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## Greetings,

April in Sonoma County is a beautiful time of year. Fields of yellow mustard adorn the countryside and the flowering plum trees through the Alexander Valley are stunning. And for those of us who have a touch of hay fever learn that it is the acacia trees with their soft leaves and brilliant yellow flowers that wreak the most havoc to our sinuses; that, and the fact that we are essentially super charging our olfactory with pollen at 70 mph. So though we ride in one of the most beautiful places on the planet and may be moved to tears by the joy of the moment only the rider knows if they are tears of joy or just hay fever....you decide.

**“Remember folks, street lights timed for 35 mph are also timed for 70 mph.”~Jim Samuels**

At March’s board meeting we had lively discussions regarding charities for the Summer Run, when to have our chapter picnics and about the Bay Area Directors (BAD) events. I applaud your board members for their willingness to participate in these discussions and for volunteering their time to make RECHOG a great chapter. Our first BAD event was the Folsom HOG Poker Run. Folsom is new to BAD and was treated to a very good turnout. Of the 400 riders that participated in their event over 100 came from the BAD chapters, now that is an awesome “welcome to the family” type of reception.

**“When you’re riding lead, don’t spit.”~Author Unknown**

The Reno Aces ride is all set and we have plenty of tickets. This will be an all-day ride to Reno on as many back roads as I can find and to avoid traveling on interstate 80. I have the route and am working out the lunch details and of course finding the best ice cream stop possible.

We have a nice group riding to Las Vegas this month to attend HOT (Harley Officer Training). We are departing on Wednesday April 13 with a layover around Bakersfield. Thursday we will travel to Las Vegas via Death Valley. All are welcome to ride with us if you want to hang out in Las Vegas or just keep on riding. We begin our return on Saturday afternoon and arrive home on Sunday.

**“Catching a yellow-jacket in your shirt at seventy miles per hour can double your vocabulary.”~Anonymous**

Ride Safe and have fun.  
Randy Mack

**What family of Harley Davidson Motorcycles is the Ultra Classic motorcycle in?**

ANSWER: Touring



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**A** bit of history here: remember when the 74 cubic inch H-D V-Twin was the big motor? How about the 80 cubic inch motor? How about when the final drive was a chain and then the belts replaced the chain? Do you remember or have you heard stories? At one time, H-D's were only four speeds and now they're up to six!

So the belt replaces the chain. Kick start is replaced by the electric start button. Cruise control and other techno items have been added over the years. Motors have evolved or increased in cubic inches. Ah... but what isn't different? The engine and the distinctive rumble of the V-Twin!

H.O.G.® Rallies have evolved over the years as well. There was a time the rally only lasted a day and half. Now some are planned up to 10 days. For years the rallies were all stationary or hub rallies where rides went out of a center point each day. All activities were held in one area and this was the norm for several years. Then along came the riding rally or the rally that started at point A, went to another city or point B, and ended in yet another city for final ceremonies.

In the beginning Rally teams consisted of six dedicated and passionate H.O.G.® members who planned your next adventure. Over the years a few positions were added, and today there are eight dedicated and passionate H.O.G. members working on your next H.O.G. adventure.

Once upon a time the only way to communicate was mailing letters or using the telephone in your home. Then came the FAX machine, soon to be followed by the cell phone and thereafter email. Talk about advances in communication tools!

Today there are Rally Facebook pages, Rally Twitter accounts, Instagram, messaging via text and Rally websites. Email and phone calls are still used as well.

But rallies too, have evolved to where each is a unique and different look and feel. Artwork, activities and what is offered at each rally varies. Just like the Harley-Davidson® motorcycle, some features at H.O.G. Rallies replaced others. Technology is used to promote and register for the rallies. You can still count on great scenery along the planned rides and having time to hang out and enjoy the great H.O.G. camaraderie that exists.

More importantly, the passion and dedication of the Rally teams to do the best they can in creating a memorable H.O.G. Rally experience still exists. That hasn't changed since the H.O.G. Rally program started back in the late 80's. H.O.G. members are still volunteering to plan your H.O.G. adventure! H.O.G. is what it is today because of members working together. So if you haven't attended a H.O.G. Rally lately, what's stopping you? Visit [hog.com/rallies](http://hog.com/rallies) for the full list of rallies. There are still plenty to register for this year! And for those of you last minute decision makers- all of them offer on-site registration!



