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Redwood Riders Review

March & April 2021

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"Prez Sez..."

by Gretchen Tomm - President

I guess the word is out that we are a fun motorcycle club to ride with, because our rides are averaging 25+ people! And we do have lots of fun. The weather has been really nice for riding, especially with all the green grass and wildflowers, we get to enjoy on our rides. We have lots of fun adventures planned for this year.

I want to thank our outgoing treasurer, Michael Turpin. He and his wife have retired and are moving to Myrtle Creek, Oregon in mid-April. I want to thank Michael for his service to our club as both treasurer and road captain. We wish them well on the next chapter of their lives. You will be missed!



We are not sure at this time when we will be going back to our monthly meetings at China Village. Hopefully, this year sometime. Things are slowly opening up, and we will let everyone know of any changes. In the meantime, we will continue to get together on our rides.

Happy Spring

Happy Motorcycling

In The Wind - Gretchen "Mz. Prez"

Membership

by Melisa Brown - *Membership Director*

Membership

MEMBERSHIP

Paid Memberships	50
Co-Riders	14
Provisional Members*	17
TOTAL	81

RIDER STATISTICS

Men	50
Women	17

*New Riders 2021



NEW MEMBERS

Lyndasue Christensen
 Bob Mortensen
 Michele Bishop
 Marvin de'Angelis
 Luis Kong
 Jeff Orr
 Cory Coleman
 Ken & Sue Butkett
 Cristine Barragan
 Steven Bowne
 Chris Goodfellow
 Andrew Little



MARCH

Sue Butkett
 Cory Coleman
 Carole Gonzales
 James Hamilton
 Darren Holloway
 George Homenko
 Rosalie Mack

APRIL

Barbara Bowen
 Sergio Bravo
 Melisa Brown
 Denise Dawe
 Robyn McWilliam-Hamilton
 Gary Pope
 Mel Stireman

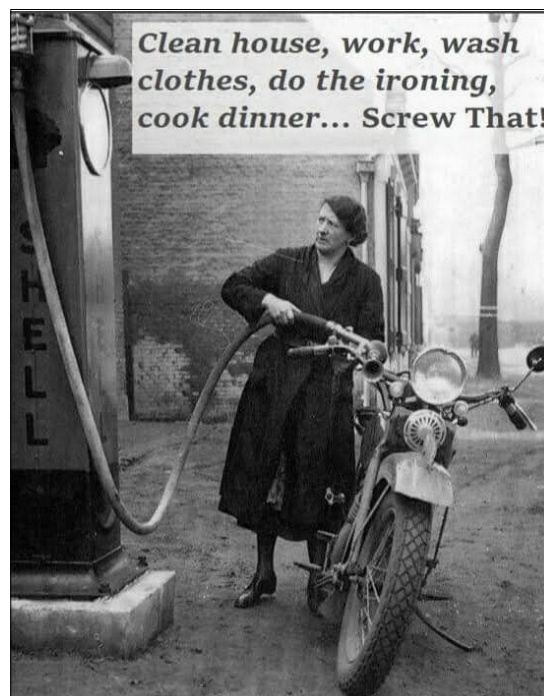
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Safety Report

“BMW George” Homenko - *Safety Officer*

Group Riding 101

Riding in a group can add safety to a motorcycle ride but it can also add hazards if not done right. I know most of you are going to say I have been riding in a group for years and I know how it is done. That may be true, but it is good to refresh yourself with some of the basics. And for those of you that are new to a group ride read and learn.

Groups are big, loud, and very visible, lot of lights and chrome. It's a rare occasion that someone pulls out in front of a group because they didn't see all those bikes coming at them. As a motorcycle rider you are most likely to be injured by a car that doesn't see you and pulls out or turns in front of you. Groups help prevent this, but only if the riders ride as one. Before I get further into my talk let me make one thing very clear, I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO RIDE FASTER THAN THEY ARE COMFORTABLE WITH. I will get into this more below.

Say we have a large group of 20 plus bikes and we are on a twisty single lane road. If a bike in the group falls back, it makes a gap in the group. Now imagine you have a car and driver waiting to pull out of their driveway. They have been sitting for several minutes waiting. They are getting impatient with all these damn motorcycles. Then all of the sudden the motorcycles stop coming down the road and they pull out. But now the bike that fell back is coming around the turn. A serious hazard is created just by the size of the group and a gap in the bikes. The responsibility to keep the group together falls on every ride and the leader. If you are leading and you come to a light or a stop sign. If all the bikes are spread out and it takes a long time for the sweep to show up, you are leading to fast. The reality is if you want to drag a knee around every corner, find another rider that also wants to do that with you. Big groups are a social thing and not designed for speed.

