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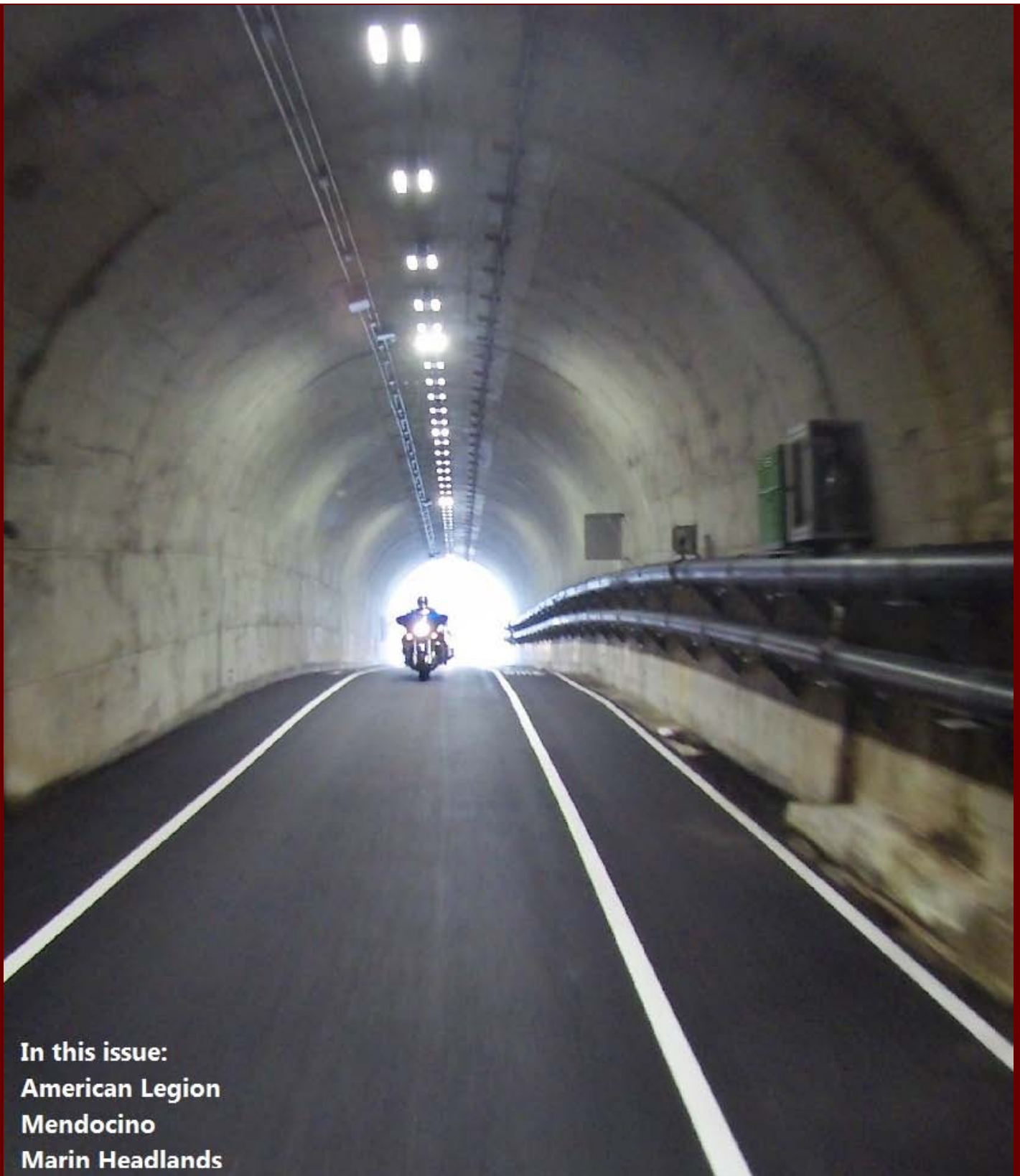
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Redwood Riders Review



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Ben Johnstone

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October 2017

Hello Redwood Riders!

I am writing this on my phone while vacationing in Canada. We are traveling to Nova Scotia to see the fall colors. This is the first real vacation by air/car that Barb and I have taken in the past 15 years.

Traveling by car is more difficult in some ways than traveling by motorcycle. We stop every hour on the motorcycle. In the car there is a tendency to keep going for much longer periods which leads to stiffness and other physical pains. There is also the climate control battle. The car has individual controls but takes longer to affect a change than one of us can stand. That results in a very large change in the temperature control often followed by a large change in fan settings. Shortly thereafter the fan is judged to be too strong whereby the vents are closed. This causes the air flow on the other side of the car to increase even more. Sigh! On the motorcycle climate controls by one person have no effect on the other person.

