



# Redwood Riders Review

Happy Independence Day!

July 2022

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## "Prez Sez..."

by Heidi Bigall - President



Summer has finally arrived; and, boy, did it come in like gangbusters!. On June 21st, Summer Solstice, the Bay Area was sweltering in above 100° weather. For me, it was a reminder to bust out my cooling vest and water snake scarf from storage and put them in my saddlebags. Which is a good reminder for everyone to make sure to hydrate during those days when temperatures are above average. For me, that means plenty of water and Gatorade. Whatever your preference, make sure to plan accordingly.

First up in July we get to celebrate Independence Day on the fourth. We are fortunate the holiday falls on a Monday this year, giving many of us a three-day holiday weekend. Whatever you will be doing, like planning a trip to see the best fireworks, shopping great sales, enjoying the local County Fair, or just taking a leisurely ride, I wish you a happy and safe holiday.

Next up, on the 9th, the Redwood Riders will depart for a multi-day ride up the Coast to Friday Harbor on San Juan Island. The trip back will be through the centers of Washington and Oregon with the group arriving home on Saturday July 16th. The Ride Captain for this trip is George Homenko. For those attending the ride, don't forget to tip the Road Captain for his thoughtful planning and his watchful eye over the group. Tips could include a pat on the back and a big thank you, a cocktail after a long day's ride, or picking up his dinner tab! Just saying...it's a thankless job!

Lastly as I will be unable to attend the July General Membership meeting on the 19th, I would like to thank Robyn LaMantia in advance for running the meeting. I know she will do a great job!

Wishing everyone a wonderful July,

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	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>

### RIDER STATISTICS

Men	58
Women	14

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jason Boles  
Cathy Calleja  
Candace Gable  
Jim Montenegro  
Cheryl Salzmann  
Vickie Weber



### NEW MEMBERS

Dave Kronberg  
Marc Lampell  
Jon Trapani

## HD Demo Days - Ride Lead Volunteers





# General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - *Secretary*

**June 21<sup>st</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 welcoming everyone for being there.

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

**Treasurers Report:** President Heidi Bigall advised that there not would be a report due to our treasurer, Vicky Weber being away on a ride.

**Membership Report:** Melisa Brown advised that we have two new members. Marc Lampell, who was introduced at our meeting and the second person was David Kronberg.

**Tours and Events:** George Homenko shared with the members that Vickie Weber rode 3845 miles on her trip. Her gas gauge quit working during the ride.

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, ride to the Peg House in Leggett was cancelled due to rain. It is rescheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> was our ride which ended at the Lavender Bee Farm in Petaluma, the home of our member, Rick Wallenstein. An excellent lunch was enjoyed by the 40 that attended. Some made the ride and others met the group there.

June 19<sup>th</sup>, which was Father's Day, was a ride led by Robyn LaMantia. The ride ended up at the Rio Nido Road House for lunch.

## Upcoming Rides:

July 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, is a ride going to Jenner which will be led by Jeff Orr.

July 9<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup> is the long ride being led by George Homenko to the Pacific Northwest which includes San Juan Island. There are 16 to 18 people scheduled to make the ride. Part of the group will split off and continue on a longer ride.

August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> is the Topaz Lake overnighter being led by Robyn LaMantia.

George put it out that we could use more road captains to lead some of the rides.

**Safety Officer:** Ben Johnstone talked about a recent ride he made to Redding which ended up a ride in rainy weather. Some of the issues of riding in the rain include visibility. Dual lenses on the helmet helped keep the fog from forming and having a pin lock. Use Rain-X on both the inside and the outside of the visor. Be aware of the possibility of rocks dropping on the road when riding along hillsides. Rosalie mentioned the use of emergency flashers which makes it easier to follow a rider and makes them more visible to other traffic

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Dave "Taz" Tinkler mentioned that the Harley dealer was having a Demo Day this coming weekend. All new Harley models will be available for people to take out on a test ride.

# General Meeting Minutes

## Raffle:

1st prize was a towel, plastic travel bag, soap, screen cleaner, aspirin and a flashlight. This was won by Wade Roberts.

2nd prize went to Gretchen Tomm. She won a \$10 gift certificate for the China Village, manicure set, Kleenex, pill container, chapstick, soap and a hydrator.

3rd prize was won by Heidi Bigall. She won a pregnancy test kit, China Village \$10 gift certificate, blueberry chocolate, soap, Kleenex, chapstick and a hot dog.

4th prize was won by Lynn Anderson. He received soap, Kleenex, flashlight, chapstick, pill container.

5th prize went to Lynn Anderson who requested another ticket be drawn. The winner was Rosalie Mack. She received earplugs, soap, China Village \$10 gift certificate, pill container, chapstick and dental cleaning sticks.

50/50 drawing was won by Dave "Taz" Tinkler. He donated back the \$50 he won which meant that \$100 was going to our Ceres charity. Dave received from the re-donate drawing chocolate, wine, a gas card and chapstick.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.





# Safety Report

“Big” Ben Johnstone - *Safety Officer*

## Too Fast in a Corner? Now What?

On a recent trip, I was coming back from Chester on highway 36. Just west of Red Bluff, I saw one of those diamond shaped signs with a wiggly road on it. Below the sign was a placard which stated, “next 130 miles”. This got me wondering what I would do if I found myself going too fast after I already entered a corner. There are things I can do to lower the risk of this happening. I move to the outside so that I can see farther through the curve. I find the “vanishing point” of the road to help me judge the severity of the turn (by looking as far ahead as I can). I utilize trail breaking, so I am already breaking (smoothly) when I enter the curve. This allows me to increase or decrease my braking once I get a good look at the curve. Of course, I note the suggested speed posted for the curve, if there is one.



