



# Redwood Riders Review

August 2021



## IN THIS ISSUE

*"Prez Sez"*

• 1 •

*Membership Report*

• 2 •

*Safety Report*

• 3 •

*General Meeting Minutes*

• 4 •

*Tours & Events*

• 6 •

*August Ride Calendar*

• 7 •

*Blast from the Past Prez*

• 8 •

*Club Gear*

• 9 •

*Photo Album Link*

• 10 •

*Credits & Contacts*

• 11 •

*Emerald Bay Flyer*

• 12 •

## "Prez Sez..."

by Gretchen Tomm - *President*



A fun time was had by all at our in person monthly meeting! There was lots of chatting, eating, winning (or not) of raffle prizes and the 50/50. We had a great turnout, which shows how much we missed these meetings. Our last in person meeting was Feb. 2020! Mark your calendars for the 3rd Tuesday of month at China Village. Happy hour and dinner at 6 and meeting at 7.

Since the Covid19 numbers are going up, several bay area counties recently put in place a mask mandate for indoors. We will continue to have our lunch rides, but we need to respect the new mandate, even if we are fully vaccinated, until the Covid19 numbers go back down. We survived 2020 and the first part of 2021 by riding smart and respecting the protocols. We can get through this next chapter of life by following the guidelines

See y'all in the wind on our next ride - Gretchen aka "Mz. Prez"

## ***We Are Back!***

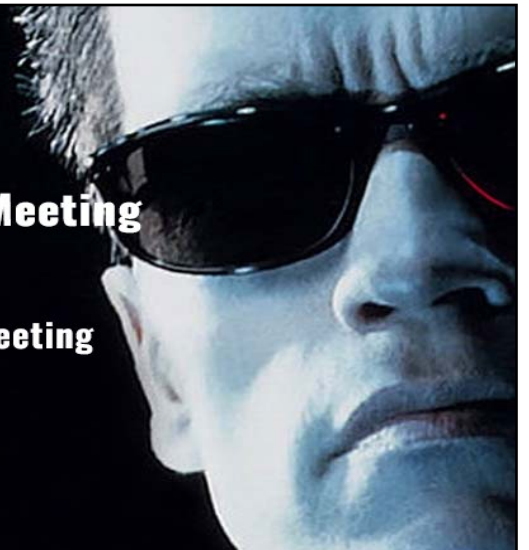
### **RRMC August General Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 17th**

**6:00PM Greet & Eat / 7:00PM Meeting**

**China Village**

**8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati**



# Membership

by Melisa Brown - *Membership Director*

## Membership

### MEMBERSHIP

Returning Members	57
Co-Riders	16
2021 New Members	28
TOTAL	101

### RIDER STATISTICS

Men	63
Women	22



### NEW MEMBERS

Evelyn Cazaves  
Dori Estrella  
Shaun Morin  
Miguel Zarate



### 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.

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Warren Berckmann  
Marvin de'Angelis  
Robert Gilford  
Tresha Holloway  
Conci Mack  
Shaun Morin  
Dominic Nuccio  
Gretchen Tomm  
Eric Walters



### NEW MEMBERSHIP RULES

Effective June 15, the club will no longer offer the "try before you buy" provisional memberships which allowed new members to forego the membership fee for the first year.

New riders may sign the waiver and be allowed to ride ONCE. If they decide to return, they will be required to pay the annual dues and fill out the membership form.

SHOP.  
CONNECT.  
ENJOY.  
amazon

### Ceres Community Project Amazon Smile Program

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/>

### MEETUP

We ask that folks use Meetup to RSVP to upcoming rides. This gives the Road Captains a better idea of how many people will be attending.

Also, we have changed our Meetup group from public to private. This requires people to submit a "request to join". All RRMC members who have paid the annual dues will be approved.



# Safety Report

“BMW George” Homenko - *Safety Officer*

## Trail Braking

Over the last year or so I have heard the term Trail Braking come up more and more. Several of us RWR's took a skills class and the term came up at the class too. Being the person I am I have done quite a bit of research and would like to take a few minutes to explain what I found out.



to a style of cornering that can be used on a race track or a twisty back road with equal success. Most likely you've learned a cornering technique referred to as “Slow, Look, Press and Roll”. This meaning you slow with both brakes before the turn, look in the direction you intend to go, press on the handlebar to initiate the turn and roll on the throttle as you come out of the corner. I know because I was preaching this technique in some of the articles I have written in the past.

