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Redwood Riders Review

May 2018

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"Prez Sez..."

by Gretchen Tomm - President

**We are great group of riders!
We are there for each other
on rides, like when our lead-
er had a mechanical problem
on our Solvang ride.**

If his bike wasn't fixed quickly, we arranged to "pack" he and his wife around with us for the day. Luckily it was repaired quickly by the local dealer, and the group was together on the road again to explore the area around Santa Barbara.

I'm sure most of us have had trouble with our bikes at one time or another. I know I have, like on a Sunday morning at 7 am in Wendover, UT when I went to start my bike and it was DEAD! Having good friends help in situations like that. I had an angel that drove from his Colorado home to get me and take me and my bike to



Colorado where Michael and I were heading. Otherwise, I would have had to wait until Tuesday morning for tow help. Also, make sure you have motorcycle tow coverage. AAA Premium covers your motorcycle for up to 200-mile tow. Just another tool to put in your tool pouch.

See you on our next ride!

In the wind..... Gretchen

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Membership

by Dee Dee d'Argence - Treasurer & Membership Director

Membership

MEMBERSHIP

Full Memberships	48
Co-Riders	10
Provisional Members*	10
TOTAL	68

*New Members in 2018

RIDER STATISTICS

Men	44
Women	14

**We Have Members From
4 Counties & 17 Cities!**

MAY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Heidi Bigall
James Boeddiker
Leonard Frow
Mark Quan
Mike Simi
Zissimos Zissimatos



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Safety Report

by “BMW George” Homenko - *Safety Officer*

Cornering Traction

How much traction do you have in a corner? Or what's your lean angle, buddy?

I came across another video from Kevin of MC Rider and thought I would pass it on.

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

When I saw this video, I thought Kevin was talking directly to me. I have always wondered just how far I can push it in a corner. This video helped alleviate a great deal of my fears. I do like twisties but I really don't like falling down. This video definitely gave more confidence in the turns. It also helped me understand what I can expect in the rain.



Some additional videos I found on cornering and wet road riding:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50D67txeYZg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J73XRDGPcpE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZS-V4HYCK6E&t=207s>

If anyone has a suggestion for future safety subjects, please feel free to contact me at Safety@redwoodridersmc.com

Keep the rubber down!
BMW George

Editors Note: For those of you who have not checked out YouTube's MCRider, I highly recommend you do so. The host, Kevin Morris, is an MSF / Total Control Certified Instructor based in the Dallas Texas area who produces weekly videos on motorcycle safety. He has a way of delivering educational content using real world examples that is not only entertaining but extremely valuable. Subscribe to his channel, MCRider, to get notifications of new videos for free. You may also consider becoming a "patron" for as little as \$3.00 per month to access his Field Training Guide which contains loads of exercises to improve your skills.

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General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - *Secretary*

April 17th 2018



Opening Statement: President Gretchen Tomm opened the meeting at 7 PM in the absence of Sgt at Arms, Rosalie Mack. Gretchen shared that our members Glen and Cathy Gillis were injured while participating in a HOG ride this past weekend. Their injuries were not serious. They did have some broken bones, but will be OK.

Gretchen let the membership know that the club website is now up and running thanks to Robyn.

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

Treasurers Report: Dee Dee d'Argence provided the treasurers report.

Membership Report: Dee Dee said our membership remained the same with a total of 61 members.

Tours and Events: Wade Roberts gave his report.

April 7th – ride to Oakdale to be led by Larry Petrucci was cancelled due to rain

April 11th – Colusa Casino ride, cancelled due to rain. To be led by Bob Gonzales

April 20th, 21st & 22nd – Ben Johnstone's three day ride to Solvang. Ben provided an overview of his route.

May 5th – to Clearlake to Richmond Bar and Grill led by Wade

May 9th - Wednesday ride will be a rainy day makeup ride. No one scheduled to lead at this point or to where.

