



Redwood Riders Review

February 2022



Happy Valentine's Day...

IN THIS ISSUE

"Prez Sez"

• 1 •

Membership Report

• 2 •

General Meeting Minutes

• 3 •

Safety Report

• 5 •

Tours & Events

• 6 •

February Ride Calendar

• 8 •

Blast from the Past (Prez)

• 9 •

Classified

• 9 •

Tom's Take

• 10 •

Credits & Contacts

• 11 •

Membership Renewal

• 12 •

Holiday Party, Auction
& MC Lift Flyers

• 13 •

"Prez Sez..."

by Heidi Bigall - President

First, I want the membership to know that I feel it is such a privilege to serve the Redwood Riders as President for 2022! I know you join me in thanking Gretchen for her years of dedicated service as the previous President. I have big shoes to fill, and it is my hope to be as effective a leader as Gretchen. I want the group to know my "proverbial" door is always open should you have any suggestions or concerns regarding anything that would make the RRMCM an even better riding club than it is already! My email is hbigall@gmail.com, and my cell is (415) 599-6441.



Under normal circumstances, I would be writing about our successful After Holiday Party, with many pictures of the conviviality! However, Covid once again threw a monkey wrench in our plans; we will have to wait for the March Newsletter to view the pictures from the party which is scheduled for Saturday, February 19. Despite the party set-back, we were able to get all the January rides in without any rain cancellations. In fact, we had some fabulous weather for our rides. We are so fortunate to live in an area that can have such mild weather in the middle of Winter.

Lastly, we have an amazing schedule of rides for 2022 with several over-nighters and one multi-day ride. We also had some new folks step up to lead rides and I would like to thank them: Mark Hilla, Jeff Orr, Gary Pope, DeeDee D'Argence and Vicky Weber. May all our rides be safe and that we live up to our motto of "No Rider Left Behind".

RRMC February General Meeting

Tuesday, February 15th

6:00^{PM} Eat & Greet / 7:00^{PM} Meeting

China Village

8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati

Membership

by Melisa Brown - *Membership Director*

Membership



It's Not Too Late to Attend the most Exclusive Party of the Year

OK we might be overselling this a bit but it is always a fun time!

2022 After Holiday Party
Saturday February 19th

RSVP By Sunday 2/13/22

See Flyer on Page 13 - China Village ~ Cotati

See Page 14 for a list of Silent Auction Items

SPECIAL AUCTION ITEM

Jim Hyatt has generously donated a **TITAN LIFT TABLE** to the Silent Auction. See page 15 for details - Thanks so much Jim!



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



Your \$24 Membership Fee is PAST DUE! A NEW Membership Form also needs to be submitted (yes, even for returning members). For your convenience, a 2022 Membership Form is on page 12; 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

General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - *Secretary*

December 21st 2021



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

Opening Statement: President Gretchen Tomm acknowledged that this was the last meeting that Rosalie would be opening our meetings as Sgt at arms.

Club clothing items are available. Rosalie modeled some of the items for the members.

Minutes: Sharon McMillan read the minutes from the November meeting.

Treasurers Report: DeeDee d'Argence was not in attendance at tonight's meeting. Treasurers' report was read by Sharon McMillan.

Membership Report: Melisa Brown reported that we have 105 members. Renewal forms are available at tonight's meeting.

Tours and Events: Heidi Bigall reported that we had a road captain's meeting on Dec. 11th. George Homenko, as the incoming Tours and Events officer, organized the upcoming ride calendar at the road captains meeting. He will send out ride list each month to the members.

Dec. 5th, Cloverdale Toy Run will be led by Ben Johnstone

Upcoming Rides:

Jan 1st, Saturday, New Year's Day ride will be led by Heidi with lunch in Cloverdale.

Jan 12th, Wednesday will a ride to Drakes Bay

Jan 16th, Sunday, Ben will lead a ride to the Cabrillo Light House.

George asked for feedback from the members regarding his planned trip to British Columbia, Canada due to the uncertainty of border closures. Discussion was held, nothing definite at this point in time.

