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Redwood Riders Review



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President's foreword



Ben Johnstone

Prez Sez

September 2017

The time for fall and winter riding is almost here. Some of you may be intimidated by the prospect of cold(er) weather riding. For me, the fall and winter are the best time of year to ride. The sky's are usually clear, the visibility great, and the traffic light. I will gladly ride in temperatures down to 37 F. Below that temperature, the chance of encountering ice on the road rapidly increases and I stay home.

I have taken several precautions to remain comfortable when the temperature drops. I wear chaps, have a modular helmet and layer my clothing. One of the best purchases I have made for riding is heated gloves. If my hands are warm, everything else is comfortable too. I have a tall windshield and a full faring now, but I didn't always. When I had a naked bike the wind chill was more, but not unbearable. I purchased a detachable windshield more because my arms got tired on long high speed rides than for the cold weather protection, but it also helped some in cold weather. The chaps did great keeping my knees from getting cold as well as providing extra crash protection.

But the real key for me was the heated gloves. Even with the windshield, my hands were still in the wind and I couldn't go more than 30 minutes when the temperature was below 45 F without stopping to warm up. I tried the hand warmers that you slip into your glove but found that they needed fresh air to keep working, and there wasn't enough inside my gauntlet style gloves. They increased by riding time to 45 minutes, but I still had to stop to warm up.

I eventually bought some heated gloves. I chose them over the heated grips for two reasons. The heated gloves have the heating element on the outside (non palm) side of the glove where you need heat the most. The other reason is that I wouldn't loose my investment if I changed bikes. The electrics are also guaranteed for life. With my heated gloves on, I can comfortable ride in temperatures down to freezing.



This is after I scrapped the ice off the windshield



Secretary's report



Sharon McMillan

Redwood Riders Monthly Meeting

August 15, 2017

China Village, Rohnert Park

Opening Statement: President Ben Johnstone introduced our guest speaker, Vince Mulligan who is the Safety Officer for the HOG Chapter. Vince gave a very informative presentation to our members on motorcycle tires which included some handouts. He also included how to calculate the load capacity for your bike and tires to travel safely.

Ben announced that there would be a planning session for next year's rides. We are looking for additional road captains to help share putting on our rides.

Nominations – Ben had some of the officers present to the membership what their tasks are.

Vice President: Gretchen, said she is a backup to the president. She also does our monthly raffle and has overseen the annual After Holiday Party.

Treasurer: DeeDee keeps track of our club funds and reports the balances each month.

Safety: George presents information regarding safety items and looks for suggestions of things the members may feel would be of interest. He is also our official photographer.

Tours & Events: Mike is the head Road Captain. He said it is fun to decide the rides and putting them together. On Oct 22 he will have a road captain meeting at his house to decide on next year's rides.

Sgt at Arms: currently held by Rosalie who was not at this month's meeting. She calls the meetings to order and officially closes them.

Member at Large: Wade was on vacation and not at the meeting. He is the "Complaint Dept" and brings member issues to the board.

Minutes: Sharon read the minutes from the July meeting.

Treasurers Report: DeeDee gave treasurer report.

Membership: Marcel said we added a new member, Aine Carlisle. Marcel advised that Mike Simi has agreed to take on the task of keeping in touch with our sponsors. We now have 80 members – 28 women and 52 men.

Hats: – wants to order 12 at a time. So far we have sold 33 hats. The cost is \$20 each including your name on the back..

Club shirts: – has received interest so far of 2 shirts to be ordered. They need to be ordered 24 at time and there are a variety of shirts that can be part of that group order.

Tours and Events: Mike reported about the Woodland to the 428 Kitchen ride on Aug 5th which was led by Gretchen. There were 16 riders that participated.

Wade led the Aug 9th ride to Cache Creek with 10 riders on a Wednesday.

Upcoming Rides in 2017:

August 19th is the HOG Chapter's annual Summer Run which starts at the Harley dealer and ends at Lake Sonoma.

