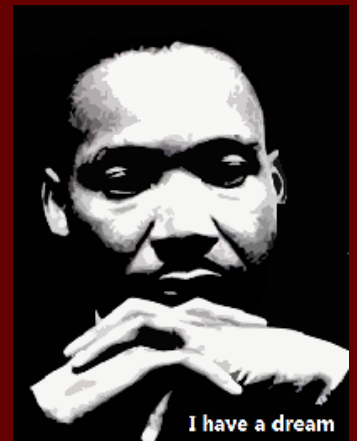




Redwood Riders Review



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Submitted by Mike Holden

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President's foreword



Gretchen Tom

Prez Sez

January 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I can't believe we are "rolling" into 2018! I am looking forward to serving as our club's new President, and I believe, our first woman President!

When I started riding back in the 80's, there weren't a lot women riding their own bikes. But, now, there are so many women riding, and riding all makes of motorcycles.

I want to thank Ben again for serving as our President for the past 2 years. He's done a great job leading our M/C club. I hope I can do the same with the help of the other board members.

I believe that we have exciting year ahead of us with fun rides, lots of miles, new memories and long lasting friendships.

If you haven't ridden much lately, and your bike has been sitting, please check out your motorcycle making sure it's ready and safe to ride.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2018 on our rides!

In the Wind.....Gretchen

By Gretchen Tomm ~ President



Secretary's report



Sharon McMillan

Redwood Riders Monthly Meeting

December 19, 2017

China Village, Rohnert Park

Opening Statement: President Ben Johnstone was out of town. Vice President, Gretchen Tomm conducted this month's meeting. Our club had 25 members that attended this year's Cloverdale toy run. Ben wanted to thank the members for their support for this annual event.

Gretchen recognized Ben with a certificate for leading the club on the Cloverdale toy run for missing turns along the way. Another recognition and certificate went to Robyn for being the only one stopped by the CHP while on the Santa led ride.

Minutes: Sharon read the minutes from the November meeting.

Treasurers Report: DeeDee provided the treasurers report.

Membership Report: Marcel reported that we have 80 members. It's time for annual renewal and dues are due. Members on one bike with a passenger need only submit one renewal form with one dues. Otherwise, each rider needs to complete a renewal form and dues.

Marcel said the ride calendar will be posted in the newsletter each month on the Bulletin Board.

He reminded everyone to take pictures on the rides. The cover page photo will be Marcel's choice with picture credit shown.

Tours and Events: Mike Holden was not in attendance. Wade Roberts provided a list of the upcoming rides for January

Jan 6 – Ride to Coppola Winery

Jan 8th – Board meeting at George's house

Jan 16th – Monthly meeting at China Palace

Jan 21st – Ride to Stinson Beach

Jan 27th – Annual After Holiday Party at China Palace

Wade said that there will be regular email reminders sent out to the membership before each event.

Safety Officer: George talked about additional lights on your bike and will be providing information on purchasing them. Mentioned oscillating headlights used to be more common than they are now. BMW's have a flash button. George offered to help anyone that wanted assistance in mounting lights. Some bikes have brake lights that flash off and on when applied.

Wade suggested riding with high beams to help being seen.

Gretchen said she added extra rear lights to help being seen.

Old Business: None

New Business: Gretchen mentioned our upcoming party on Jan 27th and that Melisa is putting it together for us. There will be a gift exchange with a \$10 minimum value. There will be games and prizes. A silent auction will be held this year and the proceeds will go to our Ceres Charity. Any items you have that you would like to donate for auction need to be given to Melisa beforehand so she can get it set up. Nothing can be accepted the day of the party.

Guests were introduced. We had Glen and Kathy Gillis in attendance. They are former members returning our group. Our other guest was Dennis Szelestey.

Bob Gonzales let the membership know that Mark Quam has had shoulder replacement surgery.

Raffle: First prize was won by Cathy Calleja which was a bag of Peets coffee.

Second prize was won by Sharon McMillan which was a gift certificate for the Dollar Store.

Third prize was won by our guest, Dennis Szelestey which was a holiday mug.

Fourth prize was a bottle of wine won by Cathy Calleja.

Fifth prize was a dozen of eggs won by Carole Gonzales.

Sixth prize went to Bill Burnett which was a box of candy.

Seventh prize was won by John Zulauf which was a gift certificate for the China Palace.

The 50/50 charity raffle was won by DeeDee

Sharon



Tours & Events



Wade Roberts

Rides and Events

January 2018

Well, here we are in 2018 and ready to ride, but before anything else I would like to take a moment to thank our past tours and event and Head Road Captain Mike Holden for all the great leadership and rides he led us on for the past 2 years. With Mike as our leader, we never had to worry where we would be riding, eating, or sleeping. Mike always had our best

interests in mind, laying out every ride for us so that all we had to do was Ride. So Mike, "Thank you," from all the Redwood Riders. We all applaud you for the time you spent on our behalf.

