



# Redwood Riders Review

May 2021

## MEMORIAL DAY

*Remember & Honor*

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## "Prez Sez..."

by Gretchen Tomm - President



At our recent board meeting, we decided we should send out some of our club rules as a reminder to all our members. The full list of ride rules, hand signals, are on our website. Please take the time to read or reread them. We do not want to sound like hardasses, but when members bring topics or concerns to our attention, we need to address them. We all want to have fun on our rides, but safety is our number one concern. Our board members as well as our road captains take our safety seriously. Let's all do our part to keep our club fun and safe.

Now, fun stuff.....weather is getting really nice, and we are enjoying riding the surrounding counties on back roads. Take the time to notice all the beautiful spring flowers out there and don't forget to thank your road captains as there's a lot of thought and planning going into our rides.

In The Wind - Gretchen "Mz. Prez"



*"I hear one of you rides a fast bike to work each day."*

MAY  
is  
**MOTORCYCLE**  
Awareness Month



LOOK TWICE.  
SAVE A LIFE.

# Membership

by Melisa Brown - *Membership Director*

## Membership

### MEMBERSHIP

Paid Memberships	53
Co-Riders	14
Provisional Members*	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>

### RIDER STATISTICS

Men	57
Women	20

\*New Riders 2021



### NEW MEMBERS

Mike Hamilton  
Mathew "Tex" Lesenko  
Valerie Martinez  
Kelly Webb  
Lonnie Olaeta  
Karl Svendsen  
Andy Pollock



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Lynn Anderson  
Heidi Bigall  
James Boeddiker  
Michele Bishop  
Mark Quam  
Michael Simi  
Mare Skipper

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### NEW TREASURER

Thanks to **Dee Dee d'Argence** for volunteering to be our Club Treasurer! The position was recently vacated by Michael Turpin who is now enjoying retirement in Oregon.

### LEATHER WORK & PATCHES

Need some leather work done? Zippers fixed? Patches sewn on to your vest or jacket? Give Araceli a call at 707.623.7272 She has been serving the MC community for over 25 years.



"I started out just shopping for a pair of sun glasses, but I thought a new motorcycle would go nicely with them."



# Safety Report

“BMW George” Homenko - *Safety Officer*

## Group Riding Club Rules



### PRE-RIDE

- Look at your bike. Take a look at your friend's bike. ARE THEY SAFE?
- Walk around your bike. Check your tires, brakes and look for any potential problem.
- Also check your lights, Are they all working?
- Is your tank full? Always come to rides with a full tank of fuel. Check your oil level, tire pressure and look for any leaks.
- It is recommended you wear a DOT or SNELL approved helmet.
- Carry your owners manual, registration, license, flashlight and basic tool kit. A tire repair kit is also recommended.

### ON THE ROAD

- Always keep a safe distance between bikes. The suggested safety cushion discussed below is based upon normal riding conditions.
- Normal group riding formation is staggered. Allow a safety cushion of 1 second behind the nearest bike and 2-3 seconds behind the bike directly in front of you.
- When riding single file, keep a minimum of 2 seconds maneuvering space between bikes. Increase distance to 3-4 seconds on when visibility is limited due to curves or road conditions.
- Do not extend the distance more than 4 seconds since you may not see signals sent by the Road Captain.
- Maintain your position in the formation.
- **Absolutely NO PASSING another rider during the ride.**  
You may change your position in the formation when resuming the ride after rest / gas / lunch breaks.
- **If you meet the group during the ride, position yourself at the end of the formation but before the sweep.**
- **Absolutely NO ALCOHOL! If you do consume alcoholic beverages during the lunch break, you must remove yourself from the group and ride behind the sweep. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **NO CONSUMPTION OF DRUGS which may cause an impairment.**
- Stay focused. Pay close attention to other vehicles. Always be aware of everything going on around you.
- Don't be distracted.
- Do not ride in a car's blind spot.
- Hand signals are passed backwards from the Road Captain. Relay all signals back to the rider behind you.
- Point to obstacles on the road.
- If you are having trouble keeping up with the group, inform the Road Captain at the earliest opportunity so he/she can adjust the pace.
- Inform the Road Captain or Sweep if you need to leave the group.
- **No Co-Riders under the age of 16.**
- **No Pets on rides.**
- Have Fun!

George - Your Safety Officer

# Tours & Events

by Heidi Bigall - *Tours & Events Directors*

## Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

### RIDES & EVENTS

#### Interested in being a Road Captain?

I'm going to keep beating my drum asking for people interested in becoming a Road Captain (RC). As a member of RRMC this is a good way of being of service to the Club! Current Road Captains would be more than glad to help you plan a ride.

Please feel free to reach out to me at [hbigall@gmail.com](mailto:hbigall@gmail.com).

Current dates in need of a Road Captain:

Wednesday, June 9

Wednesday, August 11

Sunday, August 15

#### Past Ride Reports:

Saturday, April 3: **Cache Creek**. Road Captain: George Homenko [See Ride Report](#)

Wednesday, April 14: **Lake Berryessa**. Road Captain: Ben Johnstone [See Ride Report](#)

Sunday, April 18: **Town of Mendocino**. Road Captain: Wade Roberts [See Ride Report](#)

Saturday, May 1: **Hood**. Road Captain: Gretchen Tomm [See Ride Report](#)

#### Upcoming Rides for May & June:

Wednesday, May 12: **Calpella**. Road Captain: Ben Johnstone

Friday, May 21 - Saturday, May 29: **Southern Utah**. Road Captains: George Homenko & Gretchen Tomm

