



# Redwood Riders Review

June 2022

Happy Father's Day



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## "Prez Sez..."

by Heidi Bigall - President



Well, who would have thunk (yes, thunk) that we would cancel a ride in June due to rain? Unfortunately, that is what happened to the ride going to the Peg House in Leggett on Saturday, June 4th. I was looking forward to the ride after not being on my bike for three weeks. But, I have to admit I am enjoying the light, yet much needed, rain. Fortunately, the Peg House ride has been rescheduled to Saturday,

August 6th. Some folks might wonder why the ride was canceled as there was negligent (or no) rain in your area on Saturday. As safety is the Redwood Riders' number one concern, Ride Captains, in conjunction with the Tours and Events Director, will call a ride when there is a strong chance of rain during any portion of the ride, as was the case of an over 60% chance in Leggett on ride day.

I am proud to inform the membership that RRCM made its annual donation to our designated charity, Ceres Community Foundation, in the amount of \$1,7860. This amount represents proceeds from the monthly membership meeting 50/50 raffle and the annual "After the Holidays Party" silent auction. If you are interested in knowing more about Ceres, here is the website link <https://www.ceresproject.org>. I hope you find it as great of a local non-profit as I do! This is a perfect segue to give a shout out to Jackie Bartch who is our wonderful 50/50 raffle prize shopper. Since I hate, hate, HATE shopping, this is a position I would never take on and admire anyone who would. Thank you Jackie!

In closing, I am reminded that without such a wonderful group of individuals, RRCM would not be what it has grown into today. All members are necessary to build the RRCM heart and soul. It is my privilege to be the President of such a wonderful organization. Thank you for sharing your time and your spirit with me.

Now get out, have fun, and ride safely!

Humbly yours ~ Heidi Bigall

# Membership

by Melisa Brown - *Membership Director*

## Membership

### MEMBERSHIP

Returning Members	63
Co-Riders	13
2022 New Members	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82</b>

### RIDER STATISTICS

Men	55
Women	14



## RRMC June General Meeting

Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

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

China Village

8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Robert Banks  
Jackie Bartch  
Heidi Faulkner  
Elizabeth Flowers  
Jim Hyatt  
Terese Gilford  
Ben Johnstone  
Andrew Little  
Kurt Mitchler  
Kathy Roberts  
Marcel Svizzero



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# General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - *Secretary*

## May 17<sup>th</sup> 2022



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

**Opening Statement:** President Heidi Bigall opened our meeting by having Vicky give the treasurer's report as she had leave and not able to stay for the meeting.

Heidi shared her experience on the last ride to Locke. Her tire apparently got caught in a pavement defect which caused her to spin around and drop her bike. Our members jumped in to help her and get her bike picked back up. She so appreciated it and wanted to share that with the membership. She was also touched that a couple of our members rode all the way to Novato on Hwy 37 with her. It made her feel very safe that they did that. Tom Holwerda added to that experience as it happened to him. He was slower than the group coming down from Lake County into Calistoga. He was pleased to see the group had pulled over and were waiting for him.

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

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

**Membership Report:** Melisa Brown reported that our membership has 63 returning members, 7 new members, 13 co-riders. for a total of 83 members.

**Tours and Events:** George Homenko said that our next ride will be led by Gretchen Tomm which will be to the Peg House in Leggett for lunch and then head over to the coast and home.

The Wednesday ride, June 8<sup>th</sup> will be to Rick Wallenstein's Lavender Bee Farm in Petaluma for a tour which will include a BBQ lunch. There will be a short ride to get to Rick's.

Dee Dee will be putting together a Mystery Ride on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ben's Morro Bay ride will take place on May 21 & 22<sup>nd</sup>. There had been a communication issue so an email went out to the members for a check on who would be going. Heidi said the Meetup site had been down and no one was able to RSVP for the ride.

In July, George's Pacific Northwest long ride will be leaving July 9<sup>th</sup>

### Upcoming Rides:

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is the ride to the Peg House in Leggett led by Gretchen.

Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> we ride to Rick Wallenstein's Lavender Bee Farm in Petaluma.

Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> will be Dee Dee's Mystery Ride.

**Safety Officer:** While Ben Johnstone was waiting for a new tire to be installed on his bike, he read a magazine article which he shared with the members. It covered information on curves, vanishing points and braking techniques.