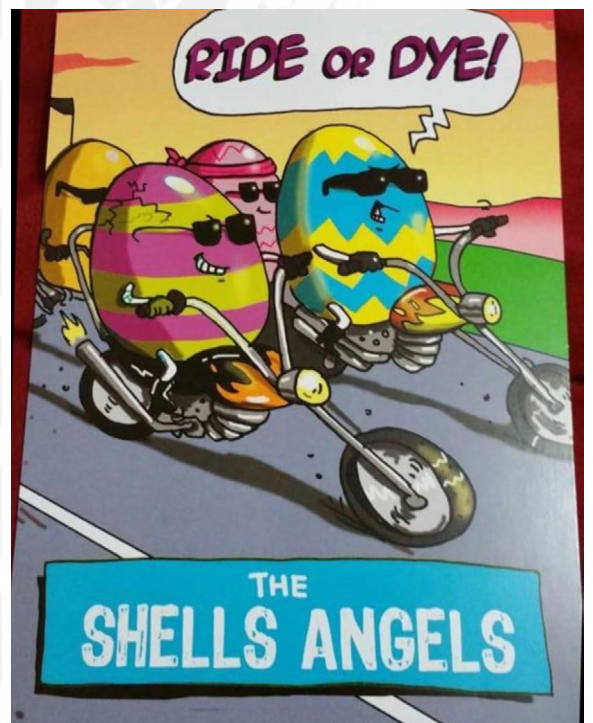
I just came down on the leader for going too fast, but it can also be a rider that makes a gap for no reason. I have seen many times that a gap in a group opens up for no reason. All the person has to do is go a mile per hour faster down a straight away to give themselves a 2 second gap from the person in front of them. But no, they are a quarter mile back! This makes the gap, and this makes the group dangerous.

We seem to be having some large groups lately and there is one other thing I would like to bring up.

When riding on the freeway the group can be a half mile long. Let's try not to piss off a 4,000-5,000 pound car or truck. Whatever lane you are in and a car wants to pull into the group, let them in. Sometimes we are in the slow lane and a car needs to make an exit. They come along side on your left, they turn on their signal, that's the sign to open a gap and let them in. We don't need some asshole in a car that just had a fight with his wife, taking his rage out on a 600 pound motorcycle and rider. I know it looks cool to all be in a group without any cars, but it is also cool to get home in one piece.

Enough lecturing for today!

George - Your Safety Officer



Tours & Events

by Heidi Bigall - *Tours & Events Directors*

Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

RIDES & EVENTS

As advertised in the last newsletter, we are still in need of new Ride Captains. If you are interested in joining this elite group of members, please feel free to reach out to me at hbigall@gmail.com. We have rides in need of Captains as follows

Wednesday, May 12
Wednesday, June 9
Wednesday, August 11
Sunday, August 15

February Rides:

Saturday 6th: **Stinson Beach**. Road Captain: Heidi Bigall - See [Ride Report](#)
Wednesday 10th: **Suisun City**. Road Captain: George Homenko - See [Ride Report](#)
Sunday 21st: **Ukiah**. Road Captain: Robyn LaMantia - See [Ride Report](#)

March Rides:

Sunday 7th: **Gualala**. Road Captain: George Homenko - See [Ride Report](#)
Wednesday 10th: **Lake Berryessa**. Road Captain: Ben Johnstone - Canceled due to rain.
Sunday 21st: **Fairfield**. Road Captain: Gretchen Tomm - See [Ride Report](#)
Saturday – Sunday 27th – 28th: **Ferndale/Ave of the Giants**. Road Captain: Robyn LaMantia - See [Ride Report](#)

Upcoming Rides for April & May:

Saturday, April 3: **Cache Creek**. Road Captain: George Homenko.
Wednesday, April 14: **Lake Berryessa**. Road Captain: Ben Johnstone
Sunday, April 18: **Town of Mendocino**. Road Captain: Wade Roberts
Saturday, May 1: **Pt. Arena**. Road Captains: Darren & Tresha Holloway
Wednesday, May 12: **In Need of Road Captain - I know someone out there would like to step up!!**
Friday, May 12 - Saturday, May 29: **Southern Utah**. Road Captains: George Homenko & Gretchen Tomm



Ride Season is HERE! Many of our long rides for 2021 have been planned and all YOU need to do is book your hotel! Flyers for all the trips which have been finalized are at the end of this newsletter.

Book Soon to avoid crushing disappointment!