When travelling by car I take more notice of the number and type of motorcycles I see. In Canada there seems to be a slightly higher percentage of motorcycles in the cities. Baggers are the predominate type with Harley's, Harley clones, and cruising sport bikes in equal numbers. Sport bikes, cafe racers, and scooters are a distant minority. Loud pipes are very rare. Once out of the city, Spyders became more evident.

Oh yea, the leaves are starting to turn as well. The farther east we go the more we see them.



My lovely wife at the falls

By Ben Johnstone ~ President



Secretary's report



Sharon McMillan

Redwood Riders Monthly Meeting

September 19, 2017
China Village, Rohnert Park

Opening Statement: President Ben Johnstone read a letter to our club from the American Legion thanking us for our participation in their recent charity event.

Ben talked about our group rides and how we should handle stop signs. The custom has been four bikes going through. The next in line should stop unless cross drivers motion for the group to continue on without stopping.. The law requires a stop at the limit line. We should wave thanks to those that let us go through. A parade permit allows a group to control an intersection and pass through without stopping.

Complimented our Safety Officer, George, for the videos he has made available in the newsletter. It is good information and helps improve our riding skills.

Our elections are coming up. Nominations will be made at our October meeting.

Road Captains – contact Mike. There is a planning session coming up for next year's rides to be held at Mike's house on Oct 22nd. There is a possibility of having a week long ride. The membership was given a sheet for feedback suggestions and ideas for 2018 which includes day rides, overnight rides and rides for a week or more.

Our next board meeting will be held on January 8th. This will be the first meeting of the newly elected officers. Ben said he will not consider being president for next year. Added that he likes the friendships that have been made because of the club.

Minutes: Sharon read the minutes from the August meeting.

Treasurers Report: DeeDee gave treasurer report.

Membership Report: Marcel said we have 80 members which is the same as last month. There are 71 riders and 9 co-riders.

Newsletter – Ben complimented Marcel for the job he has been doing on our newsletter. Marcel asked for more ride photos to be submitted for inclusion in the newsletter.

Tours and Events: Mike reported on past rides. The American Legion ride was a good ride, with a good turn out by our membership. Included a BBQ lunch and raffle prizes at the Vila Chanticleer.

George's ride to the Marin Headlands had to be called off due to rain with thunder and lightning. It is rescheduled for tomorrow, Sept 20th. Individual photos will be taken of each rider with the Golden Gate Bridge in the background.

Sept 17th, Wade led our ride to the town of Mendocino and lunch at the Mendocino Café. Good turnout.

Upcoming Rides in 2017:

Oct 6, 7th and 8th – Lost Coast Ride. Preride was done and the route was changed due to the poor road condition at the Lost Coast. Lodging will be in Fortuna with Saturday a day to see the area including the town of Trinidad.

Oct 15th – George will lead our ride to Williams.

Oct 25th will be the annual Pumpkin Blaster ride to Lathrop and will be led by Ben.

Nov 4th will be the last ride of the year that meets at 9 to leave at 9:30. With the end of daylight saving on November 5th, our rides will then meet at 9:30 to leave at 10.

Safety Officer: George talked about target fixation. Motorcycle rider video shows that you should be turning your head in the corners.

When leading a ride, the road captain should stop and give the group a chance to catch up.

Old Business: None

New Business: Wade announced that the Ukiah Harley dealer will be putting on a poker run on Oct 14th. He will lead our club for the ride and would like to see a good turnout of the Redwood Riders.

Paul Benkover wanted the members to know about motorcycle riding videos by Kevin Morris. There are a total of 48 videos. You can see them at MotorcycleRider.com.

Terry Perry talked about the MIA project coming up on Tues, Sept 26. They will leave Johnny Java at 7:30 and head to San Andreas to escort a deceased service person for burial that has no known family.

Vicky Weber shared her experience of having her motorcycle picked up by a tow truck due to a dead battery.

Gretchen told of having to replace the battery in the key fob of her bike which is required on newer bikes to be able to ride them keeping the motor running.

50/50 Raffle: First prize was won by Cathy Calleja which was headwear.

Second prize was won by Carole Gonzales which was a bottle of wine.

Third prize for a microfiber towels was won by DeeDee.

Fourth prize won by Ben was a bag of Peets coffee.

Fifth prize went to Laurie Darling which was a flashlight.

Sixth prize was a dozen of eggs which won by Rosalie.

The 50/50 raffle was won by John Zulauf. He donated his portion back to our charity.

Adjourned 7:55.

By Sharon McMillan ~ Secretary



Tours & Events



Mike Holden

Rides and Events

October 2017

September Rides:

September 9 - The Redwood Riders supported the American Legion riders on a 2-1/2 hour benefit ride around Sonoma County culminating at Chanticleer Park in Healdsburg for a trip-tip barbecue. Our club represented nearly 50% of all of the bikes on the ride (23 of 49) - quite a showing of patriotism and the enjoyment of a good ride.

