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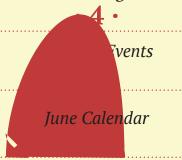
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Prez Sez

by Gretchen Tomm - President

Now that the rains are over (I think?), the winds have been crazy strong!

I know on the Oakdale ride it was extremely windy coming home across Hwy 12. It's pretty much always windy across 12, but those were some of the strongest winds I've felt through there.

It's times like the Oakdale ride that we need to be aware of, not only vehicles around us, but road and weather conditions. We are pretty lucky living in the Bay Area to have fairly consistent weather conditions for riding, but when you get out of this area, weather can be much different, fluctuating from sunny dry conditions to chilly rain or even hail.

I always check out weather conditions before a ride, whether it's a day, overnight or longer ride, to make sure

I have the proper riding gear for that ride. Without the correct riding gear for the conditions, the trip can be an uncomfortable or negative experience. That's one reason I ride the bike I do, so I can carry lots of stuff I might need.

Hope to see you on our next ride!

In the wind..... Gretchen



Thunder Press - NoCal Edition

http://calendar.thunderpress.net/no-cal-nv-biker-events/

Cycle Fish - California Edition

https://www.cvclefish.com/motorcvcle_events/CALIFORNIA

Born to Ride - California Edition

http://borntoride.com/california-motorcycle-events/

Editors Note: Know of an event our members might be interested in attending? Shoot me the info for review and publication in the club newsletter.

Membership

by Dee Dee d'Argence - Treasurer & Membership Director

Membership

MEMBERSHIP

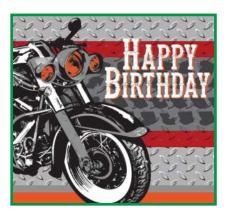
Full Memberships	49
Co-Riders	10
Provisional Members*	11
TOTAL	70

^{*}New Members in 2018

RIDER STATISTICS

Men	46
Women	14

We Have Members From 5 Counties & 18 Cities!



JUNE BIRTHDAY WISHES

Robert Banks Bill Burnett Ben Johnstone Marcel Svizzero





NEW MEMBERS

John Ricketson

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. For the full list of sponsors, visit the Sponsors Page under About RRMC on our website; www.redwoodridersmc.com. This page is protected; use the password provided in the newsletter email to access.

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

Ceres Community Project Amazon Smile Program

Shop on Amazon? Who doesn't? Put your shopping addiction to good use by signing up with Amazon Smile and selecting the RRMC's official charity, The Ceres Community Project as your Amazon Smile charity of choice. It is easy, fast and Amazon will contribute 0.5% of EVERY PURCHASE to Ceres. You shop - Ceres receives! A true win-win!

Sign up at https://smile.amazon.com/



Safety Report

by "BMW George" Homenko - Safety Officer

Riding in Traffic & Living to Tell the Tale...

Let's talk about lane positioning on the freeway while riding in traffic.

This is a bit of a pet peeve of mine. I can't tell you how many times I have been driving down the freeway and I see someone on a bike following a car with a car's length of separation or less and driving at 70 mph. Even worse, they are directly behind the car in front. Not on the left side of the lane or the right, but right in the center of the lane. If the car in front hits the brakes, for any reason, that rider is going down.

I fantasize about taking that rider aside and asking them a few questions. How long have they been riding? What would they do if a car they were following ever hit its brakes unexpectedly? Do they feel that being killed while riding on a motorcycle is a possibility?

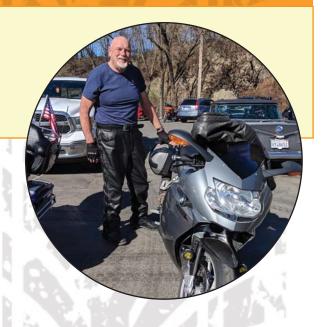
At 70 mph you travel 103 feet in one second. If you are following 20 feet behind a car and that car slams on the brakes you have one quarter to one half of a second to match speeds with that car. If you are in the center of the lane while following that car, you have that much more distance to travel in order to swerve to miss its rear bumper.