**JT Hasley**  
H.O.G.® Regional Mgr





**BOLINAS EASTER RIDE**



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**JULY 2014  
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS OVERNIGHTER / HEARST CASTLE**



## Helmets

Well, let's not get into the debate about whether to wear a helmet or not. The AMA magazine just published a 6-page article about what you should think about when purchasing a helmet.

Here is the link: [http://americanmotorcyclist.com/Libraries/Riding\\_Documents/Tipster\\_0316\\_Helmets.sflb.ashx](http://americanmotorcyclist.com/Libraries/Riding_Documents/Tipster_0316_Helmets.sflb.ashx)

I think it offers a lot of good information that we could all use. It also is a good publication in general.

Ride Safe and see you at the meeting  
Jeff

**“Got a \$5 head?  
Get a \$5 helmet.”**

### ARTICLE EXCERPTS:

“Probably no other piece of motorcycle gear gets more use than a good helmet.”



**The five-year rule:** Replacing your helmet at least every five years is a recommendation based on a consensus of helmet manufacturers and the Snell Memorial Foundation. Glues, resins and other materials used in helmet production can affect liner materials. Hair oils, body fluids and cosmetics, as well as normal “wear and tear” all contribute to helmet degradation. Petroleum based products present in cleaners, paints, fuels and other commonly encountered materials may also degrade materials used in many helmets possibly degrading performance. Additionally, experience indicates there will be a noticeable improvement in the protective characteristic of helmets over a five-year period due to advances in materials, designs, production methods and the standards. Thus, the recommendation for five-year helmet replacement is a judgment call stemming from a prudent safety philosophy.

# Reno Aces Game and Ride



On Saturday June 25th we will meet at Bad Ass Coffee located at 50 Mark West Springs Rd in Santa Rosa at 7:30 with kick stands up at 8:00. We should arrive in Reno shortly before 5:00, time enough to clean up and get ready for the game at 7:00 pm. On Sunday June 26th we will meet at 9:00 and depart at 9:30 for the trip home.

I have 24 tickets for the game (four rows of 6 seats and I can get more if needed) and the cost is \$16 per ticket. If you would like to join us at the game please call me (707) 696-6272 or email me [randy@mack-faulkner.com](mailto:randy@mack-faulkner.com) to reserve your ticket. If you hit reply to this email you will not reach me, please use my email address to contact me.

There are 30 hotel rooms blocked out at Harrahs Reno which is 2 blocks from the stadium. The cut-off date is June 11th and it is first come first served. Please follow the directions below to book your room at the discounted rate of \$99 plus taxes & resort fees.

Individual reservations can be made by calling Central Reservations at 1-888-726-6311.

Individuals must ask for Reno and identify themselves with the **Group Code:T06RED6** to receive the special group rate. Reservations can also be made online using your group internet reservation link below. The link will allow your group to make reservations and secure the group contracted rate. Feel free to send this link out to attendees and/or post on your website.

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Randy Mack







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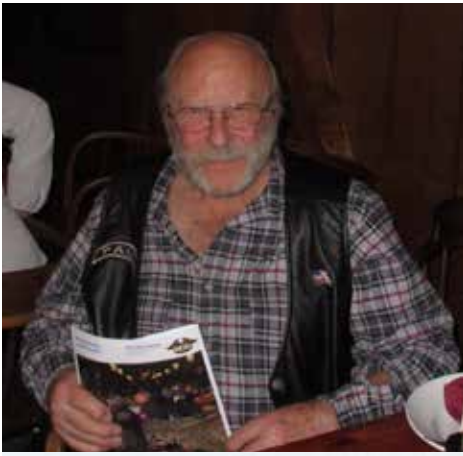
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**MARCH GENERAL MEETING**



**FOLSOM HOG SPRING POKER RUN**





Current info as of March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please review website calendar at [rechog.org](http://rechog.org) & call the Ride Hotline for latest updates and additions 707.575.6786.

# APRIL

**01** Friday Day-Off Ride  
Meet at SCHD at 10:00  
leave at 10:30. Lead. RC Donna  
Fess, sweep Steve Fisher

**03** Road Captain  
Breakfast Meeting  
First Sunday of the month. Meet at  
Marvin's Restaurant, Cotati at 9am.  
All Road Captains are encouraged to  
attend, as well as anyone who would  
like to become a Road Captain.  
There will be a FAKAHWE ride after  
the meeting, meet at SCHD at 10:30  
leaving at 11am.



