

Redwood Riders Review



Happy New Year!

January 2019

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"Prez Sez..."

by Gretchen Tomm - President

Happy 2019!

I am really looking forward to another fun year of riding with the Redwood Riders! We have lots of great rides planned for 2019, and after all, it's all about riding. 😊 Please check out our website and mark your calendars.



I remember when I first started riding my own motorcycle back in early 1988. I loved being on a motorcycle, but I wanted to ride my own and not be on the back anymore. So, I took the Motorcycle Safety Course (I highly recommend it for anyone, new or experienced riders) which taught me so much about riding. I still use quite a bit of the information I learned today.

Next, was getting my own motorcycle. My ego and my wallet differed on that first bike, 😊 but the most important thing was that I was in the wind! I rode my little Honda 450 Rebel for about a year and sold it for more than I paid for it. 😊 During my first year of riding, myself and 3 other lady riders, whom had lots of riding experience, started a women's motorcycle club. That club grew and lasted for years. I learned a lot about riding with a group when we formed that club.

Over the years, I have been members of 4 other motorcycle clubs, always enjoying meeting fellow riders. I have purchased different motorcycles since I sold my first bike, and I have NEVER tired of riding. It's my meditation, my relaxation and just plain fun!

I have met so many wonderful people over the years and am still good friends with a few today.

So, plan the rides you want to experience in 2019!

In The Wind - Gretchen

Membership

by Melisa Brown - *Membership Director*

Membership

MEMBERSHIP

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

RIDER STATISTICS

Men	59
Women	17

*New Members in 2018

We Have Members from 5 Counties & 18 Cities!



JANUARY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Robert Gonzales
Rob Grassi
Caroline Hlusak
Mike Holden
Paul Kenny
Terry Perry
Arlene Svizzero



2019 RRMC Board of Directors & Officers

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SERGEANT AT ARMS:.....Rosalie Mack

PAST PRESIDENT:.....Ben Johnstone

MEMBERS AT LARGE:.....Wade Roberts
Ben Johnstone

Effective January 1, 2019

RRMC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is that time of year again! Please complete a NEW Membership Form and submit your \$24 membership fee to Melisa Brown. Forms can be found on our website; <https://redwoodridersmc.com/new-member-information> OR on page 13 of this newsletter.

Questions? Contact Melisa at membership@redwoodridersmc.com

Safety Report

by “BMW George” Homenko - *Safety Officer*

Cold Weather Riding Tips

A lot of you are veteran riders who've been through all conditions and have made your own decisions about when and how to ride in winter. Still, it never hurts to see how other folks do it. In that spirit, here's a brief compendium of the most obvious things every rider can do to make their winter ride both safe and comfortable.

Road Conditions

- Let it warm up before heading out. Don't ride when it's anywhere close to 32F. Any water, anywhere, can become ice. Black ice is more dangerous and less invisible.
- They don't salt here, they use a sand like material instead. This helps with traction on the ice but it can diminish traction after the ice has melted. Watch those places where the sun doesn't shine!
- Wet leaves and tree sap on the road can be almost as bad as ice. Watch those tree covered areas when it is wet.
- Don't ride if it's sleeting.
- Ice is likely to form on bridges and overpasses. Avoid braking and accelerating on these areas.

Riding Style

- Let your bike warm up more than normal. Oil is thicker when it is cold and needs more time to circulate throughout the bike motor.
- Cold tires have less grip, so always ride smoothly.
- Make your safety zones bigger and give yourself more reaction time, more distance from that car in front of you.
- If you lose traction, minimize your input. No gas, no brake, keep it straight (I even pull in the clutch).
- Show good judgment. Should you even be on the road?

Gear

- A lot of thin layers are better than a couple of thick ones. Your base layer should be long-sleeve top and long underwear that can wick moisture away from your body. A waterproof final layer that includes gloves and boots.
- Neck coverage that's windproof. I wear a scarf that forms a gasket between my shoulders and my helmet, works great.
- Silk helmet liner. Keep that noggin as warm as you can.
- Silk glove liners. Keeping my fingers warm, even with heated grips, is the hardest part of ultra-cold riding.
- Electrics if you like them.



