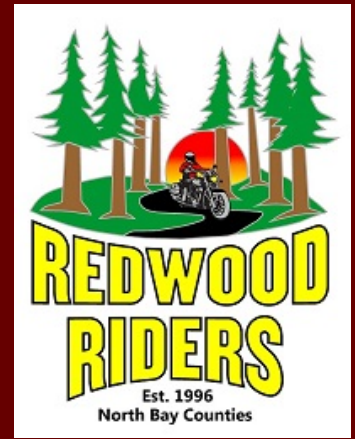


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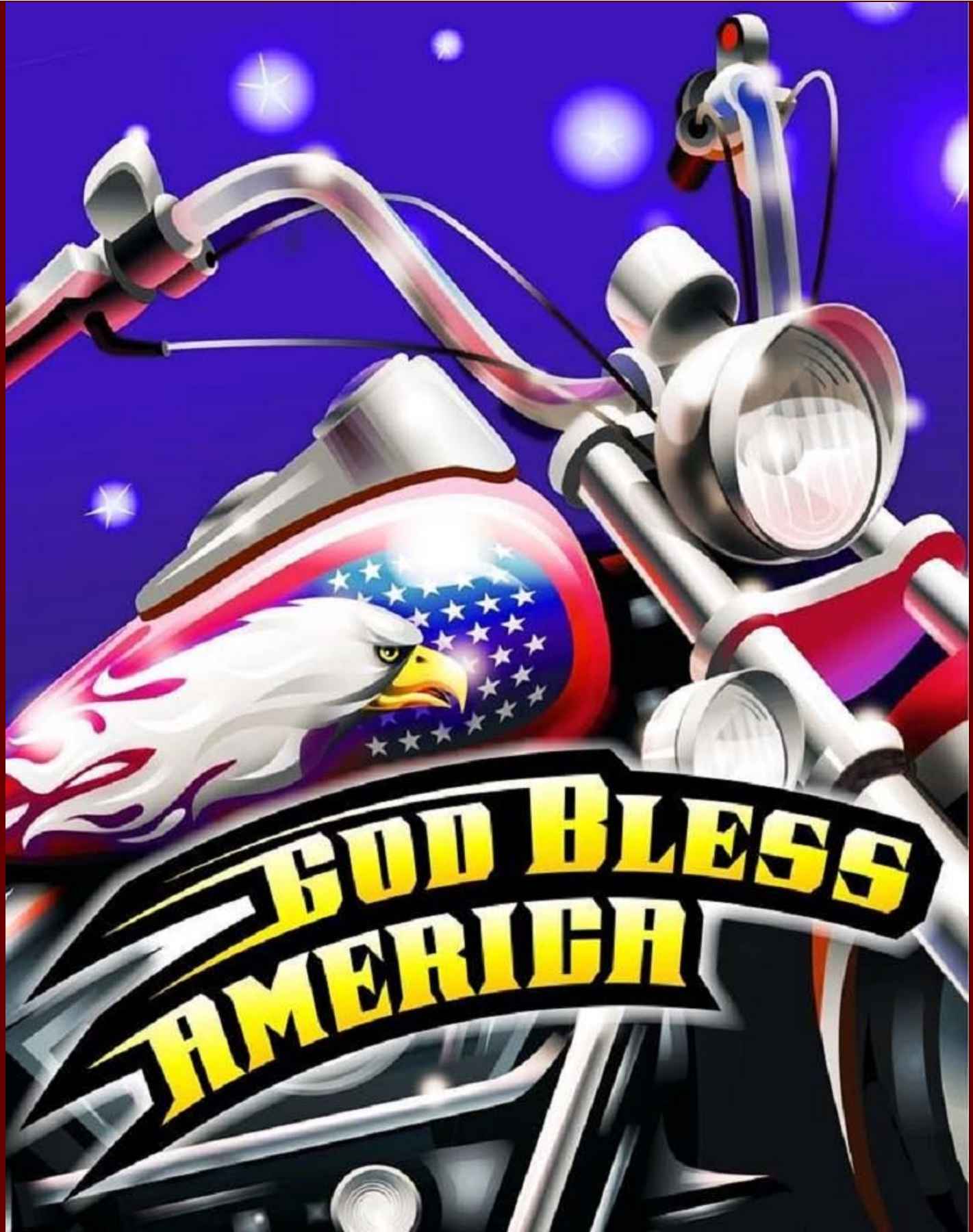
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President's foreword



Ben Johnstone

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Away on vacation

By Ben Johnstone ~ President



Secretary's report



Sharon McMillan

Redwood Riders Monthly Meeting

June 20, 2017

China Village, Rohnert Park

Opening Statement: President Ben Johnstone opened the meeting that we are missing a few officers this month as they are on a nine day ride to Colorado. Ben advised that he wasn't prepared for this month's meeting as he has had some problems with his bike and got it towed into the dealership just before our meeting.