August 26th & 27th – Overnight ride to Chester through the Feather River Canyon which will be led by Sharon

Sept 9th: American Legion Annual Fallen Warrior Memorial Ride. Meet at Shari's at 7:30 and head up to Windsor to starting point of the Café Noto and ends at Villa Chanticleer in Healdsburg.

Sept 13th: Wednesday ride to be led by George which is a mystery ride.

Sept 17th: Wade leads a ride to Mendocino.

Safety Officer: George had no report due to our guest speaker, Vince Mulligan.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

50/50 Raffle: First prize was won by Robyn Chosy which was a head scarf.

Second prize for a mag light was won by Graham Balfour.

Third prize won by Steve Darling which was a pair of gloves.

Fourth Prize was a dozen eggs which went to Richard Arrow

The 50/50 was won by Robyn who donated her portion to our charity.

By Sharon McMillan ~ Secretary



Tours & Events



Mike Holden

Rides and Events

September 2017

August 5 ride to Woodland led by Gretchen: 14 bikes and 15 riders left Shari's at the appointed 9:30 hour. We rode over to the valley via Highway 128 past beautiful Lake Berryessa then took Highway 16 North before heading east across the valley and on into Woodland. We had a great meal at the 428 Restaurant in downtown before heading home. We returned meandering south and west through open pastureland before hooking up with Highway 12. After a gas stop in Suisun we broke up into small groups for the final leg home. As usual Gretchen had a unique and beautiful ride planned. It was a great day!

August 9 Wade led a ride to the Cache Creek Casino. Ten bikes headed over to Calistoga and then up Highway 29. We cut over the East side of Clear Lake and connected to Highway 20. From there it was east to Highway 16 then south to the Casino. We were all ready to have a wonderful lunch at the casino buffet which is one of the best around but found that they now close the buffet on Tuesday and Wednesday. We persevered and ended up having a very good lunch at the Mexican restaurant -

August 26 and 27 was our weekend ride to Chester. Sharon led riders across the valley to Oroville then up one of the prettiest roads in California - Feather River Canyon (aka Highway 70) and on into Chester. Since I wasn't able to attend the ride I'm a little sketchy on some of the details but I was told that the meals were good and there were no serious mishaps aside from a certain member with a lot of bling on their helmet missed a turn. The return was down Highway 32 into Chico then down Highway 45 to Highway 20 over to Clearlake. The final leg included lunch in Middletown. Great job Sharon.

Our September rides start on the 9th (due to Labor Day weekend) with our participation in the American Legion Fallen Warrior Memorial ride. We will meet at Shari's at 8:00am and ride as a group to the Village Green in Windsor. Wade or Michael will lead. There will be a ride that will terminate at Chanticleer Picnic Grounds in Windsor for a BBQ. There will be a nominal charge. This is a great day for a wonderful cause. Please plan on attending.

Wednesday, September 13 George is leading a ride to "who knows where?" It probably won't be Locke but it will definitely be a very interesting ride to a very interesting destination. Let's do it.

September 17 (Sunday) Wade will lead us to Mendocino for lunch. As of press time his route is unknown but if you've ridden with Wade you know it will be very enjoyable - both going and coming. There is so many beautiful roads between here and Mendocino that I can hardly wait to see where he takes us. You should not miss this one.

By Mike Holden ~ Tours and Events Director



Safety Officer's Tip of the Month



George Homenko

The Basics of Cornering

Reclaim your confidence

September 2017

I am not sure if you saw the email circulated from a fellow redwood rider that got into some trouble in the twisties of hwy 29 above Calistoga. He was coming back from the Feather River ride and it was in the afternoon after a long hot ride. God knows that stretch of road can challenge anyone especially after a long hot day.

The rider mentioned that maybe his riding skills were not what they once were. To that I say I can only hope to live long enough to reach the day I have to give up on riding on two wheels. It will happen to all of us some day, if we only live long enough. That being said before I give up one of my great pleasures, I want to be damn sure that I am doing it for the right reason. Lets face it, turns are the hardest thing to master on a motorcycle. Any idiot can go 120 mph in a straight line.

