

Redwood Riders Review

November 2018



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"Prez Sez..."

by Gretchen Tomm - President

Wow, it's November already!

This year is going by fast, but we had some great rides in 2018. Thanks to all our road captains that helped make this yet another year of fun adventures and great memories. We couldn't do it without your help...THANK YOU! We'll be getting together soon to plan our 2019 rides. If you have any ride destinations, please submit them to myself or Wade by November 3rd.



With the holidays coming soon, we need to be thinking about our After Holiday Party, which will be January 12th. See flyer on page 16. Since, our Silent Auction did so well last year, we will have another one at this year's party. All proceeds will be donated to our charity, Ceres Community Project. If you have any items for our auction that are new or slightly used, please bring them to our meetings in November or December or contact Melisa.

I hope you are all out enjoying this awesome weather we are experiencing now! If not, why not?! I have been out every weekend riding the back roads, which have less traffic than summer months.

Enjoy the awesome weather...See you in the wind! Gretchen

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH - RKA / SONOMA RACEWAY FOOD DRIVE RIDE

RKA Motorcycle Luggage will continue its annual tradition of hosting a motorcycle group ride on Sunday, November 18th, which includes a pit stop at Sonoma Raceway for laps around the road course. This ride benefits FISH (Friends in Sonoma Helping) and the Redwood Empire Food Bank in Santa Rosa.

Unfortunately, this ride conflicts with the previously scheduled RRM Ride to the Bay Model but if you are interested in the RKA Ride, please visit their website.

<http://www.rka-luggage.com/A15%20Events/2018%20Food%20Dr/fooddrive2018.html>

Membership

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

Membership

MEMBERSHIP

Full Memberships	50
Co-Riders	11
Provisional Members*	26
TOTAL	87

*New Members in 2018

RIDER STATISTICS

Men	59
Women	17



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES

Laurie Darling
David Droker
Tom Holwerda
Charles Johnson
John Ricketson
Mike Sherman
Rick Wallenstein



Silent Auction Items

The Holidays are right around the corner which means just one thing... The RRCM After Holiday Party is coming up! Last year, the Silent Auction netted a hefty \$609 which was donated, in it's entirety to our charity, The Ceres Community Project. Melisa Brown will once again be heading up this effort and we ask you follow the below guidelines in order to make her job a bit easier.

- Only new or gently used items should be donated.
- Include the approximate purchase price if known.
- Descriptions of parts and value appreciated.
- Melisa will start taking donations at the October General Meeting and at every meeting thereafter.
- If you can't make it to the meeting, contact Melisa directly to arrange a possible pick-up or meeting point.
- If no bid is made on the item it will be returned to the donator who will be responsible for its removal.

RRMC MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Check with Dee Dee to get your membership card. You need this card to get 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 password protected; contact Robyn to obtain credentials.

Changed your address, bought a new bike? Let Dee Dee know so she can update your membership - membership@redwoodridersmc.com