**07** RECHOG General  
Chapter Meeting  
General membership meeting held  
the first Thursday of every month,  
at Cattlemen's in Petaluma. Social  
hour starts at 6pm, meeting at  
7pm. Please sign-in for: Birthday for  
that month drawing, next month  
birthdays that go to Tales of the  
Woods, Guests, and get your FREE  
Member ticket.

**10** Pending Ride...  
details to come!

**16** Pending Ride  
We are working on  
scheduling a ride, details to come.



**19** Dinner Ride  
lead John Mentz. Details  
to come.

**21** RECHOG Board of  
Directors Meeting  
6pm at Sonoma County Harley-  
Davidson. Members are encouraged  
to attend and observe the workings  
of their club and participate in the  
round table discussion. If you want  
to learn about RECHOG and how  
you can participate in our events,  
rides and activities, this is a good  
meeting to attend.



**24** Ride the Skunk Train!  
Half Day ride to Northspur  
from Willits. Meet at Johnny's Java  
at 7am leave at 7:30am. Price for  
adults \$59, children 2-12 \$34,  
dogs \$10. Food can be purchased  
at the restaurant in Northspur,  
chicken or tri-tip sandwiches are  
just some of the items available  
for less than \$10. For more  
information regarding the Skunk  
Train you can call 707-964-6371.

# MAY

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to attend, as well as anyone who  
would like to become a Road  
Captain. Ride to follow, meet at  
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**01** RECHOG Spring Picnic  
Meet at Sonoma County  
Harley-Davidson. Time and location  
details to come!

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**06** Friday Off Work Ride  
Meet at SCHD at 10am  
leave at 10:30. Lead RC Steve  
Fisher, sweep Ian Refugio.



**08** Happy Mother's Day  
LOH Officer Kathy  
Avila will lead a ride to the Petrified  
Forest in Calistoga. Meeting time  
and place will be posted soon.

**14** Mt. Diablo BAD Event,  
MayHAM Run. More  
details to come.

**16** Monday Funday Ride.  
Meet at SCHD at 10:00,  
leave at 10:30. Lead RC Donna  
Fess, sweep Glen Childers.





**19** Happy Father's Day

**25** -26 Reno Aces Baseball Overnighter Meet at Bad Ass Coffee, 50 Mark West Springs Rd in Santa Rosa at 7:30am with kick stands up at 8am. Reno Aces game at 7pm. Return home on Sunday. Randy Mack has 24 game tickets, and 30 hotel rooms blocked out at Harrahs Reno-2 blocks from the stadium. (Central Reservations at 1-888-726-6311, Group Code:T06RED6), The cut-off date is June 11th, First-Come-First-Served. More info on page 7.



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**OCTOBER**  
**15** Iron Steed BAD Event  
More details to come.

**22** Ride to Putah Creek Café in Winters. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:30, leave at 10am. Lead RC Steve Reed, sweep Glen Childers.

**JULY**  
**09** Oakland BAD Event,  
More details to come.

**28** Sacramento BAD Event North Meets South 8th Annual North Meets South HOG Event hosted by Sacramento HOG Chapter. See northmeetsouth.info for event details. More details to come on RECHOG ride.

**AUGUST**  
**21** RECHOG Summer Run  
Don't miss RECHOG's biggest annual event! We are currently planning all the activities, fundraising for a local organization. Don't miss it!

**30** Happy Memorial Day! Memorial Day Ride will be lead by Steve Pehargou. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9am, leave at 9:30. Sweep Glen Childers

**FYI**  
**FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY**  
Arizona Bike Week  
April 6-10  
Laughlin River Run  
April 27-30  
Street Vibrations Spring Rally  
June 3-5  
Laconia Motorcycle Week  
June 11-19  
Sturgis Motorcycle Rally  
Aug 8-14  
Street Vibrations Fall Rally  
Sept 21-25  
Las Vegas Bikefest  
Sept 29-Oct 2



**JUNE**  
**11** Golden Gate BAD Event,  
More details to come.

**SEPTEMBER**  
**08** -17 Open Road West H.O.G. Rally  
Open Road West is unique in that it is a ten-day riding event starting in Santa Fe, NM and ending in Lancaster, CA traveling through CO, UT and AZ. Pre-registration is preferred. Register by July 26,2016