Discussion regarding an article that was in the paper about a 51 year old man riding in Sonoma behind a car. He was t-boned by a driver pulling out and not seeing him and was fatally injured. Ben told the membership that he moves to the right side of the road in residential areas so he can see and be seen by vehicles pulling out onto the roadway. If you are on the left side, the vehicles pulling out may not be able to see you.

Ben shared some of the places he and Barbara went to on their trip to Texas.

Minutes: were read by Sharon McMillan

Treasurers Report: DeeDee gave treasurer report.

Membership: No Report as Marcel away on the Colorado ride.

Tours and Events: Mike Holden not in attendance. Leading the Colorado ride.

Past Rides: Melisa Brown recapped the High Sierra ride on June 9, 10 and 11 put together by Mike.

June 14th – Wednesday led by Wade. Ride to Boonville with lunch at the Pub (former Buckhorn)

Upcoming Rides in 2017:

June 25th – Cache Creek ride with Michael leading.

July 1st – Wade leading ride to Fort Bragg

July 12th – Wednesday ride to Alice's Restaurant led by Michael Turpin

July 16th – ride to Middletown led by Gretchen

July 22 & 23rd – Overnight ride to Tahoe – Michael Turpin to lead

Safety Officer: George Homenko – no formal report. Talked about dropping his bike in his driveway because the jiffy stand locked up. There was \$800 in damage for parts and new paint.

Old Business: None

New Business: Randy Mack invited the Redwood Riders to join in on the ride he has put together for the HOG chapter which won't be taking place. The dates are July 6, 7, 8 and 9th. First night is in Redding including a tour of the Shasta Caverns. The next two nights will be at the River Pines Resort in Graeagle. Flyers were passed out to the members with all the info on the ride.

50/50 Raffle: Michael Turpin handled the raffle this month in place of Gretchen who was away on the Colorado ride.

First prize was won by Laurie Darling which was a \$10 gift card for the China Village where we hold our meetings.

Second prize for a dozen eggs was won by Rosalie Mack

Third prize which was a supply of AA batteries along with a ride journal was won by Michael.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Laurie Darling.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40

By Sharon McMillan ~ Secretary



Tours & Events



Mike Holden

Rides and Events

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Away on vacation
See meeting minutes above

By Mike Holden ~ Tours and Events Director



Safety Officer's Tip of the Month



George Homenko

Be Aware of

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BMW George



Membership



Marcel Svizzero

Membership Report

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New members

Current membership

Membership Statistics

Full memberships	62
Co-riders	8
Provisional members	<u>6</u>
Total Club members	76*
*Total to date	

Men	51
Women	25
Members from	
5 Counties	
25 cities	



Cathy Caleja
Barry Kessey
Vicky Weber

Jean Gilbert
Dave McAleece

Bulletin Board

New ride time.

It's Daylight Savings Time, so our meet up is now at 9:00am and rolling by 9:30 from Shari's in Rohnert Park.

Hotline

For last minute ride changes due to weather, call the hotline. 707-636-4811

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. If for some reason you must pass, do so in the other lane.

New style hats are a success!

So far, we have sold 29 of the new design.

The new design incorporates a sandwich bill (visor) with a red line, red accents, and **your name** on the back. It is fully adjustable, and best of all it is only \$15.00 with no tax.

If you want one of these, you can get it yourself by contacting Toni Morrison directly. Her phone

number is on the contacts page of the newsletter. Optionally, you can order one from Marcel at a meeting, on a ride or by Email. foxxnetmarcelo@yahoo.com

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.

Club Gear

Please note, we have added the contact information for ordering patches, T-shirts and hats on the Contacts page of the newsletter. If you prefer, you can give your order to Marcel.

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

You can also download a form on our main website under the "Membership" tab of the menu. Send your dues to the address on the renewal form.

2017 membership cards will be handed out at general meetings and on rides.

See Dee Dee or Marcel.

RRMC Membership Cards

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

Editorials

Wisdom of the month

From various Internet sources, public domain ~ Editor
Vacation time



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



Tom Cooke

In Praise of Big Bikes

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First of all, like good parents we love our children equally....I refer here to our 2 wheeled, motorized children...motorcycles. But bikes, like our children, each have special traits that make them individually lovable.