Safety Report

by "BMW George" Homenko - *Safety Officer*

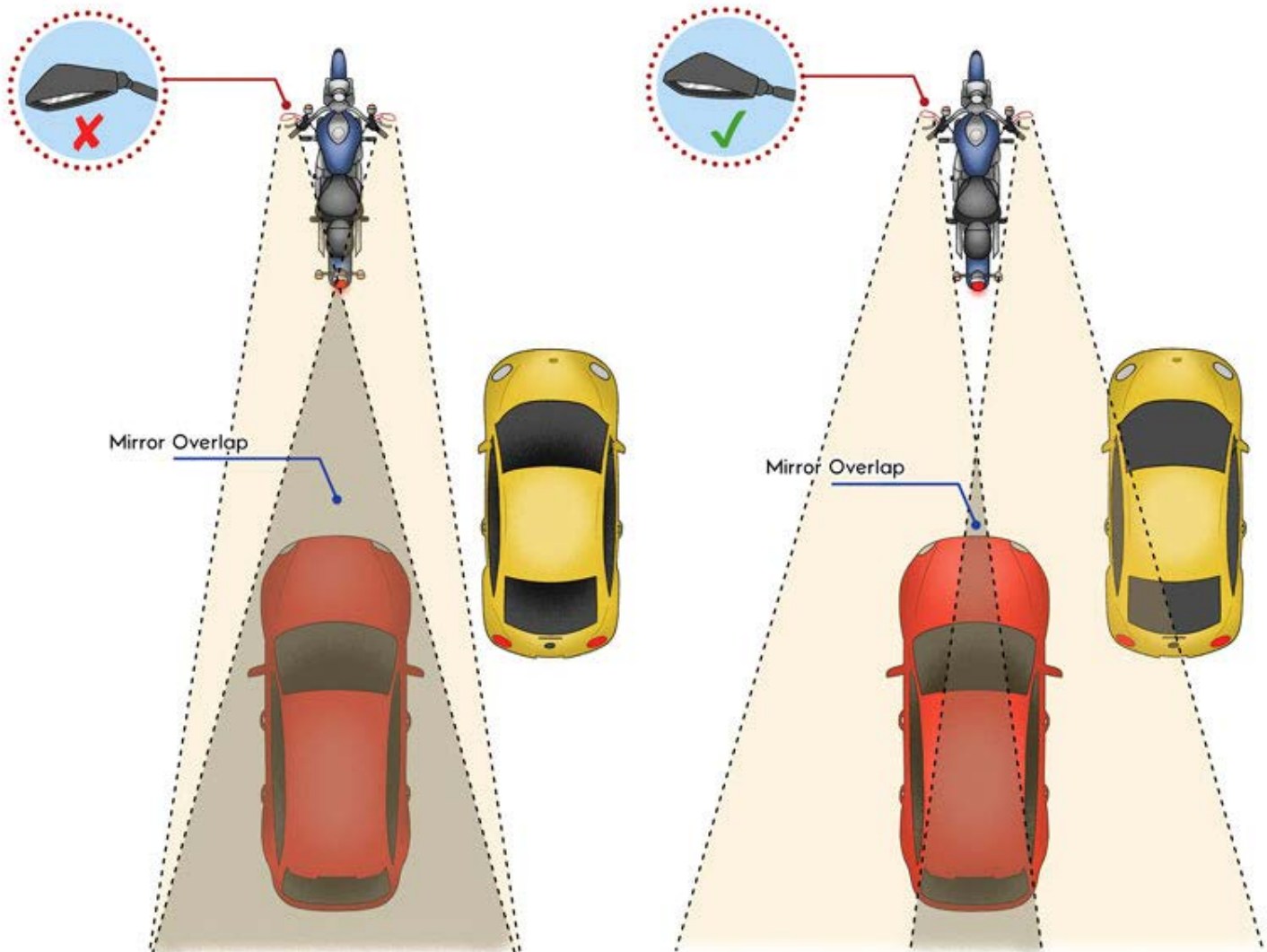
Mirror Positioning

Mike Holden sent me a safety article that I found interesting. It is about mirror position on your motorcycle.

Now I know, we all think we know how to adjust our mirrors, basic motorcycling 101 right? Well we might be adjusting them right or we might not!

I found this link a good review on the subject:

<https://ridermagazine.com/2018/09/28/proper-motorcycle-mirror-positioning/>



General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - *Secretary*

October 16th 2018



Opening Statement: President Gretchen Tomm opened the meeting with a thank you to George and Candace for the club's ride Saturday to Isleton and then on to their boat for a ride on the delta to the town of Walnut Grove for ice cream and return.

A survey is out to the membership for ideas for next year's rides. Also, the need for Road Captains to help with the rides.

Nominations were opened for next year's officers:

President – Gretchen Tomm was nominated by Sharon McMillan

Vice President – Robyn (Chosy) LaMantia was nominated by Wade Roberts

Secretary – Sharon McMillan was nominated by Melisa Brown

Treasurer – Michael Turpin was nominated by Dee Dee d'Argence.