Rides & Events April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 CACHE CREEK Road Captain: <i>George Homenko</i> 9:00 ^{AM} Meet 9:30 ^{AM} KSU
<div> <i>Check the MeetUp site for updates & last minute changes!</i> </div>						
4 EASTER 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 LAKE BERRYESSA Road Captain: <i>Ben Johnstone</i> 9:00 ^{AM} Meet 9:30 ^{AM} KSU	15	16	17
18 TOWN OF MENDOCINO Road Captain: <i>Wade Roberts</i> 9:00 ^{AM} Meet 9:30 ^{AM} KSU	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 PT. ARENA Road Captains: <i>Darren & Tresha Holloway</i> 9:00 ^{AM} Meet 9:30 ^{AM} KSU

Tom's Take

by Tom Cooke - Contributor

Don't Be A Shifless Scoundrel!

A few bikes are available with automatic or dual-clutch transmission, often abbreviated "DCT." For example, my latest generation Honda Goldwing Tour with DCT can be ridden as an automatic transmission, due to its innovative transmission design. The large majority of riders, however, prefer to make their own decisions about when and where to shift gears.

Virtually all current bikes have a rev- or revolution-limiter, which will prevent you from taking the bike above the red line of your tachometer. Even so, winding out your bike to its red line is not advisable, as engine damage could easily result. Red-lining your bike also requires more gas than moderate shifting habits. For best economy, early and frequent shifts are optimal. If you are attentive to the information your tachometer provides, your bike will thank you by performing well, using less gas, and avoiding repair.

A word about downshifting—which is useful both to slow your bike, and to adjust your RPMs to achieve more power from your engine. Be aware that using your transmission to slow your bike by downshifting carries some liabilities. It is much less efficient than simply braking. Brake pads will wear out, true enough. But when they do, they are much less expensive to replace than rings, bearings, or pistons that can be damaged by excessive or poorly timed downshifting. While it feels like fun to shift, there are times when you just need not do it. A long downhill can be enjoyed without much shifting.

Bottom line is this: downshift 1) for quick assist to slow down, or 2) to rev up if RPMs have dropped too low. You will know when to upshift when your bike will no longer lunge forward because it is just tapped out.

Of course, there is another huge factor that will decide your shifting habits, and that is simply this. Shift up or down when and where it adds to the pleasure and excitement of riding. Feeling frisky? Shift away. Want to relax some? Shift less. Above all, enjoy your ride, and take care of your bike. We ask a lot of them, so pamper, as necessary.

Over & Out - Tom



Please consider donating to the club charity! The Ceres Community Project delivers meals to our neighbors in need and due to the pandemic, their requests for meal delivery has dramatically increased.

Since we have not generated any income from General Meeting raffles and our Holiday Party Silent Auction, our club donation will be very small.

You can donate directly to Ceres at:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=CGXTZMGEV2G5W

Club Gear

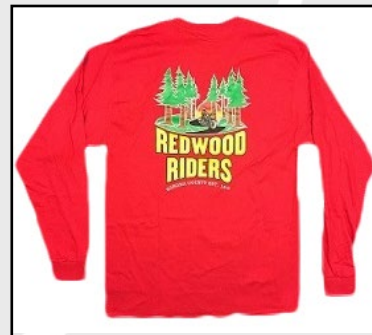
RRMC CLUB GEAR IS AVAILABLE!

We have a limited supply so order yours today! Contact Gretchen for details and to arrange purchase.

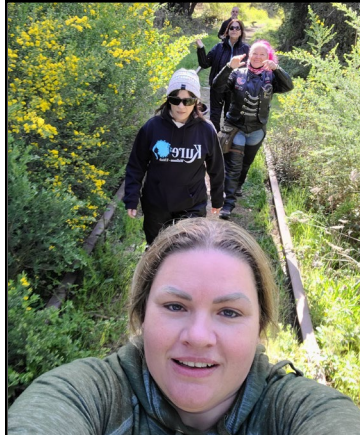
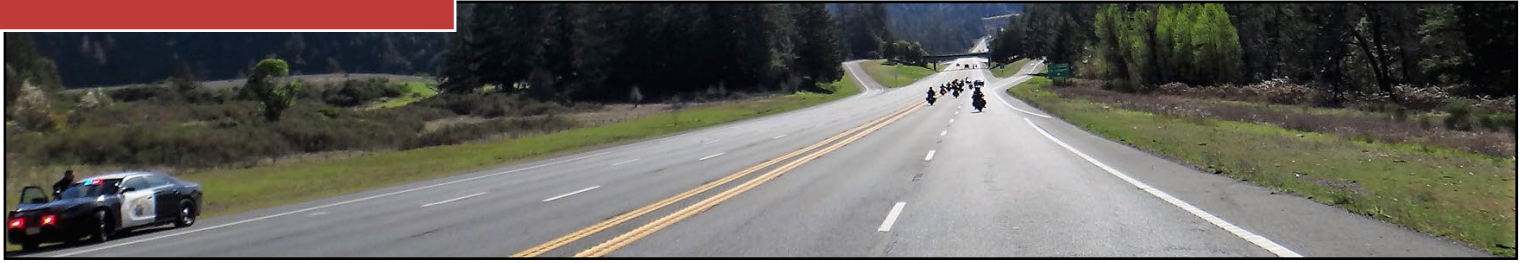
We have 1 additional item for sale; 3/4-Zip Red Sweatshirt 2XL for \$32. Same logo placement on front & back as shirts.