Safety Officer: George Homenko said for everyone to be safe. And have a AAA card.

Old Business: None

New Business: After Holiday Party – Saturday, January 15th. Melisa Brown said the party time will be Noon to 3 PM. She needs silent auctions items. Contact her to make arrangements to meet to get your items to her. She needs them in advance of the party. The proceeds from the silent auction goes to our Ceres charity. We will have our annual white elephant gift exchange.

General Meeting Minutes

Raffle:

1st prize was bottle of wine won by Vicky Weber.

2nd prize went to Rob Castiglia which was a water bottle and candy.

3rd prize was a \$10 gift card for Starbucks. Paul Benkover was the winner.

4th prize went to Mel Stireman. He won a \$10 gift card for McDonald's lump of coal cookies.

5th prize was won by Rosalie. She received cookies and a gift card for McDonald's for \$10.

6th prize went to Pete Van Rijn. He won a bottle of wine.

50/50 raffle this month was \$70 to the winner. The winner this month was Candace Gable. She donated back her \$35 portion to our Ceres charity.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40^{PM}



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!

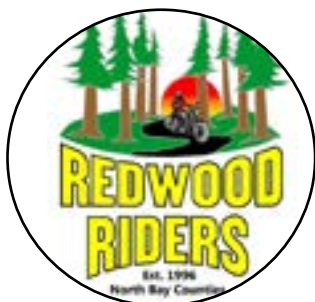
Sign up at <https://smile.amazon.com/>



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.

You can donate directly to Ceres at:

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



Club Gear Makes a Great Gift!

Contact Heidi Bigall for Details



Safety Report

“Big” Ben Johnstone - *Safety Officer*

Distracted Driving & Riding

Several years ago, when I was working for a living instead of just playing like I do now, I would ride my bike to and from work (60 miles each way). Often, I would split lanes. When I split lanes, I would ride between lane 1 (farthest left) and lane 2. When doing this, I kept a sharp lookout for people on their cell phone. I could spot those 4 to 7 cars ahead. I couldn't see them holding the phone or talking, but I could definitely see them weaving to and fro as well as back and forth in their lane.

When spotted, I immediately moved farther to the right until I was past them. It was painfully obvious that they were distracted and paid little attention to what was going on around themselves. Other more attentive drivers would see me coming and move over in their lane to give me more room. If you have done much riding on the freeway, I am sure you have noticed these distracted drivers.

From time to time, we may find a distracted rider in our midst. They will be wandering to and fro (not maintaining the 1 second separation) and back and forth when all others are riding in a staggered formation. Like the distracted drivers, these distracted riders are dangerous. Give them a wide berth. You cannot be sure what they may do next. We like to discourage this type of riding (distracted) in our group rides but are not always successful. Protect yourself and increase the separation between yourself and those riders!

Ben



Tours & Events

by George Homenko - *Tours & Events Directors*

Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

RIDES & EVENTS

Past Ride Reports & Photos:

Saturday, January 1: ***Cloverdale New Years Ride***. Road Captain: Heidi Bigall
- [See Ride Report & Pix](#)

Wednesday, January 12: ***Drakes Bay***. Road Captain: George Homenko
- [See Ride Report & Pix](#)

Sunday, January 16: ***Point Cabrillo Light House***. Road Captain: Ben Johnstone
- [See Ride Report & Pix](#)

Upcoming Rides & Events

Saturday, February 5: ***Mystery Ride***. Road Captain: Mark Hilla

Wednesday, February 9: ***2 Bird Cafe Woodacre***. Road Captain: Melisa Brown

Tuesday, February 15: ***RRMC General Meeting @ China Village, Cotati***

Saturday February 19: ***After Holiday Party @ China Village, Cotati***

Sunday, February 20: ***Ukiah***. Road Captain: Robyn LaMantia



CHANGE TO RIDE CALENDAR

Due to issues with crossing the Canadian Border, we are changing the destination and dates of our long ride this summer. See Page 7 for more information.

In addition, the Topaz Lake overnighter will be moved to August 13th.