Michael was not in attendance, but had advised that he was interested in the position of treasurer.

Membership – Melisa Brown was nominated by Mark Quam

Tours and Events – Dan Schilling was nominated by Wade Roberts. Jennifer Schilling will be sharing the tasks with Dan.

Sgt. at Arms – Rosalie Mack was nominated by Dee Dee d'Argence.

Safety Officer – George Homenko was nominated by Mark Quam.

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

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

Membership Report: Dee Dee reported that our current membership is still at 79. Of those, 50 are paid members. She reminded the members that membership renewal is coming up on January 1st and the renewal fee is \$24. A new application form will need to be completed and signed and will be available at the meetings and on line.

The Meetup site shows us having 300 members. Ben explained that this happens when people indicate they want to be members on the Meetup site. To be official members, we need a signed application. He said he can organize and access those members and can email them. No action suggested on that.

Tours and Events: Wade Roberts gave his ride report starting off with the Long 9-day Ride that was Sept 8th thru Sept 16th. There were 12 people on the ride on 10 bikes.

Wade let the membership know that the club needs more road captains which includes middle and rear sweeps. If you are interested, talk to Wade.

September 23rd Sunday – Melisa led the club on her East/West ride with lunch at the Rio Nido Roadhouse. There were 20 that made the ride on 18 motorcycles

October 6th & 7th – Monterey Ride was been cancelled.

October 10th Wednesday – Was led by George which was to the Golden Gate Bridge for a photo shoot. There were 6 bikes and 6 riders.

General Meeting Minutes

October 13th Saturday – George led the ride to Isleton and then for ride on his boat to Walnut Grove for ice cream. Left Shari's with 25 people. Some new people to our group didn't stay for the entire day since the return might be too late for them. We had 21 that made the boat ride.

October 21st Sunday – Ben will lead the club on a ride to Calpella.

November 3rd Saturday – Ride being led by Ben to the Blackhawk Auto Museum.

November 4th Sunday – Daylight Savings ends. Ride times change. We will be meeting at 9:30 and leaving at 10.

November 14th Wednesday – Will be a surprise destination led by Wade.

November 18th Sunday – George will lead the riders to Sausalito to see the Bay Model which is a working model of San Francisco Bay.

November 20th Tuesday – Membership meeting.

Surveys were put on the table for the membership to complete with ideas for rides for next year. A road captains meeting will be held on November 4th so if you are interested in becoming one let Wade know so he can put you on his email list. At this meeting, next year's rides will be planned. Rides to be planned for each month are Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday rides for the year. Also there are some overnights to plan. There will not be an official club long ride for next year.

Safety Officer: George gave a presentation including a diagram of how your mirrors should be adjusted for maximum rear viewing.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Our annual After Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, January 12th at China Village. The hours will be 12 to 3 with a cost of \$20 per person. We will have our gift exchange with a \$10 maximum per gift. We will have a silent auction again which raised \$700 last year for our Ceres Charity. Donations can be new or used/good items which can include gift baskets. Melisa will be collecting the gifts.

Club T-Shirts – Wade said we have 7 long sleeve shirts available at \$20 each. Hats are also available. New orders can be made after these shirts have been sold.

Birthdays this month are Julee Sherman, Dan and Jennifer Schilling.

Ken Sutton reported on the Ride For Kids event on Oct 7th which benefits the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

Raffle:

- 1st prize – was a head mounted LED light won by Sharon McMillan
- 2nd prize – went to George Homenko which was a gift certificate to the China Village
- 3rd prize – was a bottle of wine which was won by Mike Sherman
- 4th prize – went to Mike Holden which was applesauce and apple butter
- 5th prize – was a \$10 gift certificate for the Dollar Store which went to Linda Holden
- 6th prize – went to Paul Benkover which was cleaning items including cloths

50/50 raffle this month was \$43 which was won by Scott Albrecht with \$43 going to our Ceres Charity.

General Meeting Photos in Google Photo Album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/FzMiZqUdjuzQVHfV9>

Tours & Events

by Wade Roberts - *Tours & Events Director*

Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

Redwood Riders - November is here!