September 17 - Wade led a great ride to Mendocino over some very interesting and beautiful roads, culminating with

lunch at the Mendocino Cafe.

September 20 - Was a rescheduled date from September 13 (rainout). George led the ride to the Marin Headlands where the weather cooperated if you don't count the fog that blanketed the Golden Gate bridge and made pictures impossible.

October Rides:

October 7, 8, 9 - Gretchen will lead a ride to the north coast with possible visits to Ferndale, the Victorian town, the tidepools at Trinidad and the Avenue of the Giants overnighting in Fortuna. Do not miss this one.

October 15 - Posted as a ride to Williams, led by George which means the destination may change if he finds a more interesting route or destination. Be there.

October 22 - Road Captain meeting to determine rides for 2018. Send your suggestions to Mike or any Road Captain. If you would like to become a Road Captain please come. The meeting will be at Mike's house, 167 Cypress Loop, Bodega Bay.

October 25 - Follow Ben to the Pumpkin Blaster in Lathrop. Great ride and a great time. How can you beat a day shooting pumpkins out of a big gun?

By Mike Holden ~ Tours and Events Director



Safety Officer's Tip of the Month



George Homenko

Cornering, part 2

Hello Redwood Riders,

In the last newsletter I editorialized on the basics of cornering. If you missed it you can read it at:
<http://www.redwoodridersmc.com/Archive/September%202017/Newsletter%20p2%20business.html>

In the article I linked to a good video on one the basics of cornering. That basic element being the turning of your head in the direction you want your bike to go.

At the last meeting "Sportster" Paul mentioned to me about another video by the same author that had a rather dramatically demonstrated the effects of "Target Fixation", aka "not turning your stupid head".

Here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9hPx9T_Aqw

In this video there is a rather bad wreck, but the rider seemed to be unhurt. In the proverb "a picture is worth a thousand words" this video is worth a million. The driver executes a turn doing the opposite of pretty much everything I have preaching the last few months. Please look at the video and list the errors made by the rider before you read my list of what I saw.

Here is my list:

- Target fixation on the guard rail.

- *The bike tends to follow your nose. Its just that simple, turn you head. I have found that on my K1200s if I rotate my*

body in the direction of the turn I am much smoother and confident in turns. Give it a try.

- Entering the turn on the inside of the corner.
 - If road conditions allow (which is almost all the time) enter a turn from the outside of the corner driving through the inside apex of the corner. This does a couple of things: it makes the corner less sharp and allows better visibility to see through the turn. And I also think it gives you more time to adjust your turn speed.
- Hitting or staying on the brake when in the turn.
 - Adjust your speed before the turn. I know this is easier said than done, but practice it. Remember your bike will almost always handle more turn than you think. Lean the bike more to make the turn. This will also help you avoid a high side crash which can cause the most harm to driver and machine.

I hope you found this informative and I promise to get off this subject in the coming month.

By Safety Officer BMW George



Membership



Marcel Svizzero

Membership Report

October 2017

New members

None this month

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	



Steve Cook

Tom Cooke

By Marcel Svizzero ~ Membership Director

Buletin Board

Upcoming elections, the process.

Nominations for the 2018 slate of officers will be made at the October meeting. The election will be at the November meeting. Further nominations can be made before the election.

Please attend the October meeting if you wish to nominate someone.

Be sure to attend the November election night meeting to vote for your favorite candidate.

New ride time coming soon.

Soon, the ride time will change to 9:30 am and departure by 10:00 am from Shari's in Rohnert Park. Be sure to check the departure time on the calendar.

Ride Photos (Please)

Please, everyone take pictures on the rides. Even if you only think of taking one, send it to me. Everyone has a different point of view when it comes to taking pictures. It is great to get a variety of shots for the newsletter. The best picture of the month will go on the cover of the newsletter.

Hotline

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

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 shirts

If you want a club shirt, here are the choices.

T shirts - Long sleeves or short sleeves

Sweat shirts - with or without hood

Colors - Black, Red, White

Sizes - Any size you specify

Every shirt will come with an embroidered RRMCMC Logo on the front and a silk screened logo on the back.

We must have a total of 24 items to submit an order. See Marcel to order or email at.

membership@redwoodridersmc.com

All preorders must be paid in advance.

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.

New style hats are a success!

So far, we have sold 35 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

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.

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.

