



# Redwood Riders Review

October 2021



# Happy Halloween

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## "Prez Sez..."

by Gretchen Tomm - President

Wow, October already and it is once again time for officer nominations. Because of Covid, last year the board decided to keep the slate of officers and postpone the election.

But now is your chance to get involved! Please consider becoming a board member and how you would like to "give back" to our awesome motorcycle club. See Page 10 for an overview of each position. If you are interested in a particular position, feel free to contact the current officer for more information.

We are always looking for road captains to plan and lead our rides. If you are interested in becoming a road captain, please contact our Tours & Events officer.

And lastly, we will be collecting donation items for our "After Holiday Party" Silent Auction. All proceeds will go to our charity, Ceres. See Page 2 for more donation information. Stay tuned for the Official After Holiday Party Flyer - coming soon!

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



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

### **RRMC October General Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00<sup>PM</sup> Eat & Greet / 7:00<sup>PM</sup> Meeting**

**China Village**

**8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati**



# Membership

by Melisa Brown - *Membership Director*

## Membership

### MEMBERSHIP

Returning Members	58
Co-Riders	16
2021 New Members	29
TOTAL	103

### RIDER STATISTICS

Men	65
Women	22

### WELCOME TO THE CLUB

James White



### Silent Auction Items

The Holidays are right around the corner which means just one thing... The RRMC After Holiday Party is coming up! Our last Silent Auction netted a hefty \$611 which was donated, in it's entirety to our charity, The Ceres Community Project. Melisa Brown will once again be heading up this effort and we ask you follow the below guidelines in order to make her job a bit easier.

- Only new or gently used items should be donated.
- Include the approximate purchase price if known.
- Descriptions of parts and value appreciated.
- Melisa will start taking donations at the October General Meeting and at every meeting thereafter.
- If you can't make it to the meeting, contact Melisa directly to arrange a possible pick-up or meeting point.
- If no bid is made on the item it will be returned to the donator who will be responsible for its removal.

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Steven Bowne  
Tom Cooke  
Doug Drake  
Daryl Frandsen  
Mike Hamilton  
Luis Kong  
Farlan Salzmann  
Dan Shilling  
Jennifer Shilling  
Miguel Zarate



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY\*

Valerie Martinez

\*EDITOR'S NOTE:

My Bad... I missed Valerie's Birthday.

### 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.

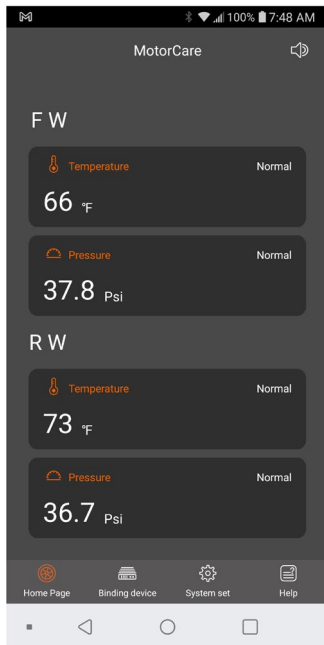


# Safety Report

“BMW George” Homenko - *Safety Officer*

## Tire Air Pressure

I think we all know the importance of checking our bike's tire air pressure regularly. Nothing will take you down faster than a tire with low air pressure. A lot of newer bikes have a tire pressure sensor system incorporated into them and I think that's great improvement. If you already have a system like that this article is not for you. My 2019 Yamaha Tenere adventure bike doesn't have one of those slick onboard systems. In the past I had to get down on my hands and knees on a weekly basis and check my tire's air pressure. And every week that seems to be a little harder and harder to do.



About 2 years ago I installed a pair of Bluetooth tire pressure sensors that tell an app on my phone my current tire pressures and temperatures. Although I have used these sensors for quite a while, I didn't want to do a review until I had put them through some extensive testing. And now here is my review, they work pretty damn well. As I said, I have had them installed for over two years and about 25,000 miles ago. In that time, I have been able to time to check their accuracy and durability.

Here's how they work. Unlike a factory system these units screw onto your valve stems. The app for your phone can be downloaded from the app store at no charge. The sensors are marked to go on the front tire or the rear. After you install the caps on your bike you open the app and scan some bar codes that came with the sensor caps. From that point on the app knows how to link with the sensors. It's not very hard to do.

The sensors only send information to your phone when you drive the bike. The batteries in the caps are still holding up pretty good, not sure how long they will last. I usually open the app on my phone before I return home from a ride or before I am going to get gas. That way I know my air pressure and can get air if needed. Of course, this whole system works best if you have your phone mounted to your handlebars. If you keep the app open when you are driving it will also alert you if your tire loses pressure. Alarms for low and high pressure can be set on your phone.