Well Riders, we have a great year planned out for us, with many new adventures and places to see. At the beginning of each month my goal is to send out E-mails with all the activities and up-coming rides that month. I believe E-mails are the best way for us to keep informed of all the rides, meetings, and any changes that come up during the month.

Remember Riders, when coming on a ride make sure your bikes are in good running condition; your tires have enough air and your tanks are always full of gas. This is a great habit for all of us to get into and it doesn't hold up any of the rides.

Our First Ride of the Year is Saturday, January 6th to ""Coppola Winery"" and Mike Holden will lead this ride. Meet at Shari's in Rohnert Park at 9:30 we will leave at 10 am.

Our General Meeting is Tuesday, January 16th at China Village on Highway 116 and Redwood Drive in Cotati. We meet between 6 pm and 7 pm for eat and greet and to socialize, the meeting will start at 7 pm.

Our Second Ride is Sunday, January 21st ""Stinson Beach"" and George Homenko will lead this ride. Meet at Shari's in Rohnert Park at 9:30 am, we will leaving at 10 am.

On Saturday, January 27th we will be having our belated Christmas Party at the China Village Restaurant, this starts at 12 noon and ends at 3 pm. There will be a pot luck lunch served, cost to members \$20. Every member that comes and their quest will need to bring 1 wrapped gift each around \$10. for the secret Santa exchange. We will also have games with prizes, and a silent auction.

Your Tours And Event Person ""Wade""

By Wade Roberts ~ Tours and Events Director



Safety Officer's Tip of the Month

Making Yourself Visible on the Highway



George Homenko

Two Rock motorcycle crash sends 4 to hospital Saturday

THE PRESS DEMOCRAT | December 16, 2017

Four people were injured, including two children, when a pickup truck turned in front of a motorcycle Saturday evening near Two Rock west of Petaluma, authorities said. The motorcyclist suffered major injuries in the crash and was taken to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, according to the California Highway Patrol. The condition of the 46-year-old man was not available late Saturday, according to a hospital spokeswoman. The accident occurred in the 3100 block of Pepper Road, near Bodega Avenue, when a 35-year-old woman driving a Chevy Colorado performed a U-turn in front of the motorcyclist, the CHP said. Also in the truck with the woman were two children, ages 3 and 10. All three suffered minor injuries and were also taken to Santa Rosa Memorial.

I woke up this morning and saw the above news release in the Press Democrat. Articles like this happen all to often. I don't know anymore than what the press release says but I can read between the lines and guess that the woman in the truck never saw the motorcycle coming at her.

This month I would like to discuss physical ways to make you and your motorcycle more visible while driving and avoid not being seen. It can be as simple as wearing a bright helmet or clothes to having additional or modifying your driving lights. Today I will be focusing on lighting as a way to be better seen on the road.

For those of you that know me you know that I ride with two bright yellow driving lights on my K1200s. People say to me "boy those are bright" and my reply is "yes they are". About a year ago I was driving in my car and I saw a pair of BMW GS riders coming at me. One of the bikes had bright yellow driving lights on. The bike with the yellow lights on, stood out to me and was much more noticeable. That is when I decided to install similar lights on my daily rider. From what I could find on line, it is legal to have yellow lights facing forward on a motor vehicle in the state of California. Granted mine may be to bright for some officers of the law, but I am willing to take that risk in order to stand out on the road. I do ride with the yellow lights off or dimmed down at night.



There is just no way that these lights don't help me stand out while driving on the road. I don't use the yellow lights when I am within a group of bikes. They are to annoying to my fellow riders, who are stuck with me a couple of seconds behind

them. In my mind a group ride is a special situation and one of the safest ways to ride amotorcycle. Just the fact that you are riding in a pack makes all the motorcycles in the group stand out and much more noticeable.

Here are couple sources I found for the yellow LED driving lights.

<https://www.clearwaterlights.com/>

https://www.aliexpress.com/store/product/2x-GOLDRUNWAY-Black-USA-U3-Motorcycle-LED-30W-Waterproof-Driving-Headlight-Fog-Light-for-BMW-For/604837_32804967153.html?spm=2114.12010608.0.0.19rVUB

The second link is what I have installed. You will need to purchase some additional snap on yellow lens from Clear Water Lights. Another way to make your bike more visible is to install a headlight oscillator. These were a very popular several years ago and I really don't know why they have fallen out of favor. They work on the theory that oscillating the brightness of your headlight makes the motorcycle stand out better on the road. They can be adapted to most bikes and when driving in the daytime your headlight will oscillate. At night a sensor returns the headlight to its original steady on setting. Here is a You Tube video on the principle for both tail lights and headlights.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbQclGuy4CY>

One company that makes these devices is Signal Dynamics at: <http://www.signaldynamics.com>

