

# Redwood Riders Review

## Happy Father's Day

TO ALL THE DAD'S  
WHO TAUGHT US  
HOW TO RIDE

June 2023



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## "Prez Sez..."

by Heidi Bigall - President

### Father's Day at Lavender Bee Farm!!

Holy Cow, I can't believe we are already in June! I love it when it is still light out after 8:00 PM. Even better, it allows for longer rides!

June also brings us Father's Day, and this year we have a special Club event to celebrate the day.

On Sunday June 18, there will be a morning ride leaving from Shari's at 9:30 AM (KSU). The ride will end in Petaluma at Richard and JoAnn Wallenstein's Lavender Bee Farm. There will be a wonderful BBQ lunch prepared for those attending and the Club will be sharing the cost of the meal. A charge of \$10 per person will be collected at the gate. The Lavender Bee Farm is a magnificent piece of property, and the lavender will be in full bloom. More information will be forthcoming as the date gets nearer.

At our May General Membership meeting the group approved two changes to our by-laws. The changes reflected our current practice of only requiring one signature on Club checks and increasing our prudent reserve from a minimum of \$300 to a minimum of \$500. It was also suggested that members be made aware that ride rules, hand signals, etc. are on our website at [redwoodridersmc.com](http://redwoodridersmc.com). Please take a moment to visit the website and review these documents as safety is our number one concern.

In closing, I am reminded that without such a wonderful group of individuals, RRM would not be what it has grown into today. All members are necessary to build the RRM heart and soul. In particular, I would like to thank those members who serve as Road Captains, they are the backbone of our Club. Please remember to thank them on your next ride!

Heidi Bigall - President



# Membership

by Dee Dee d'Argence - *Membership Director*

## Membership

### MEMBERSHIP

Returning Members	52
Co-Riders	7
2023 New Members	7
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>59</b>

### RIDER STATISTICS

Men	47
Women	12



## RRMC June General Meeting

Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

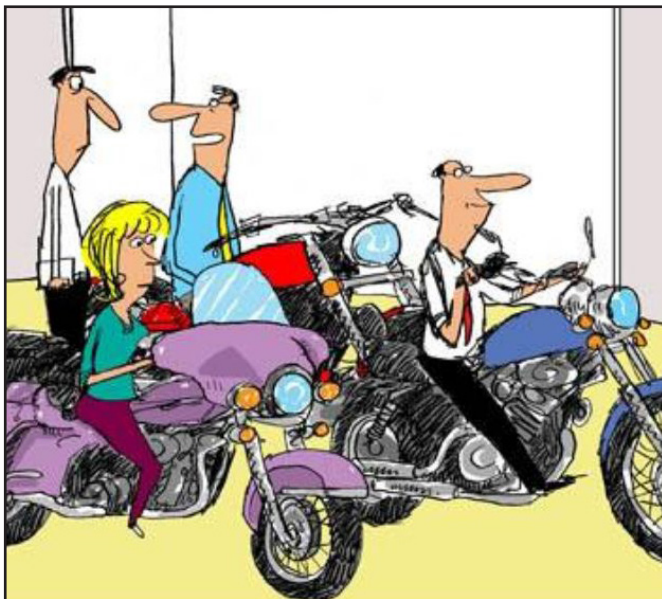
6:00<sup>PM</sup> Eat & Greet / 7:00<sup>PM</sup> Meeting

China Village

8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Robert Banks  
Jackie Bartch  
Johnny Bartch Jr.  
Eric Deck  
Jim Hyatt  
Ben Johnstone  
Andrew Little  
Kurt Mitchler  
Kathy Roberts  
Marcel Svizzero



*"Some offices have Casual Friday.  
We thought Motorcycle Friday was a  
much better idea."*

# General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon McMillan - *Secretary*

## May 16<sup>th</sup> 2023



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

**Opening Statement:** President Heidi Bigall opened the meeting with good wishes to all the mothers for Mother's Day.

A Zoom Board meeting was held on May 2nd. The new business to discuss was about changing two sections in the By-Laws regarding our prudent reserve amount and number of needed signatures on our checking account.

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

**Treasurers Report:** Our treasurer, Gretchen Tomm, provided the monthly treasurers report.

**Membership Report:** Dee Dee d'Argence was not able to attend tonight's meeting. She advised that we added one new member which brings our total membership to 55.

**Tours and Events:** George Homenko provided the ride report.

May 5, 6 and 7th was to be the Dunsmuir/Graeagle three day ride being led by Randy Mack. This ride was cancelled to rainy and cold weather.

Wednesday, May 17th will be led by Ben Johnstone. He will take the group through the West County.

Saturday, May 20th Gretchen will lead our club ride to Lakeport with lunch at Renee's.

Saturday, June 3rd is a ride to the Peg House. Gretchen will be leading the group.

Wednesday, June 7th, Randy Mack will lead the ride to Point Arena.

Sunday, June 18th, Father's Day will be a special event at Rick Wallenstein's Lavender Bee Farm in Petaluma. Rick will be putting together a BBQ lunch for the club. The charge will be \$10 a person. The club will pick up the difference. There will be a ride to the lunch or people can opt to drive there. The lavender is in full bloom. Rick will need a head count.