The accepted following distance is a 2 second gap. You can figure this by simply watching a vehicle in front of you and when it passes a random point on the road, count the seconds until you reach the same spot. I do this when we ride in groups all the time. For me, this spacing is the most comfortable and I tend to maintain this position naturally.

To choose the best lane position, pick a spot where you can be seen and also be able to see the road ahead. If you have to choose between being seen or seeing the road ahead, I pick the position that gives me the better view of the road. Always ride your bike like you are invisible, because sometime you are.

Here is a video from MC rider that illustrates the importance of lane positioning and expands on some other defensive techniques when riding in traffic.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvaXoNUUp28



I know we are not an adventure riding club but I think we all can appreciate a good ride with some adventure thrown in. I like YouTube videos and I came across this series about a woman riding alone around the world. Not only do I like the guts it takes for a young woman to take on such a project but as someone that tries to make a decent video now and then, I really enjoy her cinematic skill level with a GoPro camera. This is a really good series. I won't say it is as good as "The Long Way Around" but it is made on a much smaller budget by only one person.

OK what does this have to do with safety? Well I think we can all learn from Kinga as she rides some amazing roads and, in some cases, on no road at all. There are also some good shots of her technique in returning her bike back to a normal rubber down position, without any help.

I hope you enjoy this as much as I have.



http://onherbike.com/

or her YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/ user/onherbike/videos?disable_ polymer=1

Your Friendly Safety Officer - BMW George

General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - Secretary

May 15th 2018

Opening Statement: President Gretchen Tomm opened the meeting commenting on the good rides our club has been having. Mentioned our upcoming three day ride to Gold Beach that she is putting together. The dates are July 21, 22 and 23rd.

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

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

Membership Report: Dee Dee reported that our membership now stands at 63 members. The two new ones are both returning members; one that now lives in the state of Washington.

Tours and Events: Wade Roberts gave his report & thanked Ben Johnstone for the great three day ride he put together for the membership to Solvang on April 20, 21 and 22nd.

May 5th – to Clearlake with lunch at the Richmond Bar and Grill, was led by Wade. There was a total of 18 people that made the ride with 14 bikes.

May 9th - was a Wednesday rainy day makeup ride which went to Woodland. There were three motorcycles and four people that made it.

May 19th – Larry Petrucci will lead the club ride to Oakdale.

Upcoming overnight rides:

June 1st, 2nd and 3rd – Randy Mack is putting on a Reno/Aces ride. The first night is in Burney and the second night is in Reno. There will be a change in the route as Mt Lassen is closed.

July 20,th 21st & 22nd - is our ride to Gold Beach with Gretchen leading. Flyers were passed out and information on the Jet Boat ride including a photo of our club members on the boat when we were there in 2016.

August 18th & 19th – Skunk Train ride staying in Fort Bragg. Train ride is on Sunday at 9 AM. Flyers were passed out with lodging and train information. The train ride is \$25 and reservations must be made in advance.

Sept 8th – 16th – nine day ride up into Washington and into Victoria, BC

Safety Officer: George Homenko asked for questions on his newsletter article regarding traction and leaning.

Michael Turpin wanted to make sure that the group understand the importance when passing vehicles that you keep going and not pull immediately in front of the vehicle you have passed. This creates a problem for the riders behind you of getting them safely passed and back into the lane.

General Meeting Minutes

Melisa Brown asked about tires when you haven't been out riding for a while. George advised that there should be no problem with the tires if the bike has been inside and no sunlight on them. Said that it should be started and allowed to warm up and to keep the battery charged. Consider changing the oil. Brake fluid should be ok.

Michael Turpin said when merging due to reduced lanes, riders should take up both lanes to keep the group together. The sweep for sure needs to be doing this.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Paul Benkover felt that our club should be supporting other charities by attending different clubs' and organizations charity activities. Discussion followed. Our club focus has been on riding. We support our chosen charity which is Ceres Community Project.

Robyn said to let her know if you have anything to put in the newsletter.

The annual Redwood Run which has always been held in June has now been moved to the month of August.

Raffle:

1st prize – was a dozen eggs won by Laurie Darling. Since she donates them, she got a different prize which was coffee and cookies

2nd prize – went to Wade Roberts which was the dozen eggs

3rd prize – was a Redwood Rider hat and that was won by Gretchen Tomm

4th prize – was won by Mark Quam which was Almond Rocca candy.