Before any of us gives up riding because of difficulty in the twisties, please be sure that you have not just forgotten some of the basics. As I age I think I know it all and there is no need for me to go back and review what I have already learned. Lets face it I/we forget shit and make new bad habits all the time. If you don't constantly try to learn and improve you slide back, I don't care how old you are.

I found this YouTube video on the basics of cornering and how to gain or reclaim your confidence in the twisties. I have brought up this principle in past talks, but I thought this author made some good points and explained the technique well. I will definitely keep what he said in mind and practice the technique on my next ride. If you are not learning you are falling behind.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0s-DPkUJE>

BMW George
Submitted by Safety Officer



Membership



Marcel Svizzero

Membership Report

September 2017

New members

Mike Simi
Robin Simi
Both ride their own bikes

Current membership

Full memberships	66
Co-riders	8
Provisional members	<u>6</u>
Total Club members	80

Membership Statistics

Men	52
Women	28
Members from	
5 Counties	
25 cities	



Robyn Chosy
Ted Knight

David Finkelstein
Wade Roberts

By Marcel Svizzero ~ Membership Director

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Buletin Board

August marked the anniversary of our premier edition of our newsletter. See September newsletter for best motorcycle riding tunes.

Feather River overnight ride. Saturday August 25th. and Sunday August 27.

A big success but temperatures topping 108. Enjoyed by 15 riders.

We are nearing election time.

Elections are coming in three months. Please think about who you want to represent you in the club. Please also think about volunteering to help. A lot goes on behind the scenes. We need a person to visit our sponsors twice per year to say, "Hello, and thank you for the discounts." It is not much to do but it will really help the club.

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 33 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 \$20.00 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 mail. Contact for questions - 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.

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.

By Marcel Svizzero ~ Membership Director

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Editorials

Wisdom of the month



"No, your dad isn't hot. He likes to feel like he's riding a motorcycle when's he's looking at them on the Internet."

From various Internet sources, public domain ~ Editor



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



Tom Cooke

50 Greatest Motorcycle Riding Tunes

When it's time for some tunes.... what do you choose?
Make a good ride even better. Dial up some great classic Motorcycle tour type tunes.
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Riders On the Storm - The Doors
Fly Like an Eagle - Steve Miller Band
Bad Things (Club Mix) - Jace Everett
The Midnight Special - Creedence Clearwater Revival
Rebel Yell - Billy Idol
Spirit in the Sky - Doctor & The Medics
Touch of Gray - Grateful Dead
Ohio (Come Back to Texas) - Bowling for Soup
Willin' - Little Feat
Keep On Trying - Poco
Slow Ride - Foghat
Free Bird - Lynyrd Skynyrd
A Little Less Conversation [JXL Radio Edit Remix] - Elvis Presley

Running on Empty - Jackson Browne
Stuck In The Middle With You - Stealers Wheel
Roll Me Away - Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band
Higher Ground - Red Hot Chili Peppers
Call Me the Breeze - Lynyrd Skynyrd
Click Click Boom - Saliva
This Life - Curtis Stigers & The Forest Rangers
La Grange - ZZ Top
We Gotta Get Out of This Place - The Animals
Toccata - Trans-Siberian Orchestra
Wanted Dead or Alive - Bon Jovi
Bad Company - Bad Company
Highway In the Wind - Arlo Guthrie
The Weight - The Band

All Right Now - Free
Fortunate Son - Creedence Clearwater Revival
Smooth - Santana
Paint It Black - The Rolling Stones
Magic Carpet Ride - Steppen Wolf
Something Beautiful - Robbie Williams
Jessica (Single Version) - The Allman Brothers Band
Born to Run - Bruce Springsteen
Layla - Eric Clapton
Runaway - Del Shannon
The Motorcycle Song - Arlo Guthrie
Don't Stop Believin' - Glee Cast