If you already have some LED driving lights on you bike and want make them to flash in order to be more visible, I found a very inexpensive and easy to install controller. I have been using it on my bike for over 6 months and have found it very reliable. Once installed in between the power line to your LED driving lights you can then control their brightness and oscillations via a radio frequency remote. At less than \$2.00 its a damn good deal. Please note this controller only works on LED lights.

https://www.ebay.com/itm/Mini-11-Keys-Useful-RF-Wireless-Remote-Controller-Single-Color-LED-Strip-Dimmer/132282762317?_trkparms=aid%3D222007%26algo%3DSIM.MBE%26ao%3D2%26asc%3D49564%26meid%3D32c8670e65bc482481d9248251d7550b%26pid%3D100005%26rk%3D5%26rkt%3D6%26sd%3D391787580475&_trksid=p2047675.c100005.m1851

I would be happy to assist anyone in the club who may have additional questions or need help in installing a device mentioned above.

BMW George
By Safety Officer BMW George



Membership



Marcel Svizzero

Membership Report November 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	



December

Rodney Lee Allen
Graham Balfour
Bryan Ballard
Paul Benkover
Dee Dee Dargence
David Donati
Tim Madura
Larry Petrucci
Scott Thompson

January

David Albritton
Rob Grassi
Robert Gonzales
Mike Holden
Paul Kenny
Terry Perry
Trisha Shew
Arlene Svizzero

By Marcel Svizzero ~ Membership Director

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Buletin Board

Post Holiday Party

Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club

Annual After Christmas Party

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Location: China Village
8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati

Time: Noon - 3

Cost: \$20



Gift Exchange: bring a gift as we will be doing a gift exchange
(\$10 suggested maximum)

SILENT AUCTION

Bring some extra cash to bid on our auction items. This is to
help raise money for our charity – Ceres.

PLEASE RSVP to Melisa Brown

You can give Melisa money at our December meeting or mail to:

Melisa Brown, 200 4th Street, #240, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

if mailing – please checks only AND

make payable to RRMC



RSVP NO LATER THAN JANUARY 20

For further info call

Melisa Brown at 707-246-3520

2018 Ride Calendar located below

New! Annual ride calendar.

The calendar is now listed under the "Calendar" item on the main menu of the main website.. You will be able to see all rides including long rides on this page for planning purposes. So if you want to participate on a long ride, you can make long range vacation plans.

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. Send your pictures to:
foxxnetmarcelo@yahoo.com

New! Newsletter Index. Revised.

Now you can find past articles and product reviews easily with the new index page. There are three links, "Monthly " for overall view, "Products" to find reviewed products, and "Rides" to find pictures of previous rides. Check it out - [INDEX](#)

The index can be accessed by clicking the "Newsletter" or "Archive" tab on our main site, Redwoodridersmc.com or by clicking any "Archive" link in 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. Order your hat from Marcel at a meeting, on a ride or by Email. Contact for questions or ordering - foxxnetmarcelo@yahoo.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. 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.

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

2018 Ride Calendar

January:

Sat, 6th - Coppola Winery, Mike leads
Sun, 21st - Stinson Beach, George leads

February:

Sat, 3rd - Suisun, Gretchen leads
Sun, 18th - Progressive ride - Wade leads

March:

Sat, 3rd - Gualala, Melisa & Vicki lead
Wed, 14th - Woodland, Mike leads
Sun, 18th - Buddhist Temple, Wade leads

April:

Sat, 7th - Oakdale, Larry leads
Wed, 11th - Colusa, Bob leads
Fri-Sun, 20th-22nd - Solvang, Ben leads - **Long ride 3 days**

May:

Sat, 5th - Clear Lake, Wade leads
Wed, 9th - Rain Day Makeup (TBD)
Sat/Sun, 19th/20th - China Camp, Larry leads - **Week end overnight ride**

June:

Fri-Sun, 1st-3rd - Reno ride, Randy leads - **Long ride 3 days**
Wed, 13th - Mendocino, Mike leads
Sun, 17th - Freeport, Gretchen leads

July:

Sat, 7th - Cache Creek, Ben leads
Wed, 11th - Alice's, Michael leads
Fri-Sun, 20th-22nd - Gold Beach, Gretchen leads - **Long ride 3 days**

August:

Sat, 4th - Photo Shoot, George leads
Wed, 8th - Winters, Bob leads
Sat/Sun, 18th/19th - Skunk Train, Wade leads - **Week end overnight ride**

September:

8 day, 8th-16th - Oregon, Washington, Columbia River Gorge, Mike leads - **Long ride 9 days**
Sun, 23rd - Covelo Ride, Melisa leads

October:

Sat/Sun, 6th/7th - Monterey, George leads - **Week end overnight ride**
Wed, 10th - East side/West side, Melisa
Sun, 21st - Calpella, Ben leads

November:

