

# Redwood Riders Review

April 2022



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## "Prez Sez..."

by Heidi Bigall - President

Happy Spring everyone! Though Spring officially began on March 20th, I personally believe Spring weather began several weeks ago! While riding on Melisa's Lake County ride, the hills were a lovely green and blue lupine and California poppies were in all their glory. I must also admit that my eyes and nose were running from allergies. I guess you gotta take the good with the bad!



While riding I also began to think about the wonderful group of people that make up the Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club. We are a group that probably would not have met if it wasn't for our love of motorcycle riding. We ride many different makes and models of bikes, some ride on two wheels and some on three, we have a large contingent of women riders (I think they are bad ass!), and we have riders in their thirties and some in their eighties, yet we treat each other as equals. We may squabble here and there, but I feel everyone is respectful of all. I also appreciate that we have a new group of regular riders. I remember being new six years ago

and how out of place I felt for a while. If it wasn't for those who extended their hand to me, I probably would never have seen the places I have seen, made the friends I have, or become the confident rider I am today. And for those who know me and are laughing, I haven't dropped my bike in over a year. Ha!

So in closing, let's keep being the amazing group that we are, welcome the new riders so they feel a part of, and pray like heck that we get April



showers (or atmospheric rivers) that bring May flowers. Keep the shiny side up and have fun!

~ Heidi

# Membership

by Melisa Brown - *Membership Director*

## Membership

### MEMBERSHIP

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Returning Members | 63 |
| Co-Riders         | 13 |
| 2022 New Members  | 5  |
| TOTAL             | 81 |

### RIDER STATISTICS

|       |    |
|-------|----|
| Men   | 54 |
| Women | 14 |

### WELCOME TO THE CLUB

Tim Magee



## RRMC April General Meeting

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

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

China Village

8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Richard Alpert  
Barbara Bowen  
Sergio Bravo  
Melisa Brown  
Denise Dawe  
Gary Pope  
Mel Stireman



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# General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - *Secretary*

**March 15<sup>th</sup> 2022**



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

**Opening Statement:** New President, Heidi Bigall introduced our newest member, Tim McGee and guests Rick and Sharon Thomas.

Heidi added that she is grateful for wind therapy and that we have such a good group.

**Minutes:** Sharon McMillan read the minutes from the February meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** Vickie Weber provided the current treasurers report.

**Membership Report:** Melisa Brown reported that we currently have 65 members.

Update regarding our After Holiday Party: Two more auction items have been sold and she is trying to sell some other of the items.

Heidi thanked Melisa for putting the party together again this year

**Tours and Events:** No report as George Homenko was not at tonight's meeting..

**Safety Officer:** Ben Johnstone went over with the membership about group riding. Included was detailed information about riding staggered, spacing and the dynamics of stopping.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Tom Holwerda brought up the question of not having sponsors for our club as we have had in the past. He offered to take on that task.

Robyn led the Fortuna overnight ride on March 12 & 13 and provided a report. She said they had 10 people make the ride. With the chance of rain, a number of people had cancelled. There was rain in the evening, but they did not end up riding in any rain. A good time was had by those that were on the ride.

## **Raffle:**

1st prize was won by John Bartch. He declined and the next ticket drawn was Rob Castiglia's. He received a paddle ball, cookies and a travel pack.

2nd prize went to Mel Stireman which was candy, coffee and a coffee brewer.

3rd prize was a soap container, flashlight and a travel first aid kit. This went to Lynn Anderson.

4th prize went to Tom Holwerda. He won a towel, travel pack, candy and a book.

5th prize was won by Heidi Bigall. She received a bottle of wine, and a first aid kit.