Mark traded the candy for the Redwood Riders hat won by Gretchen

5th prize – was won by Gretchen which she declined. Redraw went to Candace Gable. Her prize was home made applesauce & peach butter canned by member Jennifer Schilling

6th prize – a bottle of hard cider that was won by Ron "Milkman" Lamarana

The 50/50 charity raffle was won by Jennifer Schilling for \$50. Jennifer donated it back to our Ceres Charity for a total of \$100 going to Ceres.

More General Meeting Photos in Google Photo Album: https://photos.app.goo.gl/OGtiHOW4eFFtIfrg2











Tours & Events

by Wade Roberts - Tours & Events Director

Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

Well Riders, June is here and boy do we have some fun rides this month!

I hope you will dust off those bikes and come out and RIDE with the Redwood Riders. We are looking forward to those who do not ride in the winter coming on all the summer riders; the weather is nicer and the days longer. So Let's Ride!

May was a great month!

Saturday May 5th - Clear Lake. Wade led. We had 14 bikes and 18 riders.

Wednesday May 9th - Woodland. Wade led. We had 3 bikes and 4 riders.

Tuesday May 15th - General Meetings. We had 21 members in attendance.

Saturday May 19th - Oakdale. Larry led. We had 11 bikes and 12 riders. Thanks Larry for a great ride!

June Rides & Events

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. First night will be at the Charms Motel, Burney, CA and the second night will be at the Silver Legacy, Reno. NV.

Wednesday June 13th - Mendocino. Mike H. leading. Meet at Shari's at 9^{AM}; leave at 9:30^{AM}.

Sunday June 17th - Freeport. Gretchen leading. Meet at Shari's at 9^{AM}; leave at 9:30^{AM}.

Tuesday June 19th - General Meeting. Greet & Eat is from 6^{PM} - 7^{PM}. Meeting starts at 7^{PM} sharp.

Upcoming Overnights

Please see Road Trip Ride Travel Info on page 8 for hotel and other trip events details.



Friday July 20th, Saturday July 21st & Sunday July 22nd - Gold Beach / Jerry's Boat Ride.

Saturday August 18th & Sunday August 19th - Fort Bragg / Skunk Train Ride.

9-Day Oregon, Washington & Canada Ride Hotel Change

On Thursday Sept 13th we will be staying the night at:

Red Lion Inn 221 N Lincoln Street, Port Angeles, Washington 360-452-9215 \$173 room rate for 1 king or 2 queens

Cancel room for Thursday Sept 13th

Surf Motel 290 Dallas Road Victoria B C V8V 1A6 1-888-738-3399

Please make this change. Sorry, we could not book the ferry on the morning of the 14^{th} as they had no room for any more bikes. We will be in Victoria all day before getting on ferry at $7:30^{PM}$ on the 13^{th} .

So riders, I am here anytime you have questions, concerns about rides, or any ideas you may have. Please feel free to contact me 707-569-6440 or waderoberts@comcast.net

Have a great June and hope to see you on some or all the rides!

Your Tours and Events - Wade





Rides & Events June

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	RENO / ACE'S Road Captain:	2 RENO / ACE'S
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RENO / ACE'S Road Captain: Randy	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 MENDOCINO Road Captain: Mike Holden 9:00 ^{AM} Meet 9:30 ^{AM} KSU	14	15	16
17 FREEPORT Road Captain: Gretchen 9:00 ^{AM} Meet 9:30 ^{AM} KSU Happy Fathers Day!	18	19 GENERAL MEETING 6:00 ^{PM} Dinner 7:00 ^{PM} Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Ride Travel Info

ROAD TRIP

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

http://silverlegacyreno.reztrip.com/ext/promoRate?property=1080&mode=b&pm=true&sr=300980&vr=3

Gold Beach

July 20th & 21st Friday & Saturday: Jot's Resort 94360 Wedderbum Loop, Gold Beach OR (Phone 541-247-6676) \$116 - 10 rooms reserved under Redwood Riders