May 19th & 20th – overnight ride to Jackson with Larry Petrucci leading. Checking for lodging

May 19th – Harley dealer in Ukiah is having a bike show

May 22nd – General meeting at China Village

Upcoming overnight rides:

June 1st, 2nd and 3rd - Reno/Aces ride with Randy leading. Lunch the first day will be in Chico, on to Lassen Park and a tour of the Lava Tubes and on to Burney for Saturday night. Next day on to Reno with lunch in Susanville. Sunday is home over Mt Rose into Tahoe City, Donner and Hwy 20 through Grass Valley.

July 20th, 21st & 22nd - is our ride to Gold Beach with Gretchen leading.

August 18th & 19th – Skunk Train ride staying in Fort Bragg.

Sept 9 – 16 – nine day ride up into Washington and into Victoria, BC

General Meeting Minutes

Safety Officer: George Homenko was not at meeting. Ben filled in for him. Talked about safety being in a group, easily seen and help if needed. Road hazards are pointed out by riders. Slow down to keep the group together if they get spread out. Scan way ahead. Painted lines can be slippery when wet. Watch out for "road snakes" which can be slick. Road dots at stop signs can be slippery. Bob Gonzales said to be aware of gravel in the center of the road when making turns. Tom suggested that when a large group is pulling into a motel parking lot, to make sure to move forward so the riders in the back of the pack are able to pull off the highway.

Old Business: Gretchen brought up the suggestion about individual profiles. This has been tabled.

Wade asked for hat orders from anyone interested in getting a club hat. Advised that other clothing items can be ordered directly from Toni Morrison.

New Business: Advised again that our new website is up thanks to Robyn. It is www.redwoodridersmc.com.

Raffle:

- 1st prize – was a collapsible cooler which was won by Ben Johnstone
- 2nd prize – went to Melisa Brown which was a Starbucks card
- 3rd prize – was a dozen of eggs that Melisa Brown won
- 4th prize – was won by Mike Sherman which was tea and Girl Scout cookies
- 5th prize – was a lottery ticket which was won by Sharon McMillan

The 50/50 charity raffle was won by Steve Darling. Steve donated a majority of his portion back to our Ceres Charity.

More General Meeting Photos in Google Photo Album:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/StDMI1lpzY2daEHU2>



Tours & Events

by Wade Roberts - *Tours & Events Director*

Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

Well Riders, May is here already. That means April showers bring May flowers and lots more riding coming our way!

I know I am ready for the rain to stop and the sun to shine, so let's do some riding!

Past Rides in April

Saturday April 7th - Oakdale. Larry leading. Ride was cancelled due to rain.

Wednesday April 11th - Colusa. Bob leading. Ride was cancelled due to rain.

Friday April 20th, Saturday April 21st & Sunday April 22nd - Solvang. This was the club's first overnight ride led by Ben Johnstone. It was a beautiful and enjoyable ride with the temps in the high 70's and into the 80's with clean air and blue skies, what else could we ask for on a ride. Ben did an excellent ride with many new and exciting roads, and a lot of new places to see and ride. I want to give a **Big Thank You** to Ben from the 11 bikes and 12 riders that went on this ride. We all had a great time with this 3-day ride, it was so much fun.

May Report

Saturday May 5th - Clear Lake. I will be leading this ride. We will be eating at Richmond Park Bar & Grill on the lake. Meet at Shari's at 9am; leave at 9:30am.

Wednesday May 9th - Make-Up Ride. I will be leading this ride to some exciting place. Meet at Shari's at 9am; leave at 9:30am.

May Ride Changes

Saturday May 19th & Sunday May 20th - Overnight to China Camp/Jackson is CANCELLED due to no rooms available in the Jackson area.

Saturday May 19th - Oakdale. Larry leading. Meet at Shari's at 9am; leave at 9:30am.

No Sunday Ride this month!

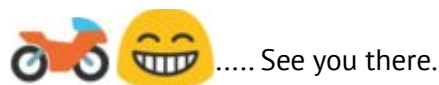


Reminder; Randy's Aces / Reno Ride

Friday June 1st, Saturday June 2nd & Sunday June 3rd - Reno / Ace's Ride. Randy Mack will be leading this ride. We will be meeting at Shari's on Friday morning June 1st at 7:30am and leaving at 8am SHARP with a full tank of gas.

