

Redwood Riders Review



January 2020

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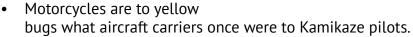
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"Prez Sez...

by Gretchen Tomm - President

Murphy's Motorcycle Laws

- A motorcycle cannot / will not fall over without an audience.
- The fact your keys are still in you pants pocket will become apparent after you put your gloves on.



- Quick fixes are named for how long they stay fixed.
- The only part you really need will also be the only part on permanent backorder.
- Nothing is harder to start than a used motorcycle being shown to a prospective buyer.
- You will never suffer a punctured tire on the road until you leave the repair kit at home.
- Universal accessories are so named because that is where you must search to find the bike they fit.

Be Smart. Ride Safe.

In The Wind - Gretchen





Membership

by Melisa Brown - Membership Director

Membership



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Your \$24 Membership Fee was due January 1st. A NEW Membership Form also needs to be submitted (yes, even for returning members). For your convenience, a 2020 Membership Form is on page 11; simply

print, complete & mail with your check to the address on the form or bring to the next general meeting. The 2020 Membership Form can also be found on our website @ https://redwoodridersmc.com/new-member-information/

If we don't receive your renewal by March 1st, you will be removed from the roster and future communications (like this fabulous newsletter). We hate to see you go!

Questions? Contact Melisa at membership@redwoodridersmc.com

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Effective January 1, 2020



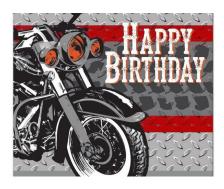
MEMBERSHIP

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Paid Memberships	36
Co-Riders	12
Provisional Members*	0
TOTAL	48

RIDER STATISTICS

Men	27
Women	9

*New Riders & Co-Riders 2020



JANUARY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Mike Holden Rob Grassi

Safety Report

"BMW George" Homenko - Safety Officer

Keeping Warm This Winter



I know this is not really an official safety subject but, I found something that is almost too good to be true. I discovered a heated vest. Now I know a lot of you have had a heated vest for some time, but I never got one. I was always hesitant about adding a bunch of wiring to my bike and then being tethered to the bike



by wires is for some reason a bit claustrophobic to me. So for most of my life I rode cold in the winter.

This winter I found that a battery powered vest can keep me warm and do it really well. I know what a lot of you are going to say "how well can a battery powered

vest work?" and "how long will the battery last?". Well that is the part that's too good to be true, it works really well! The battery last for days! And on top of that it's cheap! I don't want this to sound like a commercial, but I am impressed with what I have found. The vest I got is made in China and costs only \$24. The rechargeable battery pack is separate and costs another \$14. This power pack is also great for charging your phone or helmet in a pinch. So, for a total of \$38 and tax you are pretty damn warm. Links to what I purchased on eBay are below.

I have worn this vest several times and I find that when I am layered up with my cold weather riding gear and riding in <50 degrees it is actually too warm on the high setting. I wear just a t-shirt underneath the vest, then a sweatshirt and jacket over the vest. So I run it on medium or low. This is the thing I find hard to believe. Four or five hours with the vest on medium heat and the battery shows only 5% discharge. I have a couple days or more of the battery still available!

The temperature, on and off settings are controlled by a lit button switch above where your heart is. Red is high, blue is medium and green is low. Hold the button on for 3 seconds or so and it turns on and 3 seconds again it goes off. Pretty easy.

Here are the down sides I also found. The zipper on this vest is light weight and I am not sure how long it will last, but so far so good. Also, from what I have read almost all these vests are sized small. I wear a XL or maybe a 2XL. The one I have is a 3XL and there is no room to spare. The vest I have, I think, only has heating coils in the back of the vest. If true, it still does a good job of keeping my torso warm. It is washable, but I haven't tried that out.

Here is a picture of just what I look like wearing my new heated vest.



A warm rider is a safe rider!