Jerry's Jet Boat Ride:

Saturday, July 21st from 9:30^{AM} to 3:00^{PM} 64 Mile Scenic Trip - Historic Mail Boat Route \$50 Per Person (Phone 800-451-3645) Reservations under Sharon McMillan Redwood Riders - Seats held until June 15th

This is a rollicking 64 mile Rogue River ride to Agness and back and includes pick-up & return to Jots but **does not include the price for lunch.**

Skunk Train

August 18th Saturday:

Seabird Lodge 191 S Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437 (Phone 707-964-4731) \$117 - King or 2 Queens. 10 rooms reserved under Redwood Riders until August 1st

Skunk Train Ride:

Sunday, August 19th @ 9:00 Pudding Creek Express, Ft. Bragg \$25 Per Person. Book online <u>www.skunktrain.com</u> or call (707-964-6371)

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JET BOAT

WHEN: Gold Beach, Oregon
WHEN: May I – October 15
WWY The mail just isn't delivered this way back home.

ough as it is to turn your back on southern Oregon's dramatic sea-stack-adorned Pacific Coast, one of the biggest temptations to point your outboard inland hides in the sleepy town of Gold Beach. Here's where the historic Rogue River—one of eight original rivers included in 1968's Wild and Scenic Rivers Act—meanders through the state's most awe-inspiring forest-draped outback. And here's where visitors can bounce up and down a not-so-lazy river—past schools of steelhead and lone fishermen in waders; through peaceful valleys, roaring canyons, old-growth pinelands, and lost-in-time river towns where the mail is still delivered by watercraft—on a specially designed hydro jet boat. Launched in 1958, Jerry's Rogue Jets plies the white-water-laced Rogue on 64-, 80-, and 104-mile round-trip river odysseys, piloted by mail-delivering local guides whizzing passengers through outer Oregon's wildest, wettest, and (since 1895) most diehard postal route. roguejets.com

Article Excerpt from "Cowboys & Indians" Magazine appropriately timed for the RRMC trip to Gold Beach! There is still time to book your trip but RESERVE NOW as boats do fill up.

Ride Travel Info



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

Sept 8th Saturday:

Best Western 655 Highway 101 South, Crescent City, CA (Phone 707-464-9771) \$144 - 2 Oueen beds

Sept 9th Sunday:

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

Sept 10th Monday:

Best Western 211 W Umptanum Rd, Ellensburg, WA (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 (Phone 360-378-2724) \$99 - 2 Oueen beds

Sept 13th Thursday:

Red Lion Inn 221 North Lincoln St, Port Angeles, WA (Phone 360-452-9215) \$173 - 2 Queen beds or 1 King

Sept 14th Friday:

Comfort Suites Columbia River 3420 Leif Erikson Dr, Astoria OR (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 (Phone 541-469-7471) \$99 - King or 2 Queen beds (AARP or AAA)

Ferry Crossings:

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

Wednesday September 12, 2018 9:05 AM departs from Anacortes to Friday Harbor \$27.80 / \$21.00 (65+) Vehicle:: Motorcycle - Vessel:: Samish

Thursday September 13, 2018 9:45 AM departs from Friday Harbor to Sidney BC \$21.00 / \$14.70 (65+) Vehicle:: Motorcycle - Vessel:: Chelan

Purchase online at www.cohoferry.com/reservations/ferry

Thursday September 13, 2018 7:30 PM departs from Victoria BC to Port Angeles WA \$37.50 Vehicle:: Motorcycle

Tom's Take

by Tom Cooke - Contributor

Dress Like A Rider!

While there are many fashion statements popular with riders, our first priority should be to duds that protect!

Let's start at the top....your helmet. The helmet, required by law in California but not in all states, is the most critical part of your rig. Brain damage is notorious for not healing, but leaving lifelong impairment. So select a lid that fully and comfortably protects your noggin. Many helmet styles include eye protection. If yours does not, do not ride without goggles or good shades. A bug or pebble in your eye can ruin your day...and many more. You can "talk like a pirate" if you like, even without an eye patch.

Full face helmets protect your face, mouth, teeth and jaw as well as your cranium. So that choice adds yet more safety features.