Trail braking is different in that you use some gentle pressure on your front brake while approaching the apex of the turn. This gentle two finger pressure on the front brake does several things

- It allows you to begin slowing for the turn.
- It places your hand on the brake so you can quickly judge a turn. Making your fine adjustments to your speed easier and faster to do.
- It compresses your front fork. In turn changing the geometry of your motorcycle (shortens the bike's wheel base) so that it can make a tighter turn (Figure A)
- It loads your front tire to the road surface giving you additional traction in the beginning of the turn.

As you approach the apex of the turn and you can see the exit of the turn, you can now gently release the brake and roll on the throttle and smoothly exit the turn. Applying the throttle does the opposite of braking to the wheel base. It lengthens the distance between the wheels and straightens the motorcycle up. (Figure B)

The idea of keeping a small constant pressure on you front brake helps eliminate a sever braking situation in a turn if you mis-judge it or an obstruction or hazard suddenly appears. I have been using the technique for several months and find that it gives me more confidence on twisty roads. I use trail braking on corners that I can't see all the way around or are unknown to me. For gentle corners it is not necessary to use the technique. On bikes with linked front and rear braking it works just as well as non-linked brakes.

I must have watch over a dozen videos on the subject, YouTube has a wealth of them. Of all that I have found I feel this one is the most clear and two the point on the subject. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPE67XqGsV4>

I will have more to come on this subject. Thanks and keep it safe. - George - Your Friendly Safety Officer



First of all, the term Trail Braking has nothing to do with riding on trails. It refers



Figure A



Figure B

# General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - *Secretary*

July 20<sup>th</sup> 2021



**Meeting called to order** at 7<sup>PM</sup> by Sgt. at Arms, Rosalie Mack

**Opening Statement:** President Gretchen Tomm opened the meeting with a welcome back to everybody. Our last meeting was in February of 2020. Even though we didn't meet, we continued riding and had some very good rides.

Advised the membership that we have club clothing items. Rosalie Mack modeled our T shirt with our club logo on it. Other items include short sleeve t shirts and hats.

Gretchen had each member attending the meeting introduce themselves.

**Minutes:** Sharon McMillan read the minutes from the last meeting which was February 18, 2020.

**Treasurers Report:** DeeDee d'Argence read the treasurers report. Following the treasurers report, DeeDee announced that it was Cathy Calleja's birthday and brought cupcakes for all of the members at the meeting.

**Membership Report:** Melisa Brown gave the membership report. She said that we currently have 102 members. There were 9 members from last year that did not renew.

**Tours and Events:** Heidi Bigall gave the ride report. We had 22 rides this year and only one in January was cancelled due to rain. Heidi gave a shout out to all of the members that have been road captains and putting our rides together.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Friday -Sunday** ride to Gold Beach, Oregon put together by Gretchen Tomm and Sharon McMillan.

**August 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday** ride to Foster's in Rio Vista lead by Robyn LaMantia and George Homenko.

**August 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday** need someone to put on this ride.

Heidi asked that members going on club rides sign up on meetup so the road captains have an idea of how many will be on the ride and can make restaurant reservations with a head count.

**Safety Officer:** George Homenko said for everyone to be safe. No report at this time

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Marcel Svizzero had 25 year anniversary pins for the membership. He passed them out to those that were at the meeting. Everyone will be receiving one.

George Homenko suggested that a long ride for next year to go to British Columbia.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40<sup>PM</sup>



# General Meeting Minutes

## Raffle:

1<sup>st</sup> prize was a Dollar Store gift card. This was won by Phyllis Stireman

2<sup>nd</sup> prize went to Cathy Calleja which was a bag of coffee.

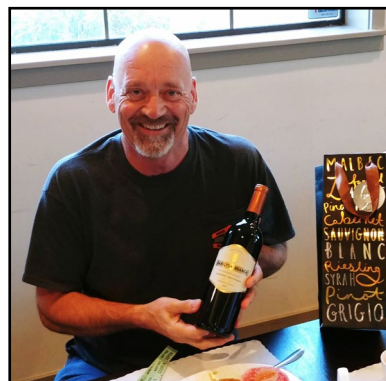
3<sup>rd</sup> prize was a gourmet popcorn kit. This was won by Heidi Bigall.