Pacific Northwest Ride - July 9th to July 16th

I have finally set the route and time to our ride to the Pacific Northwest. We will leave on Saturday July 9th and return on Saturday July 16th. I apologize for changing the dates from what was originally scheduled. These dates are as fixed as possible.

I also changed the route and we will now stay in the USA. Because of Canada's restrictive Covid rules I thought it would be better to play it safe. These days you cannot count on the border being open at the time of the ride, so we stay in the states.

Here's the plan:

- Three days to go up Hwy 101 to Anacortes WA. Average miles per day 298.
- Next day we take a ferry to Friday Harbor and a tour on San Juan Island. Then back to our hotel in Anacortes for another night. Under 100 miles riding.
- Now we head Southeast on Hwy 90 to the Columbia River Basin. Hotel up in The Dalles at 318 miles.
- On the 14th we cross Oregon with a detour to Crater Lake. Our hotel is near Klamath Falls. That's 330 miles.
- The next day we tour Burney Falls and Lassen Volcanic Park with a hotel near Chester. That ride is 238 miles.
- The last day on the 16th we ride home via Hwy 20 and that's about 200 miles.

The total miles for this ride is about 2050 miles. I have tried to make the ride days as even as possible. I also have tried to stay off the freeway and find the most scenic roads to ride. As always, I am planning stops every hour or so. I like to take pictures, so figure on stopping at scenic sites.

Hotels are much more difficult to find than pre-pandemic times. I would say the average night's hotel cost is \$150. I have reserved mostly double queen rooms, so it best to double up with a partner. Prices are higher and services are cut, it just a fact of life.

I will have an official sign up and booking instructions out very shortly. If you are planning on doing this ride sign up early and book your rooms or they won't be there. Look for the email with all the booking and sign up information. I will email it to all members soon. This is a members only ride.

Road Captain – George ghomenko@gmail.com



Rides & Events February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 MYSTERY RIDE Road Captain: <i>Mark Hilla</i> 9:00 ^{AM} Meet 9:30 ^{AM} KSU
<div> <i>Check the MeetUp site for updates & last minute changes!</i> </div>						
6	7	8	9 WOODACRE - 2 BIRD CAFE Road Captain: <i>Melisa Brown</i> 9:30 ^{AM} Meet 10:00 ^{AM} KSU	10	11	12
13	14	15 GENERAL MEETING 6:00 ^{PM} Dinner 7:00 ^{PM} Meeting	16	17	18	19 AFTER HOLIDAY PARTY 11:30 ^{AM}
20 UKIAH Road Captain: <i>Robyn LaMantia</i> 9:30 ^{AM} Meet 10:00 ^{AM} KSU	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5 WINTERS RIDE Road Captain: <i>Jeff Orr</i> 9:00 ^{AM} Meet 9:30 ^{AM} KSU

Blast from the Past (President)

by Gretchen Tomm - *Past President*

Thanks to YOU, Our Members!



Happy New Year! I want to thank all our members for giving me the opportunity to serve as an officer for the past 5 years, both as Vice President, then President. I have thoroughly enjoyed helping keep our club a fun motorcycle club for so many of us to enjoy.

We have an eclectic membership, each adding their own twist, and that is fun. I am now the "Member At Large" and am available if anyone has any issues, concerns or problems. Just let me know and I can take it to our board.

I look forward to 2022 and lots of fun, memorable rides with y'all!

In the Wind, Gretchen

Classified

2007 BMW R1200 RT

Includes side cases and BMW tank bag
Good condition; Just had all fluids replaced and valves adjusted
80,000+ miles
Reason for selling: lifestyle change; buying a maxi scooter (550cc)

\$4,950

The picture was from earlier date and it is a little worn now but still looks good.
Interested? Contact Warren 707-303-0550



Tom's Take

by Tom Cooke - *Contributor*

Things I learned on my first bike. Do they still apply?

Remember your first bike? It did not have an engine or motor. It had pedals, and your own leg muscles to make it go. The lessons learned on your first bicycle still apply as you develop and refine your skills on your motorcycle(s).

