

Redwood Riders Review

Holidays

Holiday Season 2021

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"Prez Sez..."
by Gretchen Tomm - President

We held our nominations at our last monthly meeting, and it isn't easy to get new people involved. We have a very fun motorcycle club, have been "rolling" along great for a few years and attracting new members. What would be really nice, is some "new blood" for our officers. You still have time to volunteer for positions as we will nominate then vote at our next monthly meeting.



I recently took a nice motorcycle ride to the west entrance of the Grand Canyon with 5 friends. We had a bit of rain at the Grand Canyon, but rest of weather was pretty good UNTIL, we headed home! We tried to go over Tioga Pass, but it was snowing so, we headed back south on 395 with plans to go to Bakersfield then north. Mother Nature had other ideas! At Lone Pine, the road was closed to all semi-trucks and larger campers because of high winds blowing them over. It should have been closed to motorcycles too! We hit the worst wind and dust storm I have ever experienced! We had a heck of a time handling the bikes, and a couple times when we stopped, our bikes blew over! When we finally saw an exit, we got off. The road was closed in both directions at that point. Thank goodness a town was about 10 miles away and there were hotel rooms available. When the wind died down a bit, we made a run for it! We and our bikes were totally sand blasted, so a shower was so nice. We all made it home safely the next day. All part of the adventures of motorcycle riding!

In the wind (breeze) - Gretchen aka "Mz. Prez"



Club Gear Makes a Great Gift!

See Page 12 for details



Membership

by Melisa Brown - Membership Director

Membership

MEMBERSHIP

Returning Members	58
Co-Riders	16
2021 New Members	30
TOTAL	104

RIDER STATISTICS

Men	66
Women	22

WELCOME TO THE CLUB

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~Save The Date~

2022 After Holiday Party Saturday, January 15th 2022 11:30^{AM} - 3:00^{PM}



Melisa, our Party Planner Extraordinaire, will be sending out a flyer with detailed information very soon but mark this on your calendars NOW!



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Your \$24 Membership Fee is due January 1st. A NEW Membership Form also needs to be submitted (yes, even for returning members). For your convenience, a 2022 Membership Form is on page 16; simply print, complete & mail with your check to the address on the form OR bring to the next General Meeting.

If we don't receive your renewal by March 1st, you will be removed from the roster and will no longer receive future communications (like this fabulous newsletter). We would hate to see you go so ... renew NOW!

Questions? Contact Melisa at membership@redwoodridersmc.com



May your stuffing be tasty

And your turkey be plump

May your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump

May your yams be delicious

And your pies baked just right

And may your thanksgiving dinner not make your leathers too tight



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.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

John Bartch Tom Holwerda Charles Johnson Wendy Myers Andy Pollock Rick Wallenstein

DECEMBER

Cristine Barragan
Paul Benkover
Kenneth Burkett
Dee Dee d'Argence
Bill Faulkner
Gary Fisher
Mark Hilla
Bob Mortensen
Larry Petrucci
Phylis Stireman
Pete Van Rijn

Safety Report

"BMW George" Homenko - Safety Officer

U-Turns

This month I thought I would highlight a couple of good technique videos on U turns. Recently a conversation came up with some of my riding buddies about practicing u turns. That lead me to start thinking about my own skills. And in turn that sent me back to YouTube to see what I was doing right and what I was doing not so right. After watching the videos and doing some practice I think I have gotten better at my slow tight turns. So, this month I thought I would pass on a couple of good videos I found.



Doing a clean u turn can also be a safety issue. When the occasion happens and you have to make a u turn on a 20-foot wide road, you want to get it done fast and safe as possible. Doing a turn by jogging back and forth five or more times places you in danger of approaching traffic. It also looks bad. Is it time to watch the videos and do a little packing lot practice?

