

Redwood Riders Review

March 2018

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NEXT ISSUE

Look for a Feature Article about the Ceres Community Project, the official charity of the RRMCC. It is a fantastic organization which nourishes the critically ill & empowers teens! Until then, check out their website!

www.ceresproject.org

Welcome to the umpteenth iteration of the Redwood Riders Review, the Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club's monthly newsletter. First off, I want to thank Marcel Svizzero for all his hard work as the club's previous Newsletter Editor & Web Master! Keeping you, our members, up to date on the club's activities is a time consuming task and his efforts are much appreciated! Secondly, I apologize in advance for such a loooong issue - since I skipped the February issue, there was a lot to catch up!

I hope you find the new format easy to read and chock full of relevant information. If you have any suggestions or would like to contribute to upcoming issues, shoot me an email! New sections will be incorporated in future issues.

I am also in the process of updating our website to a more user friendly interface and a new look - stay tuned! - Robyn, your Media Mistress

"Prez Sez..."

Hey fellow riders! I can't believe we are into March already, with spring just around the corner.

So far, we've been very fortunate to enjoy really nice weather on our rides, and the participation has been great.

I want to say a big THANK YOU! to Melisa for a nice job on our After-Christmas Party. All who attended enjoyed friendship, good food, fun games and other crazy gift exchange.

How many actually went home with a gift they really wanted? If you did, you were lucky! LOL Our 1st Silent Auction did very well! Thanks to all who purchased all but one of our 23 items. With the Silent Auction money and our monthly raffle, we have a grand total of \$1,700 to donate to our charity Ceres. Excellent job!

In the wind..... Gretchen



Membership

by Dee Dee d'Argence - *Treasurer & Membership Director*

Membership Stats



NEW MEMBERS

DECEMBER

Charles Johnson

JANUARY

Ron Lamarzana
Zissimos Zissimatos
Mike & Julee Sherman
Glen & Kathy Gillis
Dan & Jennifer Schilling

FEBRUARY

Rick Wallenstein
Robert Banks
Aaron Lynch

MEMBERSHIP

Full Memberships	46
Co-Riders	10
Provisional Members*	9
TOTAL	65

*New Members in 2018

RIDER STATISTICS

Men	40
Women	15

***We Have Members From
5 Counties & 25 Cities!***



RRMC MEMBERSHIP CARDS

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

Need to renew your membership?
Contact Dee Dee
membership@redwoodridersmc.com



JANUARY

Paul Kenny
Terry Perry
Mike Holden
Arlene Svizzero
Rob Grass
Robert (Bob) Gonzales

FEBRUARY

Kathy Gillis
Glen Gillis
George Homenko
Silvia Schagerer
Michael Turpin
Randy Mack

MARCH

Rosalie Mack
Shirleen Perry
Linda Holden



Safety report

by "BMW George" Homenko - *Safety Officer*

Buying & Storing Motorcycle Tires

OK I'm cheap! With that said, it is very hard for me to pass up a deal.

Last summer, Cycle Gear had a very good price on a pair of highly rated Bridgestone tires. I had just purchased tires for my K1200s not a week before these became available. So, I bought them, although I would not need them for a while (please see the second sentence in this paragraph).

Now, I need to mount them on my bike. That started me wondering about how long you can keep motorcycle tires before you should mount them. I have heard a lot on this subject, but I wanted to get my information from a reputable source. So, I did what everyone does, I Googled the subject. I stayed away from blog posts and discussion boards. I can get those opinions from my biker friends over a cup of coffee. Here is what I found.

Continental Tire has a massive web page and if you dig down far enough I came to this site:

<https://www.continental-tires.com/motorcycle/more-than-tires/faq>

If you go to the site, scroll down until you see "Aging of unused tires" and click on that section.

Here is part of what you will find:

"Stored as recommended (e.g. in a cool, dry place not exposed to direct sunlight, chemicals, or other ozone effects), the tire will retain its balanced product profile for a long time."

"Up to five years after its production date, a correctly stored, unused Continental tire can be sold and used unconditionally like a new tire. However, Continental advises against selling or using used tires with an unknown history."