As club members, we ride together because we like riding with people who enjoy the same things: the ride, the wind in our face and most of all, the people we share the experience with. That is what makes the Redwood Riders MC so special, being surrounded by a great group of biker friends and the best group rides!

October was a Great Month with Some Fun Rides

Wednesday October 10th - Golden Gate Bridge Photo Shoot. George led this ride with 6 riders and 6 bikes. He shot some great photos of each rider & their bike under the Golden Gate Bridge.

Saturday October 13th - Boat & Bike Ride. George led this ride with 24 riders. We rode over to where George has his boat, the Catherine E, for a fun in the sun day on his boat. We enjoyed riding up the Georgina slough and stopped for ice cream along the way.

Tuesday October 16th - General Membership Meeting at China Village. 22 members in attendance.

Sunday October 21st - Calpella. Ben led this ride with 13 bikes and 14 riders. He led the riders through the back roads and on a little freeway up to Club Calpella for lunch.

November Updates

Saturday November 3rd - Blackhawk Auto Museum. Ben will be leading this ride. Meeting at Shari's at 9^{AM} and leaving at 9:30^{AM}.

Sunday November 4th - Daylight Savings Time. Start of Winter riding hours. Rides will meet at Shari's at 9:30^{AM} and will leave at 10^{AM}. These hours are in effect until Springtime.

Sunday November 4th - Road Captains Meeting. I will be hosting the annual Road Captains meeting where we will schedule all the rides for 2019. If you are interested in becoming a Road Captain, please attend. Meeting starts at 9:00^{AM} and will be held at my home. Call 707-569-6440 for address.



Wednesday November 14th - Rain Day Make-Up Ride. I will be leading this ride, route TBD. Meet at Shari's at 9:30^{AM} and will leave at 10^{AM}.

Sunday November 18th - Bay Model. George will be leading this ride. Meet at Shari's at 9:30^{AM} and will leave at 10^{AM}.

Tuesday November 20th - General Membership Meeting at China Village, Cotati. Greet & Eat starts at 6^{PM} and the meeting begins at 7^{PM}. This is the month where we will be electing new officers for the RRMC Board.


Hope to see you on the November rides. Remember riders, club rides are the best!

Your Tours & Events, Wade



"WELL, IT WAS THE TURKEY'S LAST REQUEST...HE SAID HE'D JUST TAKE IT FOR A SPIN AROUND THE BLOCK, DAD."

Rides & Events November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 BLACKHAWK AUTO MUSEUM Road Captain: <i>George</i> 9:00 ^{AM} Meet 9:30 ^{AM} KSU
<div> <i>Check the MeetUp site for updates & last minute changes!</i> </div>						
4 ROAD CAPTAINS MEETING <i>Wades House</i> 9:00 ^{AM} Meet DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	5	6 ELECTION DAY 	7	8	9	10
11 VETERANS DAY	12	13	14 RAIN DAY MAKE-UP Road Captain: <i>Wade</i> 9:30 ^{AM} Meet 10:00 ^{AM} KSU	15	16	17
18 BAY MODEL Road Captain: <i>George</i> 9:30 ^{AM} Meet 10:00 ^{AM} KSU RKA FOOD DRIVE	19	20 GENERAL MEETING 6:00 ^{PM} Dinner 7:00 ^{PM} Meeting Board Officer Elections!	21	22 THANKSGIVING	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

Tom's Take

by Tom Cooke - Contributor

Hand Signals Often Come in "Handy"

To be both fun and safe, any group ride needs good communication.

This becomes all the more critical as the groups get bigger. Since our club rides have been growing, often including 15 or 20 bikes, it could be helpful for us to review this collection of hand signals. Some are well used and obvious; others are less well known. But all can be useful upon occasion, helping us to keep our rides fun and safe.

We will start with the "gimmies" and go from there.

Left Turn: Left arm out with index finger pointing left.

Right Turn: Left arm out with index finger pointing up.