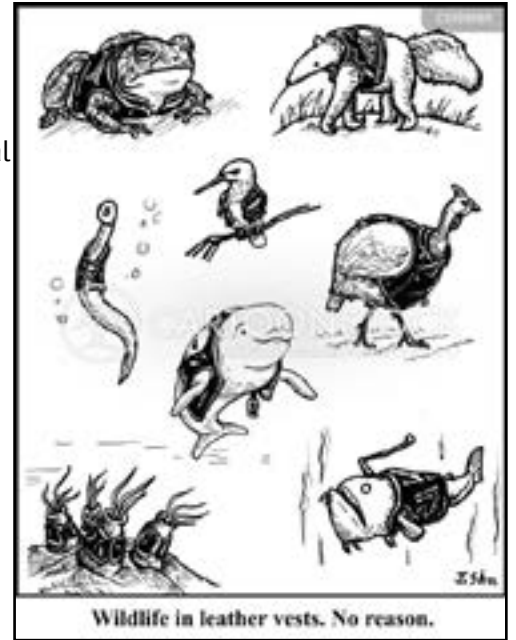
# General Meeting Minutes

## Meeting Minutes Continued from Page 3

50/50 raffle this month was a total of \$90. The winner was Lynn Anderson. He donated back to Ceres Community Project his \$45 winnings which made the total \$90 going to the charity. As a “donated back” prize, he received truffles and a Shari’s gift card for \$15.

As the meeting was ending, an introduction was made of a new member, Michelle Reed, who arrived during the meeting. She said she rides a Can Am.

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



## Safety Report

“Big” Ben Johnstone - *Safety Officer*

### What Kind of Helmet Should I Wear?

Below is a graphic showing the likely hood of a strike on your helmet if you should fall compiled as a part of the latest HURT report.



This graphic shows that the MOST LIKELY point of impact in the event of a fall is on the chin. That indicates a full-face helmet provides the best protection given that the hinge on a modular helmet will not be as strong as the full face without a hinge.

If you are like me, the full face is difficult to get on, especially with glasses, and it is impossible to get a drink with it on without spilling on my shirt. This causes me to opt for a modular helmet. However, modular helmets can be risky. Modular helmets require a unlocking mechanism. This is typically located at the bottom front of the chin piece. If the chin piece can be unlocked by a blow to the front of the helmet, there is a high risk that it could open inappropriately. When choosing a helmet, make sure that the lock activation is protected from opening when receiving a frontal blow. The helmet I now wear requires that it be unlocked via a pull forward, and the lock is made of sturdy steel. ~ Ben



# Tours & Events

by George Homenko - *Tours & Events Directors*

## Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

### RIDES & EVENTS

#### Past Ride Reports & Photos:

Saturday, March 5: **Winters**. Road Captain: Jeff Orr [-See Ride Report & Pix](#)

Wednesday, March 9: **Stinson Beach**. Road Captain: Heidi Bigall

Saturday - Sunday, March 12-13: **Avenue of the Giants / Ferndale**.  
Road Captain: Robyn LaMantia [-See Ride Report & Pix](#)

Sunday, February 20: **Fairfield**. Road Captain: Gary Pope [-See Pix](#)

#### Upcoming Rides & Events

Saturday, April 2: **Lake County**. Road Captain: Melisa Brown

Friday - Saturday, April 15-16: **Monterey**. Road Captains: Mark Hilla & Randy Mack *(See Flyer on Page 11)*

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

Wednesday, April 20: **Pt. Arena**. Road Captain: Vickie Weber



# Blast from the Past (President)

by Gretchen Tomm - *Past President*

## Maintenance

Spring is here and a great time to ride! Please make sure your bikes are ready for rides, whether it's a day ride, overnight or longer. Keep your bike in the best riding shape you can so you can enjoy any ride. It's not any fun when your bike breaks down.

Been there, done that! Sadly, it was nothing that I could have prevented. We were ready to leave W. Wendover, UT Sunday at 7am and ride to my mom's in Colorado, but my bike was DEAD. Ran great the day before riding from Sonoma, so I had no idea anything was about to go wrong. Luckily, I was able to have my VERY good friend come (from Colorado) and get me and my bike, but I had a long day of waiting. And it was 106 degrees that day too! Even George's favorite recommended tool to carry, AAA Premium Card, didn't help.

Keep your bike in the best riding shape you can so you can enjoy any ride. Regular and/or preventative maintenance is a very good idea. In the Wind, Gretchen



