan Barkalow, the lead biker of the group, told [Asbury Park Press](#).

The biker on the side of the road turned out to be Bruce Springsteen.



The legendary music icon couldn't manage to get his bike to start. So he hopped on the back of one of the good samaritans' bikes, and joined them for a beer while he waited for his ride. A Freehold native, Springsteen was described by the gentleman as being very 'down to earth, regular guy,'

As reported in the Biker Insider Blog

The below link, is a great research based article on how and where motorcycle accidents occur. Good for our Newsletter. Not all of the findings are what we might expect. Lots to learn from in the article. [What Virginia Tech learned about how and why we crash our motorcycles](#)

Submitted by Tom Cooke



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

Winter is coming.

Well, here we are, end of the riding season for many. Fortunately we live in California, where the riding season is year round. Now, this is a great time to prepare for next year's rides, and for those of you who will hang up your leathers until spring here are a couple of suggestions. Of course some of us are fearless and will ride thru the worst possible weather. Cold, Rain, and slush. So, now what to do to put your bike to bed?

If you plan to park your bike until the spring, the most important thing to do is. make sure the make sure the gas tank is full, then buy a bottle of Stabil gasoline treatment. Stabil, is sold at Walmart and auto supply stores. It will help keep the gas from getting stale, causing clogs, and a possible no start in the spring. A full tank will help prevent the inside of the gas tank from rusting. So, just add the Stabil to the tank as per directions. Now, if you have a carburetor bike add the stabil to the gas, take it for a short spin, or run it until you are sure the mix has gotten into

the carb bowls. Then in spring the bike should start up without having to rebuild the carbs due to gum and varnish. Fuel injection can clog in an injector, so run them a couple of minutes as well. In the dark ages, another thing we did was remove the spark plugs, and squirt a little oil into the cylinders. Rotate the engine, in gear by turning the rear tire, and reinstall the spark plugs. This would insure that the engine would not seize up during the winter months. I don't recommend changing oil until in the spring. and include a thorough inspection service.

Tires, are another issue. I don't recommend buying tires until you are going to ride the bike again. Instead, make sure of the proper inflation pressures, and if possible put the bike on the center stand. Another important procedure, is you should move the bike forward or backwards from time to time to prevent flat spots on the tires.

Now for those of us who will ride. Please check your tires. Don't ride with bald tires in the rain. Remember the traction is less when wet. Dress warm in layers. Buy a good rain suit. A good rain suit will set you back minimum \$100, but will last many seasons. Harley has some super rain suits that will last and last are highly reflective, bright colors, and will keep you dry without leaking water into your crotch during a downpour. Do not buy a cheapo suit. Some of the cheapo suits are no better than a glad garbage bag. Consider heated grips, heated gloves, heated vest etc. And buy a good pair of boots, not tennis shoes. All will help make the ride enjoyable even in the worst weather. Nuff said.



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Works for me. ~ Marcel



Did you know?

Talbott Motorcycle Museum opens in Carmel Valley



By **Charles Fleming**, Los Angeles Times

It's official. Robb Talbott's motorcycle museum is open.

The former wine and necktie magnate's personal bike collection, housed inside a 5,000-square-foot space in Carmel Valley, received the last of its needed permits and is open to the public.

Motorcycle analysts have said the non-profit museum represents the West Coast's largest public exhibition of bikes, excluding private collections.

The barn-like former realty office, set at the eastern edge of the oak-dotted Carmel Valley village, houses 136 vintage two-wheeled machines. The main room contains stunning examples of Italian postwar motorcycle art, including race bikes from Benelli, Gilera, Ducati and MV Agusta.

A basement contains a representative sample of bikes that dominated motocross racing in the 1960s and 1970s — many of them motorcycles that Talbott himself raced, or raced against.

Championship-winning motorcycles made by Triumph, BSA and Greeves, some slung in frames made by Rickman, stand alongside the two-strokes that ended the English reign, from Husqvarna, CZ, Maico and Bultaco — alongside some of the Japanese dirt bikes that challenged European motocross dominance.

Elsewhere are choppers, speedway racers, flat track bikes and more, along with vintage motorcycle-related photographs, signs and artwork.



The new museum will be open year-round, Thursday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 for general admission, \$10 for seniors and military, and \$7 for children.

The opening of the museum comes after a very successful weekend for Talbott, who scored an unusual hat trick of three victories during the just-concluded Monterey Car Week festivities.

A vintage BMW R37 from his collection was named best motorcycle at the Quail, A Motorsports Gathering, on Aug. 19. The following day, a Benelli race bike featured at his museum was named top bike at the Concorso Italiano show. And on Sunday, the R37 won best in class in the BMW motorcycle division at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

"We did all right," Talbott said Monday. "We had a pretty good weekend."

From a Los Angeles Times article.

This could be a good weekend ride, Carmel and Big Sur ~ Editor



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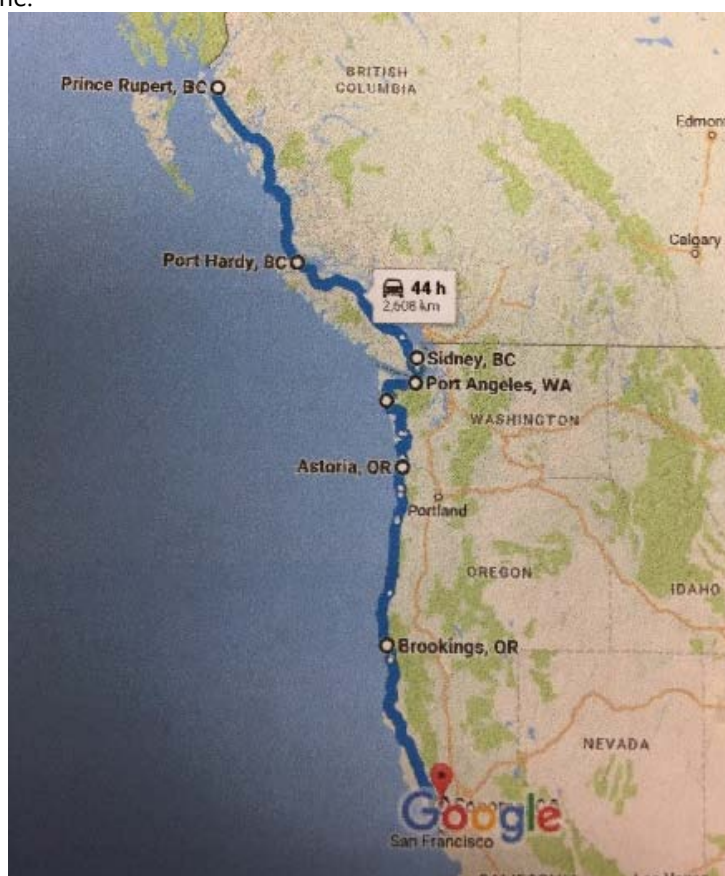


Long Rides

Canada ride August 19th. to September 1, 2016

Photos submitted by Redwood Riders, Gretchen Tomm, Michael Holden, Tom Cooke, Wade Roberts, Marcel Svizzero.

Canada Part 3. The return home.



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On the British Columbia Ferry



Humpback whales







Victoria, Vancouver Island



World famous Empress Hotel



Parliament Building





Native Totem poles





Gold Beach, Oregon on the way home



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Local Rides

Cloverdale Toy Run December 4th. 2016
cause

Please attend this worthy

The Cloverdale Lions Club 19th Annual Toy Run Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016

**"DOUBLE
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Band**



9 - 11 am
Registration

12 - 1 pm
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Sausalito ride November 5, 2016





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To all current and past members.

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