4<sup>th</sup> prize went Dave Tinkler, aka Taz. He won a bottle of wine.

5<sup>th</sup> prize was a bottle of wine. This was won by Gary Fisher.

50/50 raffle this month was \$85 which was won by Mark Quam.

General Meeting Photos in Google Photo Album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Uy9tpKqV8pj5Knd39>





# Tours & Events

by Heidi Bigall - *Tours & Events Directors*

## Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

### RIDES & EVENTS

#### Past Ride Reports & Photos:

Friday, June 25 - Sunday, July 27: **Waterfalls Tour**. Road Captains: Tresha & Darren Holloway - [See Ride Report](#)

Saturday, July 3: **Lakeport**. Road Captains: Gretchen Tomm & Sharon McMillan - [See Ride Report](#)

Wednesday, July 14: **Not so Twisty Ride**. Road Captain: Heidi Bigall - See Ride Report

Sunday, July 18: **Magical Mystery Twisty Tour**. Road Captain: Wade Roberts - [See Ride Report](#)

Tuesday, July 20: **RRMC General Meeting @ China Village, Cotati**. - [See Google Photo Album](#)

Friday, July 23 – Sunday, July 25: **Gold Beach**. Road Captains: Gretchen Tomm & Sharon McMillan - [See Ride Report](#)

#### Upcoming Rides:

Sunday, August 15: **Backroads to Woodland**. Road Captain: Gretchen Tomm

Tuesday, August 17: **RRMC General Meeting @ China Village, Cotati**. Eat & Greet begins at 6<sup>PM</sup> / Meeting starts at 7<sup>PM</sup>

Wednesday, August 25: **Twisty Road Ride**. Road Captain: George Homenko

Saturday, September 4: **Williams**. Road Captain: Gretchen Tomm & Wade Roberts

Friday, September 10 - Sunday, September 12: **Emerald Bay**. Road Captain: Melisa Brown - [See Flyer](#)



# Rides & Events August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <b>Rio Vista</b> Road Captains: <i>Robyn LaMantia &amp; George Homenko</i> 9:00 <sup>AM</sup> Meet 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> KSU
<div> <b><i>Check the MeetUp site for updates &amp; last minute changes!</i></b> </div>						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 <b>BACKROADS TO WOODLAND</b> Road Captain: <i>Gretchen Tomm</i> 9:00 <sup>AM</sup> Meet 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> KSU	16	17 <b>GENERAL MEETING</b> 6:00 <sup>PM</sup> Dinner 7:00 <sup>PM</sup> Meeting	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <b>TWISTY RIDE</b> Road Captain: <i>George Homenko</i> 9:00 <sup>AM</sup> Meet 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> KSU	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4 <b>WILLIAMS</b> Road Captains: <i>Gretchen Tomm &amp; Wade Roberts</i> 9:00 <sup>AM</sup> Meet 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> KSU

# Blast from the Past (President)

by “Big” Ben Johnstone - *Past President*

## Next

It is July 18, the day after I took the Yamaha Street Champs motorcycle training class at the International Motorcycle Show at Sonoma Raceway. The stated goal of the instructors was “to change the way we ride motorcycles”. this bold statement was based on promoting ways to ride that were distinctly different from those taught in the MSF course. With one exception, the class was based on the principle of tire grip. The course starts with the instructor and a motorcycle tire (no wheel). The instructor demonstrates how the tire compresses when braking (pressing down on the tire with the tire straight up and down) and cornering (pressing down on the tire with the tire leaned over). In each case the contact patch and thus the grip of the tire is increased when pressing down on the tire. He then places the tire in those positions again without pressing down and gives the tire a light slap. The tire skids across the tarmac; something it clearly would not do when loaded (pressed down on).