Here are the two direct and to the point videos on making tight/clean u turns.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKRPPjF3BIs&t=269s

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLON-AasGbO

Now for my favorite picture of the month. If the state ever mandates me riding an electric motorcycle and it looks like this, I think I will walk. For more info: https://electrek.co/2019/07/18/curtiss-unveils-hades-electric-motorcycle-design/

George - Your Friendly Safety Officer



General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - Secretary

October 19th 2021

Meeting called to order at 7^{PM} by Sgt. at Arms, Rosalie Mack

Opening Statement: Gretchen opened the meeting and advised that this meeting will include nominations for next year's officers and next month, November, will be the elections.

Gretchen advised that an email will be sent out asking for ideas for our upcoming 2022 ride schedule.

Minutes: Sharon McMillan read the minutes from the last meeting which was September 21st 2021.

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

Membership Report: Melisa Brown provided the monthly membership report. To date, we have 104 riders and co-riders.

Tours and Events: Heidi Bigall advised the membership that the riding season is winding down.

Upcoming Rides:

November 6th, Saturday – will be Melisa's Surprise Ride.

November 10th, Wednesday – need a Road Captain to put on the ride.

November 21st, Sunday – Road Captain needed for this ride.

December 5th, Sunday – Annual Toy Run to Cloverdale which will be led by Ben Johnstone.

Safety Officer: George Homenko talked about the need to cancel his October 17th ride a half hour into the ride. This was done due to the heavy fog which caused very low visibility and made the roads were slick and unsafe. George wanted everyone to be careful in those situations.

Rosalie commented that she appreciated that safety was the concern for the cancellation.

Dave/Taz also commented that it was a good call to cancel the ride as he had skidded on the wet, slick road.

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

New Business: Our annual After Holiday Party will be coming up in January. Melisa will put the party together again for the club. No date has been selected at this time. We will have our Silent Auction with the proceeds from it going to our club charity, Ceres Community Project. Melisa asked that the items you donate for the auction be good items. She will start collecting your donated items at the November meeting. We will again have our regular gift exchange.

General Meeting Minutes

Nominations for 2022 officers: The following members were nominated.

President: no nomination

Vice President: Robyn LaMantia

Secretary: Sharon McMillan

Treasurer: Heidi Bigall

Sgt. at Arms: Chris Benkover

Membership: Melisa Brown

Safety Officer: Tom Cooke

Tours and Events: George Homenko

The monthly raffle for next year will be handled by Jackie Bartsch. This is not an official officer position, but an important task performed at each meeting.

Raffle:

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

1st prize Redwood Riders hat and homemade applesauce. Won by Dave/Taz.

2nd prize went to Rosalie Mack which was coffee.

3rd prize was home canned green beans and a Starbucks gift card. Heidi Bigall was the winner.

4th prize Paul Benkover won a scarf and hand warmers.

5th our guest Paul won a bottle of wine.

50/50 raffle this month was \$50 to the winner. The winning ticket drawn was Bob Gonzales'. Bob donated his winnings back, so the full amount of \$100 goes to our Ceres charity. Bob received a bottle of wine for making the donation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40^{PM}.



Tours & Events

by Heidi Bigall - Tours & Events Directors

Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

RIDES & EVENTS

We are still in need of Road Captains for 2 rides this month. Please contact Heidi.

Past Ride Reports & Photos:

Saturday, October 2: Annual Delta Boat Ride.

Road Captain: George Homenko

Wednesday, October 13: Ukiah. Road Captain: Dan Shilling

Sunday, October 17: Calistoga - The Long Way There.

Road Captain: George Homenko

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

Upcoming Rides & Events

Saturday, November 6: Surprise Ride. Road Captain: Melisa Brown

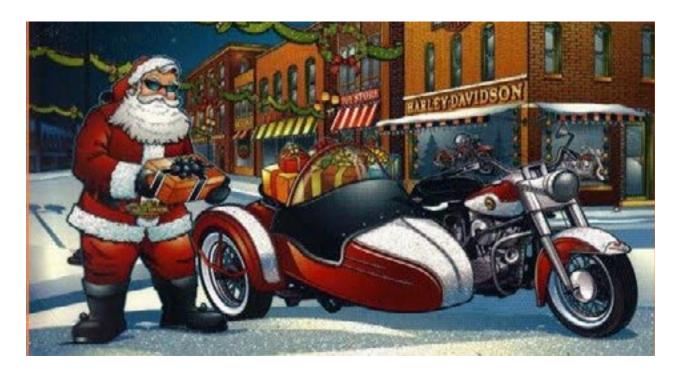
Sunday, November 7: Daylight Saving Time ENDS, all rides meet at 9:30 AM and leave at 10:00 AM

