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Redwood Empire Chapter HOG #3494



Directors Report

Greetings everyone,

Like a lot of you these days, Conci and I are burning through a lot of Netflix and Amazon Prime videos during our stay at home orders. Some may be still working and others may be on the front line of all this. I applaud

the law enforcement, first responders, nurses, doctors and health care workers who show up every day knowing the risks they are taking. It may seem like an over kill but I encourage you to watch the documentary on the Spanish Flu of 1918, it sure put things into perspective for me.

We will ride again, not in April and May is not looking too good either but we will see. By now we should have every speck of dirt and dust off our bikes, polished, oil changed or sent into service. Now is a good time to reorganize the garage, pull weeds, prepare your veggie gardens and stuff like that. I think a solo ride on occasion may fall under mental health but don't quote me on that. My hope is that all of you, your family and friends stay healthy during this event and I look forward to seeing you all out on the roads very soon.

Stay home, have fun

Randy Mack
Director 2020

Assistant Directors Report

Greetings fellow Hoggers!!

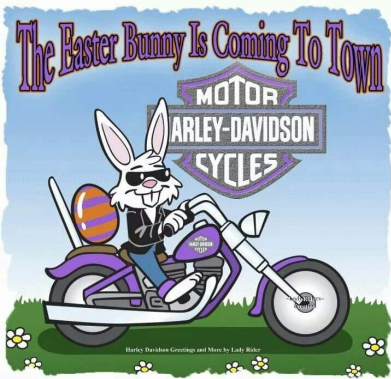
Well, this sucks!! I sure didn't imagine that my 3rd month of being AD (Assistant Director) would be spent sitting at home! With the Government guidelines in place, that's exactly what I'm doing. Unfortunately due to the virus, all future HOG rides have been postponed until further notice. Like my momma always says,"It is what it is."

Most of the recent HOG rallies have been postponed. On the upside, I have heard that Sturgis still plans on having their rally in August. To those attending Sturgis this year, keep your hopes alive!! We never know until we know.

I wish all my fellow riders health and happiness. I will keep my fingers crossed that we will be riding soon.

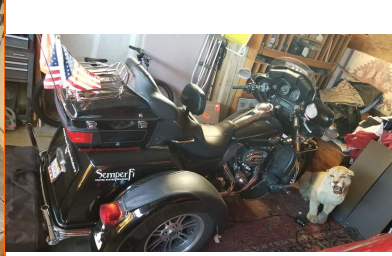
Steve "Pikachu" Pehargou
Assistant Director

"LOUD AND PROUD"



Ride Photo's
Remembering 2020





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See ya on the road,
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Upcoming Events and Rides

All events cancelled

All events Cancelled

Board Meeting April 15th 6pm by conference call

For full details go to the RECHOG web site calendar



scene for decades.

Dealer Update

Harley-Davidson's XR750 Is 50 Years Old

Iconic flat tracker dominated the AMA racing

By Andrew Cherney

March 16, 2020

2020 marks 50 years since the debut of the XR750, an iconic model that's raced countless tracks and delivered podium finishes to its riders through countless AMA and **American Flat Track (AFT)** campaigns over the decades.

It's been drooled over, wrenched on, and beloved to this day, and for the big anniversary, Harley-Davidson has cooked up a couple of different ways to celebrate. One of them is to fly the flag proudly among its current crop of racebikes, so 2020 Harley-Davidson Super Twins and Production Twins bikes along with the Screamin' Eagle/Vance & Hines NHRA Pro Stock motorcycles will be running with the historic Jet Fire Orange color (which will also adorn team haulers, uniforms, and branded accessories). The 2020 AFT season opener is the Daytona TT, so that aligns nicely as well (the Harley-Davidson Factory Flat Track team continues to field **the liquid-cooled XG750R flat tracker with the 750cc Revolution X V-twin**). Since the XR750 is often referred to as the "most successful racebike of all time," racking up more wins than any other bike in AMA racing history, let's do a quick rundown on how it got there.

In a nutshell, the Harley-Davidson XR750 had its origins in the Sportster motorcycle. Due to rule changes enacted by the AMA in the late '60s that allowed both side-valve and overhead-valve engines of up to 750cc, Harley found it was becoming less dominant with its previously ass-kicking side-valve (or flathead) KR racebikes. By 1969, when Gary Nixon won the AMA Grand National Championship on a Triumph, Harley knew it needed a new OHV-engined racer that could successfully hang with the Brits. Enter the XR750, a bike based loosely around the Sportster-based XLR race engine, which already had an OHV design.

But that XLR engine needed serious modifications, and Harley-Davidson Race Team Manager Dick O'Brien and team got to work creating the XR750 by using modified cast-iron heads and cylinders, a magneto instead of generator, dual carbs, and improved oiling all put in a modified lightweight frame.

The first Ironhead bikes had a weight problem and were prone to overheating, so the engine was redesigned with an aluminum head and cylinder package. The new bike made its debut in 1972 and by year's end, Mark Brelsford won the Grand National Championship astride his factory XR750. That was the start of the XR's decades-long domination in flat track racing, and probably one of the brightest spots in Harley's dark AMF years. The XR750 was so compact and well balanced that it wasn't just suited for flat track racing but also **coveted as a stunt bike**. One of the stunters embracing the XR for his wild jumps in the '70s was a guy named **Evel Knievel**—and that's how the XR750 became a cultural icon. **Evel began jumping an XR750** when he was already established, starting in 1970 to 1976, and you could say he inspired a whole generation to ride. Or at least to wear cool jumpsuits.

Other acknowledgments from the moto community are on tap this year too: the **Quail Motorcycle Gathering** has seen fit to honor the XR at this year's 12th annual event, with one of the featured classes being "50 years of the Harley-Davidson XR750." In its statement, the Quail says, "XR750 was the

most dominant production racebike ever built and was raced by greats such as Mert Lawwill, Cal Rayborn, and Jay Springsteen, but it was made even more popular by daredevil Evel Knievel.”

“The XR750 is the winningest motorcycle in AMA Pro Racing motorcycle history,” said Jon Bekefy, general manager of Brand Marketing at Harley-Davidson Inc. “Harley-Davidson is taking its 50th anniversary as a moment to reflect on the legacy and individuals who have designed, engineered, tuned, and raced the XR750 during its years of competition, and to celebrate Harley-Davidson’s 2020 racing efforts.”

WELCOME to the Chapter New Members for February

Steven Allred
Cody Hicks
Phillip Minton
Christina Parsley
Edward Shipman

Membership Board Meeting Topics

- Conducted by conference call
- At ROC Reno meeting majority of the clubs will no longer be involved in charity rides and givings and focus on riding.
- Some members will need to resign their 2020 Membership form per HOG
- All corporate filings have been completed and current finances are in line.
- Gifts cards for the remainder of the year were approved to be purchased
- All Chapter rides and general meetings are cancelled until further notice
- Steve reported back that the Bay Area HOG said HOG members are welcome at other HOG events and no release forms are needed. Also most chapters are no longer holding multi-club and outside events

Membership General Meeting Topics

- no general meeting

For full details go to the RECHOG web site

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