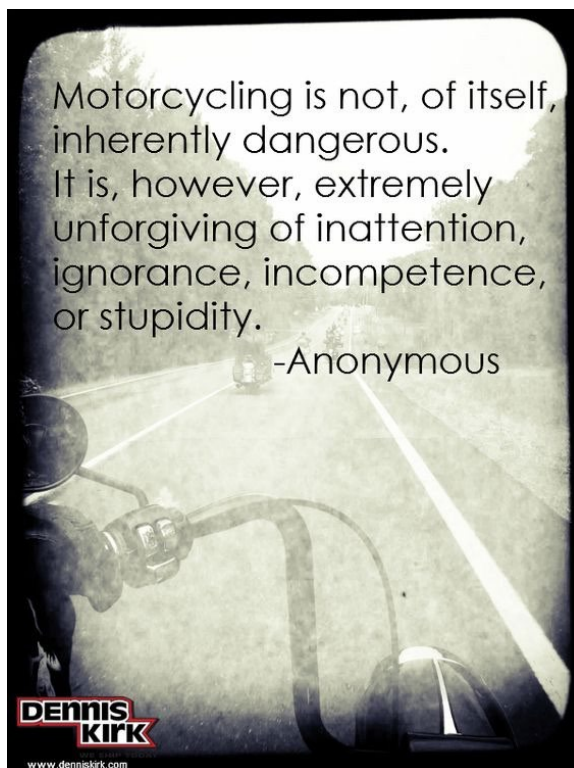


This simple demonstration of physics translates to street riding in the following way: When coming to a stop, first load up the tires by gently applying the brakes (applying load) and then gradually increasing braking pressure to achieve maximum braking when the tire has maximum load (weight transfer forward). This avoids a skid which may occur if maximum brake was suddenly applied. Then the brake is gradually released, maintaining steering control throughout the braking process. The term they applied to this technique was “trail braking”.

This technique is used also when cornering. The brake is applied in the corner (gasp!) in the same manner: gradually start braking (usually before entering the corner) until maximum desired braking is achieved (possible at the beginning of the corner), then gradually release the brake (definitely in the corner) and an accelerator neutral condition, then gradually increase the throttle to exit the turn. The emphasis here is on smooth application of brake and throttle, not upsetting the suspension of the bike and always maintaining steering control.

The other important aspects of the training not associated with trail braking were to bend your inside elbow when cornering, moving the rider's weight to the inside thus keeping the bike more upright and the contact patch of the tires larger. The second aspect was to put your inside foot off the peg/floorboard hovering just over the ground when making a tight/u turn (gasp again!). This was the one exception to “trail braking” and was done to help the bike lean to the inside as well as being ready to catch the bike quickly should it start to fall over. This was clearly the hardest concept for the class to practice after all the MSF training of: DON'T PUT YOUR FOOT DOWN.

The class consisted of practicing these concepts as well as a 2 lap tour of the track at highway speeds. I thoroughly enjoyed the class and would recommend it to anyone. The students consisted of riders whose experience level ranged from one month to 60 years



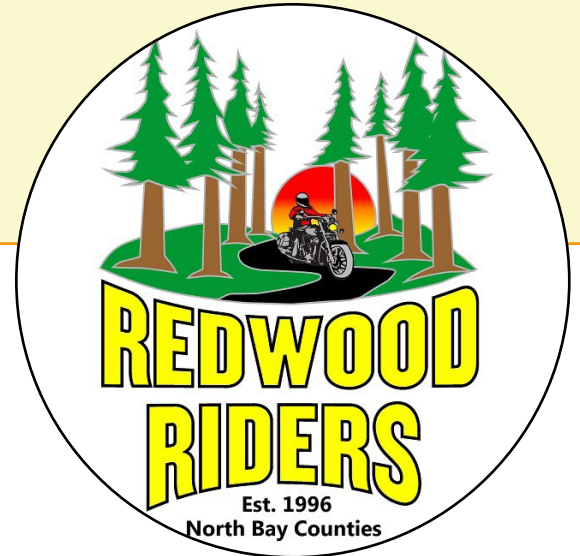


# Club Gear

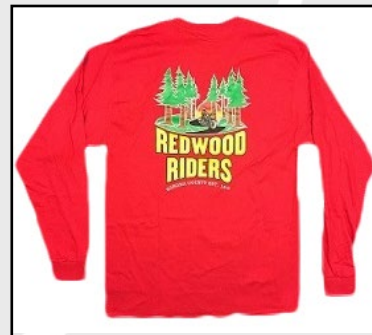
## RRMC CLUB GEAR IS AVAILABLE!