For more outside activities please pick up a copy of Thunder Press at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson. If you have an idea on a place to go, or an event that the group might like to do, please send an e-mail to the Activities Director at: [activitiesdirector@rechog.org](mailto:activitiesdirector@rechog.org)

Ride and have fun,  
Donna Fess, Activities Director, 2016

April 2016						
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May 2016						
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**March 3, 2016** Call to Order: 7:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance led by: Jack Read  
Previous Meeting Minutes Motion to Accept: Steve Pehargou, seconded Nancy Fisher

Asst Director Dave McCombs

1) Guest - Katherine McGregor

2) March birthdays:

Ray Shipway - won \$25 gift card to So Co HD

JM Cercley

Wayne Hovey - won \$25 gift card to So Co HD

Priscilla Hummer

Sheila Hummer-Derby

3) Rally's:

Pacific NW Rally, around Spokane WA, 8/21-27, 2016 \$68 register by 7/7 more info 208-416-7583

CA HOG Rally, Sante Fe NM ending at Lancaster CA, 9/8 -17, 2016 \$65 more info 760-644-2118

4) Update re. Joline

Treasurer Linnea Carter: Provided an update re. chapter's current finances

Membership Lonnie Olaeta: No new members tonight. 170 current members (national & local dues paid). Rolling member drawing winner Dean Green was not present to win. Member door prize ticket 5637782 - Sergio Bravo won the HD commuter cup

Activities Donna Fess

1) Saturday 3/5 Boy Scout pancake ride cancelled due to forecasted storm, but show up 830a at Ursaline High School for breakfast and to support the troop

2) Sunday 3/6 Road Captain meeting

3) Thursday 3/31 First Summer Run planning meeting 630p at Round Table Pizza, Rohnert Park

Friday 4/1 start up Dave Sullivan's Friday rides. Probably. Dave hasn't confirmed. Yet.

4) Sunday 4/24 Skunk Train Ride: a 4-hour train ride, then lunch. if 20 or more people sign up then ticket cost reduced from \$59 adult, \$\_\_child, \$10 dogs. RSVP with Donna

5) Suggestions for future rides welcome: to Oakland Zoo in May. if 12 or more people sign up then ticket cost reduced from \$17.75 adult, \$13.75 child or senior over 65; parking \$9. More info to come

Road Captain Steve Pehargo

1) Belated Road Captain patch awarded to Ian

2) February rides were great! Superbowl ride & party at Carol & Mike Faria's place, Valentine's Sweetheart ride & game: winners Doug & Doreen Barnes, Marine Mammal Ctr, Almond Festival

3) Think about & share ideas for rides. Plan to attend Bay Area Director (BAD) rides.

Safety Jeff Baron: Remember when loading a bike on a trailer, they can tip over. Wear safety clothes. Watch slick roads this time of year especially after it rains.

LOH Kathy Avilla: Marine Mammal Ctr ride was interesting, learned a lot, especially liked elephant seal babies 'laughter'. Cold.

Next LOH ride to Ironstead 3/12

Historian Doug Barnes: Why is there drinking on St Patrick's Day?

So Co Harley Davidson dealership: more inventory, new bikes

Director Randy Mack

1) Thoughts & prayers for Joline and at least 3 other chapter members going through cancer.

2) Future charity possibilities include:

a. Fisher House

b. Valley of the Moon Children's Center

c. Pathway House

d. Shoes for Kids

e. Hospice

Charity discussions will continue at the March Board Meeting — please attend — note the meeting date moved to be held after St Patty's Day on Thursday 3/24 @ 6p

3) Saturday 6/25 Reno Aces game Saturday night. 20 game tickets, 30 rooms at Harrah's blocked for us

Open microphone

Mare - Vicki says hello recovering from hip surgery

Cliff - who else is going to AZ Bike week?