Baseball Caps - \$15	Visors - \$10	T-Shirts - Short Sleeve - \$20		T-Shirts - Long Sleeve - \$20*	
QTY in Stock	QTY in Stock	Available in Black & Red		Available in Black & Red	
		Black	Red	Black	Red
8	2			1 - Medium	1 - Medium
			1 - Large		2 - Large
		2 - XL	1 - XL	2 - XL	1 - XL
			2 - XXL	2 - XXL *\$22	1 - XXL *\$22



03-28 Ferndale



RRMC Pix Online**Ride & Event Photo & Video Links****Ferndale / Ave of the Giants March 27-28:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/yexnFLPNKsHcxJA3A>
<https://youtu.be/IByeAxBZY-k>

Fairfield March 21:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/wKQwfFwoviNwESTe6>

Gualala March 7:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/r9r8BG3EWnTQovDL7>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmrAoGMHvK4>

Ukiah February 21:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/suPwzQm3Kd61fiAk8>

Suisun February 10:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/unyueirH91JJEgVA7>

Stinson Beach February 6:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/YphoViqCv5sy5oLD6>

Upper Lake January 17:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/S75zwTvHi4JH6bqx5>

Vines, River & Ocean January 13:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/DumnR3YPcLnBa1Z36>

Pix & Videos from 2020**Follow the Burn November 15:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/HpqJCeas7eHJpM92A>

Old Town Sacramento November 7:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/iNrMaHg3RyLODopr6>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTP52dQU3b4>

Topaz Lake - Sonora October 23-25:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/4EztmndWGVKnw4iF9>
<https://youtu.be/4dshYHzG7Nw>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvZ6Wf-ekmU>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98IGxEyOsc&t=5s>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EV6K031fUz8>

Twisty Road Ride October 14:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/65sW6wn3ZXJMgxcg97>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLbz6lCplhs>

Capay & Lake Berryessa October 18:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5cyWLnIQQbbGNzoK9>

Stewarts Point Loop October 3:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/E7vbwxs91HY5nVP8>

Calpella September 9:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/wEtsmfEXfO8AnM3LA>

Yellowstone August:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/89QMcoTzJKetBBTz5>

Oregon July 24-27:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/nMpVg5Spw9HwZXJG8>

Ft. Bragg July 19:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Pn1cuaNCTkAeYTD97>
<https://youtu.be/irx-A202y-U>

Noyo July 7:

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Gold Country June 27-28:

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Lake County June 21:

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Clear Lake June 6:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5Timp9S7RWTxaH96>

Utah May (unofficial ride):

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<https://youtu.be/lxwi4qnsT9I>

Lake Berryessa May 16:

<https://youtu.be/cANfjrPg1gl>

Stinson Beach March 11:

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<https://youtu.be/nPking6kzl0>

February Meeting:

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Alice's Restaurant February 16

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Calpella February 2:

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Gualala January 19:

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January Meeting:

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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 RRMHC hats & shirts!