- Heated gloves. Some say they work better than heated grips, others use both.
- Fog-free shield, something like Pinlock anti-fog inserts. Here is a link: <https://pinlock.com/products/>
- If I can't get out of the cold when I stop I will warm my hands by placing them near the engine to warm them.

Bike Setup

- Windshield. Keep that wind-chill off of your core.
- Hippo hands or similar. That wind chill is a killer. Here is a link to Hippo Hands: <https://www.hippohands.com/>
- Heated grips, if possible. These can be added to most any bike. Here is a link: https://www.revzilla.com/search?_utf8=%E2%9C%93&query=heated+grips
- Fresh anti-freeze in water-cooled bikes.
- Good tread on tires.
- Tire pressure must be correct. (Warm them up by rapid acceleration and stopping-not swerving. Or just riding a distance, carefully.)
- Keep the bike as light as possible. Don't over pack it.
- Towing service. It helps to be prepared if the worst happens.

Did I miss something? Fire away with comments.

BMW George

Keep the shiny side up.

General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - *Secretary*

December 18th 2018



Opening Statement: President Gretchen Tomm reminded the membership that this meeting was the last one for the year. She introduced the new, incoming board members.

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

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

Membership Report: Dee Dee reported that our current membership is unchanged at 79.

Tours and Events: Wade Roberts thanked the members for their participation in our rides for the past year. He introduced Jennifer and Dan Schilling as the new Tours & Events Directors.

Jennifer talked about having a road captains meeting. No date has been set, possibly sometime in February.

January 5th Saturday – Ride to Mt. Tam which will be led by Darren & Tresha Holloway.

January 20th Sunday – Ride to Ft. Bragg being led by Mike & Julee Sherman.

A list of all the rides for the full year are listed on our club's website.

Safety Officer: George's safety report talked about riding basics in cold weather. If close to freezing, drive your car! Be careful in shaded spots, ice and sand on the roadway. Cold tires don't grip the road or turn as well – warm tires handle better. If you find yourself losing traction, back off, no brakes. Get the tires to grip. Tree leaves can cause a traction issue. Clothes; layer up. Scarves work well in the cold. Liners in your helmet, gloves, hippo hands which are outer gloves. Heated gloves are another option. Make sure your tires are properly inflated. Keep the bike light, not loaded down.

Michael Turpin added to be careful with the painted street lines as they can be very slippery in wet weather which he recently experienced.

Ben Johnstone brought up the topic of advanced training. A training class (didn't remember the name at this time) out of Stockton has added a fourth class to their agenda which includes a class for cruising bikes. Ben will forward the information on to Robyn to distribute to the members. As we age, our riding ability changes and these classes may help improve the rider's skills. The price each level of class is around \$150.

Ben also shared the importance keeping your core warm. If your body does not maintain core warmth, your brain function slows down with the drop in temperature and you do not realize that is happening which can be very dangerous. One of the symptoms is irregular breathing.

Old Business: None.

General Meeting Minutes

New Business: Gretchen talked about our upcoming After Holiday Party which will held on Saturday, January 12th from Noon to 3 PM. Donated items are to be turned in to Melisa so she can set up the silent auction which benefits our Ceres charity. There will be a gift exchange with a gift value of \$10.

Today is Larry Petrucci's birthday.

Gretchen announced that our next board meeting with the new board members will be held on January 8th at 7 PM at China Village.

Guests were introduced: John & Jackie and Jay.

Michael Turpin thanked the members that came to the Santa photo shoot at Pet Club.

Raffle:

1st prize – was a bottle of wine won by Sharon McMillan

2nd prize – went to Randy Mack which was bandanas

3rd prize – was several small tools which was won by Melisa Brown

4th prize – went to Dee Dee which was a \$10 gift certificate to China Village

5th prize – was applesauce and apple butter which was won by Julee Sherman

6th prize – went to Melisa Brown which was some lavender honey

7th prize – was a \$10 gift certificate to the Dollar Store and this went to Mike Holden

50/50 raffle this month was a total \$130. The winning ticket belonged to Ken Sutton. He won \$65 and \$65 went to our Ceres charity

General Meeting Photos in Google Photo Album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/xetbdyRaenq6F6dm8>



Tours & Events

by Dan & Jennifer Shilling - *Tours & Events Directors*

Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

Welcome to January 2019. This is going to be an exciting year for all of us. We have approx. 22 road captains this year and 34 rides planned. We are going places this year and we can't wait.

