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Redwood Empire Chapter HOG #3494



Directors Report

Happy 34th Birthday
RECHOG

On June 2, 1988 the first meeting of the newly formed chapter of H.O.G. was held at Michael's Harley-Davidson in Santa Rosa (4780 Sonoma HWY). There were 10 people

present to help get this chapter off to a good start. Several names were suggested and the title of "Redwood Empire" was voted in as the name of this chapter. Bylaws which were drawn up and furnished by the Harley-Davidson Motor Co. were read to all people present. The meeting was chaired by Michael Leskar, and at this time several of the officers needed to run a local H.O.G. chapter had been filled by volunteers, Sue Phelps was Secretary Treasurer and Victor Stupansky was Road Captain. Sam Marovich was eventually elected as their first Director. It was decided by the people present that the best time to hold the local H.O.G. meetings would be the 1st Thursday of every month at 8pm. The Charter was effective on August 29th 1988. Under the direction of Sam, the chapter began attending other H.O.G. functions, gaining momentum and growing in membership. In December the Redwood Empire Chapter held their first Toy Run and the first Christmas Party was held at Shooters West in Santa Rosa. By March of 1989, membership had grown to over 50 members. The Chapter was holding, monthly brunch runs, attending regional rallies, gearing up for the Redwood Run and making plans for their first MDA Benefit. The Redwood Empire Chapter of the Harley Owners Group was definitely on its way.

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We have had a long history of riding and having fun. We have an amazing chapter with numerous rides and events to choose from weekly. If you are looking for someone to ride with, this is the place to be. With the assimilation of social media our connection to one another is instantaneous and spontaneous. We don't have to wait for a scheduled ride anymore; we can just put it out there and nine times out of ten someone responds "let's ride". How cool is that? It is nice from time to time to have the whole chapter come together as one to say "we are RECHOG". Our 34th annual Summer Run is just that time. I hope all of you will come out to support your chapter as we celebrate our 34th running of the Summer Run this August.

Ride Safe & Have Fun

Randy Mack
Director



Assistant Directors Report

Hello HOG Nation,

Apologies for not gracing these pages last month but all is well on my side of the road.

AUGUST is here my friends. That means that our Summer Run is coming up. I want to personally thank Sonoma County Harley Davidson for sponsoring our event. If it wasn't for them, there would not be an "us". It's going to be an epic jaunt through some beautiful territory capped off with a hosted lunch at beautiful Lake

Sonoma. Meet on Sunday, August 21st at SCHD. Time: 9:00am. BE THERE!!

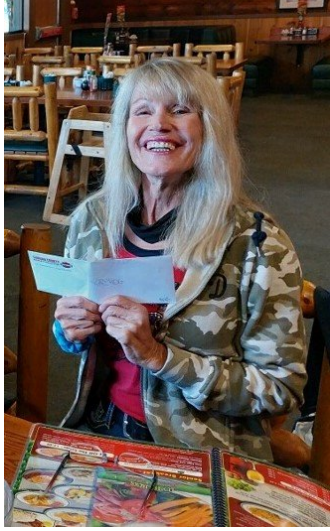
For those of you who are lucky enough to go to Sturgis this year, ride safe and have fun. I pray you all have good weather.

Short and sweet this month just like me!

Stevie P
AD

Ride Photo's Remembering 2022





A Message from your Regional Manager

Greetings Chapter Officers,

We're just past halfway through 2022 and it's already been a busy and action-packed year here at the Harley Owners Group. Following a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic and other complications, a massive one-day motorcycle demonstration ride to raise awareness of critical issues facing our nation's

veterans, including the crisis of veteran suicide, returned to Washington, D.C. over Memorial Day weekend. Now sponsored by AMVETS and known as [Rolling to Remember](#), the ride continues to be a cause that Harley-Davidson and the Harley Owners Group are proud to support. H.O.G. was once again in attendance this year with a H.O.G. Check-In to recognize the large number of our members who participated in the ride.

Speaking of huge motorcycle events, it might be hard to believe, but Harley-Davidson's 120th Anniversary Homecoming is just over one year away. For those who may not have heard, in 2023, the once-every-five-year celebration in Milwaukee is moving from its traditional Labor Day weekend timing to July 13-16, 2023, placing it more squarely in the height of riding season. Plans are still being fleshed out, but as with every past anniversary, it's a guarantee that it will be epic and memorable.

If you are as excited about the prospect as I am, one way you can start building the anticipation is to enter the [Road to Harley-Davidson Homecoming Challenge](#). In addition to having a chance to win a free trip to the Homecoming, among other prizes, participating in the Homecoming Challenge is also a great way to help your Chapter members ride more miles. Details are available at the [registration page](#), but basically there are a multitude of ways to enter the contest and earn points that increase your chances of winning a prize, including creating and tracking rides and participating in ride challenges on the [Harley-Davidson App](#), visiting Harley-Davidson dealerships, and more. Most of these activities involve riding, and as a H.O.G. member, you know that the more you ride, the more ways you can be recognized and rewarded. More riding is a good thing, so please share the Homecoming Challenge with your members and think about ways you can use it to create more great riding experiences for your Chapter.

As the 120th Anniversary Homecoming draws closer, keep on the lookout for more news and information about entertainment, activities and travel arrangements from Harley-Davidson and H.O.G. Until then, we've got a packed schedule of great H.O.G. events remaining this year, including the Sturgis rally next month, and I hope to see you at one soon. Thanks as always for everything you do to make H.O.G. the world's biggest and best riding club.

CHRIS HARRISON

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Upcoming Events and Rides

August Events

Aug. 21st Summer Run. Meet at dealership at 9:00am and depart at 9:30am. Glen is ride lead.

September Events

Sept. 4th Tin Barn Classic Ride. Meet at Johnny's Java 9:00am and depart at 9:30am. Steve is ride lead.

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

Sept. 15th Board Meeting by

conference call.

Sept. 16th-17th Placerville
Overnight. Meet at Johnny's
Java at 8:30am and depart at
9:00am. Glen is ride lead.



Dealer Update

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WELCOME to the Chapter

New Members for June

Derek Hartley, Nick Camilleri, Robert Eggert, Joe Nolasco, Romeo Vidal,
Jason Hengels, Jeffrey Dibble, John Christensen, Antonio Lemos,
Mark Soiland, & Boniface Mbayachi

Membership Board Meeting Topics

- Randy: 2022 Membership update.
- Robert: Financial Report.
- Heidi: Secretary Report / Update.
- Glen: Head Road Captain Report / Update.

Old Business:

- Summer Run: Sunday August 21, 2022

New Business:

- Next meeting: Sept. 15, 2022
- Dealer Update: Phil

Membership General Meeting Topics

- No general meeting.

For full details go to the RECHOG web site

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