Your Friendly Safety Officer - BMW George

The Vest I Have:

https://www.ebay.com/itm/Men-Women-Unisex-Electric-USB-Heated-Vest-Jacket-Coat-Full-Body-Winter-Outdoor/312852010340

Battery Pack:

https://www.ebay.com/itm/Universal-Power-Bank-900000mAh-2USB-External-Polymer-Battery-Charger-Portable/163952739588

General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - Secretary

December 17th 2019

Meeting called to order at 7^{PM} by Sqt. at Arms, Rosalie Mack

Opening Statement: President Gretchen Tomm reminded the members it's time to renew your membership for 2020 and that everyone needs to complete a new membership application along with the dues of \$24.

Our annual After Holiday Party is coming up on Saturday, January 11, 2020. Let Melisa know if you are coming so she can get a head count for the food. The price to attend is \$20 which she needs in advance. Melisa is accepting your donations for the Silent Auction which benefits our Ceres charity. Contact her to make arrangements to turn in your auction items.

Club t-shirts and hats are available. Contact Gretchen to purchase the items.

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

Treasurers Report: Michael Turpin provided the treasurers report. He announced that Mike and Julee Sherman have not submitted any receipts for reimbursement of the raffle prizes for our monthly meetings. They want that to be considered their donation to Ceres.

Membership Report: Dee Dee d'Argence reported that our current membership is 108.

Tours and Events: Jen Shilling gave her report.

Jen advised the members that she made an error in our monthly meeting location and the After Holiday Party. She mistakenly reported that they were being held at Shari's instead of China Village. She will send out a correction.

In the middle of the month she will be contacting the road captains for special information for their upcoming rides. On the third Sunday she will send out an email with special notes and Meetup will be updated. Ride reports are to be submitted to Jen after the ride.

Jan 4th - Saturday is our first ride of the year. This will be to Cache Creek Casino and will be led by George Homenko

Jan 8th - Wednesday Mike Holden will lead the group to Coppola's Winery in Geyserville.

Jan 19th - Sunday will be a ride to Gualala and Gretchen Tomm will be leading.

May 23rd through the 31st is a Utah ride. This ride is being put on by George Homenko and Mike Holden.

Cloverdale Toy Run was held on December 1st. Ben Johnstone put this ride on and provided a ride report at the meeting for the event. Due to the rain, it was cancelled as a ride, but we met at Shari's and carpooled to the toy run. We had thirteen members attending. We had a good time and enjoyed the lunch that was provided. Due to the rain, the attendance was way down.

Flyers were available for our Mammoth ride coming up in September.



General Meeting Minutes

Safety Officer: George Homenko had a video for the membership to watch on cornering.

Afterwards, he made a presentation to Dee Dee d'Argence. He awarded Dee Dee a special certificate that makes her an Official Lifetime Front Rider. This authorizes her to ride in the front of the group on any ride she is on. Along with the certificate, he provided her with a card to be carried with her in case someone questions her always riding in the front of the pack.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Gretchen thanked Julee Sherman for putting our monthly raffle together this past year. She asked if anyone would be interested in taking it over the raffle and Conci Mack volunteered.

After Holiday Party – Melisa Brown advised that reservations are needed from those attending the party. She is also looking for any items you have for the silent auction. We will have our usual white elephant gift exchange. Minimum amount for the gifts is \$10.

Raffle:

- 1st prize was gingerbread beer and chocolate biscotti assortment. Michael Turpin was the winner.
- 2nd prize went to John Bartch. His prize was lotions along with lotto tickets.
- 3rd prize was liqueur filled truffles and scratcher lotto tickets. This went to Teresa Gilford.
- 4th prize went to Dee Dee which was nutty popcorn and scratcher lotto tickets.
- 5th prize aka Loser Prize went to Melisa which was scratcher lotto tickets.

50/50 raffle this month was a total of \$120. Dee Dee had the winning number drawn and she asked that another ticket be drawn. The winning ticket went to Sergio Bravo. He donated his \$60 portion back to our Ceres Charity. He received a Donate Back Gift of coffee and a thermos.