Sat, 3rd - Blackhawk, Ben leads
Wed, 14th - Rain Day Makeup (TBD)
Sun, 18th - Bay Model, George leads

December:

Sun, 2nd - Cloverdale Toy Run, Ben leads

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Editorials

Wisdom of the month



From various Internet sources, public domain ~ Editor



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



Tom Cooke

Protective Clothing

January 2018

When we were young, naive and reckless we felt invulnerable. And I sure do miss it. But alas, time marches on and hard learned lessons and wisdom replace faux invulnerability. For example once upon a time, many of us rode with altogether inappropriate riding clothes. Let's focus first on the jacket. Sure you can saddle up and go with most anything on your upper body if you know for 100% certain you are not going to go down. Of course if you do go down, your hands, elbows and shoulders may end up looking like an extra from a horror movie after Freddy Kruger caught up with you. On the other hand, a jacket with "armor" aka think nylon pads around your elbows, spine, shoulders will go a long way in preventing mutilation or a least lots of road rash if you have a riding mishap and end up on the pavement. On your hands, gloves made specifically for riding will protect you far better than ordinary leather gloves. Here again, riding gloves have extra protection on the parts of your hands that are most likely to be shredded doing a defensive maneuver if you come off the bike and go down. The same idea applies to riding pants. You need protection there. Leather chaps are good as are jeans with a Kevlar butt and nylon knees. Ordinary jeans will rip up badly in a crash along with your epidermis. Biking chaps or Kevlar enhanced jeans offer much more protection. When choosing footwear be sure and cover your ankles for torsional support along with good thick leather throughout. Be sure the soles are non-slip and not worn smooth. Ordinary shoes, especially running shoes will shed when scraped on the pavement

and the same will occur to your feet. All of this protective gear costs far less than a single trip to the emergency room. Spend what is needed for good motorcycling duds. If mullah is tight, look for used gear. If you're lucky a fellow Redwood Rider may have some hand me downs to share.

Rubber side Down
Over and Out,
Tom



Tech Corner ~ by Scott Thompson, technical advisor and staff writer



Scott Thompson

Winterize Your Bike

January 2018

Winterize your bike. (For 2-3 months)

We may not like it, but Winter is here. And as the air cools off and the snow starts falling, most of us begrudgingly store our bikes and impatiently wait for spring to ride again.

But storing your bike in the winter isn't as simple and just throwing a cover over it and hopping in the car. In order to keep your motorcycle in top running condition, there is some work that needs to be done before storing it for several months (talk about adding insult to the injury of not being able to ride!)

However, if you properly get your bike ready for winter storage, it'll make getting it running again when the riding season begins a whole lot easier, and prevent any unwanted surprises such as dead batteries, corrosion, and rust spots (or worse.)

Depending on what kind of motorcycle you ride there may be different things that will need to be addressed, but there is some general wisdom on how to get it ready to be stored for the winter. Your main enemy during winter storage is damage from moisture, so most of our winterizing efforts will be aimed at keeping that away from your bike. In addition, we'll give some love to your fuel system, battery, tires, and all your moving parts as well.

With just a little prep work using these ten simple steps, you'll save yourself a lot of time and hassle come spring time, and your bike will be ready to hit the road as soon as you are!

Ten Simple Steps to Winterize Your Motorcycle

1) Surface Prep

Washing your bike when nobody will see it for a few months anyway can be a drag, but giving your bike a thorough cleaning before storage is important; letting bug guts or water spots sit on your paint can corrode the finish permanently. Wash your bike and dry it completely to get all the moisture off the surfaces (an electric leaf blower is a great way to get all the nooks and crannies really dry.)

Add a coat of wax, which will act as a barrier against moisture and rust. Finally, spray exposed metal surface with WD-40 to displace all moisture (fun fact: the WD in "WD-40" stands for water displacement) and to give them a protective coating against corrosion.

2) Change Oil and Filter

Change your [oil](#) and [filter](#). It's better for your lubrication system to have fresh oil sitting in it for several months than to have used, broken down oil in it, not to mention the last thing you'll want to do when riding season begins is change the oil before you can go ride. Using a winter weight oil like 5W30 can help it start up easier come spring time as well.

If you're going to be storing your bike for a long time (4-6 months or more) you will want to protect your engine's internals against moisture by coating them lightly with oil. You may not be able to see it with your naked eye, but the cold winter air is perfect for moisture to gather in your engine and cause rust to form on your pistons and cylinder walls.

In order to do this, remove the spark plugs and put a little squirt (about a tablespoon) of engine oil into the holes, then turn your engine over a few times to coat the cylinder walls by spinning the rear wheel with the bike in gear. Once everything is coated, replace the [spark plugs](#).