Saturday, June 5: **Marine Mammal Center**. Road Captain: Melisa Brown



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

# Rides & Events May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 <b>Hood</b> Road Captain: <i>Gretchen Tomm</i> 9:00 <sup>AM</sup> Meet 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> KSU
Check the MeetUp site for updates & last minute changes!						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 <b>CALPELLA</b> Road Captain: <i>Ben Johnstone</i> 9:00 <sup>AM</sup> Meet 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> KSU	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>UTAH</b> Road Captains: <i>George Homenko</i> & <i>Gretchen Tomm</i> 9:00 <sup>AM</sup> Meet 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> KSU	22 <b>UTAH</b>
23 <b>UTAH</b>	24 <b>UTAH</b>	25 <b>UTAH</b>	26 <b>UTAH</b>	27 <b>UTAH</b>	28 <b>UTAH</b>	29 <b>UTAH</b>
30	31 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>					

# Tom's Take

by Tom Cooke - Contributor

## Group Riding Hand Signals

Since this seems to be the newsletter to address safety issues, here is a review of commonly used hand signals. Remember to PASS THEM BACK and make sure the rider behind you does the same.

For Video Demos, visit:

[https://wingstuff.com/blog\\_detail/rider-etiquette-the-hand-signals-](https://wingstuff.com/blog_detail/rider-etiquette-the-hand-signals-)



**Left turn**  
Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down



**Right turn**  
Arm out, bent at 90° angle, fist clenched.



**Stop**  
Arm extended straight down, palm facing back.



**Speed Up**  
Arm extended straight out, palm facing up, swinging upward.



**Slow Down**  
Arm extended straight out, palm facing down, swinging down to your side.



**Follow Me**  
Arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward.



**You Lead/Come**  
Arm extended upward 45°, palm forward pointing with index finger, swinging in arc from back to front.



**Hazard in Roadway**  
On the left, point with left hand; on the right, point with right foot.



**Single File**  
Arm and index finger extended straight up.



**Double File**  
Arm with index and middle finger extended straight up.



**Comfort Stop**  
Forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion.



**Refreshment Stop**  
Fingers closed, thumb to mouth.



**Turn Signal On**  
Open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended.



**Pull Off**  
Arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder.



**Cops Ahead**  
Tap on top of helmet with open palm down.



**Fuel**  
Arm out to side pointing to tank with index finger extended.



# Blast from the Past (President)

by “Big” Ben Johnstone - *Past President*

## How Good of a Rider are YOU?

If you are like me, you will respond “Oh yea, I am good!” But, are you really. How much have you practiced your riding skills lately? I am sure you know athletes who are good. Do you think they practice their skills on a regular basis? You bet they do! If you are like me, you might practice, but only rarely. For example, I use “trail braking”, but not with much confidence. My slow speed maneuvering sucks, and there are bound to be a dozen other things that I am either doing wrong, or that could be improved. Practice can make me a better, safer rider.

Our club has a unique opportunity. A professional motorcycle riding coach has agreed to come to our area to give semi-private lessons on public roads. His sessions have no more than 4 students, and last for about a half a day. Because the coach is a Redwood Riders sponsor, we will get a discount on the price of this service. I plan to take advantage of this opportunity. I feel confident with my riding skills, but I know I can improve them. If you decide not to sign up for this class, you should think about what you can practice safely on your own. If you want to take this class, let me or any board member know.



# Club Gear

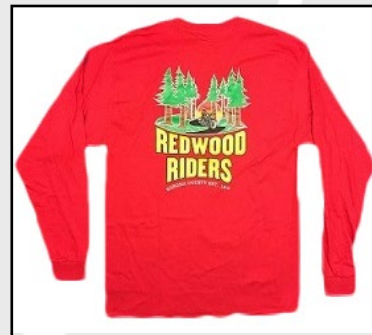
## RRMC CLUB GEAR IS AVAILABLE!

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





**RRMC Pix Online****Ride & Event Photo & Video Links****Town of Mendocino April 18:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/j8MUpYtNEqVegyHw6>

**Lake Berryessa April 14:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/NV4zE7bMCd243TbP8>

**Cache Creek / Capay April 3:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/m5gp19Nrndyd2c789>

**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/wKQwFwoviNwESTe6>

**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=98IGxEyOsk&t=5s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EV6K031fUz8>

**Twisty Road Ride October 14:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/65sW6wn3ZXJMgxxg97>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLbz6lCplhs>

**Capay & Lake Berryessa October 18:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5cyWLniLQbbGNzoK9>

**Stewarts Point Loop October 3:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/E7vbwxsb91HY5nVP8>

**Calpella September 9:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/wEtsmfEXfQ8AnM3LA>

**Yellowstone August:**

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

**Oregon July 24-27:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/nMpVg5Spw9HwZXIG8>

**Ft. Bragg July 19:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Pn1cuaNCTkAeYTD97>

<https://youtu.be/irx-A202y-U>

**Noyo July 7:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Ah9qbCX7bPdNRULm6>

**Gold Country June 27-28:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5JhjV39yJWgSsRkV9>

**Lake County June 21:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/WLgVUVYw6z6FNSBg8>

**Clear Lake June 6:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5Timp9S7RWTrxaH96>

**Utah May (unofficial ride):**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/CryAL9mM79C4MXcD6>

<https://youtu.be/lxwi4qnsT9I>

**Lake Berryessa May 16:**

<https://youtu.be/cANfjrPg1gl>

**Stinson Beach March 11:**

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

<https://youtu.be/nPking6kzl0>

**February Meeting:**

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

**Alice's Restaurant February 16**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/rPaMTUxFAchGxkkT9>

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

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