If you have not made plans on going on this ride and would like to, you can get a hold of Randy or me at any time at ToursAndEvents@redwoodridersmc.com

So, Redwood Riders come out and do some riding! There isn't a better way to enjoy a great day but to ride with friend and have some fun!



Your Tours and Events - Wade



Rides & Events May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5 CLEARLAKE Road Captain: <i>Wade</i> 9:00 ^{AM} Meet 9:30 ^{AM} KSU
<div> Check the MeetUp site for updates & last minute changes! </div>						
6	7	8	9 MAKE-UP RIDE Road Captain: <i>Wade</i> 9:00 ^{AM} Meet 9:30 ^{AM} KSU	10	11	12
13 <i>Happy Mothers Day!</i>	14	15 GENERAL MEETING 6:00 ^{PM} Dinner 7:00 ^{PM} Meeting	16	17	18	19 OAKDALE Road Captain: <i>Larry</i> 9:00 ^{AM} Meet 9:30 ^{AM} KSU
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 RENO / ACE'S Road Captain: <i>Randy</i> 7:30 ^{AM} Meet 8:00 ^{AM} KSU	2 RENO / ACE'S Road Captain: <i>Randy</i>

Ride Travel Info



Riding season is here! We have a couple of 3-Day rides and an over-night right around the corner plus we have hotel info for our 9 day ride in September. **NOW IS THE TIME** to put in your vacation request at work, start socking away some extra cash, arrange roomies and make reservations! See Wade's Tours & Events on page 6 for more info!

Reno / Ace's Ride

June 1st Friday: Charm Motel, Burney CA (Phone 530-335-3300)
\$105 - Block of rooms reserved under Redwood Riders

June 2nd Saturday: Silver Legacy, Reno NV
\$110 - King. \$120 - 2 Queen beds; Book Online
silverlegacyreno.reztrip.com/ext/promoRate?property=1080&mode=b&pm=true&sr=300980&vr=3

Skunk Train

August 18th Saturday: Seabird Lodge 191 S Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437 (Phone 707-964-4731)

Oregon, Washington, Canada: September 8th - 16th

Sept 8th Saturday: Best Western 655 Highway 101 South, Crescent City, CA (Phone 707-464-771)
\$144 - 2 Queen beds

Sept 9th Sunday: Quality Inn 12 SW 4th street, Madras, OR 97741 (Phone 541-475-6141)
\$122 - 2 Queen beds. \$115 - King (AARP or AAA)

Sept 10th Monday: Best Western 211 W Umptanum Rd, Ellensburg, WA 98926 (Phone 509-925-4244)
\$139 - 2 Queen beds (AARP or AAA). \$136 - 2 Queen beds (Best Western Club)

Sept 11th Tuesday: The Marina Inn 3300 Commercial Ave, Anacortes, WA (Phone 360-293-1100)
\$138 - King or 2 Queen beds (AARP or AAA)

Sept 12th Wednesday: The Orca Inn 770 Mullis St., Friday Harbor, WA 98250 (Phone 360-378-2724)
\$99 - 2 Queen beds

Sept 13th Thursday: Surf Motel 290 Dallas Rd, Victoria BC V8V 1A6 (Phone 888-738-3399)
\$165 - 10% Discount 60yrs+ \$126. (In US Dollars as of today)

Sept 14th Friday: Comfort Suites Columbia River 3420 Leif Erikson Dr., Astoria OR 97103 (Phone 503-325-2000)
\$125 - King or 2 Queen beds (no View). \$129 - 2 Queen beds. \$134 - King (with river view) (AARP or AAA)

Sept 15th Saturday: Westward Inn 1026 Chetco Ave, Brookings OR 97415 (Phone 541-469-7471)
\$99 - King or 2 Queen beds (AARP or AAA)

Ferry - Purchase online at www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries

Wednesday September 12, 2018 9:05 am departs from Anacortes to Friday Harbor \$5.00
Vehicle:: Motorcycle - Vessel:: Samish

Thursday September 13, 2018 9:45 am departs from Friday Harbor to Sidney BC \$10.00
Vehicle:: Motorcycle - Vessel:: Chelan

Tom's Take

by Tom Cooke - Contributor

How Many Bikes?...Just One More!

