



Redwood Riders Review

May 2020

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"Prez Sez..."

by Gretchen Tomm - President

As we continue to SIP, everyone's lives are upside down, sideways or just plain crazy! 🤪

Riding, our wind therapy, helps us all get our minds and lives centered. Without our wind therapy, it's challenging. I have been out riding on the weekends with a couple friends, and it feels great! We pack a lunch and stop wherever we can. 😊



I miss our rides, monthly meetings and seeing y'all! I look forward to getting back to our scheduled 2020 rides.

HOPEFULLY things will open up by June and off we go and go and go and go!

In the wind (a little bit)

Gretchen

**Most useless
purchase of 2019;**

A 2020 planner.

MAY
is
MOTORCYCLE
Awareness Month



LOOK TWICE.
SAVE A LIFE.

Membership

by Melisa Brown - *Membership Director*

Membership

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Greetings & Salutations Redwood Riders! It has been far too long since we have gathered together as a group! I miss our rides and socializing with the gang! As life returns to some semblance of normalcy, we will begin to re-schedule rides and events but for now, please bear with us as we continue to observe the shelter in place order mandated by our government officials. Once we start rescheduling rides, we will alert you via email and update the Meetup site but until then, be safe!

We have tentatively scheduled a short ride on Wednesday, May 13th. More details will be announced as soon as we have them. Keep your fingers crossed!!

Cheers - Queen Lollygagger (Robyn)



MEMBERSHIP

Paid Memberships	51
Co-Riders	14
Provisional Members*	3
TOTAL	68

RIDER STATISTICS

Men	41
Women	13

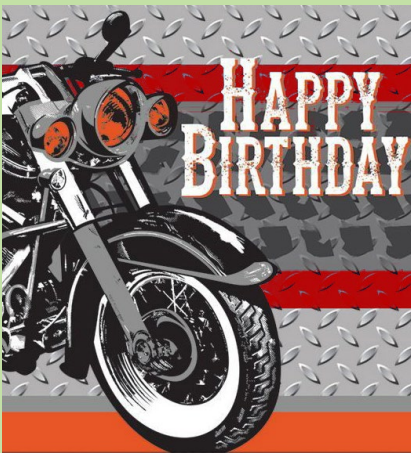
**New Riders & Co-Riders 2020*



NEW MEMBERS

Neal Daneman
Greg Gulotta
Doug Drake

APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Lynn Anderson
Heidi Bigall
Barbara Bowen
Sergio Bravo
Melisa Brown
Denise Dawe
Greg Gulotta
Gary Pope
Mark Quam
Mare Skipper
Mel Stireman



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Rides & Events May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
<div> Check the MeetUp site for updates & last minute changes! </div>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 MOTHERS DAY	11	12	13 TENTATIVE Road Captain: TBD 9:00 ^{AM} Meet 9:30 ^{AM} KSU	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Tom's Take

by Tom Cooke - *Contributor*

Riding in the Wake of the Coronavirus



A nightmare is upon us; the Coronavirus looms.

Social distancing has become the new normal, and we are bombarded with public health and safety messages from every conceivable source. In order to minimize our risk of catching the virus, we are required to forgo many of our previous simple pleasures. Something as innocuous as hand-shaking or hugging is now off limits. To be good citizens, doing our bit for the public health, we should not even stand within six feet of one another. And eating out is yesterday's news.

We are figuring out how to adjust to this "new normal" for as long as needed, while at this moment, we have no idea how long that will be.

But what do I see on the horizon? A smiling rider on a motorcycle! Yes, say hallelujah children! We can still pursue our foremost riding pleasure while remaining good citizens, who are obedient to the public health edicts!

Can we ride without hugging or hand shaking first? Damn skippy we can. Elbow bumps are OK if you like.

Can we gas up our bikes safely? Yep - use a barrier like a glove or towel between the gas pump and our hand.

Can we ride the beautiful countryside we have come to love? You bet, as long as we keep the six-foot social distance in mind.

What better way to avoid crowds than riding a motorcycle?

We are advised to avoid confined air. Perfect! No confined air from the back of our bikes.

No sit-down restaurants anymore? Time to pack lunch or get take-out. Not that big a deal! No reason not to ride, that is for certain.

And a word about our mental health seems in order. While this nightmare Covid-19 has struck fear and anxiety in the bravest hearts, a spirited ride can remove some of that fear and anxiety, replacing it with the excitement, thrill and emotional gratification that we have come to associate with riding.

So, we are very lucky. We can be true to the many admonitions and requirements of public health and governmental authorities, and still enjoy what we love the most – riding! This is something we can all be grateful for as we saddle up in pursuit of that priceless experience we have while on our bikes.

Over and Out, Tom

EDITOR'S NOTE: Tom wrote this article back in March prior to the Shelter In Place edict. As you are all very keenly aware, the powers that be have requested we "Shelter In Place" which frowns upon non-essential travel. While I do not condone disobeying the Governor's mandate, I personally think of motorcycle riding as essential for my mental health and have continued to ride either solo (to my "essential" job) or with a very small group of fellow riders.

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

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/AjhFENcBGUth3zSf9>

Alice's Restaurant

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Calpella:

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Gualala:

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January Meeting:

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After Holiday Party:

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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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Capay:

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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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Wear Your Gear! Club Gear that is.... Contact Gretchen to order RRMCM 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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