The Joker - Steve Miller Band
Ramblin' Man - The Allman Brothers Band
Born to Be Wild - Steppenwolf
Born In The USA - Bruce Springsteen
Hotel California - The Eagles
Midnight Rider - Gregg Allman
Rockin' Down The Highway - Doobie Brothers
Ghost Riders In The Sky - Spiderbait
Freedom 90 - George Michaels
Flirtin' With Disaster - Molly Hatchet
Mustang Sally - Wilson Pickett



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



Paul Albert

Motorcycle Trailering

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There are times when we want to trailer a motorcycle to an event rather than riding it. Or to take the bike into the shop for service and don't have anyone available to give you a ride home. For these purposes, there are motorcycle specific trailers. For years I had wanted a trailer. So after searching the web and reading various reviews. I found there were two types of trailers that would suit my needs. First was the Kendon, and second was the hydraulic lowering type.

The hydraulic lowering type is pretty cool. Push a button and the trailer drops to the ground. No ramp, no drive up and truly a one person operation. Push the other button and the trailer rises, and locks into ride height. The only flaw is these drop trailers are hard to find and take up a full parking spot at home. They are not small and the cost is double/triple that of a Kendon. My decision to buy a Kendon was based on my storage space and price. Kendon is a local California company, and their trailers are made in America.

Since the Kendon folds up and can be rolled into a corner on casters, I could keep it in a garage. Kendon brand is the easiest to find used. There is usually one on Craigslist. There are three styles. First is the single bike with a single ramp, second is the single ride up with 3 foot flat ramps, that bolt onto the trailer, and third is the two bike trailer. I decided on a single ride up trailer by Kendon with the flat foot wide ramp. By chance I found a one year old used, on Craigslist. The cost was about 1/2 of a new one, included a bolt on spare,, and had been upgraded with the alloy wheel option and an all weather cover.

All you do is hook up the trailer, attach the ramps, and ride up. Tie down the bike, and go. One thing good about California and trailers is the tags are permanent. On a purchase, make sure the seller has a pink slip! Then when you register it spend the extra for a new pink slip in your name. Should you decide it is not for you, it will be easier to sell with the title. Note, California will accept just the registration on a change of ownership, but with a pink you have proof it was not stolen.

There are fees and taxes, so make sure to have a bill of sale. Insuring a trailer is not a bad idea. If it gets hit, or stolen, it will be covered up to new replacement cost. Progressive charged me \$50 for a year. So if you are interested in a trailer, for more info, Kenton has a good website, and there are videos of all the above on youtube. As for suggestions on how to tie down the bike, that will be another article. Paul

How is your ride in the heat?

Our last ride experienced 108 degrees with more high temps on the way. I thought this would be a good time to revisit the Technique HyperKewl vest.

- Simple V-neck with zipper closure; works for a wide range of people and uses
- Can provide 5-10 hours of cooling relief per soaking
- Lightweight, easy to activate, and durable



- Comfortable quilted nylon outer with HyperKewl™ fabric inner, water repellent nylon liner, and black poly-cotton trim
- Adult Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, Custom
- Child Sizes: 5-6 Years Old, 7-9 Years Old, 10-12 Years Old
- Colors: Black, Blue, Silver, Pink, Khaki, Hi-Viz Lime, Real Tree
- Long sleeve in camouflage print available.

<http://www.techniche-intl.com/technologies/hyperkewl/>

*I have the long sleeve version and love it. I felt the heat on my legs, but the rest of me was in comfort. If you choose the no sleeve vest, get the one with the mandarin collar for extra cooling. Prices range from \$38 to \$42. on Amazon.
Highly recommended ~ Editor*



This month's 50/50 raffle winner



Robyn Chosy

Other winners:

Second prize for a mag light was won by Graham Balfour.

Third prize won by Steve Darling which was a pair of gloves.

Fourth Prize was a dozen eggs which went to Richard Arrow



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local rides

Woodland Ride

August 5, 2017



Cache Creek

August 9, 2017





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Need a volunteer for road captain



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Club Gear

Marcel Svizzero for Pins, Patches, T-shirts, hats.