OK you can store tires up to 5 years from the production date if stored properly. Fortunately for me my wife has a wine cellar and it is a cool, dry and dark space. And it had room for 2 tires.

That does bring up one other question and that is how do you know when your tires were produced? This is also addressed at the Continental site:

"The production date stamp of any tire can be found on the sidewall after the "DOT" logotype stamped there. (Note: the date stamp is only located on one side of the tire)."

"In the case of tires we produced after 1999, the last four figures indicate the production date, with the first two representing the production week (and thus ranging from "01" to "53") and the last two the production year (e.g.: a tire with the marking "DOT XXXXXX2715" was manufactured in the 27th week of 2015)."

Now I would like to put a plug in for a local Santa Rosa company, The Motorcycle Shop located at 3383 Airway Dr. They will mount and balance a tire that was not purchased at their store for \$25 plus a disposal fee of \$4.50 and the cost of any weights used, if you bring the wheel in off the bike. For those of you that find that removing the rim is more than you want to do, I would call them and get a quote for changing a tire on the bike. Amounts can change depending on your ride because varying degrees of difficulty of removing the rim. I have found them to be fair and fast.



General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - *Secretary*

February 20th 2018



Opening Statement: President Gretchen Tomm opened the meeting at 7 PM with the absence of our Sgt at Arms, Rosalie Mack, who is recovering from a broken ankle. Gretchen thanked Melisa for putting together a great After Holiday Party. We had 42 attend. This was the first year we had a silent auction at our party and it brought in \$609 for our Ceres charity.

We will be delivering our check in the amount of \$1700 to Ceres on Monday, Feb 26th at 3 PM which will include a tour of the facility. We'll meet at Shari's at 2 PM and if the weather is good, we will ride our motorcycles. Gretchen will send out an email by that Monday and advise what the plan will be. Our donation to Ceres last year was \$720.

Minutes: Sharon McMillan read the minutes from the January meeting.

Treasurers Report: DeeDee provided the treasurers report.

Membership Report: DeeDee Dargence reported that we have 44 returning members and that we have added 9 new members for a total of 53.

Tours and Events: Wade Roberts gave his report.

Feb 3rd – Gretchen Tomm led our ride to the Athena Grille in Suisun. There were 24 motorcycles, 25 riders.

Feb 18th – Ride to Capay was led by Wade Roberts with 14 bikes with 15 riders. There was a father and son, Garnett Jr & Sr that made the ride. The son was from Martinez and the Dad lives in Modesto.

March 3rd is our ride to Gualala which will be led by Vickie Weber and Melisa Brown. This ride will depart from Shari's at 10 AM

March 11th is the beginning of daylight savings time. Remember to spring forward 1 hour and this changes our riding times. We will meet at 9 AM and depart at 9:30.

March 14th is a Wednesday ride which will take us to Woodland. This will be led by Mike Holden or Wade Roberts. The ride will depart Shari's at 9:30 AM.

March 18th ride will take us to the Buddhist Temple in Ukiah for lunch leaving Shari's at 9:30. Remember the restaurant is cash only. This ride will be led by Wade Roberts.

March 20th is our next general meeting at the China Palace Restaurant

Wade also advised that he had club t-shirts available at the meeting for \$20.

Wade was complimented for sending out regular emails advising the members of upcoming events.

Safety Officer: George Homenko's safety presentation covered tires including how long they last, being able to read the coding on the sidewalls which provide the week they were manufactured followed by the year. Said the Motorcycle Shop on Piner Road in Santa Rosa will mount tires you purchased and bring in with your rims.

General Meeting Minutes

There will be a link in our newsletter with tire information he provided to the membership and additional info.

Old Business: Mike Holden provided an update on how John Zulauf is doing after his motorcycle accident. He is home and is walking. He won't be riding any more nor will be by flying.

New Business: New member joining at tonight's meeting was Aaron Lynch.

Robyn Chosy said she will have her first newsletter out for the March edition and that our new website is still a work in progress. She wants everyone's report to her by Friday.

Talked about Randy's upcoming three day ride to Reno on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd which will include attending the Reno Aces baseball game. Wade had flyers with ride and lodging information.