# Rides & Events April

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|--------|---|---|----------|---|---|
| 27   | 28     | 29  | 30  | 31       | 1   | 2<br><b>LAKEPORT</b><br>Road Captain:<br><i>Melisa Brown</i><br>9:00 <sup>AM</sup> Meet<br>9:30 <sup>AM</sup> KSU |
| Check the MeetUp site for updates & last minute changes! |        |   |   |          |   |   |
| 3  | 4      | 5   | 6   | 7        | 8   | 9   |
| 10   | 11     | 12  | 13  | 14       | 15<br><b>MONTEREY OVER-NIGHT</b><br>Road Captains:<br><i>Mark Hilla &amp; Randy Mack</i><br>7:30 <sup>AM</sup> Meet<br>8:00 <sup>AM</sup> KSU | 16  |
| 17<br><b>EASTER</b>                                      | 18     | 19<br><b>GENERAL MEETING</b><br>6:00 <sup>PM</sup> Dinner<br>7:00 <sup>PM</sup> Meeting | 20<br><b>PT. ARENA</b><br>Road Captain:<br><i>Vickie Weber</i><br>9:00 <sup>AM</sup> Meet<br>9:30 <sup>AM</sup> KSU | 21       | 22  | 23  |
| 24   | 25     | 26  | 27  | 28       | 29  | 30  |

# Tom's Take

by Tom Cooke - *Contributor*

## How Many Miles a Day?



This is a question asked by people considering a motorcycle multi-day tour, as well as by those who are planning the trip. While there is no absolute answer, it is an important question to consider.

There are a many factors to take into account when laying out a trip's route. Planned well, a tour is a memorable, spectacular experience. But a few planning missteps can result in something much less wonderful. Three important considerations to take into account include the group's level of experience, the types of roads, and the conditions of the roads.

Most riders who tour are well-seasoned, but there are differences in any group. Long rides—say over 250-300 miles a day—require that the riders have many rides under their belt of a similar length. Including a beginner or intermediate rider on a tour of consecutive 300+ mile days may lead to unhappy riders and dissension in the group. It makes sense to be sure of all tour members' level of experience before the start. And as a participant, be clear about what will be required.

Just as all skill levels are not equal, neither are roads. We can think of roads and routes on a continuum.

- On the easy side of the curve (pun intended), Interstate 5 down the central valley of California, is mostly straightforward, well-paved, and flat. It can be called a "mile gobbler." Hundreds of miles can be comfortably achieved.
- Highway 101 is a reasonable, middle-of-the-road example, where 300 daily miles are doable for most riders.
- On the more demanding end of the continuum, there lives the Hopland Grade, the hill up to Middletown, the hill over to Yountville, Route 128, and Highway 1 north from Jenner to Leggett. These roads include tens of miles of tight switchbacks, which require advanced riding skills and confidence. Tens of miles on roads like these can be demanding. Hundreds of miles on these roads on consecutive days could be exhausting, and thus, no fun for many riders.

So when thinking of how many daily miles to ride, be sure you know the nature and twisting of the roads involved.

The road surface, too, is important to take into account. Lots of "deferred maintenance" and potholes will surely slow down the tour and fatigue the riders sooner vs later.

Planners should think about tomorrow's ride when planning today's. Try to space out your route so that the most demanding parts are not on consecutive days. If they must be, shorten the daily miles, or consider a layover day.

At the same time, one must look at hours in the saddle and the demands of the route in tandem with the number of miles ridden. Seven or eight hours on Interstate 5 would be feasible for most riders. But even six hours of narrow mountain twisties is a different kind of ball game; five hours of roads like that would seem like plenty to most riders.

These are just a few of the factors to take into account, whether you are planning a tour, or deciding whether or not to participate. When deciding whether or not to join a tour, think about these factors and be honest in your self appraisal. Of course, these guideposts can be trumped by the personal choice of the ride leader and participants. A ride leader can announce a route and let riders choose if they want to sign on. Or, there can be group collaboration on parts of the trip.

Knowing what you want out of a ride is key. If an iron-butt 400+ miles/day is what you want, go for it! Or, if a relaxing, moderate miles/day with time to "smell the flowers" tour works for you, terrific! After all, the purpose of touring is to enjoy the experience, whatever that means to you.

If it's not fun, something is amiss. Make it be fun. ~ Tom

# 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; bought a maxi scooter (550cc)

**\$4,100**

The picture was from earlier date and it is a little worn now but still looks good.  
 Interested?

Contact Warren 707-303-0550



## 2008 Yamaha FJR for sale.

- 55K miles, never down
- Full maintenance record + shop manual
- Pilot Road 4 tires, low miles
- Heated grips
- Custom paint job
- Frame sliders
- Yamaha touring windshield
- Stebel airhorn
- 24 liter Pelican top case
- Fender Extender
- Accessory fuse box
- Hyper-Lite brake light enhancer
- Garaged and meticulously maintained

Asking \$5K for this bulletproof, sport touring mile muncher.