OK, your first bicycle had training wheels, and motorcycles do not. But the idea of “training wheels” still applies metaphorically.

Here are a few things you might have learned on your first bike, that still apply:

- 1) Your bike must fit. Maybe your parents, like mine, bought you a bike that was too big for you, thinking you would grow into it. Hmm, careful there, accidents await. The same holds true with motorcycles. The size, performance characteristics and power of your bike must suit your size, strength, and riding skills. We've all known riders who came to grief trying to ride a bike that proved to be “too much bike for them.” If you need to be on your “tippy toes” to hold your bike up when stopped, for example, it is too big for you—unless you can lower the seat to the proper height for your size.
- 2) Learn to ride with confidence at slow speeds before “putting the pedal to the metal.” Do not fall victim to that dangerous temptation of “irrational exuberance” by riding too fast, too soon. Slow and steady wins the skills development race.
- 3) Your first rides should not be too close to moving traffic. Big, empty parking lots are safe spaces to refine your steering skills. The same holds true in learning what to expect from your brakes. Practice braking from different speeds in an area which has little or no car and truck traffic. Start on “the flats” before venturing onto hilly roads. Soon enough, your skills and confidence will permit you to safely ride on all sorts of roads.
- 4) Finally, do not neglect maintenance. When I was 10, I polished my Schwinn until it glowed. Since we all know that clean bikes run better, and are more fun than dirty bikes, do yourself and your steed a favor and keep it clean. Of course, oil, tires, brakes, and the items in your owner's manual must also be faithfully maintained.

Amazingly, we can now enjoy the same thrills on motorcycles that we once cherished on our bikes. By keeping in mind what we learned then, we will ride with more verve and thrills on our wonderful machines of today.

- Over & Out - Tom



Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club

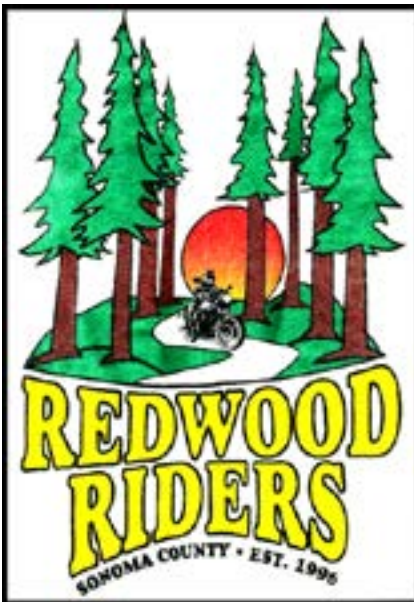
PRESIDENT:	Heidi Bigall	President@redwoodridersmc.com
VICE PRESIDENT / NEWSLETTER EDITOR / WEB MISTRESS:	Robyn LaMantia	VicePresident@redwoodridersmc.com Editor@redwoodridersmc.com WebMaster@redwoodridersmc.com
SECRETARY:	Sharon McMillan	Secretary@redwoodridersmc.com
TREASURER:	Vickie Weber	Treasurer@redwoodridersmc.com
MEMBERSHIP:	Melisa Brown	Membership@redwoodridersmc.com
TOURS & EVENTS / SR. ROAD CAPTAIN:	George Homenko	ToursAndEvents@redwoodridersmc.com RoadCaptains@redwoodridersmc.com
SAFETY OFFICER:	Ben Johnstone	Safety@redwoodridersmc.com
SERGEANT AT ARMS:	Paul Benkover	smoke signals
PAST PRESIDENT:	Gretchen Tomm	MemberAtLarge@redwoodridersmc.com

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

Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club Membership Renewal Form

2022 Renewal

MAIL TO: Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club

Attn: Membership Director

Melisa Brown

200 4th St. Suite 240

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

PLEASE PRINT

APPLICANT:

Member # _____

Last Name: _____ M _____ or F _____

First Name: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work or Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

CO- RIDER APPLICANT (person that does not ride their own bike):