How many bikes does one rider need?

Easy answer....just one more! Ha!

There are so many types and styles of bikes out there that are easy to love. But most of us, limited by finances or space to store bikes or both, are limited to one bike. So how to choose?

This quandary reminds me of the Loving Spoonful tune....*"Did you ever have to make up your mind? Have to pick up on one and leave the other behind"*. Here are a few random thoughts about how to choose your one faithful steed, if like most of us, you are bike monogamous.

What is your primary use for the bike?

Will it be lots of long distance touring? Obviously then a big, touring bike, with plenty of luggage capacity will be your huckleberry.

Or just scoot around town for errands with no long highway travel. Then no need for a big power machine. A nimble light bike will do fine.

How about some rides on fire roads and other unpaved byways as well as a bike good for street or highway travel? Then a dual sport, adventure bike is called for.

Some related things to consider are:

How strong are your legs shoulders and arms? If you are not strong, a lighter bike will beat a heavy one.

How good is your balance? If not tops, go for a lighter bike which will be easier in slow speed maneuvering.

Are you mechanically skilled? If yes, and are OK working on your bike, then a used bike will save you some coin. Motorcycle shops now bill labor at around \$100 per hour. It adds up fast.

If you are not mechanically inclined, a new bike or near new will keep you out of the costly repair shops. Like the motorcycle store might say "Pay me now or pay me later". Paying upfront for a newer bike will save you some heartache as you won't need to await the tow truck.

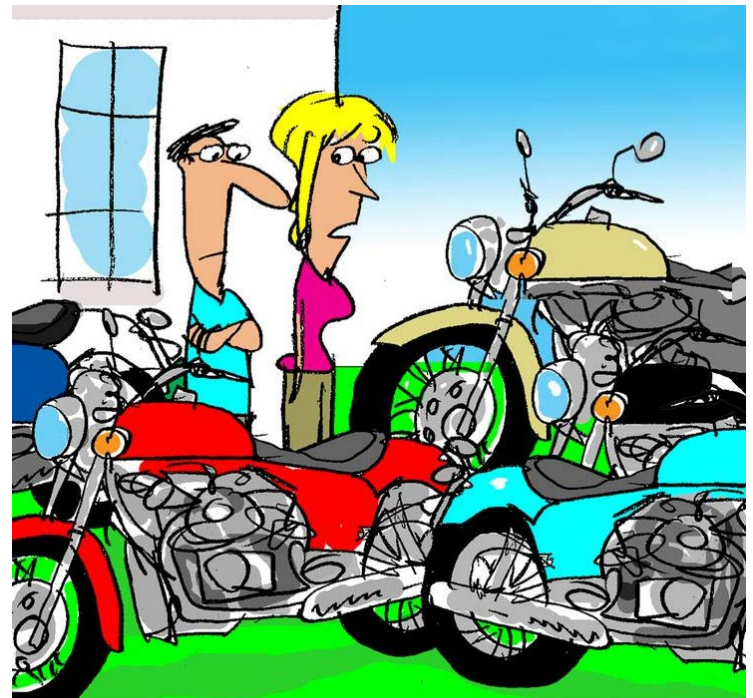


Speaking of costs, as with cars, insurance will vary widely based on the type of bike to select.

Ninja and full tilt sport bikes will cost more to insure simply because they are more likely, on average, to be ridden recklessly and crashed.

Of course, the size of your body, the length of your arms and legs are key. Sit on many bikes and look for a size that works. Keep in mind you can raise handle bars and seats with some aftermarket hardware. Most people prefer to buy a bike that fits them without need for aftermarket adjustments. Just know they are possible.