Hazard in Road (debris, gravel, or an unfortunate critter): If on left, point left arm down at it. If on right, point at it with right foot.

Single File: Point up with index finger extended.

Two Abreast: Point up with index and middle fingers extended.

Stop: Arm extended downward, palm facing back.

Slow Down: Arm straight out, palm facing down, swing down to your side.

Speed Up: Swing arm upward, palm facing up.

Follow Me: Arm raised 45 degrees with stationary palm facing forward.

Take over Lead: Arm raised 45 degrees, with palm forward, swing from back to front.

Comfort Stop: Forearm extended, fist clinched, short up and down motion.

Refreshment Stop: Fingers closed, thumb to mouth.



Your Turn Signal is On: Open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended.

Police Sighted: Tap top of helmet with palm down. (As a point of trivia, this signal means all is well when white water rafting or kayaking)

Need Fuel: Point to gas tank.

Most riders in our club are highly skilled on their bike -- most of the time. Still, there is no substitute for good communication to produce a fun, safe, happy ride for all involved. Some events occur while riding which are unforeseen and unpredictable. At times like those, the need for clear, reliable communication is paramount. Hand signals can be an important tool in keeping the entire pack dialed into what is going on.

Rubber side down - Tom

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Need Visuals? A handy, animated chart of common group riding hand signals is located on our website.

Click [HERE](#) to view.



Blast from the Past (President)

by “Big” Ben Johnstone - *Past President*

November 2018

November is a critical time for our club. This is the time that officers are elected and that creates an opportunity for each member to shape the direction of the club.

If you haven't yet let your officers know what type of rides you like, do so immediately. On November 4 the planning for 2019 will be done. During this exercise each road captain signs up for the rides they want in 2019. Becoming a road captain is one of the best ways to start getting involved in the club. Let an officer know you want to be a RC. You will get plenty of help if you want it.

Some of you know that I caught a sudden case of the “second childhood” disease. If you are over the age of 50 you already know that the only cure for this malady is to do something that people a third of your age would do. For me, this consisted of purchasing a sport-touring bike.



It all started innocently enough. I thought I needed a lighter bike. My Harley weighs in at just under 1,000 pounds dry. I thought I would get a lighter bike to do the touring that I am used to. During my search I would find a bike, ride it, and if I liked it have my wife Barb come sit on it with me to see if it had enough room for us. Most did not. I finally found one that did have the room even if the leg position was cramped. After many discussions with Barb, she helped me understand that I just wanted a sportier bike, so I bought one, and now I have 2 bikes. What could be better than that?



Honoring all who served
VETERANS DAY
 11TH NOVEMBER



Season of Giving

by Robyn LaMantia - VP & Media Mistress

Give 'Em A Helping Hand

Unless you have been hiding under a rock this month, one can't help but notice the retailers are gearing up for the Holiday Season.

If you are anything like me, the next couple of months will be filled with travel, shopping, baking, cooking, tree trimming, decorating and wrapping seemingly endless gifts all central to spending time with those close to our hearts – sharing our love and joy.

However, while we are going about our holiday traditions, there are folks in our community that are dealing with serious health issues, sometimes without the support of family or friends, who have difficulty shopping for and cooking healthy meals on a daily basis. This is where the Redwood Riders MC designated charity, the Ceres Community Project comes in.

The Ceres Community Project provides primarily low-income people struggling because of a serious health challenge with free and low-cost, home-delivered, nourishing organic meals. Meals are prepared by volunteer teen chefs who gain valuable jobs skills and provide mentoring to their peers. For more information about the Ceres Community Project, visit their website.

Please take the time to slow down, appreciate our good fortune and reach out to those who are facing difficult times.

The healing work of Ceres is only possible with the support of our community. Donors and volunteers are the heart of Ceres Community Project so please consider donating your hard-earned cash or valuable time during this season to those who could use a helping hand!