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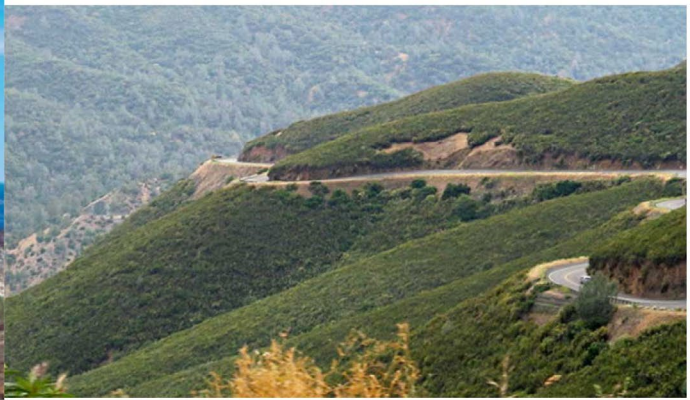
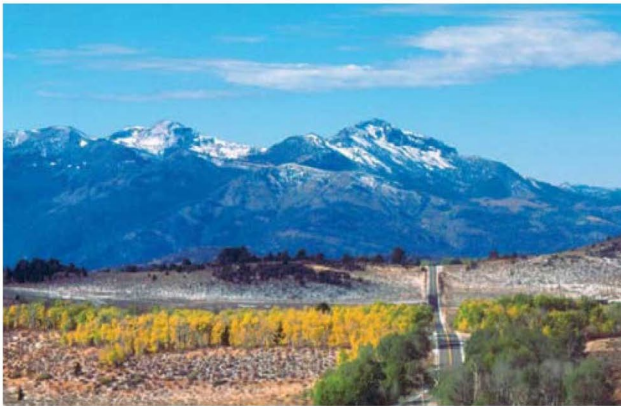
Redwood Rider's Southern Utah Ride May 22rd – May 29th

We have the route and hotels done. The goals are to have as many scenic stops as possible without too many miles ridden in a day. The longest ride is the first day at 380 miles with the rest of the ride averaging about 300 miles per day. Stops are planned every hour with as many as possible at the numerous scenic locations we ride by. We will be staying in Moab for 2 nights in order to see all the local sites. Book your hotels early some blocks are only held for 30 days! All hotel prices are approximations and without taxes.

5/22 - 1st Night - Lone Pine CA (380 miles) Via 12/5/120/395

See Yosemite, Owens Valley

Lone Pine, CA - Quality Inn - (760) 876-8700 - \$160 24 hr. cancellation.
Mention Redwood Riders.



5/23 - 2nd Night - St. George UT (341 miles) Via 136,

190, 374, 95, 215, 15 See Death Valley

St. George, UT - Best Western Coral Hills

(435) 673-4844 - \$89 30 day cancellation

Say Redwood Riders for the discount or use

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.45023.html?groupId=7E0WW7D0



5/24 - 3rd Night Torrey UT (235 miles) Via 15, 9, 89, 12

See Zion, Bryce, Escalante Grand Staircase

Torrey, UT - Red Sands Motel - (435) 425-3688

\$130 w/AAA and Say Redwood Riders for the discount

30 day cancellation



5/25 and 5/26 - 4th and 5th Nights - Moab UT (250 miles)
 Via 24, 95, 191 See Arches & Canyonlands Parks &
 Dead Horse Overlook Super 8 Moab - (435) 259-
 8868 - \$134
 Mention Redwood Riders. 48 hours cancellation



5/27 - 6th Night - Ely NV (380 miles) Via 70, 89,
 14, 130, 21, 50 Cedar Breaks, Sand Mountain
 Ely, NV - Bristlecone Motel - (800) 497-7404 - \$85
 Mention Redwood Riders for group discount.
 24hr cancellation



5/28 - 7th Night - Reno/Sparks (350 miles) Via 50,
 722, 50, 80
 Ride America's Loneliest Road
 Reno/Sparks - Best Western - (775) 358-
 6900 - \$107 or use
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.29094.html?groupId=3V8UV5U5
 72hr cancellation



5/28 - Ride Home about 230 miles



Ride leader George Homenko 707.888.0653 GHomenko@gmail.com Contact me with
 questions. LETS RIDE!



NOTE : Contact George as the departure date has changed! We will be leaving on Friday, May 21 and staying in Topaz Lake.

Water Falls Tour 2021

June 25 – 27

June 25 - 1st Night we will be staying at Green Gables Motel & Suites (530) 335-3300. Rooms are reserved under Tresha Holloway

37371 CA-299 Burney CA 96013

June 26 - 2nd Night we will be staying at 49er Gold County Inn (530) 623-4937

Rooms are reserved under Tresha Holloway

718 Main Street, Weaverville CA 96093

Day 1 we will make our way to Burney

Day 2 will be an early day KSU 815am. Bring your walking shoes. We will be checking out the Stunning Burney Falls, then onto McCloud Falls (Upper, Middle & Lower). Lunch will be in McCloud and a great Café. We will then make our way to Weaverville for the night.

Day 3 we will continue on the scenic Hwy 299 with a coffee break at the Strawhouse Cafe and lunch at Eel River Brewing Company in Fortuna. We will then make our way home VIA 101.

Make your reservations NOW! You can always cancel later. Rooms are reserved under Tresha Holloway

Be sure and pack water and snacks

Your Road Captain's Darren & Tresha are looking forward to having you join them!