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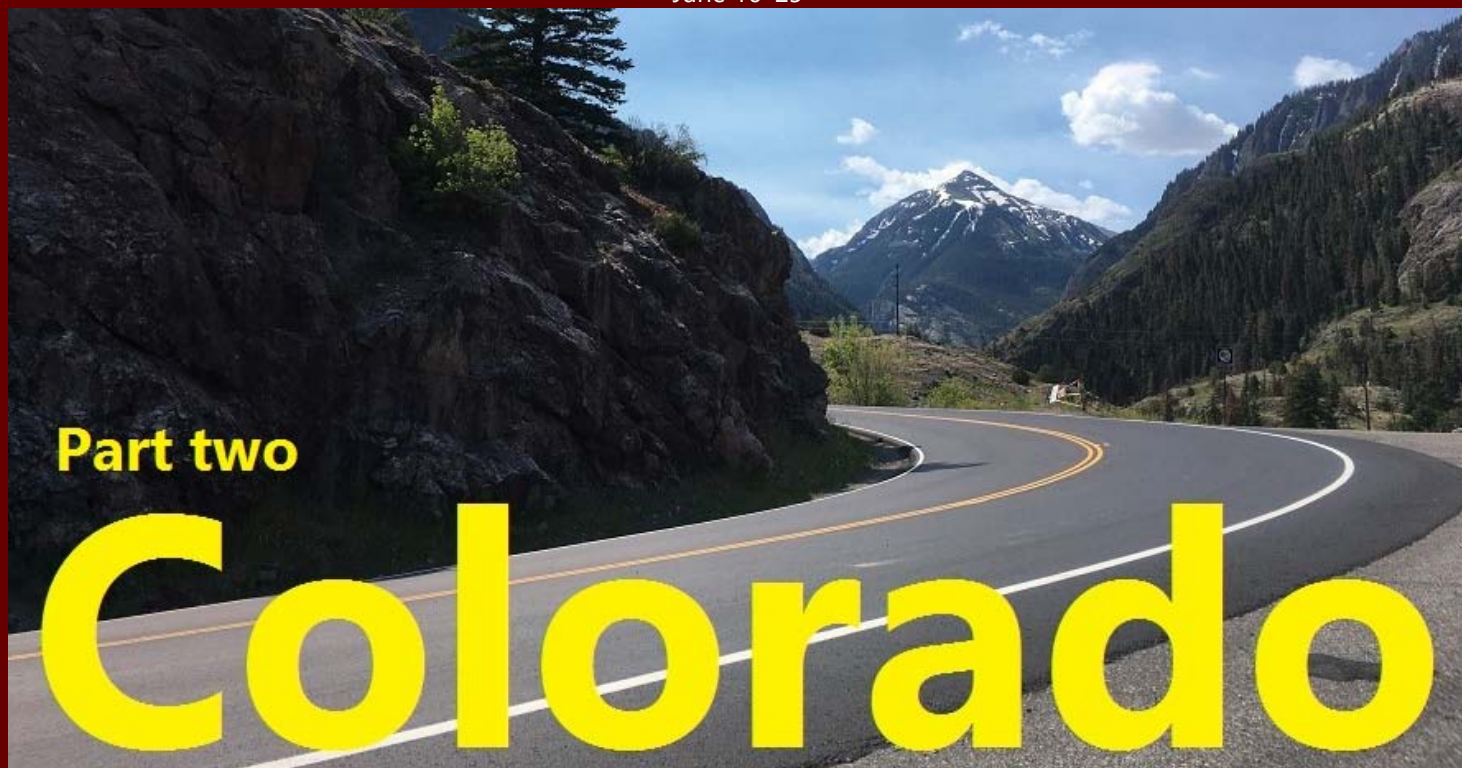
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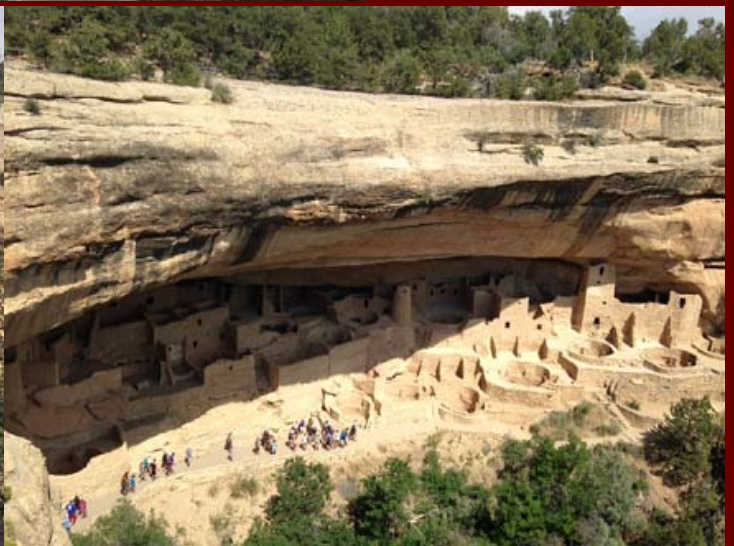
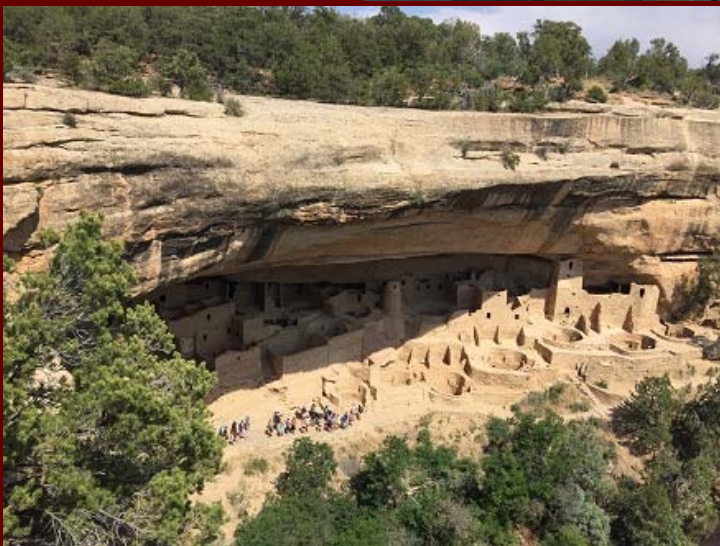
