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Redwood Empire Chapter HOG #3494



Directors Report

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. For those of us who

have a touch of hay fever it is the acacia trees with their soft leaves and brilliant yellow flowers that wreak havoc with our sinuses. 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 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 our March board meeting we discussed the date for our annual Summer Run which is Sunday August 20th. It has been a great event these last few years and this year will be no different. Our dealer Sonoma County Harley-Davidson will provide a catered lunch and Eric our head road captain and crew will treat us to a fun ride through the county.

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

As you know my favorite type of rides are the overnights. It is so much fun to get together with everyone after a day of riding enjoying beverages and

such then walking to dinner. We have some exciting overnight rides on the calendar.

1. **Sergio is leading to Fort Bragg April 29-30.**
2. **Eric is leading to Monterey May 19-21.**
3. **Karl is leading to the North Meets South Rally in Reno June 1-4.**
4. **Robyn is leading to Eureka/Avenue of the Giants August 5-6.**
5. **Heidi is leading to Street Vibrations in Reno September 22-24.**
6. **I am leading to Plumas County for the Beer and Harvest Festival October 13-15.**

I hope you can travel with us on one or all of these. Details for all these rides have been emailed out to all. An update will come out in the next week.

Ride Safe, have fun

Randy Mack (707) 696-6272
Director

Assistant Directors Report

April Greeting HOG Members,

If you didn't sign up for the North Meets South Rally, it's sold out! But the North Meets South Rally is happening the same time as the Reno's Spring Vibration event. You can still make plans to ride with us on the ride up to Reno. You could meet us in Reno, Carson City and or in Virginia. Or join us on one of the many rides in the Reno and Tahoe area to rack up those Ride 365 miles.

Randy is having a nice jacket made up for the member with the most miles logged in our Chapter Ride 365 challenge in the calendar year of 2023. If you have not had your miles read at Sonoma County Harley, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Please note that, the Ring of Fire National Touring Rally is sold out. Sonoma County Harley will be represented by 12 rides in this event.

Now on to other H.O.G. Touring Rally coming up. Two rallies' will be in May,

On May-1-2023 Thru May-5-2023 is The Mighty Big Bend H.O.G. Touring Rally. The Big Bend is named for the vast curve of the Rio Grande in remote South west Texas. This rally is unique in that it has both a touring rally and a hub rally, offering a variety of exceptional day rides coupled with the relaxation of three nights at Lajitas Resort. Once at the resort you can go on ½ day rides or full day rides or just lay about the pool. This rally has limited registration so sign up early. Registration will close on April 2 2023. The ride starts in El Paso Texas and ends at the Lajitas Resort. If you want a Top Shelf Rally, this is it. Also being the first of May, it shouldn't be too HOT.

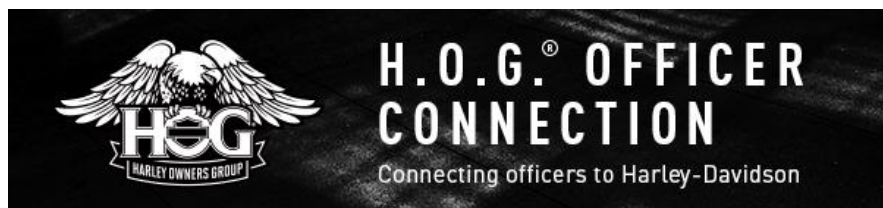
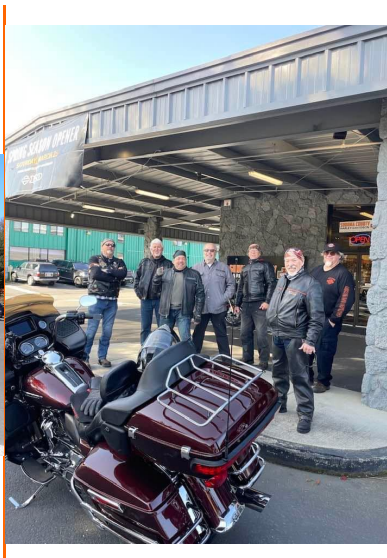
Next on to The Natchez Trace and More H.O.G. Touring Rally Starts May 9,2023 thru May 14,2023 the Natchez Trace Parkway is one of the older

routes in America. This gorgeous natural environment attracts motorcyclists from all over the world. This rally starts just south of Indianapolis IN. and ends just north of New Orleans at Slidell LA.

See you on the road

John Bartch
Assistant Director

Ride Photo's Remembering 2023



A Message from your Regional Manager

As you read this, most of the H.O.G. team is enjoying the sunshine and warm weather down here in Florida. Bike Week is always a fun way to kickstart the riding season and a great opportunity to visit with many hundreds of H.O.G. members who make the annual pilgrimage to Daytona Beach. We also had a great group of folks join us on the Run the Gulf, the first H.O.G. Touring Rally of 2023, which started in Louisiana and landed here in Daytona just in time for the opening weekend.

Between our expanded schedule of 21 Regional Officer Connection training sessions, Bike Week and the beginning of rally season, we've been running non-stop since January, and we're barely warmed up. The H.O.G. calendar is packed from now until October, with a highlight coming in July for Harley-Davidson's 120th Anniversary and the 40th Anniversary of H.O.G. We recently announced the Foo Fighters and Green Day as headliners for the Harley-Davidson Homecoming July 13-16, and there's a lot more planned for the big event. You won't want to miss it. Check out the full schedule at [H-D.com](https://www.harley-davidson.com/hog).

For many H.O.G. members, a trip to Milwaukee this July will be a true homecoming and a return to the site of many great memories of past anniversaries. But for many more, the visit will be a first-time pilgrimage to the

place where it all began back in 1903.

Whether as riders or officers, we all start our journey somewhere different and take our own path to the destination. I was reminded of this recently during one of our ROC sessions as I observed the large number of attendees participating in H.O.G. training for the first time. It's exciting to witness the "lightbulb" moments that occur for folks when a new idea or observation clicks into place. It's also a lesson that no matter how much experience we have, we can always learn something new. There's a great hunger to learn and share and that makes ROC a great experience. If you haven't experienced a session yourself, I encourage you to try to attend in the future.

As H.O.G. members, we are caretakers of a flame and part of a long and proud tradition of riders. Times and faces change, but the passion never wanes. As always, thanks for everything you do to make the Harley Owners Group the biggest and best riding club in the world.

CHRIS HARRISON

H.O.G. Regional Manager - Western
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Upcoming Events and Rides

April Events

Apr. 29th-30th Fort Bragg Overnight. Meet at dealership at 10am and depart at 10:30am. Sergio is ride lead.

May Events

May. 7th Drakes Beach Ride. Meet at dealership at 10:00am and depart at 10:30am. Heidi is ride lead.

May. 18th Board Meeting via conference call.

May. 19th-21st Monterey Overnighter. Meet at Johnny's Java at 8:30am and depart at 9:00am. Eric is ride lead.

[For full details go to the RECHOG web site calendar](#)



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WELCOME to the Chapter New Members for March

Edwin Navarro Plascencia, Kenneth Frank, & Jeffrey Renfro

Membership **Board Meeting** Topics

- Business:
 - a. Randy: 2022 Membership update.
 - b. Beverly: Financial Report
 - c. Phil: Dealer Update
 - Old Business:
 - a. HOG area at dealership.
 - New Business:
 - a. Cancelled Rides
 - b. Connect with new owners
 - c. Prep for Summer Run August 20, 2023
 - d. Next meeting: Thursday May 18, 2023
 - Adjourn Meeting at 6:39pm

Membership **General Meeting** Topics

- No general meeting.

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