General Meeting Photos in Google Photo Album: https://photos.app.goo.gl/9iwVGt42BVDvgrFY7



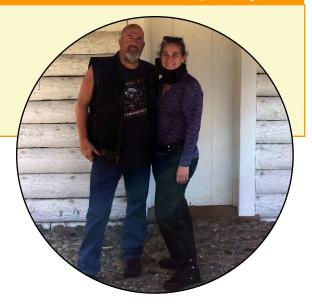
Tours & Events

by Dan & Jennifer Shilling - Tours & Events Directors

Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

Hello and Happy New Year,

It has been a great 2019! A special thanks and applause goes out to last year's Road Captains. We are excited to see and meet new adventure's in 2020. In November, 17 people sat around Wades dining room table and planned out 2020. We have added a few more rides, some just day rides, extra over-nighters and a few week long adventures. Thank you, Road Captains, for your dedication. As many of you know it takes a great deal in planning a ride let alone a long ride.



A few changes, I will be sending out a monthly reminder of the rides. It will come out on the last Sunday of the month. I will also be sending out emails to the Road Captains asking them if there are any special circumstances for their ride and will inform you in the monthly email. I will also be updating Meet-Up, if you need a reminder prior to the ride please sign up. It only takes a minute.

DECEMBER RIDES & EVENTS

Sunday December 2nd - Cloverdale Toy Run; Road Captain: Ben Johnstone. 13 riders in private vehicles.

Tuesday December 17th - General Meeting; 35 members attended.

JANUARY RIDES & EVENTS

Saturday January 4th - Cache Creek; Road Captain: George Homenko. Meet at Shari's at 9:30^{AM} leave at 10:00^{AM}

Wednesday January 8th - Coppola Winery; Road Captain: Mike Holden. Meet at Shari's at 9:30^{AM} leave at 10:00^{AM}

Saturday January 11th - After Holiday Party; China Village 12 - 3^{PM}

Sunday January 19th - **Gualala**; Road Captain: Gretchen Tomm. Meet at Shari's at 9:30^{AM} leave at 10:00^{AM} Route has windy roads.

Tuesday January 21st - **General Meeting**; Greet & Eat starts at 6^{PM} and the meeting begins at 7^{PM} at China Village, Cotati.

---- Your Tours & Events, Dan & Jen

Tom's Take

by Tom Cooke - Contributor

CHP Receives Grant to Increase MC Safety

With more than 1.4 million Californians licensed to ride motorcycles, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) looks for ways to increase motorcycle safety. A federal grant to develop the Get Educated and Ride Safe (GEARS) program will promote motorcycle safety and awareness.

The GEARS goals are to reduce the number of motorcycle-involved crashes and crash victims. In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016, the number of motorcyclist victims increased approximately nine percent over the previous year. Provisional FFY 2017 data for motorcyclist victims shows a six percent decrease within CHP jurisdiction.

"Our intent is to raise motorcycle awareness on the roadways," CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley said. "The continuing focus on motorcycle education and enforcement will improve safety for motorcyclists and motorists alike."

The CHP will deploy officers on enhanced motorcycle safety enforcement operations in regions with a high number of motorcycle incidents. A year-long series of motorcycle traffic safety education campaigns, including the "May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month," is planned. The campaigns will promote the use of properly approved helmets for all riders and raise motorists' awareness of sharing the road with motorcyclists. The campaigns will also focus on the most dangerous traffic violations, including speeding, improper turning, and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Over and Out, Tom

Ceres Community Project Amazon Smile Program

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"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."



"Yes, dear, you father is frozen solid. He wanted to get one last ride in. Unfortunately, it's 30 degrees out."

Blast from the Past (President)

by "Big" Ben Johnstone - Past President

It's Not A Bike, It's A Canvas

I have been researching motorcycles in an effort to determine what I should buy next. I was all ready to make my purchase and my wife pointed out that maybe I should wait until my body was fully recovered to make sure I could handle a big bike (I hate it when they use logic against you). I reluctantly agreed, and continue my research. No bike I look at is exactly what I would like, so not only do I look at bikes, but I also look at what modifications I will want to make once I get the bike. Modifications are grouped into a few categories and I consider each to be important.