I have a high-end German tire pressure gauge at home and I checked the pressure sensors against it. They are pretty damn accurate.

Here is the system I have that requires a phone. <https://www.ebay.com/itm/234062978242>

Here is a system that does not require your phone and mounts on your handlebars. I haven't tried this because my handlebars are pretty full of stuff already. But if you have room it looks like a pretty good solution. <https://www.ebay.com/itm/234004767480>



George - Your Friendly Safety Officer

# General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - *Secretary*

**September 21<sup>st</sup> 2021**



**Meeting called to order** at 7<sup>PM</sup> by Gretchen Tomm in the absence of our Sgt. at Arms, Rosalie Mack

**Opening Statement:** Gretchen opened the meeting which was moved at the last minute to Shari's due to China Village not being open tonight. Two new members were attending their first meeting tonight. They were James and Tina White.

**Minutes:** Sharon McMillan read the minutes from the last meeting which was August 17, 2021.

**Treasurers Report:** DeeDee d'Argence read the treasurers report.

**Membership Report:** No Report.

**Tours and Events:** Heidi Bigall was not in attendance.

## **Upcoming Rides:**

October 2nd, Saturday is our annual ride on the Delta on George's boat with the destination of Walnut Grove for ice cream. Stop in Rio Vista on the way to pick up lunch or bring lunch with you.

October 13th, Wednesday ride will be led by Melisa.

October 17th, Sunday ride will be led by George. Destination is unknown at this time.

**Safety Officer:** George Homenko talked about yellow lights mounted on the front of your bike. They are better seen and good safety measure.

Ben shared additional information on cornering.

Question brought up regarding lane control/rider positioning: Shoulder determines when we ride single file or staggered.

Sharing the road with bicycles: No need to point out that bicycles are on the road if there is a white line along the edge of the lane for them to ride beside.

**Old Business:** Club pins are available and club tee shirts.

**New Business:** Will check to see the status of China Village for our next meeting.

Business cards were given out to members that needed them.

Reminder of nominations for club officers for 2022 at next month's meeting.

After Holiday Party question. Need to check with Wendy at China Village



# General Meeting Minutes

## Raffle:

Conci Mack took care of our monthly raffle prizes and selling the tickets.

1st prize was a gas card and home canned fruit. DeeDee was the winner.

2nd prize went to Vickie Weber. Her prize was a towel and notepad.

3rd prize was a coffee cup which was won by Bill Burnett.

4th prize Paul Benkover won a \$15 gift certificate to Shari's.



50/50 raffle this month was \$43. The winning ticket drawn was Gretchen's. She donated her winning half back so the full amount of \$85 goes to Ceres Community Project which is our club charity

Meeting adjourned at 7:30<sup>PM</sup>.

General Meeting Photos in Google Photo Album:  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/2Txgb3Mx3EuVdaEC9>





# Tours & Events

by Heidi Bigall - *Tours & Events Directors*

## Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

### RIDES & EVENTS

#### Past Ride Reports & Photos:

Wednesday, September 8: **Valley Ford via North, Southeast, Southwest, Northeast and West.** Road Captain: Robert Gilford

Sunday, September 19: **Ft. Bragg.** Road Captain: Wade Roberts - [See Google Photo Album](#)

Tuesday, September 21: **RRMC General Meeting @ China Village, Cotati** - [See Goggle Photo Album](#)

#### Upcoming Rides & Events

Wednesday, October 13: **Lake County.** Road Captain: Melisa Brown

Sunday, October 17: **Calistoga - The Long Way There.**  
Road Captain: George Homenko

Tuesday, October 19: **RRMC General Meeting @ China Village, Cotati**



*Ft, Bragg Ride*

# Rides & Events October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 <b>ANNUAL BOAT RIDE</b> Road Captain: <i>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>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <b>LAKE COUNTY</b> Road Captain: <i>Melisa Brown</i>  9:00 <sup>AM</sup> Meet 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> KSU	14	15	16
17 <b>CALISTOGA</b> Road Captain: <i>George Homenko</i>  9:00 <sup>AM</sup> Meet 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> KSU	18	19 <b>GENERAL MEETING</b>  6:00 <sup>PM</sup> Dinner 7:00 <sup>PM</sup> Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