**Old Business:** None



# General Meeting Minutes

**New Business:** Dave “Taz” Tinkler shared that he was also in a position to give a hand to a fellow rider. It’s important to help each other when an incident happens.

## Raffle:

1st prize was a \$10 Chevron gift card, travel Kleenex, spray silly string, candy and chopstick. This was won by Rosalie Mack.

2nd prize was won by Sharon McMillan. This was a bottle of wine, small flashlight, candy and screen wipes.

3rd prize was Kisses, travel Kleenex, hand lotion and jumper cables. Gretchen Tomm was the winner..

4th prize was won by Melisa Brown. She got yard art, manicure set, lotion, chopstick, \$10 gift card for the Dollar Tree and some candy.

5th prize winning ticket was Dave “Taz” Tinker. He received soap containers, flashlight, first aid, chopstick and lotion.

6th prize was a dozen eggs won by Tom Holwerda.

50/50 raffle was won by Dave “Taz” Tinkler which was \$57.50. He donated it back for a total of \$115 going to our Ceres Charity. He received a donate back prize which was a \$15 Chevron gift card and some mints.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.



# Safety Report

“Big” Ben Johnstone - *Safety Officer*

## Proper Lean Technique

At a recent club meeting I talked about the controversy on the proper cornering technique. One side felt that the proper way for a motorcycle to corner was to lean off the low side: keeping the motorcycle as upright as possible. The other side thought it was important to maintain a vertical body position and lean the motorcycle under your body. The upright motorcycle group believed that the contact patch was increased from what it otherwise would be and thus traction would be better. The upright body crowd felt that mainlining good visibility was the most important thing.

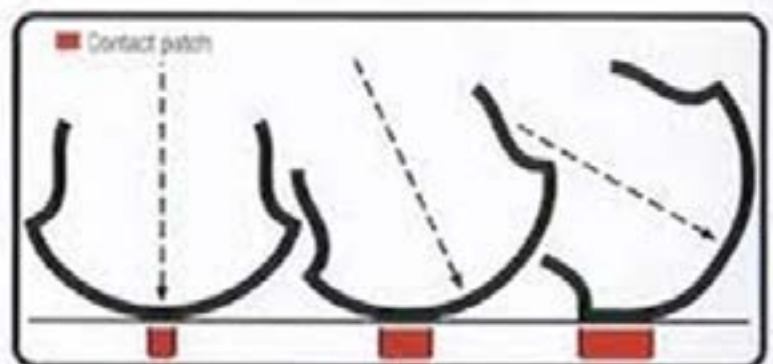
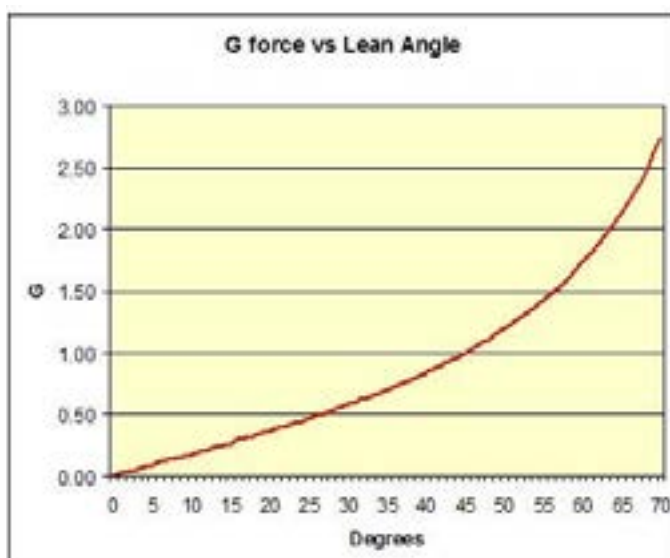


I did some research of contact patch and cornering friction on the web. I didn't find any agreement there. Some felt that the contact patch would remain constant given a rounded tire profile. Some felt that motorcycle tires were more V shaped and thus would provide a bigger contact patch when leaned over. Some felt that a bigger contact patch didn't mean there was more friction: friction was proportional to pressure exerted, and not the area of the contact patch. Therefore, different contact patches would have the same friction as long as the force on the contact patch was the same (note that the force on the contact patch will be greater in a turn than it is when riding straight due to centrifugal force, or braking, or acceleration). All of these diverse opinions came from self-proclaimed “experts”. Who to believe?