There are more overnight rides planned for the year, but no lodging or particulars available at this time.

Robyn was thanked for providing a map of the past week's ride along with photos taken on the ride.

Paul Benkover thanked Melisa for putting together our After Holiday Party and what a great job she did.

Gretchen asked if there were any questions from the membership and there were none.

Raffle:

1st prize – water bottle which was won by Gretchen Tomm

2nd prize – won by Aaron Lynch was a hood/face mask.

3rd prize – box of See's peanut brittle won by Melisa Brown

4th prize – Paul Benkover won a bottle of dessert wine

5th prize - Mark Quam won a box of candy

6th prize – Cathy Calleja received a key chain and an air release valve

7th prize – went to Bob Gonzales which was a gift certificate to China Palace

The 50/50 charity raffle was won by Dan Schilling in the amount of \$53. He turned it over to our Ceres charity for a total of \$106 going to Ceres.

Adjourned at 7:40



Tours & events

by Wade Roberts - *Tours & Events Director*

Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

Well Riders It been 2 mouths since are last newsletter and we have had some great rides!

The 1st ride of the year was led by Mike Holden to Coppola Winery on Saturday January 6th having 24 bikes, Thank you Mike.

The 2nd Ride was led by George Homenko to Stinson Beach on Sunday January 21 having 10 bikers, Thank you George.

The 3rd was led by Gretchen Tomm to Suisun on Saturday February 3rd having 24 bikes and 25 riders, Thank you Gretchen.

The 4th Ride was led by me on Sunday February 18th to Capay having 14 bikes and 15 riders.

On Saturday January 27 Melisa Brown put on a great After Christmas Party with 42 members participating, it was so much fun, Thank you Melisa.

On Sunday March 4th Vickie Weber/Melisa Brown will be leading a ride to Gualala, meeting at Shari's at 9:30 and leaving at 10 a.m.

*[*Editor Note: Date updated. Original date Sunday March 3rd]*



Remember, Sunday March 11th will be Daylight Saving Time, all rides will now meet at Shari's at 9 a.m and leave at 9:30 a.m.

On Wednesday March 14th will be the 1st Wednesday ride of the year, I will be leading this ride to Woodland having lunch at Kitchen 428 Restaurant. We will meet at Shari's at 9 a.m leaving at 9:30 a.m.

On Sunday March 18th, I will be leading a ride to the Buddhist Temple in Talmage Calif meeting at Shari's at 9 a.m leaving at 9:30 a.m. We will be eating lunch at Jyun Kang Vegetarian Restaurant. Please bring CASH they do not accept anything else.

We have a lot of GREAT rides this year, so come out and have fun!

Ride & Event Photos Links

We have a NEW photo sharing repository - Google Photos! After every event & ride, an album will be posted and a shared link emailed to all members. Anyone who would like to share their photos is invited to upload them. Please contact Robyn, to obtain the credentials. ENJOY!

Links to past events & rides:

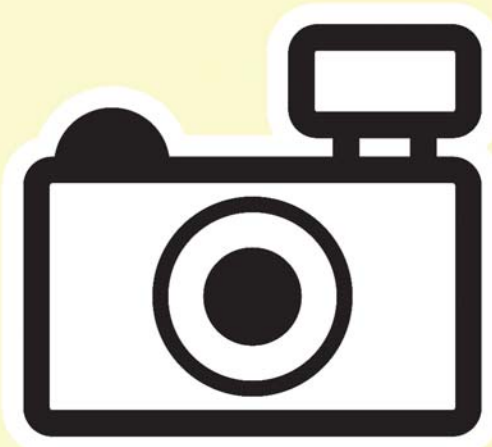
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Stinson Ride: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/NkHePIIf69iy9lg52>

Suisun Ride: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/SJbKXRwszXVpX1MY2>

Capay Ride: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/C0kDVTSDrSUo3vi2>



Rides & Events MARCH

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Check the MeetUp site for updates & last minute changes!