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M _____ or F _____

Co-Applicant Email: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD) _____

Motorcycles owned

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

How did you hear about the club? _____

Emergency Contact:

The information given here is kept private. It is accessible only by the Club Officers and Road Captains, to be used only in the event of an emergency. **DO NOT USE CO-RIDER APPLICANT as an emergency contact.**

Name of contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

The undersigned (here after known as "Applicant") has requested membership in the Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club (here after known as "RRMC"). The Applicant agrees to abide by the policies and rules of RRMC, current and future, as set down by the past and by the acting officers of the RRMC, stated in the RRMC by laws. The Applicant agrees to only operate a motorcycle while in possession of a valid driver's license recognized by the state in which the motorcycle is owned. The Applicant acknowledges the laws of the State of California require valid liability insurance, and agrees not to participate in any RRMC event unless covered by insurance meeting the requirements of the State of California. The Applicant hereby acknowledges the fact that operating a motorcycle in any situation is dangerous to life and limb and property, and agrees to hold harmless RRMC, all RRMC Officers past and present, all RRMC members past and present, and all RRMC sponsors past and present, from any liability of harm or injury to body or the damage or loss of personal property. Applicant acknowledges full responsibility for the actions, events and consequences arising from the participation of any guest of Applicant. Applicant acknowledges that participation in RRMC activities are on a volunteer basis and at no time is Applicant required to attend any event.

I have read and agree to the above guidelines

Signature:

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club

Annual After Holiday Party



Saturday, February 19, 2022

Location: China Village

8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati

Time: 11:30 silent auction open

12 - 3 food and games

Cost: \$20 per person

Gift Exchange: bring a gift as we will be doing a gift exchange
(\$10 maximum suggested)

**Don't forget about our silent auction to raise money
for our charity - CERES**

PLEASE RSVP by sending your money to Melisa Brown
at: Melisa Brown,
200 4th Street, #240, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 10, 2022

make checks payable to RRMC – please no cash thru the mail

For further info call Melisa Brown at 707-246-3520

RRMC - Auction Items - 2022		
Item	Description	Est Value
1	Candice Goodies Basket	\$100
2	Reima Warrior Jacket (M), Joe Rocket Pants (M), Bilt Full face helmet (M)	\$200
3	Lady Ryder Jacket (S), Woman's heated gloves (incl rechargeable batteries	\$185
4	Large black travel bag (soft), Helmet	\$65
5	Black & Decker Coffee Maker, 2 bags of coffee, Insulated Kanteen travel mug, Bar of Chocolate	\$65
6	Coffee/Tea pot, Ceramic travel mug, knee high socks, Bar of chocolate	\$50
7	Lunch box w/containers, wireless speaker, blanket, bottle of wine, bar of chocolate	\$75
8	Gone Cruis'n metal sign, wind chimes, bottle of wine	\$45
9	Saddlemen hard case travel bag, helmet	\$175
10	Hard case saddle bag and hardware	\$175
11	His/Her matching helmets w/blue tooth hook up (XL & M) - HJC	\$300
12	Harley Davidson Long Sleeve Shirt, Black Vest, Highway 21 half helmet	\$ 75
13	Half Helmets	\$ 50.00
14	Candice Special basket	\$ 100.00
15	Bilt modular helmet (S)	\$ 150.00
16	Titan Motorcycle Lift Table	\$ 550.00
17		
	Total	\$ 2,360.00

HOT SILENT AUCTION ITEM

Titan Motorcycle Lift Table



This lift table was purchased new in 2017 and used twice.

I trimmed about ½ inch off both sides of the front stop, photo #1, and drilled 4 holes in the floor, photo #2, to mount a different front tire lock that didn't work as good as the original.

They cost about \$549 new.

The lift weighs almost 300 lbs. I will deliver it on my trailer as long as it is within 35 miles of Petaluma. We can roll it out of the trailer.



Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3



**Photo #4 – to
remove rear tire**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Jim Hyatt - 707-481-3767 – jrhhyatt8@gmail.com

Website for the Titan Lift Table: www.titanramps.com/top-sellers