So, after thoroughly confusing myself, I wondered what I should do. What I decided was this: Racers drag a knee keeping the bike upright. If there was a faster way to get around a corner, they would be using it. I am not a racer. I am on a road which may hold many unpleasant surprises unknown to me. Therefore, the safest thing I can do is maintain good vision. If I clearly see that the curve is tightening, I can slow down. I don't plan on taking the curve anywhere near the limits of tire traction anyway. Your decision on what cornering technique is safest for you may be different.

One thing everyone agreed upon: The higher the lean angle, the sharper the motorcycle will turn.

~ Ben



Modern-day tires use a “multi-arc profile” (the tread profile varies across the tire) design in an attempt to get the quick steering of a narrower tire while upright and the higher traction of a wider tire at full lean. Notice how the contact patch grows as the bike leans over.

This is in addition to the gravity force due to the weight of the bike & rider

# Tours & Events

by George Homenko - *Tours & Events Directors*

## Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides



### RIDES & EVENTS

#### Past Rides & Photos

Saturday, May 7: **3 Bridges Ride**. Road Captain: Mark Hilla  
- See Ride Report & Pix

Wednesday, May 11: **Lake Berryessa**. Road Captains: Ben Johnstone  
- [See Pix](#)

Sunday, May 15: **Locke**. Road Captain: George Homenko - [See Pix](#)

Saturday - Sunday, May 21-22: **Morro Bay**. Road Captain: Ben Johnstone

#### Upcoming Rides & Events

Saturday, June 6: **Peg House**. Road Captain: Gretchen Tomm - *Rescheduled for August 6th*

Wednesday, June 8: **Lavender Ride**. Road Captains: George Homenko

Sunday, June 19: **Occidental**. Road Captain: Dee Dee d'Argence

Tuesday, June 21: **RRMC General Meeting @ China Village**

#### Long Rides

**Pacific Northwest Ride July 9th - July 16th: See Flyer on Page 12**

#### **Lake Topaz August 13 - August 14:**

Our destination is Topaz Lake on Hwy 395 just over the Nevada Border. To get there we will be riding on some beautiful mountain roads. The trip up will be on Hwy 88 over the Carson Pass. The next day on the way home we will take hwy 89 over Monitor Pass. Both legs of the trip are about 240 miles.

We have 10 double queen rooms reserved at the Topaz Lodge and Casino. The rooms are booked under "redwoodriders" @ \$134.47. We tentatively held rooms on the second floor which is actually street level but folks should mention this when the book if they don't want to deal with stairs. Call 1-800-962-0732 for reservations. Free cancellation 3 days prior to check-in.

Lady Ryder Jacket (Small) - \$75



### Last Chance Auction items!

We have a ONE item left over from the After Holiday Party Silent Auction. This jacket is in great condition - purchase for yourself OR your lady friend. The price listed is the suggested purchase price but a reasonable offers will be considered. Contact Melisa at 707.246.3520.

**Remember ALL proceeds will go to our charity Ceres!**

# Rides & Events June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
<div> <b><i>Check the MeetUp site for updates &amp; last minute changes!</i></b> </div>						
5	6	7	<b>8</b> <b>LAVENDER FARM</b> Road Captain: <i>George Homenko</i> 9:00 <sup>AM</sup> Meet 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> KSU	9	10	11
<b>12</b> <b>FATHERS DAY</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>19</b> <b>OCCIDENTAL</b> Road Captain: <i>Dee Dee d'Argence</i> 9:00 <sup>AM</sup> Meet 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> KSU	20	<b>21</b> <b>GENERAL MEETING</b> 6:00 <sup>PM</sup> Dinner 7:00 <sup>PM</sup> Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2



# Tom's Take

by Tom Cooke - *Contributor*

## Mitigating the Dangers of Riding

I would be preaching to the choir to talk about the joys of riding. "Wind therapy," as it has been called. It is at once peaceful, thrilling, and happiness-inducing.