Ride departure time change to 9:30^{am} after March 11th

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GUALALA

Road Captain:
Melisa & Vicky

9:30^{AM} Meet
10:00^{AM} KSU

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BOARD MEETING
9:00^{AM}

**ROAD CAPTAINS
MEETING**
10:30^{AM}

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WOODLAND

Road Captain:
Mike Holden

9:00^{AM} Meet
9:30^{AM} KSU

Daylight Saving
Time Begins

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**UKIAH
BUDDHIST TEMPLE**
Road Captain:
Wade

9:00^{AM} Meet
9:30^{AM} KSU

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GENERAL MEETING7:00^{PM}

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TOM'S TaKE

by Tom Cooke - Contributor

The Gambler...

As that great song writer Kenny Rogers warned us long ago in his iconic song "The Gambler"...

"You got to know when to hold 'em,

Know when to fold 'em,

Know when to walk away...

Know when to run."

It occurred to me this sage advice applies to riding. How's that you may ask?

When should we hold em? Or ride? When the ride route is within our skill limit. When the speed of the ride is comfortable for us. When there is not ice on the road, or snow, or loose gravel if we are on a big bike, when the winds are not blowing a gale. When your riding companions are sober and sane.

When should we fold em? Or not ride? When the weather threatens snow, or hail, or heavy rain. You just can't cheat your way out of the laws of physics which apply to two wheels on ice or snow or puddles.



When the route is too demanding, twisty, composed of poor surface conditions.

When your companions are drunk or stoned. When you are not dressed right for the conditions...hypothermia will drop your skills and reaction time severely. Hyperthermia will muddle your brain and judgement also knocking your riding skills for a loop.

When your companions are riding faster than your skills or comfort level allow. Are we immune to peer pressure to ride a certain way now that we have attained a "mature age"? I really doubt it. We'll still want to keep up with young bucks riding recklessly if we are in their pack. This temptation is a bad idea which can easily result in a high-speed crash.

Most of us have been riding long enough to have seen bad things happen on bikes when you do not "hold em" and ride into danger with poor judgement. In a matter of seconds your life can change tragically for the worse. It is no fun to admit this, but it cannot be denied.

Now if you will humor me, I will return to the lyrics of Kenny Rogers, with just a minor edit.

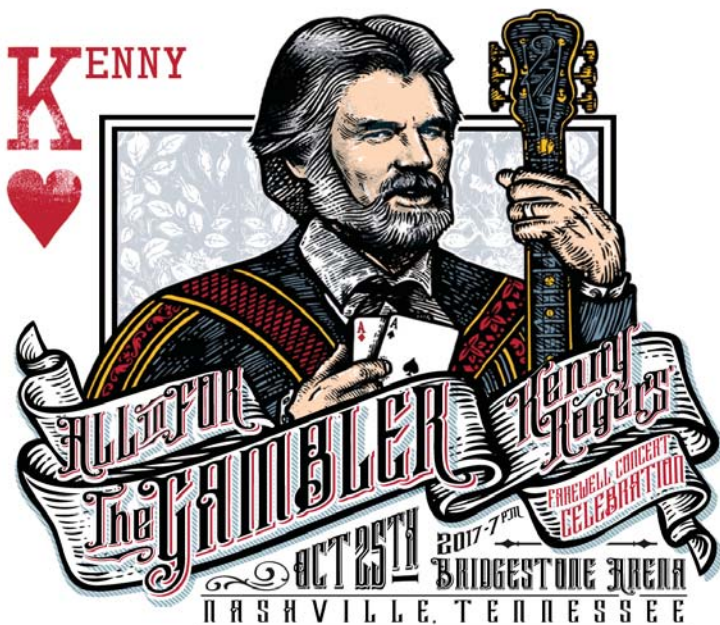
"Now ev'ry rider knows that the secret to survivin'

Is knowin' what to throw away and knowing what to keep.