3) Lube Moving Parts

Keeping moving parts [lubed](#) during the winter will help keep moisture from building up on them and causing any rusting or binding. Any part of your motorcycle that needs to be lubed at any point should be lubed again before storage. Some parts to check are: chain drive, cables, controls, fork surfaces, and any other pivot points.

4) Prep Fuel System

Gas tanks have a tendency to rust when not in use, and untreated pump gas breaks down and becomes gummy over time. To prevent rusting and make sure your fuel is ready to run after a few months in storage, you'll want to fill your tank completely with fuel treated with a product like [Sta-Bil Fuel Stabilizer](#).

On your last ride of the season, stop in at the gas station nearest to where you will be storing your bike and add the proper amount of fuel stabilizer, then top off the tank. A full tank will keep moisture from building up on the tank walls, and adding the stabilizer before the short ride home will help mix the gas and stabilizer together and run it through your fuel system before storage.

Note: Another method that some advocate is to drain the tank and fuel system completely. This is more troublesome to do, and requires that you treat the inside of the tank with fogging oil to prevent rusting. This method may be preferred for very long-term storage (6 months or more), but for winter storage, a full tank of treated fuel is easier and completely safe to do for both carbureted and fuel-injected bikes.

5) Safeguard Battery

Batteries have a tendency to self-discharge when sitting over time, especially when they remain hooked up to the bike. The easiest way to combat this is to hook up a battery tender like the [Battery Tender Super Smart Junior](#) which uses smart technology to monitor the charge and keep the battery topped off without overcharging. Normally you should pull the battery from the bike for storage, but with a smart tender you can also connect the tender with the battery left in the bike. Before doing this, make sure the electrodes are clean and corrosion free; if necessary, clean them off and give them a light coating of grease.

6) Protect Tires

If your tires are left to sit in the same position all winter long, they could develop flat spots. Keeping the tires off of the ground will prevent this, so if you have [Motorcycle Stands](#), put the bike up on them for storage. If you don't have stands, try to get at least the rear tire off the ground, or you can rotate your tires by rolling your motorcycle slightly every few weeks. If you need to leave your tires down on concrete, put a piece of carpet or plywood under them to keep any moisture from seeping into them.

7) Check Coolant/Anti-freeze

If you'll be storing your bike somewhere that gets below freezing, make sure you have adequate levels of [anti-freeze](#) in your coolant system. This is very important; if you run straight water in your coolant system and it freezes, you could come back to a cracked head in the spring!

8) Plug Out Pests

Mice and other rodents are notorious for hiding from the cold inside exhaust pipes and making homes out of air filters. In order to avoid any furry surprises when it's time to ride again, plug up your pipes with an exhaust plug like the [BikeMaster Rubber Muffler Plug](#). You can also simply stuff your air intake and the ends of your exhaust with some plastic bags - but do use bright colored bags or tie something to them so you don't forget take them out when you fire up the bike!

9) Keep it Covered

With your motorcycle fully prepped for winter, invest in a proper [motorcycle cover](#). A quality motorcycle cover will not only keep dust off the bike, but will keep the moisture out so it doesn't get trapped underneath it, and create corrosion or rust. If you're storing it outside, be sure to get a cover with tie downs to prevent it from blowing loose in wind. If you're storing it inside you're in much better shape, but you should still use a cover to prevent dust from building up on it.

10) Theft Protection

If you're storing your bike outside, bear in mind that being parked unattended for months at a time makes it an easy target for theft. In addition to protecting your bike from weather, using a cover will conceal it from view, and securing it with a heavy lock and chain can give you some peace of mind. If you'll be storing your bike anywhere it can be accessed by others, read our guide on [How To Keep Your Motorcycle From Getting Stolen](#), and consider investing in some security measures.

With your bike fully prepared for a few months of hibernation, you'll find that the winter is the perfect time to get done any maintenance or upgrade projects that you've had on your mind. [BikeBandit.com](#) sells all kinds of upgrades that will make you

feel like you're hopping on a whole new motorcycle come spring time. You may not be able to ride in the snow, but nothing is stopping you from getting your hands a little greasy and actually starting one of those projects that you've been thinking about all season!

Source

<https://www.bikebandit.com/blog/post/ten-steps-to-winterize-your-motorcycle>

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Submitted by Paul Albert, freelance writer



Paul Albert

Winter Storage

These suggestions are for those who park the bike for the next few months and wait out the Winter. So, winter storage. What is the best approach.

First of all buy a small bottle of StaBil additive, and a good battery tender. Fill up the gas tank to the top, add the recommended Stabil. A full tank will reduce the chance of the inside of the gas tank to rust. Slightly shake the bike to mix the Stabil. Place the bike in the location where it is going to sit for the next few weeks.

Run the bike for a few minutes and turn it off. Hook up the battery tender, plug it in and cover the bike. Walk away. DO NOT start the bike every week or so and let it idle for a few minutes. That was old school. Your fathers method has been proven to cause more harm than good.