Wednesday, November 10: OPEN. Road Captain:

Tuesday, November 16: RRMC General Meeting @ China Village, Cotati

Sunday, November 21: OPEN. Road Captain:

Sunday, December 5: Cloverdale Toy Run. Road Captain: Ben Johnstone - See Flyer on Page 15





Blast from the Past (President)

by "Big" Ben Johnstone - Past President

What's YOUR Club Like?

Do you belong to a club where everybody is friendly? Can you depend on your fellow club members to help you out should you need it? Does everybody pitch in together to get things done? Sounds good doesn't it? I believe this accurately describes our club. We have a great leadership team. They continue to work hard to ensure everybody has a great time. Soon, someone may ask you to help out with club duties. Even if they don't, think about what you can do to make this club a better place. The club has all types of needs. Many (but not all)

of the current club officers started out as Road Captains. This is a great way to get to know more people in the club. There are always several willing to help you with your duties.

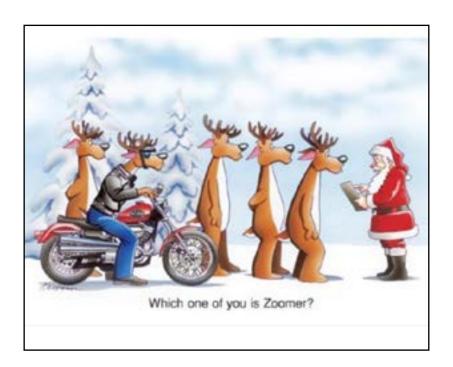
If you enoy doing things with the club, think about what you can do to help out. Talk to any of the officers. They can help you make a decision about where you will best fit in.



Ceres Community Project Amazon Smile Program

HOLIDAY SHOPPING? 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/





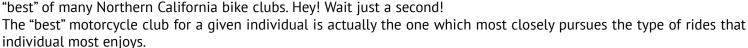
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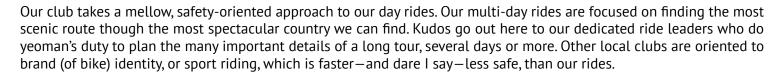
by Tom Cooke - Contributor

A Community of Riders

A Merriam-Webster dictionary definition of "community" calls it simply a group of people who share the same interest. Common examples are civic clubs, service clubs, or political groups, who aspire to shared goals. Of course, religious communities enjoy a storied place in our society. Lesser groups could be gun clubs, car clubs, city league sports, or fan clubs for high school, college, or national sporting teams.

Most non-motorcycle-riding folks might be surprised at the popularity of motorcycle clubs. Of course, our Redwood Riders is certainly the "best" of many Northern California bike clubs. Hey! Wait just a second!





So, what is the value of a club vs. just doing one's own thing, as a rider? Club advantages are many and varied. The social camaraderie is foremost. It is just more fun, for most of us, to go out with a dozen or more kindred spirits to share the sights, sounds and memories of a great ride. Of course, safety considerations also come into play. Groups of bikes are easier for motorists to spot than singletons. Also, when mishaps occur—and they will, when batteries fail or a rider picks up a nail—it is reassuring to be in a group. Most often, some members of the group are mechanically skillful and the rest of us provide moral support. Sharing information about bikes, service options, new technologies, like Bluetooth-enabled helmets, is also welcome and helpful.

The Redwood Riders club gets very high marks for its inclusivity, openness and "come one-come all" vibe on rides. We care not what you ride, as long as you love it. We care not your age, with members from young adults to seasoned vets. We do care about civility and courtesy, however, so these values are easily observed on any of our rides.