**Safety Officer:** Ben Johnstone's safety report was regarding turns, angles and the center of gravity. Also mistakes made when stopped which includes never putting your bike in neutral.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The vote was taken to amend our by-laws. This included changing the two signature requirement to only one and having a \$500 prudent reserve in the account instead of the current \$300. The \$500 amount saves from paying bank fees. We had a quorum in attendance and the vote was taken and both changes were agreed upon.



**Raffle:**

1st prize went to Lynn Anderson. He received a first aid kit, Hershey Bar, China Village \$10 certificate and an ear and nose trimmer.

2nd prize was won by Ben Johnstone which included overnight personal items in a pouch, an \$8 Chevron card, Hershey bar and banana bread.

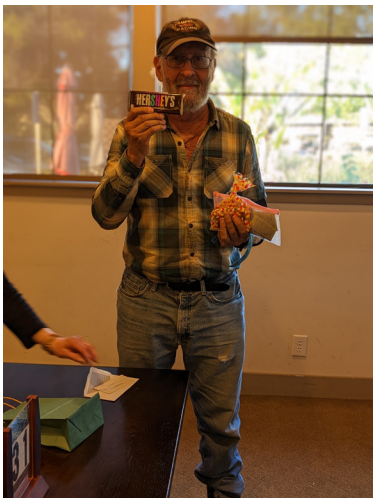
3rd prize winner was again Lynn Anderson, he said to redraw. Vickie Weber had the next winning ticket. She received hemorrhoid cream, beef jerky, a Hershey bar and a \$10 gift certificate to China Village.

4th prize went to Marc Lampell. He received a \$10 China Village gift certificate, an overnight travel pack, a Hershey bar and banana bread.

50/50 raffle this month was \$50 to the winner which was Wade Roberts. He donated it back so the full amount of \$100 will be going to our Ceres Charity.

Wade declined the Draw Back Gift.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:50PM





*June's Member Spotlight is on...*

**Sharon McMillan ... our beloved Secretary and long-time member.**



**How long have you been riding & What was your first motorcycle?**

I've had my motorcycle license since 1982, I took the test on my first motorcycle which was actually a scooter. It was a 1981 Honda 90 Passport. The next year I bought a new 1982 Yamaha 650 Maxim. Both the Passport and the Yamaha were later passed on to my kids

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

My current bike is a 2004 Harley Dyna Super Glide which I bought new. My plate says MOMZ OH4. Someone already had the plate that has 04, so I had to spell it out!

**What was your favorite road trip?**

As to my special, favorite road trip, there's been so many over the years and can't say I have a favorite. All fun with great memories. Went to places I never would have in a car!



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

The best thing about riding is the friendship and camaraderie that is part of the ride. And being a member of the Redwood Riders has been a good and positive experience.



# Tom's Take

by Tom Cooke - *Contributor*

## "The Season of the Bike"



On a motorcycle I know I'm alive. When I ride, even the familiar seems strange and glorious. The air has weight and substance as I push through it and its touch is as intimate as water to a swimmer. I feel the cool wells of air that pool under trees and the warm spokes of sunlight that fall through them. I can see everything in a sweeping 360 degrees, up, down and around, wider than PanaVision and higher than IMAX and unrestricted by ceiling or dashboard.

Sometimes I even hear music. It's like hearing phantom telephones in the shower or false doorbells when vacuuming; the pattern-loving brain, seeking signals in the noise, raises acoustic ghosts out of the wind's roar. But on a motorcycle I hear whole songs: rock 'n roll, dark orchestras, women's voices, all hidden in the air and released by speed.

At 30 miles an hour and up, smells become uncannily vivid. All the individual tree-smells and flower-smells and grass-smells flit by like chemical notes in a great plant symphony. Sometimes the smells evoke memories so strongly that it's as though the past hangs invisible in the air around me, wanting only the most casual of rumbling time machines to unlock it.

A ride on a summer afternoon can border on the rapturous. The sheer volume and variety of stimuli is like a bath for my nervous system, an electrical massage for my brain, a systems check for my soul. It tears smiles out of me: a minute ago I was dour, depressed, apathetic, numb, but now, on two wheels, big, ragged, smiles flap against the side of my face, billowing out of me like air from a decompressing plane. Transportation is only a secondary function. A motorcycle is a joy machine. It's a machine of wonders, a metal bird, a motorized prosthetic. It's light and dark and shiny and dirty and warm and cold lapping over each other; it's a conduit of grace, it's a catalyst for bonding the gritty and the holy.

I still think of myself as a motorcycle amateur, but by now I've had a handful of bikes over a half dozen years and slept under my share of bridges. I wouldn't trade one second of either the good times or the misery. Learning to ride was one of the best things I've done.

Cars lie to us and tell us we're safe, powerful, and in control. The air-conditioning fans murmur empty assurances and whisper, "Sleep, sleep." Motorcycles tell us a more useful truth: we are small and exposed, and probably moving too fast for our own good, but that's no reason not to enjoy every minute of the ride.