Your jacket is critical and should be protective of shoulders elbows and arms. Leather is the traditional choice for protective jackets. Good thick, well sewn leather will reject lots of road rash. Leather duds made with large pieces have fewer seams to rip out, and cost a bit more. Textile jackets with nylon or plastic "armor" built into the coat is more breathable than leather, thus cooler on a hot day. Choose a jacket with vents and zippers for protection that will not make you sweat as much when the temperature climbs. If you go with a coat with removable liners, you add temperature flexibility to your outfit. Reflective pieces on your coat is a good idea. The next time you see a line of riders, note how the folks with high visibility colors tend to be the first ones seen.

Pants, like jackets, can be protective if made of leather or textile. Traditionalists go with leather. Textiles can be lighter and may breath better, however.

Sturdy boots or shoes are critical. Lots of torsional rigidity and non-slip soles are what to look for. A flimsy shoe or boot will serve you poorly if you go down. We have 10 toes for good evolutionary reasons. Let's keep all 10.

As with all outdoor activity involving lots of temperature change over the course of a day, layering clothes allows you to modify your temperature as the day warms or cools.



If you are thoughtful about your riding clothes you will be safer and more comfortable. You will need to part with some cash for good riding clothes, but better to spend it there than on a trip to the emergency room. Protecting yourself is worth every penny it costs.

Rubber side down,

Tom Cooke



"My wife bought me this helmet when I told her I was buying a bike. She's a little over protective."

Blast from the Past (Presider

by "Big" Ben Johnstone - Past President

June 2018

On a recent trip to Utah and Arizona I saw many motorcycle groups touring the sights of the national parks. One of the riders in my group said to me...

"Look at that tight formation, how can they enjoy the sights when riding is such a tight formation?". I thought about this and why it is enjoyable for me to ride with a group, even when seeing the sights. What I discovered was that when I am riding in a group that consistently keeps its formation, I learn to trust the riders in front of me to stay in position. Then I relax and

can look around and enjoy the scenery. I don't have to be constantly on alert because I know that the riders in front of me will not wander into my lane or vary their speed from the group causing accelerations to catch up. For me a consistent formation of riders is much more enjoyable and allows me to look around without worrying what the rider in front of me is going to do.

This is a photo taken in Zion national park. This was taken on my fourth visit to the park. I am always blown away by the beauty of this place. I stop on each visit and take a photo of my bike with the arch in the background.



Oakdale Ride

More Pix Online - See Page 9 for Link - Photos Courtesy Chris Petrucci















RRMC Pix Online

Ride & Event Photos Links

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

Oakdale Ride:

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May Meeting:

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Solvang Ride:

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April Meeting:

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March Meeting:

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10,000 Buddhas:

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Ceres Visit:

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February Meeting:

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Capay Ride:

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Suisun Ride:

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After-Holiday Party:

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Stinson Ride:

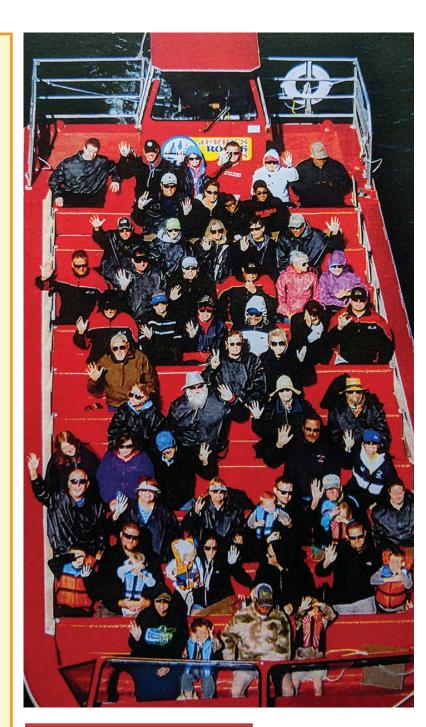
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Stinson Ride:

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Coppola Ride:

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Spot the Hooligans!

Photo from Jerry's Rogue Jet Boat Tours Brochure which features several RRMC members during Gold Beach Ride back in 2016.

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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 RRMC 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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