So, wash your bike, and put a smile on your kisser, and we'll see one another at our next club ride.

- Over & Out - Tom



Officer Elections

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2022 ELECTIONS

November 16, 2021

The RRMC 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 RRMC 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 "RRMC Safe Group Riding" handout for RRMC 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 RRMC (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.

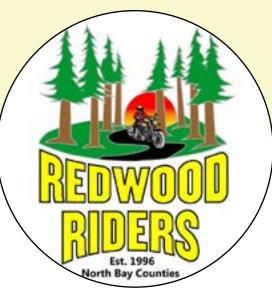
Sergeant at Arms: The Sergeant at Arms shall provide assistance to the Board of Directors by calling to order all meeting and announcing the close of all meetings. The Sergeant at Arms will keep order during meetings to allow members speaking to be heard. The Sergeant at Arms is charged with keeping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

https://photos.app.goo.gl/2Txgb3Mx3EuVdaEC9

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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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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Fairfield March 21:

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Gualala March 7:

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Ukiah February 21:

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Suisun February 10:

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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/HpgJCeas7eHJpM92A

Old Town Sacramento November 7:

https://photos.app.goo.gl/iNrMaHg3RyLQDopr6 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTP52dQU3b4

Topaz Lake - Sonora October 23-25:

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

Twisty Road Ride October 14:

https://photos.app.goo.gl/65sW6wn3ZXJMgxg97 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 RRMC hats & shirts!



The Cloverdale Lions Club



9 - 11 am Registration

12 - 1 pm Pack Ride with Santa Claus

1 - 2 pm Lions Famous BBO

Music Ride Pins (for the first 250)

Raffle Prizes 50/50 Raffle

Full No Host Bar Silent Auction

\$10 ADMISSION + ONE NEW UNWRAPPED TOY

The Cloverdale Citrus Fair 1 Citrus Fair Dr., Cloverdale, CA

So rain or shine drive, walk or ride over for a great time and for a great cause!

LET'S HELP THE KIDS We sincerely thank you for helping the kids in the community.

For additional information, please contact Lion Richard at (707) 280-6990 or Lion Jerry at (707) 696-1841 Facebook: CloverdaleLions CloverdaleLionsClub.com

Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club Membership Rewal Form

2022 Renewal

MAIL TO: Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club

Attn: Membership Director Melisa Brown

REDWOOD	PLEASE PRINT APPLICANT:	200 4 th St. Suite 240 Santa Rosa, CA 95401	
	First Name:	M Date of Birth (MM/E	DD):
SOMOMA COUNTY - EST. 1998	Home Phone:	State: Zip Work or Cell Phone:	
CO- RIDER APPLICANT (person t Last Name:		ке): М с	r F
Co-Applicant Email:		Date of Birth (MN	I/DD)
Motorcycles owned			
Make:	Model:	Year:	
Make:	Model:	Year:	
How did you hear about the club?_		_	
Emergency Contact: The information given here is kept paths the event of an emergency. DO NO		the Club Officers and Road Captains. NT as an emergency contact.	to be used only in
•		Phone Number:	
(here after known as "RRMC"). The set down by the past and by the actionerate a motorcycle while in possess. The Applicant acknowledges the law participate in any RRMC event unloapplicant hereby acknowledges the property, and agrees to hold harmle and all RRMC sponsors past and property. Applicant acknowledges for the property and property.	e Applicant agrees to abide by ng officers of the RRMC, stated sion of a valid driver's license was of the State of California requests covered by insurance meeting fact that operating a motorcycles RRMC, all RRMC Officers resent, from any liability of har ull responsibility for the action acknowledges that participating	membership in the Redwood Riders the policies and rules of RRMC, curred in the RRMC by laws. The Applicant recognized by the state in which the nature valid liability insurance, and agring the requirements of the State of Caste in any situation is dangerous to life past and present, all RRMC members or injury to body or the damage or s, events and consequences arising from in RRMC activities are on a volunt	ent and future, as nt agrees to only notorcycle is owned. ees not to difornia. The and limb and s past and present, loss of personal om the participation
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