COMFORT: Since I like to make long trips on the bike, comfort is very important to me. This involves the riding position as well as weather protection and protection from the heat of the motor. Bigger handgrips are required. The wrist angle to the handlebars must be as straight as possible. The seat must allow me to move forward and back; floorboards also. Heat shields between me and the motor are important, as well as wind/rain protection. Vents/windshield height that can be modified as conditions dictate are welcome. My passenger has to be comfortable with a secure backrest. Every bike requires some large or small modification in order to meet these requirements.

PERFORMANCE: Twenty years ago, this was the very first thing I attended to. These days engine, suspension, and braking technology has advanced to the point that very little modification is required no matter which bike you choose. Today it is more about the sound of the bike than it is a need for more performance.

DO-DADS: When I first entered my second childhood, I was interested in adding bits of chrome here and there to make my ride unique. I have pretty much outgrown this modification, but I do admire things others have done in this category, so I still consider modifications of this type from time to time.



Some Modifications May Go Too Far

RRMC Pix Online

Ride & Event Photos Links

Coppola Winery:

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Cache Creek:

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2019 PHOTOS

December Meeting:

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Cloverdale Toy Run:

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RKA Food Drive:

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November Meeting:

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Clear Lake Ride:

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Boat Trip & Ice Cream Ride:

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October Meeting:

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Power Outage Ride:

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Woodland:

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Oregon Adventure:

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September Meeting:

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Western Railway Museum:

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Bale Grist Mill:

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August Meeting:

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Lakeport:

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Calpella:

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July Meeting:

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Stinson Beach:

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Chester:

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June Meeting:

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Cabrillo Light House:

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May Meeting:

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Middletown:

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Hearst Castle:

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April Meeting:

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Alice's Restaurant

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Point Arena

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March Meeting:

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St. Patrick's Day Williams Ride:

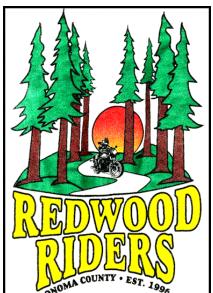
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Busters Ride:

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Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club Membership Application

2020 Application



MAIL TO: Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club

Attn: Membership Director Melisa Brown

REDWOOD COUNTY · EST. 1996	First Name:Address:	Member #
\$0n	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: NoYes#_	How did you	hear about the club?
Emergency Contact: The information given here is kept p the event of an emergency.	orivate. It is accessible only by the	Club Officers and Road Captains, to be used only in
Name of contact:	Pho	ne Number:
(here after known as "RRMC"). The set down by the past and by the action operate a motorcycle while in posses. The Applicant acknowledges the law participate in any RRMC event unless Applicant hereby acknowledges the property, and agrees to hold harmle and all RRMC sponsors past and property. Applicant acknowledges for	e Applicant agrees to abide by the ng officers of the RRMC, stated it is sion of a valid driver's license receives of the State of California requiress covered by insurance meeting fact that operating a motorcycle is RRMC, all RRMC Officers paresent, from any liability of harmull responsibility for the actions, of acknowledges that participation	embership in the Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club e policies and rules of RRMC, current and future, as in the RRMC by laws. The Applicant agrees to only cognized by the state in which the motorcycle is owned. The valid liability insurance, and agrees not to the requirements of the State of California. The in any situation is dangerous to life and limb and stand present, all RRMC members past and present, or injury to body or the damage or loss of personal events and consequences arising from the participation in RRMC activities are on a volunteer basis and at no
I have read and agree to the above g <mark>Signature:</mark>	uidelines	
Applicant:		Date:
Co-Applicant:		Date:

Returning Member dues are \$24 per Household per year. Payable in January. Make checks payable to The Redwood Riders

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

Wear Your Gear! Club Gear that is.... Contact Gretchen 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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