*Essay by Dave Karlotski*

# Tours & Events

by George Homenko - *Tours & Events Directors*

## Ride Reviews & Upcoming Rides

### RIDES & EVENTS

#### May & Early June Rides & Events

**CANCELED - Friday, May 5 - Sunday, May 7: Dunsmuir.** Road Captain: Randy Mack

**Tuesday, May 16: RRMCM General Meeting @ China Village**  
View Pictures [HERE](#)

**Wednesday, May 17: West County Romp.** Road Captain: Ben Johnstone

**Saturday, May 20: Lakeport.** Road Captain: Gretchen Tomm  
View Ride Report & Pictures [HERE](#)

**Saturday, June 3: Peg House.** Road Captain: Gretchen Tomm

#### Upcoming Rides & Events for June

**Wednesday, June 7: Woodland,** Road Captain: Randy Mack  
Meet at Shari's at 9:00 am with kickstands up at 9:30.

**Sunday, June 18 Father's Day Ride to Lavender Bee Farm.** Road Captain: George Homenko

This is a social ride, which means not much riding and a lot of socializing. We will be having lunch at Rick's Lavender Farm in Petaluma. Rick will be barbecuing tri-tips again and they were just spectacular last year, I expect the same this year. A \$10 charge per person will be for the full lunch, dessert, and drinks. Non-riders are encouraged to attend the lunch by car. Rick's address for those that are arriving by car is 764 Chapman Ln. Petaluma.

Rick puts on quite a spread so come hungry. The ride will end after lunch. We need to do a head count so in a week or so before the ride, George will be sending out an email to do a head count.

Meet at Shari's in Rohnert Park at 9:00 am with Kickstands up at 9:30.

**Tuesday, June 20: RRMCM General Meeting @ China Village**



# Ride Travel Info

## Hotel Booking & Excursion Details



### Eureka Zoo & Skywalk / Ave of the Giants - Overnight

**Saturday, July 22 - Sunday, July 23:** Road Captain: Robyn LaMantia

**Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Days Inn by Wyndham

270 5th Street, Eureka, CA, 95501

\$180 including tax / 10 rooms reserved combination of 2 Queens & 1 King

Group Code: RRMC (Redwood Riders)

Call Jo (Joshila) directly at 707.407.9598 to make reservations using the Group Code mentioned above.

2 day cancellation notice

### Oregon Long Ride - 9 Day / 8 Night

**Saturday, August 19 - Sunday, August 27:** Road Captains: Gretchen Tomm & Andy Little  
More detailed info on this ride will be available shortly. This is our big ride for the year.

### Lake Topaz - Overnight

**Saturday, September 9 - Sunday, September 10:** Road Captains: Robyn LaMantia & George Homenko  
More info on this ride as time draws nearer. This will be a very similar ride to the one we did in 2022.

<https://youtu.be/Jil5i7gkflC>

### Chester - Overnight

**Saturday, October 14 - Sunday, October 15:**

Road Captain: Sharon McMillan

More details to follow.





# Rides & Events June

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

***RRMC Pix Online*****Ride & Event Photo & Video Links****Lakeport May 20:**

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**Stinson Beach April 5:**

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**Drakes Beach March 25:**

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**General Meeting March 21:**

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**Cloverdale February 7:**

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**After Holiday Party January 14:**

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**Buster's January 1:**

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**General Meeting December 20:**

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**Fall Color November 19:**

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**Ft. Bragg September 03:**

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**General Meeting August 16:**

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**Lake Topaz August 13-14:**

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**Peg House August 6:**

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**General Meeting July 19:**

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**Friday Harbor July 9-16:**

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**Almost Jenner July 6:**

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**General Meeting June 21:**

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**Lavender Farm June 8:**

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**General Meeting May 17:**

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

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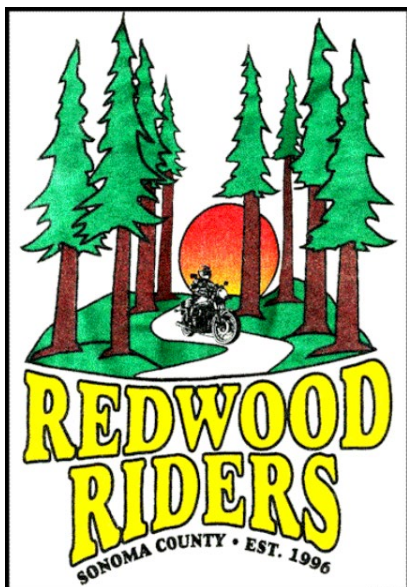
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## Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club – New / Renewal Membership Application

2023



**MAIL TO: Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club**  
 Attn: Membership Director - Dee Dee d'Argence  
 364 Circulo San Marcus  
 Rohnert Park, CA 94928

**APPLICANT: (Please Print Clearly)**

Member # \_\_\_\_\_ (Completed By Membership Director)

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member dues are \$25 per year and are due no later than January 31. Checks payable to The Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club.  
**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

# Club Gear

## RRMC CLUB GEAR IS STILL AVAILABLE!

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	





# Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club

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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 RRMCM hats & shirts!**

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RIDERS  
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North Bay Counties