By Marcel Svizzero ~ Membership Director

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Editorials

Wisdom of the month



My broom is in the shop

From various Internet sources, public domain ~ Editor



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



Tom Cooke

MOTORCYCLE MAMA

October 2017

One of the many cool things about the Redwood Riders Motorcycle club is that our vibe and culture attracts many, many female riders. Indeed some of our founding members and Board Members are women. Our club is much more interesting and dare I say "warm" because of the presence of our lady riders. On many rides they constitute about half of the folks on the ride. This is something to celebrate and enjoy. As we know, many motorcycle clubs are less than welcoming to female riders...but not so with the Redwood Riders... no macho posturing or sexism to be found there.

The poem below was written by a self described "Motorcycle Mama", though not a local person or a member of our club. Still, we will borrow her poem to commemorate and celebrate the ladies of the Redwood Riders.

Motorcycle Mama By Sonya Walker

Flying leathers with the wind,
engine roaring at top speed,
black-gloved hands gripping handles,

Gypsy blood flows in her veins,
home is where she rests for the night,
she knows the greasy menus by heart,

golden wings crown her glory,
she's no brother, she's no angel,
she's Motorcycle Mama,
hot to go at green light,
making heads turn at the
unusual sight.

Fifty-five and still a looker,
sitting on her black-leather throne,
she's the queen of the asphalt,
daring anyone to pass her,
don't let her flawless skin and,
sky-blue eyes deceive you,
she's tough, she's rough,
she's Motorcycle Mama,
ain't that enough?

at all the truck stops along her route,
men tip their hats as she stops by,
paying respect to the leathered queen,
standing six-feet tall in her boots,
she sure is a sight to be seen.

Her bike is her pal of many years,
never letting her down,
always faithful and ready to go,
not like ex-husbands with broken vows,
promising her diamonds and the moon,
and who hung around for a while,
riding her bike and eventually leaving,
cause it wasn't their style.

Submitted By Tom Cooke



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



Paul Albert

Vacation this month



Have you seen this?



AKASO EK7000 4K WIFI Sports Action Camera

Ultra HD Waterproof DV Camcorder 12MP 170 Degree Wide 4K Ultra HD Action Camera. Professional 4K 25fps & 2.7K 30fps video with 12MP photos at up to 30 frames per second for incredible photos, which is 4 times the resolution of traditional HD cameras.

Wireless Wrist Remote Control Sports Camera. With a wrist 2.4G remote, you can capture the world in an all-new way. Controlling the camera, framing shots or recording video is convenient.

Longer Battery Life. AKASO EK7000 action camera comes with 2 rechargeable 1050mAh batteries. Each battery can record up to 90 minutes. No more worry about the recording time for this action camera.

Built-In WIFI & HDMI, edit & share your action in minutes. Just



download App(iSmart DV) on your phone or tablet and connect with this action camera. Wi-Fi signal ranges up to 10 meters.

100 feet waterproof camera. AKASO EK7000 is designed to withstand extreme environments, together with durable waterproof case. With the accessories, transform it for indoor and outdoor activities.

\$72.99 at Amazon with FREE SHIPPING

Very highly rated by several thousand buyers - 4.5 of five stars ~Editor



This month's 50/50 raffle Grand Prize winner



John Zulauf

Other winners:

First prize was won by Cathy Calleja which was headwear.

Second prize was won by Carole Gonzales which was a bottle of wine.

Third prize for a microfiber towels was won by DeeDee.

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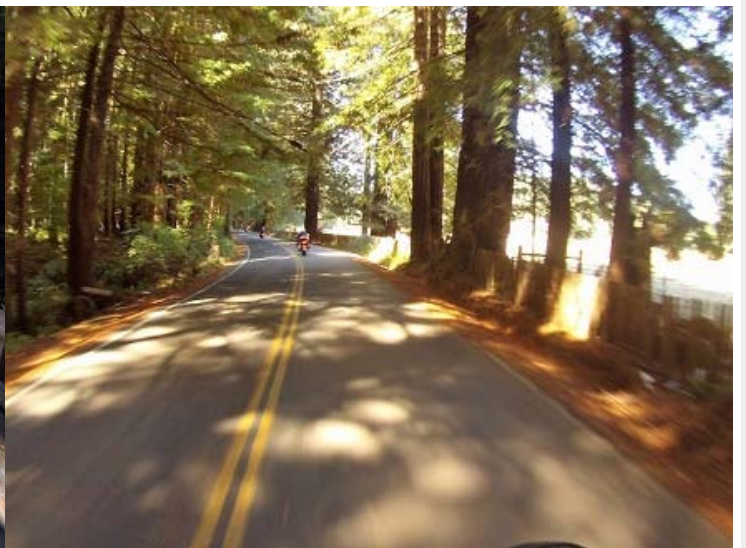
American Legion Ride

August 9, 2017



Mendocino

August 17, 2017







Marin Headlands
September 20, 2017







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*See Sponsor page for discounts and codes.



Club Gear

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

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Long Rides

None in September



Happy Halloween

More rides to come

We go places!