If you do start it, make sure to actually ride it for at least 20 minutes.. Honda has done research and found, short runs will have the potential for more damage to the engine and transmission.. Moisture and condensation can build up.

Another issue is the moisture and acid build up is what causes the clutches in the transmission to stick together. Sometimes requiring an expensive teardown to correct.

See ya in the Spring...

Automotive oil in your bike? ~ Reprinted from Goldwing Docs.

This topic comes up so often, and while I was at Wal-Mart (seems like the only place I can find the oil I use) yesterday, I took a few pictures to show how to determine which is OK to use.

Here are two bottles of oil - both are very high quality Mobil 1 full synthetic. The one on the left, the 10W-40 "High Mileage" is what I have used with great success in my GL1500 for many years. It smooths transmission shifts, and keeps the engine quite clean.



Two bottles of Mobil 1 full synthetic oil

Looking at the back labels, we can see everything we need to know...



The back side labels

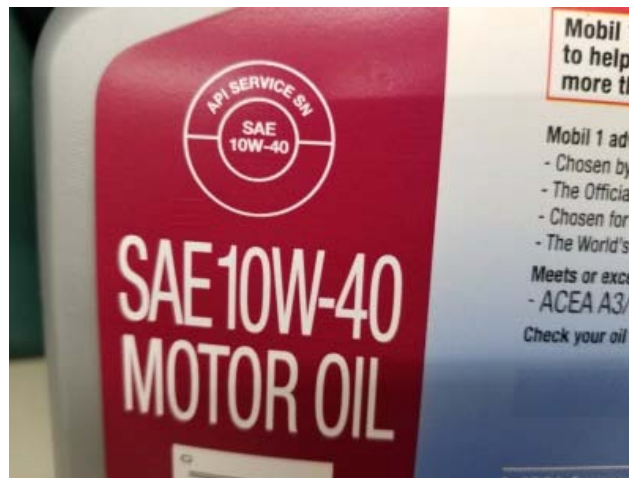
Looking at the API badge below, this 5W-20 oil shows "Resource Conserving" in the bottom half of the badge. Any oil that says "Energy Saving", "Resource Conserving", or something of the sort in the bottom half of this circle has friction modifiers - which is unacceptable for use in a motorcycle with a wet clutch. It will cause clutch slippage, and can lead to damage.



This oil is not OK to use

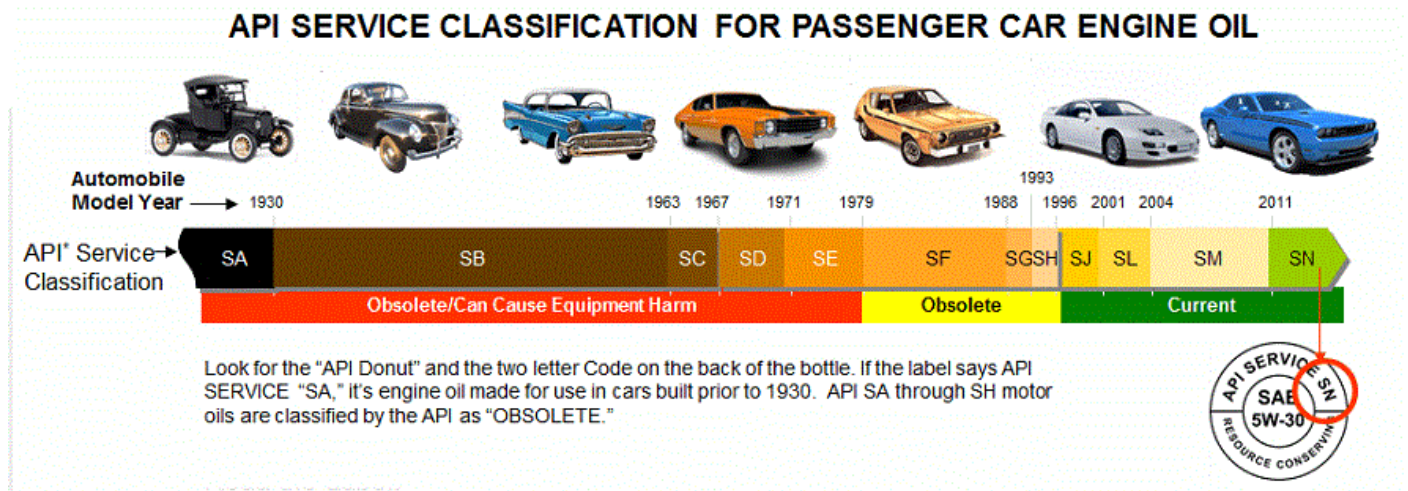
This is the 10W-40 oil that I use below. Notice that there is nothing in the bottom half of the label, which indicates that this oil

does NOT contain friction modifiers.