# Blast from the Past (President)

by “Big” Ben Johnstone - *Past President*

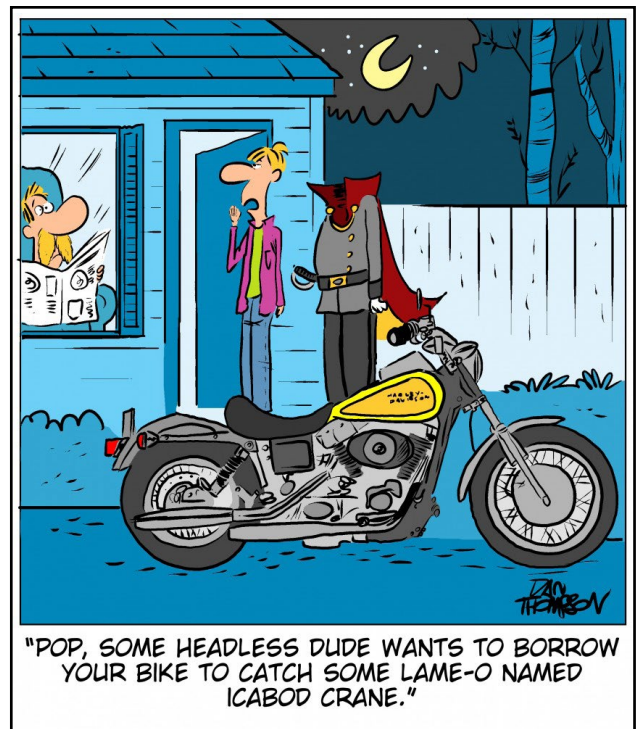
## How Do You Know It's Time...

I got back into motorcycling in 2000. I started small because I didn't know how I would take to it. I had been absent from motorcycling for just under 30 years. It turned out that I liked it very much. When I bought a bagger in 2008 I told my wife that this would probably be my last bike as I would be too old to ride in a few years. In 2013 I repeated that refrain as I was sure I couldn't ride much longer. In 2016 I said “what the hell” and bought another bike (or two). After a deer hit me in 2019 the bike was totaled, so I bought another bike in 2020. Now, instead of declaring my riding days are over, I am thinking about a trike. I feel fine when riding alone, but when 2-up I have become more tentative. Barb and I made a 2 week trip this year and it went OK, but I don't know how long I will feel safe with a passenger.



Visiting the “Big Chief” rock in Canada on my 2005 Sportster

How do I decide it is time to go to a trike? Riding a trike is not the same as 2 wheels. I don't expect to have that feeling of floating above the road I get when on 2 wheels. Will I love 3 wheels the same way I love 2 wheels? It is hard to know without some serious riding. I don't have room in my garage for an additional 3-wheeler. Renting a 3-wheeler for a day or a week is problematic. It will take me a while to solve this dilemma. Meanwhile I will be riding on 2 wheels.





# Tom's Take

by Tom Cooke - Contributor

## "Riders On The Storm" by The Doors

"Riders on the Storm"

*The storm may be weather, or our own thoughts and deeds.*

Riders on the storm

Into this house we're born

Into this world we're thrown

*- We are all born naked, needy and vulnerable. We need not remain that way.*

Like a dog without a bone

*- The loss of "the bone" may open new goals. Addiction to the "bone" can be limiting, even deadly.*

An actor out on loan

Riders on the storm

There's a killer on the road

*- The meanings of this verse are many. You decide.*

His brain is squirming like a toad

Take a long holiday

Let your children play

If you give this man a ride

Sweet family will die

Killer on the road, yeah

Girl, you gotta love your man

Girl, you gotta love your man

Take him by the hand

Make him understand

The world on you depends

Our life will never end

Gotta love your man, yeah

Riders on the storm

Riders on the storm

Into this house we're born

Into this world we're thrown

*- Once thrown into the world, it is what we make it.*

Like a dog without a bone

An actor out on loan.

Riders on the storm

- Over & Out - Tom



### 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/>

# Officer Elections

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS****2022 ELECTIONS****November 16, 2021**

The RRMCM Board of Directors Election will be held during the November General Meeting. If you want to participate more with the operating and direction of the club, becoming a Board Member is an ideal opportunity.

If you are interested in ANY position or want more information regarding the position's responsibilities and duties, please contact the current office holder to let them know you are interested.

Below are descriptions of the Board Positions which are condensed versions contained with the club's By-Laws.

**President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. The President has general supervision of the operation of the club. A President's Book shall be created and once created it shall be maintained and updated by the President. The President's Book shall be passed on to each succeeding President. The Book shall outline the duties and responsibilities of the Office, that of the Board of Directors positions and contain any pertinent information regarding the operation of the club.