Hello, I'm Dan Shilling, I have been actively riding with Redwood Riders for this past year. My wife Jennifer will be assisting me with all the tour and events for the year. Wow, this club can ride!!!

We are planning on having a Road Captains meeting soon, more details to come. This meeting will be to go over riding safety, positioning in the pack and signs to share with the group to keep us safe while we have fun.

January Rides

Saturday January 5th

Mt. Tamalpais; Road Captains: Tresha & Darren Holloway. We will meet at Shari's at 9:30^{AM} and leave at 10:00^{AM}

Tuesday January 8th

RRMC Board of Directors Meeting; Starting at 7^{PM} at China Village, Cotati.

Saturday January 12th

After Christmas Party; 12-3^{PM} at China Village, Cotati.

Tuesday January 15th

RRMC General Membership Meeting; Greet & Eat starts at 6^{PM} and the meeting begins at 7^{PM} at China Village, Cotati.

Sunday January 20th

Fort Bragg; Road Captains: Mike & Julee Sherman. We will meet at Shari's at 9:30^{AM} and leave at 10:00^{AM}

Your Tours & Events, Dan & Jennifer



Rides & Events January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 MT. TAM Road Captains: <i>Darren & Tresha</i> 9:30 ^{AM} Meet 10:00 ^{AM} KSU
<div> Check the MeetUp site for updates & last minute changes! </div>						
6	7	8 BOARD MEETING 6:00 ^{PM} Dinner 7:00 ^{PM} Meeting	9	10	11	12 AFTER HOLIDAY PARTY 12-3 ^{PM} <i>China Village</i>
13	14	15 GENERAL MEETING 6:00 ^{PM} Dinner 7:00 ^{PM} Meeting	16	17	18	19
20 FT. BRAGG Road Captains: <i>Mike & Julee</i> 9:30 ^{AM} Meet 10:00 ^{AM} KSU	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 WINE COUNTRY Road Captain: <i>Larry</i> 9:30 ^{AM} Meet 10:00 ^{AM} KSU

Tom's Take

by Tom Cooke - Contributor

Therapist Office Parking

Did you ever notice that there are no bikes parked in front of mental health therapists' offices (unless, of course, it is being ridden by the therapist)?

Wonder why?

While no one, single activity serves as soul food or psychological fulfillment for all, riding surely does provide happiness and satisfaction for those fortunate enough to have discovered it.

- When you are feeling a bit down as life's joys and rewards have eluded you for a spell, going for a ride often provides the perfect "pick-me-up."
- If you are trying to sort out some of life's difficult conundrums, a good scenic ride may provide just the jolt that is needed to make a sound decision.
- If your significant other has been getting on your nerves (more than usual), saddle up. Your mood and tolerance is bound to improve.
- If your job seems like it is going nowhere, a good long ride may help you decide whether to hang in there and work harder on it, or hit the road for occupationally greener pastures.
- If your kids or grandkids are raising more hell than happiness, taking a long ride may help you decide whether to give them a set of luggage and a bus ticket, or even more unconditional love.

Yes, riding can meet so many needs that it can be a huge gift to your mental health and your life. Since we are near Christmas as I write this, since most of us have been "good" this year as Santa checks his list, and since we all have that magical gift already parked out front -- get out there, saddle up and enjoy the most exhilarating gift you can imagine! Odds are, you will feel better and think more clearly after partaking of this two-wheeled gift.



Better yet, invite a friend and enjoy a sounding board as part of the ride.

And as always, ride thoughtfully and safely.

Ho ho ho,

Tom



"MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS TO THROW CAUTION TO THE WIND, GET BACK TO MY DANGEROUS RISK TAKING WAYS... THIS IS UNLESS MOM SAYS NO."

Blast from the Past (President)

by “Big” Ben Johnstone - *Past President*

January 2019

Wow! The year is over already. Last year at this time I was hopeful for the newly elected officers. I was sad to be relinquishing my post, but excited to see what the new crop of club officers would bring.