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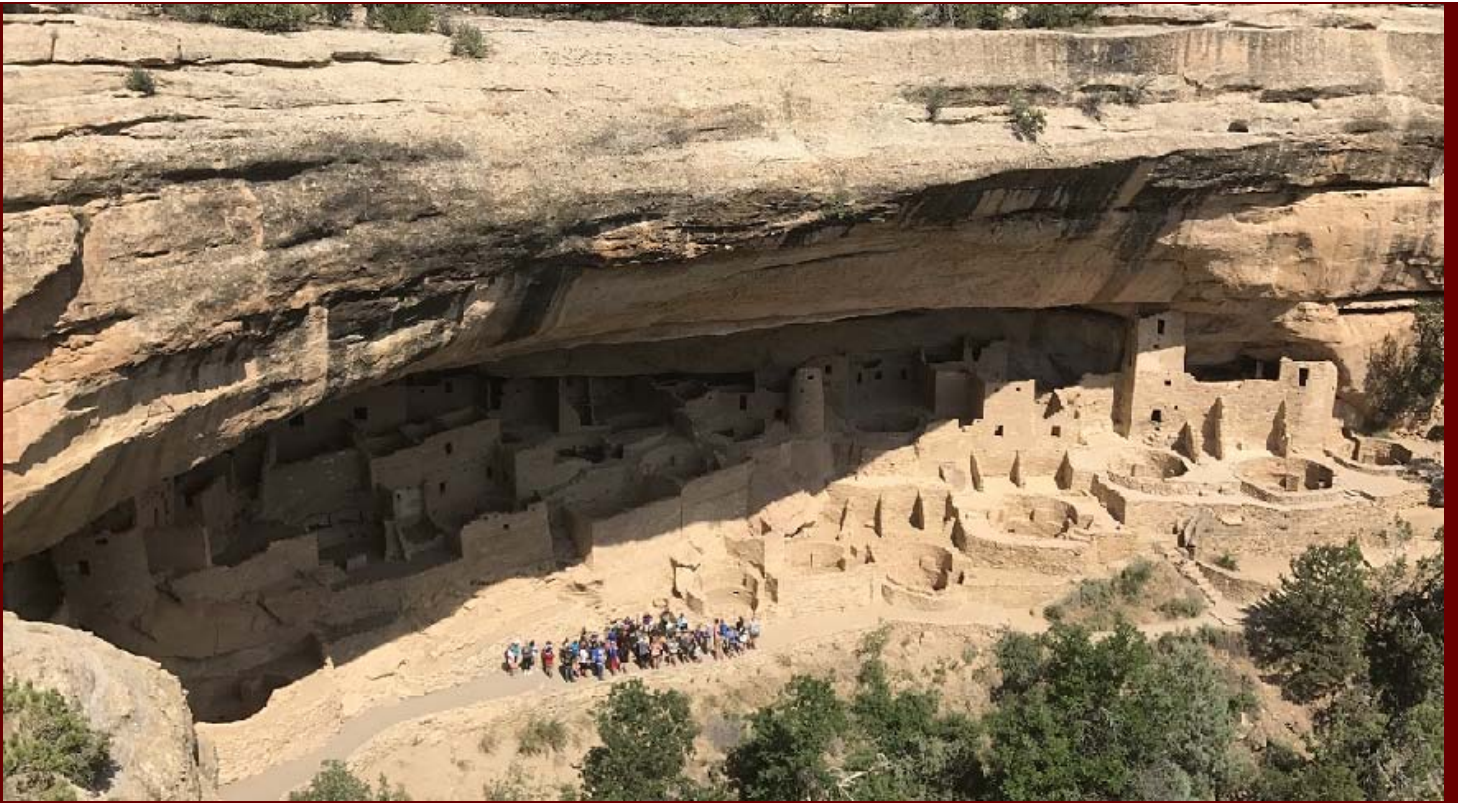
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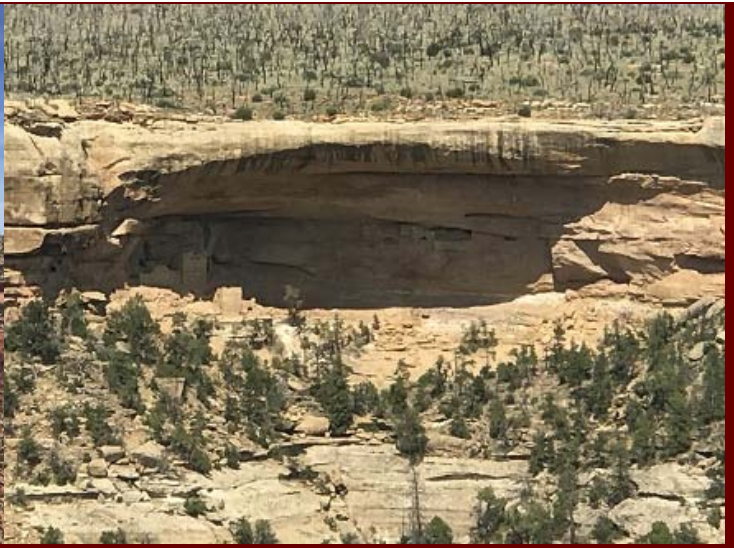
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Ely, Nevada





Feather River Canyon weekend ride, August 26 and 27.





Taking a break





Antlers Motel, Chester



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