Rubber side down - Tom



"They were on sale. How could I resist?"

Blast from the Past (President)

by “Big” Ben Johnstone - *Past President*

May 2018



It's about time: When riding in a group, you may have noticed that the ride isn't done in the same way you would ride if you were alone or with one other!

When there is a group of riders (I will use 15 as an example), and the group comes to a stop sign, the captain must leave the stop sign slower than normal. When riding alone, a rider would accelerate to cruising speed without hesitation. At a cruising speed of 55 mph, the rider is traveling 80 feet per second. It might take 10 seconds to reach that speed and the rider would travel 40 feet in that time.

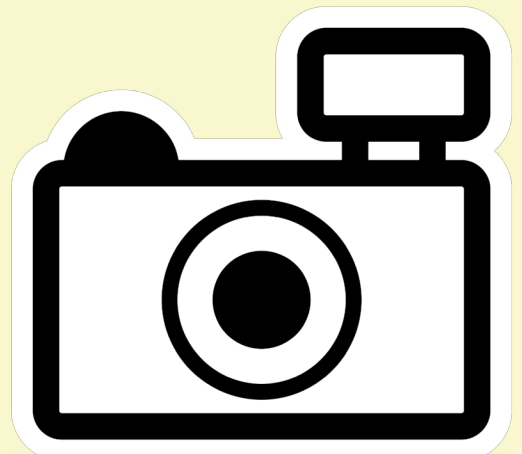
When leading a group of 15 riders, every rider is required to stop at the stop sign. Assuming each rider stops for 3 seconds the last rider would leave the stop sign 42 seconds after the first rider. If the road captain left the stop sign as if he were riding alone, in 45 seconds he would be 2540 feet down the road. By the time the last rider was up to cruising speed, they would be about 52 seconds behind the leader. Under normal spacing, the last rider should be 14 seconds behind the leader. Catching up will require a high rate of speed over and above the cruising speed.

To avoid this condition, the road captain accelerates very slowly from a stop, and only accelerates to cruising speed after the last rider leaves the stop sign.

Ride & Event Photos Links

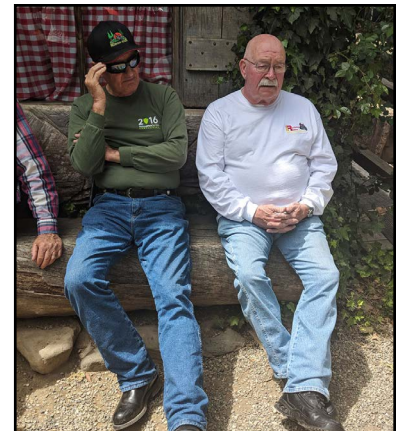
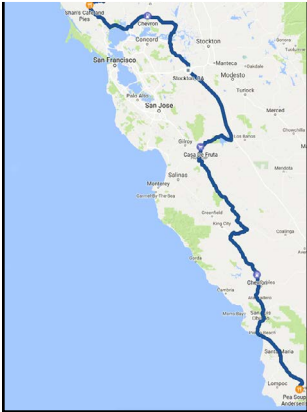
Anyone who would like to share their photos is invited to upload them. Please contact Robyn, to obtain the credentials. ENJOY!

- Coppola Ride:** <https://photos.app.goo.gl/uDZ0WrpppX9er6fH3>
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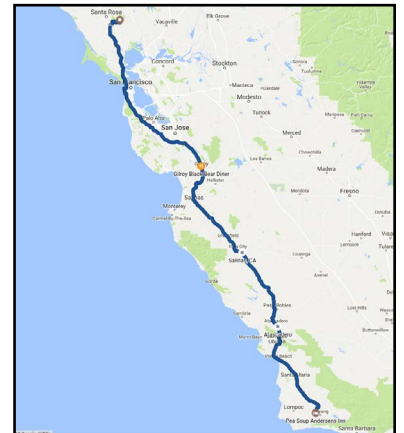
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Ride Info Hotline - Coming Soon

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

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

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