Contact Chris Goodfellow @ [calgoodfellow@gmail.com](mailto:calgoodfellow@gmail.com)



# Auction Items

## Last Chance Auction items!

We have a few items left over from the After Holiday Party Silent Auction. These items are in great condition and can be yours for a song (and a few bucks). The prices listed are suggested purchase prices but reasonable offers will be considered. Contact Melisa at 707.246.3520. **Remember ALL proceeds will go to our charity Ceres!**

Saddlemen Hard Case Travel Bag - \$75



Lady Ryder Jacket (Small) - \$75



2 HJC helmets (XL and M) w/blue tooth between helmets - \$200



Harley Davidson Long Sleeve Shirt (XL) - \$10



Black Vest (L) - \$255



Heated Gloves w/re-chargeable batteries - \$50



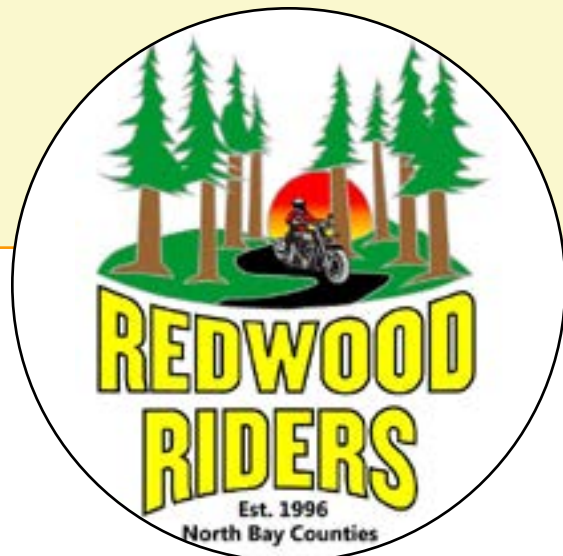
Harley Davidson 1/2 Helmet - XL - \$30



# Club Gear

## RRMC CLUB GEAR IS STILL AVAILABLE!

**But going fast....** We have a limited supply so order yours today! Contact Gretchen for details and to arrange purchase.



| 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        |
| 3                    | 2             |                                |           |                                | 1 - Medium |
|                      |               |                                | 1 - Large |                                |            |
|                      |               | 1 - XL                         | 1 - XL    |                                | 2 - XL     |
|                      |               |                                | 2 - XXL   | 1 - XXL *\$22                  |            |





## **APRIL 15-16**

# **MONTEREY OVERNIGHT**

### **Meandering the Pacific Coast Highway**

Meet at Shari's at 7:30am with kickstands up at 8. We'll head down 101 to San Francisco and catch Highway 1 to Monterey. Along the road there will be plenty scenic lookout points, seaside towns and natural landmarks.

We will plan on arriving at the hotel by mid-afternoon for free time or join the group to explore Monterey Bay and Cannery Row.

After breakfast we'll be taking off for another day of adventure as we make our way back to Sonoma County.

**San Francisco  
Lands End**

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**Santa Cruz**

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**Ice Cream Grade  
a twisty detour**

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**Lunch at Sea Harvest  
Moss Landing**

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**Monterey Bay and  
Cannery Row**

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**Road Captains  
Mark Hilla  
Randy Mack**

### **ACCOMODATIONS**

Motel 6 – Marina, CA  
100 Reservation Rd.

Call 800-544-4866  
Group Confirmation  
#GPZA028W4I

1-2 Adults \$129.99

3 Adults \$134.99

4 Adults \$139.99

Reserve by 4/1/22

***RRMC Pix Online*****Ride & Event Photo & Video Links****Fairfield March 20:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/DbBs7hAR9VcByiP68>

**Ferndale/Ave of the Giants March 12-13:**

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**Winters March 5:**

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**Ukiah February 20:**

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**After Holiday Party February 19:**

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**2 Birds Cafe February 9:**

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**3 Valleys February 5:**

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**Cabrillo Lighthouse January 19:**

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**Drakes Bay January 12:**

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**Cloverdale January 1:**

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**General Meeting December 21:**

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**Capay November 21:**

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**Clear Lake November 6:**

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**General Meeting October 19:**

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**George's Boat Ride October 2:**

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**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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# Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club

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

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