This oil is OK to use

The top half of the label shows that this is an SN service oil. My GL1500's owner's manual specifies oil with an API classification of SF or SG. Does this mean that SN oil is no good? Have a look at this chart below:



API Label History

Interesting that SF oil hasn't been specified in vehicles for the most part since 1988, and SG oil since 1993, yet it is still specified as standard for my 2000 model year GL1500!

The ratings are backwards-compatible. So if your bike's manual says to use SG oil, you are good to use SG, SH, SM, SZ...basically anything coming after SG will work great (actually better) than the obsolete SG oil.

Reprint submitted by Marcel Svizzero ~ Editor



This month's 50/50 raffle Grand Prize winner



Dee Dee Dargence

Other raffle winners:

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Fifth prize was won by Carole Gonzales which was a dozen of eggs.

Sixth prize was won by Bill Burnett which was a box of candy.

Seventh prize was won by John Zulauf which was a gift certificate for the China Palace.



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Local Rides

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Samples of our week end and week day rides.

Cloverdale Toy Run



Ukiah



Delta



Sausalito



Lakeport



Alice's Restaurant



Woodland



Cache Creek



Mendocino



Marin Headlands



Mystery ride to Delta





Pumpkin Blaster



Foster's Big Horn





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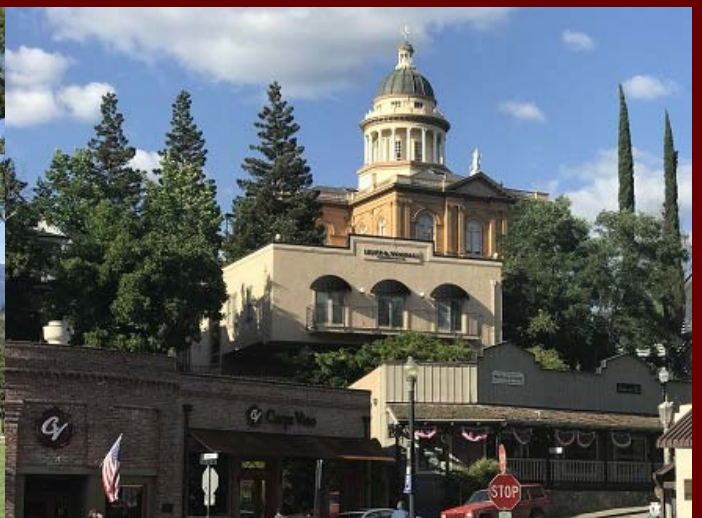
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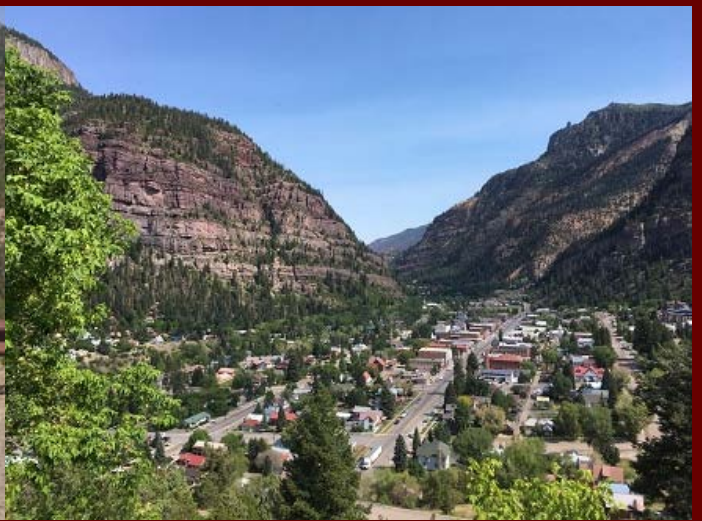
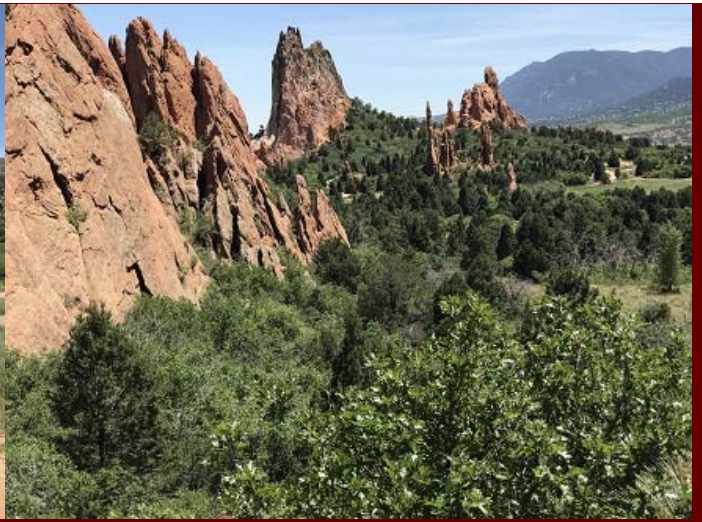
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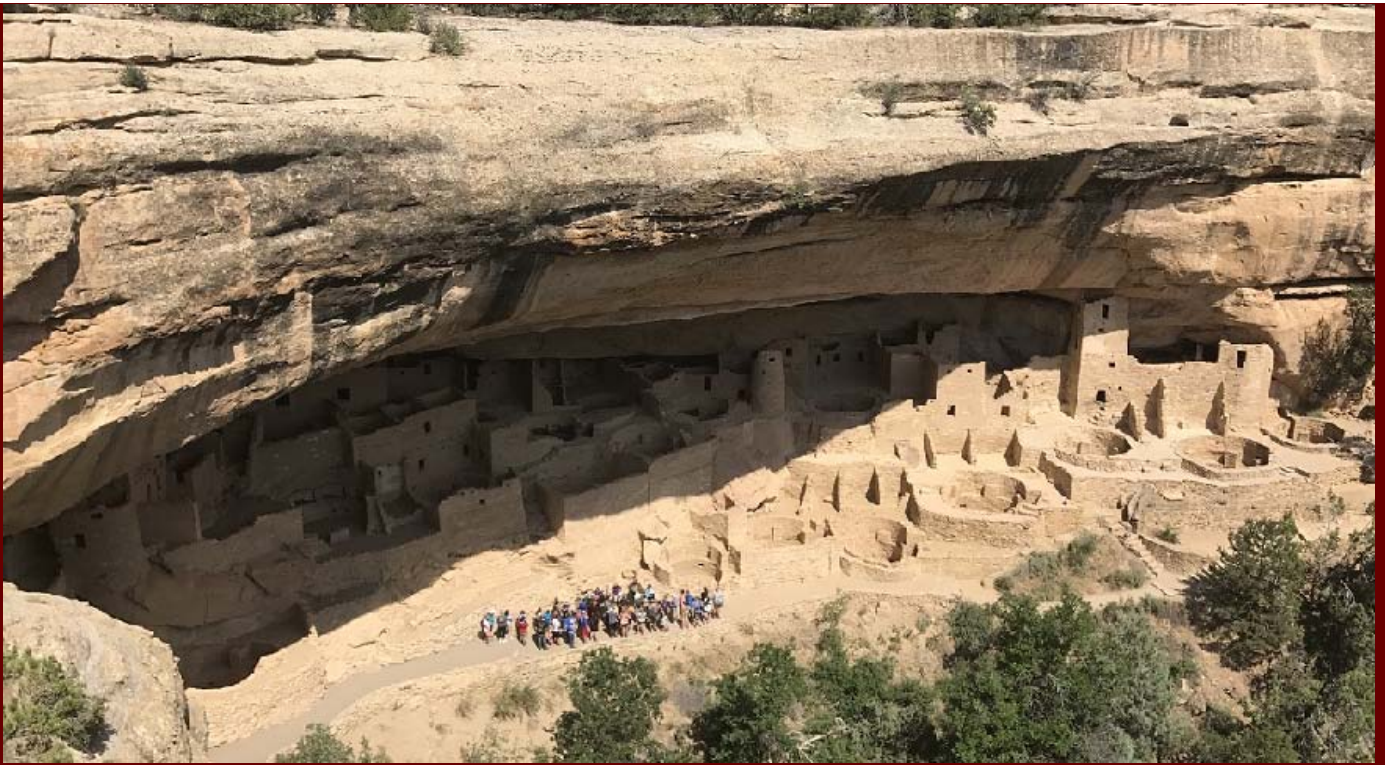


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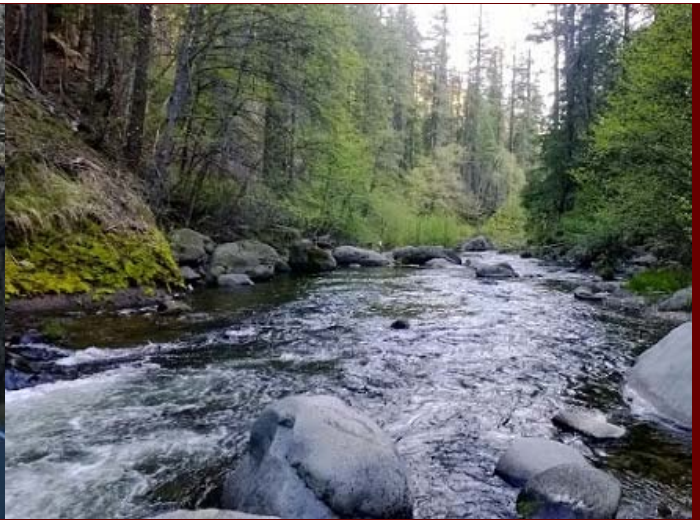








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