Well, they exceeded my hopes for the club by a wide margin. The club has prospered and grown. I can't wait to see what the new year brings. The planned rides look great and the newly elected officers are energized. I think it is going to be another great year for our Club.



This is the time of the year when I am thinking about and planning my personal rides for the next 12 months. I usually like to take a long motorcycle trip with just me and Barb. This year we will be riding to the Theodore Roosevelt National Park which I have never visited. We will re-visit some of our favorite areas along the way including Slot Canyon in Page (a first for Barb) and the Rocky Mountain National Park. One of the “Old Coots” that I regularly ride with mentioned that he might like to go on the 3 flags run this year. I told him that I would be glad to ride with him, and I suspect that there are a few other Redwood Riders that would go along as well.

I am also busy trying to decide what, if any, modifications I will make to my “second childhood (sport touring)” bike. I am having daily negotiations with Santa Claus. Wish me luck with him. Some of our earlier discussions are shown at left.

Ceres Community Project Amazon Smile Program

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AFTER HOLIDAY SHOPPING? Don't forget to sign up with Amazon Smile and select The Ceres Community Project as your Amazon Smile charity of choice. It's 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/>

Cloverdale Toy Run

More Pix Online - See Page 11 for Link - Photos Courtesy Robyn



BIKER NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



1. RIDE BIKES

2. LOOK AT BIKES

3. TALK ABOUT BIKES

4. REPEAT

RRMC Pix Online**Ride & Event Photos Links****December Meeting:**

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Cloverdale Toy Run:

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November Meeting:

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Sausalito Ride:

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Calpella Ride:

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October Meeting:

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Boat Trip & Ice Cream Ride:

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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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Suisun Ride:

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After-Holiday Party:

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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

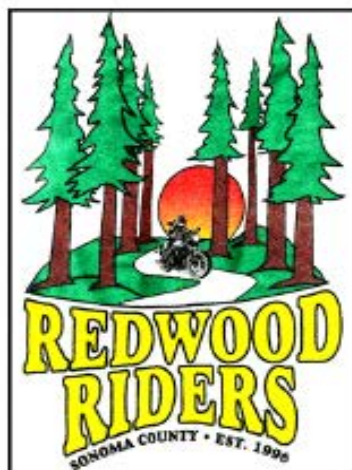
Make checks payable to RRMC – please no cash thru mail

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



Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club Membership Application

2019 Application



MAIL TO: Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club
 Attn: Membership Director
 Melisa Brown
 200 4th St. Suite 240
 Santa Rosa, CA 95401

PLEASE PRINT

APPLICANT:

Last Name: _____ Member # _____

First Name: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work or Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

CO-APPLICANT:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD): _____

Co-Applicant Email: _____

Motorcycles owned

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

AMA Member: No _____ Yes _____ # _____ How did you hear about the club? _____

Emergency Contact:

The information given here is kept private. It is accessible only by the Club Officers and Road Captains, to be used only in the event of an emergency.

Name of contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

The undersigned (here after known as "Applicant") has requested membership in the Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club (here after known as "RRMC"). The Applicant agrees to abide by the policies and rules of RRMC, current and future, as set down by the past and by the acting officers of the RRMC, stated in the RRMC by laws. The Applicant agrees to only operate a motorcycle while in possession of a valid driver's license recognized by the state in which the motorcycle is owned. The Applicant acknowledges the laws of the State of California require valid liability insurance, and agrees not to participate in any RRMC event unless covered by insurance meeting the requirements of the State of California. The Applicant hereby acknowledges the fact that operating a motorcycle in any situation is dangerous to life and limb and property, and agrees to hold harmless RRMC, all RRMC Officers past and present, all RRMC members past and present, and all RRMC sponsors past and present, from any liability of harm or injury to body or the damage or loss of personal property. Applicant acknowledges full responsibility for the actions, events and consequences arising from the participation of any guest of Applicant. Applicant acknowledges that participation in RRMC activities are on a volunteer basis and at no time is Applicant required to attend any event.

I have read and agree to the above guidelines

Signature:

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Co-Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Returning Member dues are \$24 per Household per year. Payable in January. Make checks payable to The Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club. MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

REV. 2018-12-17

Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club

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

Wear Your Gear! Club Gear that is.... Contact Dan & Jennifer to order RRMCC 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!

Sponsors

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