**Vice President:** The Vice President shall take over duties of the President in his/her absence.

**Membership Director:** The Membership Director shall be responsible for receiving, processing and recording membership applications and membership fees. The Membership Director will promote the club to non-members whenever possible and appropriate. The Membership Director should be well informed as to club policies, functions and all matters pertaining to the club with a goal of increased membership. The Membership Director will maintain a record (inventory list) of Club gear and coordinate sales of such with the Treasurer. It will be required that the Membership Director give a current membership report at monthly meetings.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall handle all official correspondence of the club as necessary. Keep minutes of both the general membership and Board of Directors meetings. The Secretary shall provide a copy of the general membership meeting minutes to the Club newsletter editor for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

**Treasurer:** The treasurer shall manage the financial affairs of the club, be custodian of the club funds and collect all dues payable by club members. The Treasurer will be responsible for overseeing the 50/50 raffle at club meetings or events as necessary. The Treasurer shall maintain an inventory list of all Club gear and coordinate sales of such with the Membership Director to keep track of all sales and inventory levels. The Treasurer shall render a financial report at monthly meetings and Board of Directors meetings.

**Tours & Events Director:** The Tours and Events Director is responsible for gathering information on upcoming rides and events making sure that information is accurate and as complete as possible. The Tours & Events Director shall send out a weekly email and update the RRMCM hotline to inform members of the upcoming weekend's event(s). The Tours & Events Director shall give a summary of recent rides as well as report on upcoming activities at the monthly general meetings. The Tours and Events Director shall also coordinate rides with the Road Captains.

**Safety Director:** The Safety Director shall be in charge of determining safe group riding practices and to prepare and keep current the "RRMCM Safe Group Riding" handout for RRMCM members. The Safety Director's duties shall include observing the members during group rides and discussion with the members on safety issues including any violations of the RRMCM (written) safe riding practices. The Safety Director is responsible for providing safety tips in the monthly newsletter and shall give a safety tip/report at the monthly general meeting.

**Sergeant at Arms:** The Sergeant at Arms shall provide assistance to the Board of Directors by calling to order all meeting and announcing the close of all meetings. The Sergeant at Arms will keep order during meetings to allow members speaking to be heard. The Sergeant at Arms is charged with keeping the peace among members.

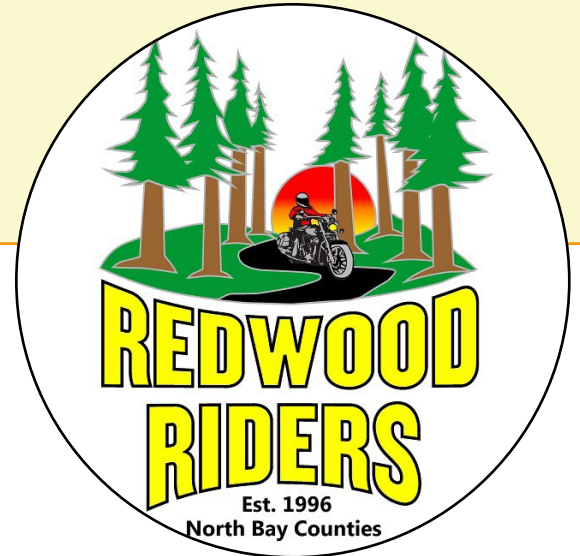


# Club Gear

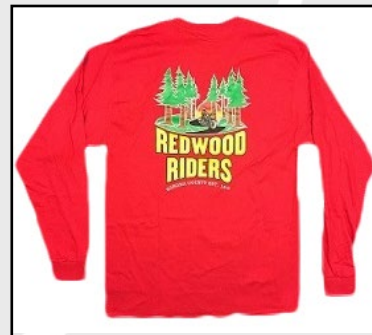
## RRMC CLUB GEAR IS AVAILABLE!

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****General Meeting September 21:**

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**Ft. Bragg September 19:**

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**Williams September 4:**

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**Twisty Mt. Tam August 25:**

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**General Meeting August 17:**

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**Woodland August 15:**

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**Rio Vista August 7:**

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**Gold Beach July 23-25:**

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**General Meeting July 20:**

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**Lakeport July 3:**

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**Waterfall Tours June 25-27:**

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**Capay June 20:**

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**East-West Ride June 5:**

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**Utah May:**

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<https://youtu.be/wHmTXOyHBd4>

**Calpella May 10:**

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**Town of Mendocino April 18:**

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**Lake Berryessa April 14:**

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**Cache Creek / Capay April 3:**

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**Ferndale / Ave of the Giants March 27-28:**

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<https://youtu.be/lByeAxBZY-k>

**Fairfield March 21:**

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**Gualala March 7:**

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**Stinson Beach February 6:**

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**Upper Lake January 17:**

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**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/HpqlCeas7eHJpM92A>

**Old Town Sacramento November 7:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/iNrMaHg3RyLODopr6>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTP52dQU3b4>

**Topaz Lake - Sonora October 23-25:**

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**Twisty Road Ride October 14:**

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



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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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RIDERS**  
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