Cherie - please sign 2 posters for Joline

JM - RECHOG patches for sale 2 for \$35

Raffles:

4382510 - Sonshine Loomis won a belt buckle

5881039 - Steve ? won a HD coffee table book

5881041 - Steve Reed won a HD black coffee cup

5881072 - Sher Shipway won the glass HD mug

5881069 - Dan Marshall won a shirt

5881018 - Steve Pehargou won the challenge coin

4382672 - Pia Bravo won a shirt

5881057 50:50 — Jack Reed won \$75

Meeting adjourned 7:54p

Filling in for Secretary: Conci Mack

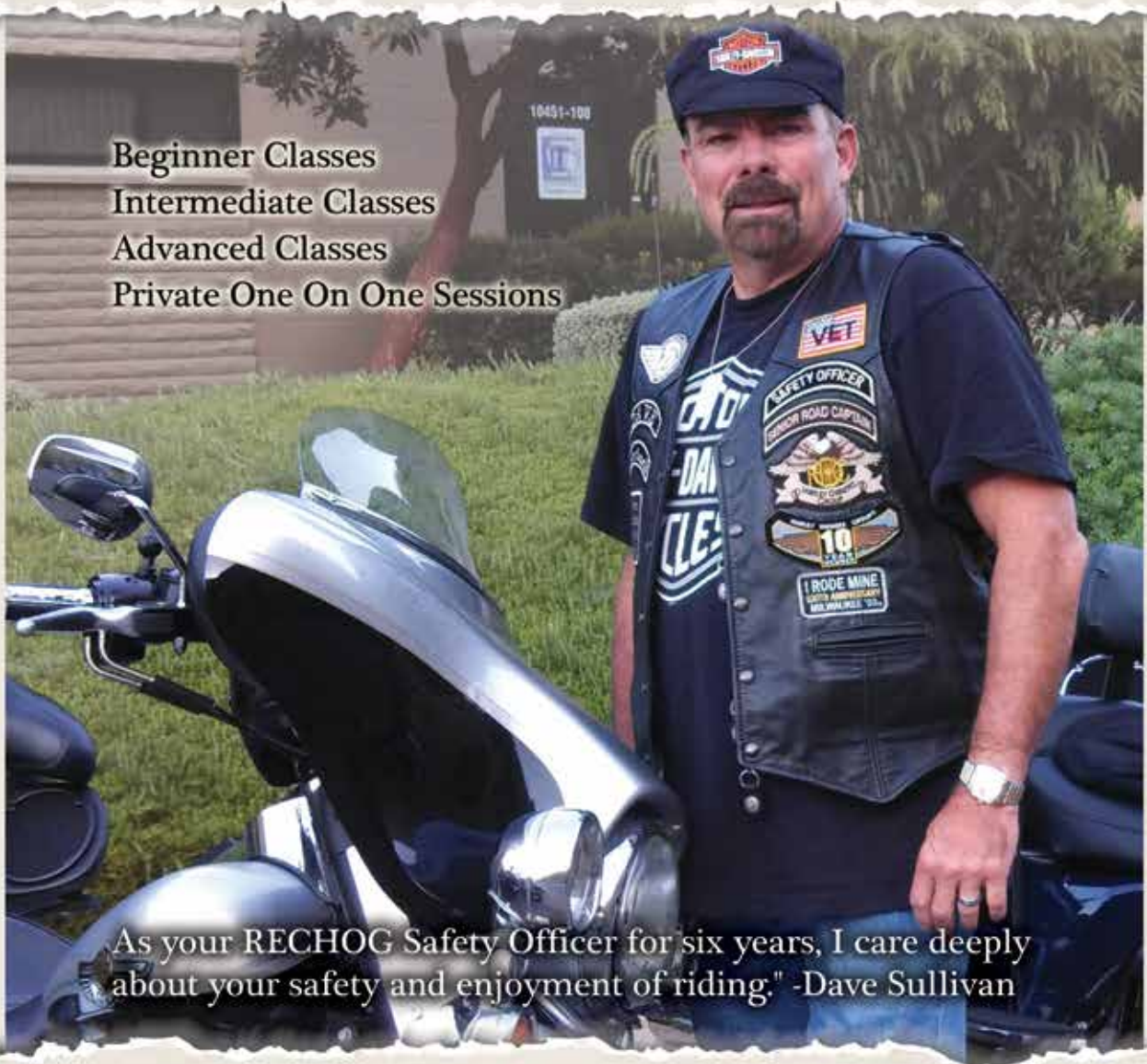
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DATE	RALLY	LOCATION	PRE-REGISTRATION CLOSURES
<b>MARCH</b>			
Mar. 31 - April 2	LA HOG Rally	Shreveport, LA	Feb 2
<b>APRIL</b>			
April 21 - 23	SC HOG Rally	Anderson, SC	March 3
<b>MAY</b>			
May 12 - 14	TX HOG Rally	Denison, TX	March 24
May 19 - 21	AL HOG Rally	Huntsville, AL	March 31
May 19 - 21	MD/DE HOG Rally	Harrington, DE	March 31
May 31 - June 4	TN HOG Rally	Memphis, TN	April 12
<b>JUNE</b>			
June 8 - 11	KY HOG Rally	Lexington, KY	April 20
June 9 - 11	DAKOTAS Rally	Riding Rally: Dakotas Rally (SD/ND) Watertown/Mandan/Rapid City	April 21
June 14 - 18	WV HOG Rally	Lewisburg, WV	April 26
June 16 - 18	AK HOG Rally	Kenai Peninsula, AK	April 28
June 22 - 25	VA HOG Rally	Lynchburg, VA	May 4
June 23 - 25	CO HOG Rally	Telluride, CO	May 5
June 23 - 25	MN HOG Rally	Eveleth, MN	May 5
June 23 - 25	AR HOG Rally	Hot Springs, AR	May 5
June 23 - 26	OH HOG Rally	Zanesville, OH	May 5
<b>JULY</b>			
July 6 - 9	WY HOG Rally	Riverton, WY	May 18
July 13 - 16	ME HOG Rally	Bangor, ME	May 25
July 14 - 16	NY HOG Rally	Alexandria Bay, NY	May 26
July 21 - 23	IL HOG Rally	St. Charles, IL	June 2
July 21 - 23	MT HOG Rally	Bozeman, MT	June 2
July 28 - 30	PA HOG Rally	Williamsport, PA	June 9
July 28 - 30	IRON ADVENTURE Run	Ludlow, VT	June 9
<b>AUGUST</b>			
August 18 - 20	MI HOG Rally	Harbor Springs, MI	June 30
August 25 - 27	MO HOG Rally	Osage Beach, MO	July 7
August 25 - 28	PACIFIC NW HOG Rally	Spokane Valley, WA	July 7
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Sept 1 - 3	HOG Brew City Experience	Milwaukee, WI	July 14
Sept 1 - 3	OK HOG Rally	Woodward, OK	July 14
Sept 8 - 17	Open Road West	Riding Rally/10-Day - 5 States	July 21
Sept 22 - 24	GA HOG Rally	Hiawassee, GA	Aug 4
Sept 22 - 24	NJ HOG Rally	Seaside Heights, NJ	Aug 4
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Oct 7 - 9	HI HOG Rally	Maui, HI	Aug 19
Oct 13 - 15	AZ HOG Rally	Sierra Vista, AZ	Aug 25
Oct 26 - 29	FL HOG Rally	Polk County, FL	Sept 7
Oct 26 - 29	MS HOG Rally	Riding Rally: (MS) Tupelo to Natchez	Sept 7