Even doing this, it is possible to get surprised in a curve. So what should I do? First I should realize that the tires and the bike can turn faster than I normally do. If I am not scraping parts on the road, the tires will hold (dry conditions). I should keep turning hard and lean off the low side to keep the bike as upright as possible. I should brake hard early and ease the braking as I turn sharper. I look where I want to go; not at any obstacles I want to avoid (this is very important). I avoid any sudden or jerky movements, keeping everything as smooth as I can.

If I really think I can't safely get around the curve, I straighten up and brake hard (I have ABS). This does the job but has the risk of taking me into the next lane, or off the road. I prefer not to do this if possible.

~ Ben



Maybe this rider was going too fast?

# Tours & Events

by George Homenko - *Tours & Events Directors*

## Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides



### RIDES & EVENTS

#### Past Rides & Photos

Wednesday, June 8: **Lavender Ride**. Road Captains: George Homenko  
[See Ride Report & Pix](#)

Sunday, June 19: **Rio Nido**. Road Captain: Robyn LaMantia

#### Upcoming Rides & Events

Wednesday, July 6: **Jenner**. Road Captain: Jeff Orr

Saturday, July 9 - Saturday, July 16: **Friday Harbor 9-Day Ride**. Road Captain: George Homenko

Tuesday, July 19: **RRMC General Meeting @ China Village**

Sunday, July 24: **Clearlake**. Road Captain: George Homenko

#### Long Rides

#### **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.

## RRMC July General Meeting

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

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

China Village

8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati



# Rides & Events July

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



### **July's Member Spotlight is on... Gretchen Tomm!**

*Gretchen has been a long-time club member and served as President between 2018 - 2021. Here is a little bit about Gretchen you may not know!*



#### **How long have you been riding?**

I took (in the rain) and passed my Motorcycle Safety Course in March 1988 at the Coast Guard Station in Petaluma. Back then, there were only 3 places to take the MSC, Petaluma, San Francisco and Oakland.

Then I went to the DMV to officially get my MC license.

#### **Why did you start riding?**

I was dating a guy who rode a motorcycle. I loved riding on the back of his bike, but after a while I realized he was a jerk. I really loved riding and would miss it. A dear old biker friend suggested that I learn to ride and get my own motorcycle. So, I took his suggestion, and the rest is history.

#### **What was your first motorcycle?**

My first motorcycle was a Honda Rebel 450. Not what I wanted, but it was all I could afford. I rode that bike all over the place and got used to riding.

#### **What type of motorcycle(s) do you currently own?**

I currently own a 2015 Harley Davidson Road Glide Special

#### **What was your favorite road trip?**

Too many to name a favorite. They each have the good and bad, depending on who I ride with and where we ride to/through. My first solo was in 1999 on my Harley Davidson Low Rider Custom. I was living in Colorado and rode to Montana to visit friends, thru Glacier National Park, into Canada, into Idaho to stay with new friends, back to my Montana friends place, then home to Colorado.

#### **What do you enjoy most about riding?**

I enjoy the serenity of being one with nature and the road, seeing our great country and all the friends I have met over the years.

#### **Do you listen to music when riding? Why or why not?**

I sometimes listen to music, but a lot of the time, I just enjoy my meditation and nature's sounds. I never listen to music or radio in traffic as I want to be fully aware of my surroundings.

#### **Feel free to share any other information your fellow riders might find interesting about you.**

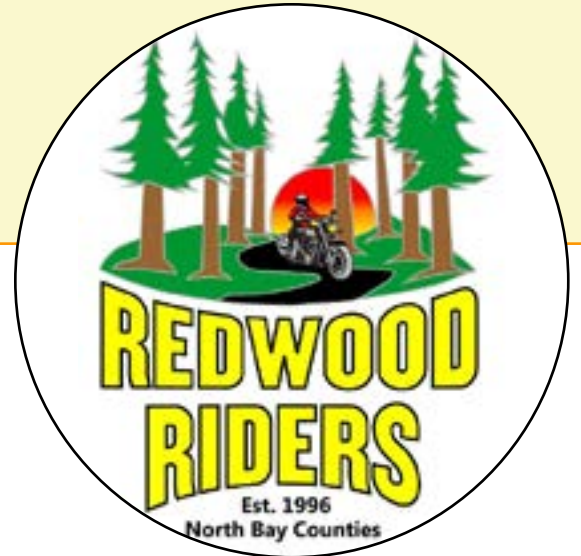
Some of the best advice I have received regarding riding was many years ago. First, expect the unexpected from your surroundings, be it vehicles, animals, or people. The other advice was, always ride like you are invisible. They can't/don't see you.



# 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	



***RRMC Pix Online*****Ride & Event Photo & Video Links****General Meeting June 21:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/8Wsvcj4MPdytQBIB6>**Lavender Farm June 8:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/V72t9Ygb8fawmR4Y8>**General Meeting May 17:**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/tMMoSf5DW9MkdiuK6>**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/AUubjuZswV4pJqpX7>**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>

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