And as we are often told by our non-riding friends, it is dangerous. Here again, I will refrain from stating the obvious facts. Suffice it to say that two wheels and speed are inherently more dangerous than driving cars or trucks.

I often respond to the harbingers of danger by pointing out that many exhilarating pastimes present danger. Horseback riding, skiing, white water river sports, and rock climbing are just a few examples of dangerous pastimes that appeal to many, many people. Still, that argument does little to discount the dangers of riding. So, it is incumbent upon us to reduce the dangers of riding as best we can, while still enjoying it.

Here are a few concessions we can make to mitigate the danger:

- Control your speed. Many crashes occur because riders are simply exceeding the safe limit of speed. We all know the rules-of-thumb, like leaving a 2-second gap between our bike and the bike in front of us. But that rule-of-thumb can sometimes be expanded upon. The curviness of the route, and the condition of the roadbed, along with the amount of traffic, are factors to consider when deciding how close to follow.
- Maintain your bike. It goes without saying that safety requires us to keep our bike in top mechanical condition. The brakes, steering, chain (if you have one), and tire wear must be inspected and maintained regularly to maximize safe operation. When budgeting, motorcycle maintenance is the last place to economize!
- Honest self-assessment. Your riding ability is another biggie when it comes to safe operation of your bike. Riding with folks more skilled than yourself requires you to be self-aware and acknowledge that you perhaps put yourself at risk when trying to run with the big dogs. If you are not comfortable, slow down. You will catch the pack at the next safe spot or rest area.
- Do not ride at night, or in the rain, until your skills, eyesight, and reaction time allow it. Riding on wet or slick roads, or with less than perfect vision or reaction time, all point to bad outcomes on the bike. Here again, be honest.

This brief list of ways to mitigate the danger of riding is, of course, merely the tip of the iceberg.

We all must be self-aware and honest about our bikes, our skills and our safety limits. The life you save will probably be your own.

~ Tom





# Club Gear

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



***RRMC Pix Online*****Ride & Event Photo & Video Links****Locke May 15:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/cXwCW1bvBxE93HfYA>**Berryessa May 11:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/xeKghGSWk4CAJLp46>**3 Bridges May 7:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/vpxqXEqWoLYKu7wc6>**Fairfield March 20:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/DbBs7hAR9VcByiP68>**Ferndale/Ave of the Giants March 12-13:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/CTfmbkATYBCXPvu99>**Winters March 5:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5kXLA4yzabDYfc8EA>**Ukiah February 20:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/wnE5LDvpXifjr4Ca7>**After Holiday Party February 19:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/11m9qAF3acXTXzcg7>**2 Birds Cafe February 9:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/AkSA69fDD2LUkKjr6>**3 Valleys February 5:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/nJGTp1VcXzE2S5Hq9>**Cabrillo Lighthouse January 19:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/xoRPtcDNqVcie8Wc8>**Drakes Bay January 12:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/L4rFwiehi298qDwU6>**Cloverdale January 1:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/9DCRGoGmvkCnfnsQ6>**General Meeting December 21:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/CcE13aHN37M1Ww3D8>**Capay November 21:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/W4vcMC4bT9rtChs76>**Clear Lake November 6:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/pe1fM2HJnJHk9MiXA>**General Meeting October 19:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/AUubjuZswV4plqpX7>**George's Boat Ride October 2:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/EXuibp9fkaJVtoGe6>**General Meeting September 21:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/2Txgb3Mx3EuVdaEC9>**Ft. Bragg September 19:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ufUrrTgcylCqyxT6>**Williams September 4:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/D69EA2Zyk2sdh4tu7>**Twisty Mt. Tam August 25:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/eaj5ny4rXDbDkjpSA>**General Meeting August 17:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/p3L1o1DdKNngsXgs7>**Woodland August 15:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/7C8H2RBboMTxbGCo9>**Rio Vista August 7:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/QkWGsuZU3vQjHqaj6>**Gold Beach July 23-25:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/1V7YUdpzM9SXsZtNA>**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/DEsiuqPdLzQ3tTiV8>**Utah May:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/rV7kZi4Uk7BzJqAe6>  
<https://youtu.be/wHmTXOyHBd4>**Calpella May 10:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/jXiAlzR2KLqnuqXTA>

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### **Pacific Northwest Ride - July 9<sup>th</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup>**

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.

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