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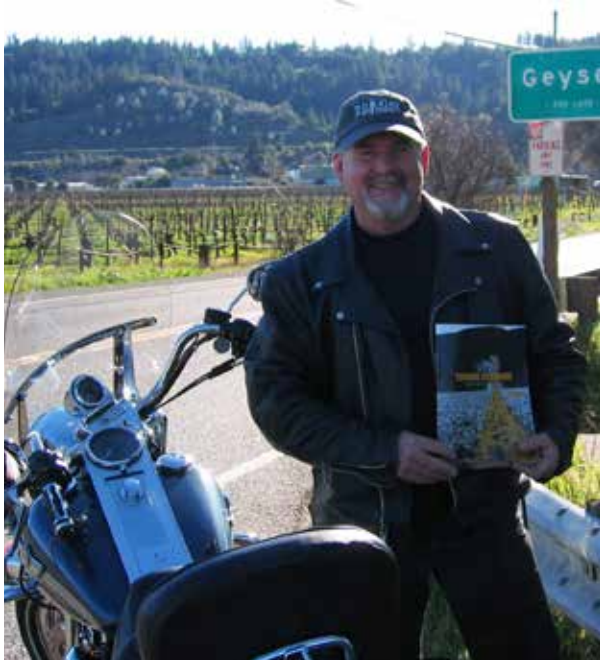
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