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****Gold Beach July 23-25:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/1V7YUdpzM9SXsZtNA>

**July General Meeting July 20:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Uy9tpKqV8pj5Knd39>

**Lakeport July 3:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/95Vx7Mjjg4D3Z3W46>

**Waterfall Tours June 25-27:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/MfmbDBppEtEquEiv9>

**Capay June 20:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/HNgxtugVDuAXJb8C7>

**East-West Ride June 5:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/DEsiuqPdLzO3tTiV8>

**Utah May:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/rV7kZi4Uk7BzJqAe6>

<https://youtu.be/wHmTXOyHBd4>

**Calpella May 10:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/jXiAlzR2KLqnuqXTA>

**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/yexnFLPNKsHcxIA3A>

<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=GTP52dOU3b4>

**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/65sW6wn3ZXJMgxxg97>

<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/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>

**Gold Country June 27-28:**

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



# Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Gretchen Tomm.....	<a href="mailto:President@redwoodridersmc.com">President@redwoodridersmc.com</a>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT / NEWSLETTER EDITOR / WEB MISTRESS:</b>	Robyn LaMantia.....	<a href="mailto:VicePresident@redwoodridersmc.com">VicePresident@redwoodridersmc.com</a> <a href="mailto:Editor@redwoodridersmc.com">Editor@redwoodridersmc.com</a> <a href="mailto:WebMaster@redwoodridersmc.com">WebMaster@redwoodridersmc.com</a>
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Sharon McMillan.....	<a href="mailto:Secretary@redwoodridersmc.com">Secretary@redwoodridersmc.com</a>
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Dee Dee d'Argence.....	<a href="mailto:Treasurer@redwoodridersmc.com">Treasurer@redwoodridersmc.com</a>
<b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>	Melisa Brown .....	<a href="mailto:Membership@redwoodridersmc.com">Membership@redwoodridersmc.com</a>
<b>TOURS &amp; EVENTS / SR. ROAD CAPTAIN:</b>	Heidi Bigall .....	<a href="mailto:ToursAndEvents@redwoodridersmc.com">ToursAndEvents@redwoodridersmc.com</a> <a href="mailto:RoadCaptains@redwoodridersmc.com">RoadCaptains@redwoodridersmc.com</a>
<b>SAFETY OFFICER:</b>	George Homenko.....	<a href="mailto:Safety@redwoodridersmc.com">Safety@redwoodridersmc.com</a>
<b>SERGEANT AT ARMS:</b>	Rosalie Mack .....	smoke signals
<b>PAST PRESIDENT:</b>	Ben Johnstone.....	<a href="mailto:MemberAtLarge@redwoodridersmc.com">MemberAtLarge@redwoodridersmc.com</a>
<b>MEMBER AT LARGE:</b>	Wade Roberts.....	<a href="mailto:MemberAtLarge@redwoodridersmc.com">MemberAtLarge@redwoodridersmc.com</a>

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!**

**REDWOOD  
RIDERS**  
Est. 1996  
North Bay Counties

# ***Emerald Bay Ride***



Join us for a beautiful ride on the back roads through the Georgetown Divide to our destination at South Lake Tahoe.

Sept 10, Friday    KSU at 8:30 a.m.  
11:30-12 Lunch/Gas Stop - Georgetown

Sept 11, Saturday  
Choice #1 – Short ride around the lake mid morning. Have lunch at the Marina. Board the Safari Rose at 2:00 p.m. for a 2 hour cruise around Emerald Bay. (see info below)  
Choice #2 – Mike Holden will lead a day ride with a lunch stop.  
Choice #3 – Hang out and visit the shops at Heavenly Valley Village

Sept 12, Sunday    KSU at 8 a.m. Head home down Hwy 88. Thought was to stop at a restaurant along Hwy 88 for a late breakfast/early lunch. This would allow us to be back in Santa Rosa between 2 – 2:30 pm.

**Hotel Info:** Quality Inn South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-7150. Reservations are under Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club. Currently we have 12 rooms reserved (6 rooms with 1 bed, 8 rooms with 2 beds). \$327 and \$367 (includes tax and fees)

**Emerald Bay Cruise:** Safari Rose Cruises (only 68 people on these boats). Reservations are under **Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club – 2:00 p.m. departure.** Call 775-588-1881 and tell them to book you under this reservation. Cost is \$90.

Any questions, call or email Melisa Brown at 707-246-3520 or [Livingitupin2030@yahoo.com](mailto:Livingitupin2030@yahoo.com)