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- **One-Time, Tax Deductible Donation**
- <https://connect.ceresproject.org/>
- **Monthly Donation** by Joining the Kale Club
- <https://ceresproject.org/KaleClub/index.html>
- **Shop on Amazon** and Designate Ceres Community Project as your Amazon Smile Charity.
- <https://smile.amazon.com/>
- **Volunteer Your Time!**
- <https://www.ceresproject.org/volunteerAdults.html>
- **Corporate Matching Gift Program, Gifts of Stocks, Car Donations** and more.
- <https://www.ceresproject.org/OtherWaysToGive.html>
- **Donate New or Gently Used Items to the Silent Auction** to be held during our Holiday Party. All proceeds will go directly to Ceres.

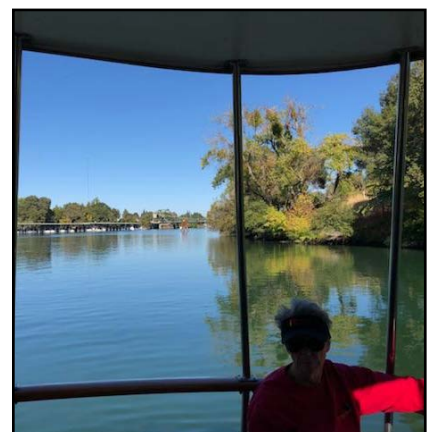
Golden Gate Bridge

More Pix Online - See Page 15 for Link - Photos Courtesy BMW George



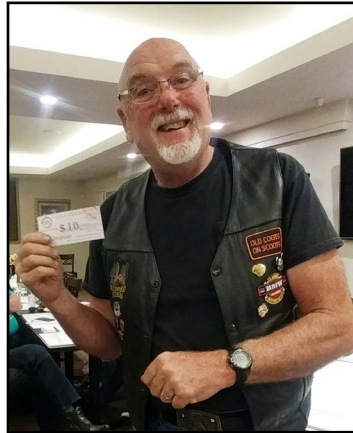
Boat & Ice Cream Ride

More Pix Online - See Page 15 for Link - Photos Courtesy BMW George & The Shermans



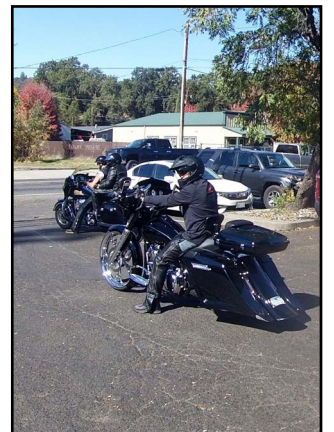
October Meeting

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Calpella Ride

More Pix Online - See Page 15 for Link - Photos Courtesy Robyn & BMW George



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!

Calpella Ride:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/PAOJgoVOtfXwsuT6>

October Meeting:

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Boat Trip & Ice Cream Ride:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Z4cboF1L6W4jtQB58>

Golden Gate Bridge Photo Shoot Ride:

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Eastside / Westside Ride:

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September Meeting:

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The Great Northwest Ride:

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August Meeting:

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Skunk Train Ride:

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Winters Ride:

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Lavender Bee Farm Ride:

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Gold Beach Ride:

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July Meeting:

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Point Arena Ride:

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Freeport Ride:

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June Meeting:

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Randy's Aces / Reno Ride:

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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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Stinson Ride:

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Coppola Ride:

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Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club



Annual After Holiday Party Saturday, January 12, 2019

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 maximum suggested)

**ALSO – don't forget about our silent auction to raise
money for our charity - CERES**

PLEASE RSVP by giving Melisa Brown your money
NO LATER THAN JANUARY 7
at the next few general meetings (Nov 20 or Dec 18)

Or mail to: Melisa Brown
200 4th Street, #240
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Make checks payable to RRMC – please no cash thru mail

For further info call
Melisa Brown at 707-246-3520

See Page 2 for Silent Auction Donation Information



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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!

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

Sponsors

Northbay Motorsports	Santa Rosa	Honda, Kawasaki	707-542-5355 northbaymotorsport.com
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