Keeping in mind that all bikes have certain design features that suit them to their intended purpose, let me brag a bit on the strengths of big bikes...Cruisers and Touring bikes.

1. You can ride longer. Big bikes are powerful, have lots of torque and need not rev. high to cover long stretches of highway. You need not shift gears as frequently as on a smaller ride, or listen to the sound of a "buzzie" engine. Not at all, just sit back and enjoy the scenery with less shifting and buzzing to distract and tire you.
2. The "Regal" sensation. Smoothly covering major highway miles atop a big, powerful, chrome laden Harley cruiser or a smooth, purring 6 cylinder Honda Goldwing sometimes feels like you are being carried like Royalty once was...up high and powerful, enjoying your kingdom. No need to sweat...you know your steed is up to the task of providing what you need.
3. What can I bring? Whatever you need, or might need. Big bikes, with their power and storage allow you to bring all you want or think you might need for a long day, or a few weeks. More layers of clothes, more clean clothes for when the highway grit collects, food, street clothes, reading material for when the riding day is done, and personal effects there may be no room for on a small bike.
4. Less fatigue. Riding a big bike is less fatiguing and more comfortable than a lighter machine. So you stay more alert and energetic. This can actually translate into better handling, since you are less tired and therefore more able to exercise top flight riding skills we all seek.
5. Less concern with fuel stops. Our big bikes carry more fuel and so have longer ranges than smaller bikes. So we need not fret about how far it is to the next gas station. We will have plenty of gas to get there. Of course we can stop to rest whenever we like, but the need for those often inconvenient gas stops is cut back to a more manageable level.
6. No need to be a slave to motorcycle fashion. Big Harley Cruisers, Honda Goldwings and Indian touring bikes are relatively timeless in their design. The classic look stays the same for many years. So we are relieved of the pressure to chase after the newest, coolest, hottest, new trick features that are often introduced on smaller bikes.

Finally, after going on about what big bikes offer, we must remind ourselves that all of our bikes are cool, and fun, and exhilarating and add wonderful pleasures to our lives. We do love them all and appreciate the particular benefits of each style. Big, small, medium, trikes and even off road bikes and ATVs are perfect when the mood is right. So ride em all, love

em all, but don't overlook the advantages that big, cruisers and tour bikes offer when the time is right.



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



Paul Albert

Synthetic or conventional oils

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This month's short article is on whether to use Synthetic or Conventional motor oils. Having been a mechanic for over 40 years, I have always been suspicious of having to pay more for Synthetic oils. As an example, Harleys recommended oil change interval was the same regardless of which type you used.

The manufacturer of the synthetic oils have always made over the top claims for their products. Adding to my suspicions. So what is the answer? Recently, AAA, ran their own independent tests on which type of oil is better. Without going into a lot of detail as I am sure you can find the article. AAA's conclusion, was that they recommended to use synthetic oil over conventional oil. For the minor cost difference they found the synthetics performed better in heat or cold. Had better shear protection. Did not break down as fast. And offered superior protection during all types of driving conditions. Basically, using the synthetic oil in a newer engine justified the extra cost. However, they could not recommend synthetic oil in an old tired engine, too late..lol.. So, using/switching to synthetic, could actually extend the life of your motor. Additionally, one thing to note is using automotive oil is not recommended in a motorcycle. Yes it will go into the fill hole, and in a way it seems to make sense as automotive oil is cheaper, but those oils do not have the necessary additives required for motorcycle use. Many motorcycles share the oil with the transmission, meaning the oil has to work harder to lubricate the gears, the engine, and not break down. Many motorcycles are air cooled requiring the necessary additives and blends to protect from thermal breakdown. And as you know, Harleys and BMWs have separate oil fills requiring specific weights for engine, and transmission for safe lubrication. So, what to do? For me, I use the recommended factory oils, filters and gaskets. Don't forget if you change your own oil, play it safe, and save the receipts, write down the mileage, to protect your warranty. In California, the manufacturer cannot legally deny you your warranty because you serviced your own motorcycle, ok nuff said ..

The extra additives in motorcycle oil are mainly for the transmission and to eliminate clutch slip - Editor



Members' views, stories and helpful tips

Vacation

This month's 50/50 raffle winner





Laurie Darling

Other winners:

A dozen fresh eggs Won by Robyn Chosy

Cleaning cloths won by Laurie Darling

Starbucks Card won by Paul Benkover.



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High Sierras Ride

June 9 - 11, 2017









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