'Cause ev'ry hand's a winner and ev'ry hand's a loser,

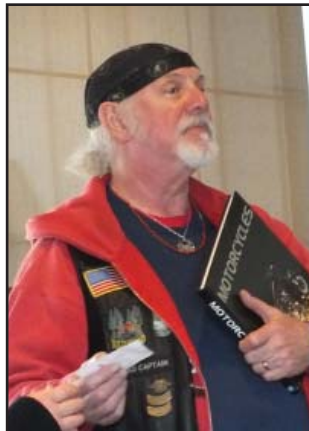
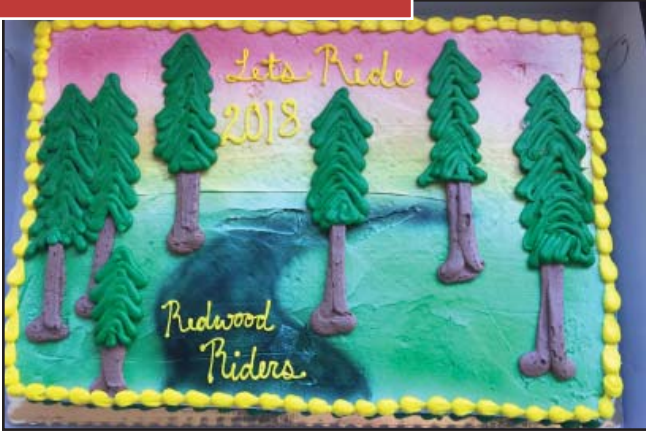
And the best that you can hope for is to die in your sleep."

Ta Ta for now, Redwood Riders.....Rubber side down.



After-Holiday Party

More Pix Online - See Page 6 for Link



Coppola Winery Ride

More Pix Online - See Page 6 for Link



Stinson Beach Ride



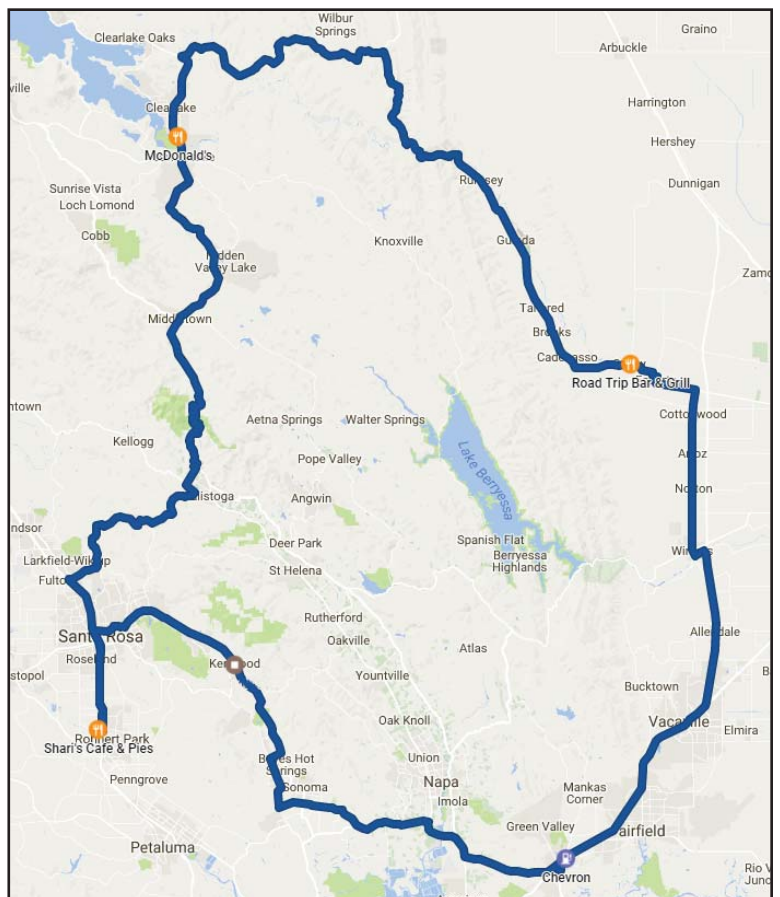
Suisun Ride

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Capay Ride

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Ride Info MeetUp Page - <https://www.meetup.com/Redwood-Riders-Motorcycle-Club/>

Wear Your Gear! Club Gear that is.... Contact Wade to order RRMHC hats & shirts!

General Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00^{pm} and located at China Village, 8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati (Central Cotati exit, one block west.) Come early & have dinner!

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