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Redwood Empire Chapter HOG #3494



Directors Report

Greetings everyone,
We are running a little late this month, the October fires and power outages have made things interesting for some, inconvenienced for others, and even horrifying for many. I am glad that most all of us got through it with just a minor inconvenience. As you

may know our friend and fellow RECHOG member Walter Kettler was in a serious motorcycle accident on Tuesday October 29th while navigating a stop light intersection which was turned off because of the power shut down. As of this letter Walter is being moved to a rehab center for the next few months. I would like to plan, with Walter's permission, a group ride to go visit him once he is settled. Please keep him and his wife and family in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Our membership continues to grow; we are currently at 167 members and many are first time HOG members. Please welcome them at the rides and meetings. We had some fun rides last month starting with Steve's Apple Hill ride, then Mike's Arlen Ness Museum ride and ending with a last minute mystery ride. For those who are not aware, we give away to our members at least two gift cards at each ride valued at either \$25 or \$50 each. There is no cost to the members to participate in the drawings, just show up and ride. To date we have given away \$2,475 worth of gift cards to our members for rides, birthdays and our Summer Run.

The 2020 ride planning meeting has been moved to November 17th 10am at SCHD.

Lastly, we are not having an official Holiday party this year put on by RECHOG but we are planning on attending and participating in Jean Rigg's Holiday pot luck on Sunday December 8th from 4 pm to 8 pm at her clubhouse in Santa Rosa. More details will be emailed to everyone soon but for now please save the date.

I look forward to seeing each of you out on our rides in November,

Ride safe, have fun

Randy Mack
Director 2019



Assistant Directors Report

Greeting Redwood Empire HOG members, Happy Thanksgiving! I do hope everyone is safe and back in their own homes. I enjoyed hearing how we again came together as a family and helped each other out during the recent fires, evacuations and power outages.

Save the date: November 17th is our Ride Planning Meeting. We will meet

at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson at 10:00 am. We recently asked our members where they would like to ride in 2020 and have over 30 suggestions. We need everyone who wants to be involved in either leading a ride or going on a ride to attend this ride planning meeting. We want to know how many overnight rides, day rides, long or short you would like to be see in our calendars for next year.

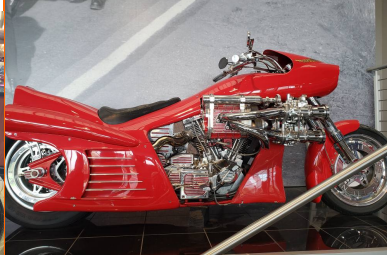
I'm looking forward to getting together and having fun planning our 2020 rides with all of you.

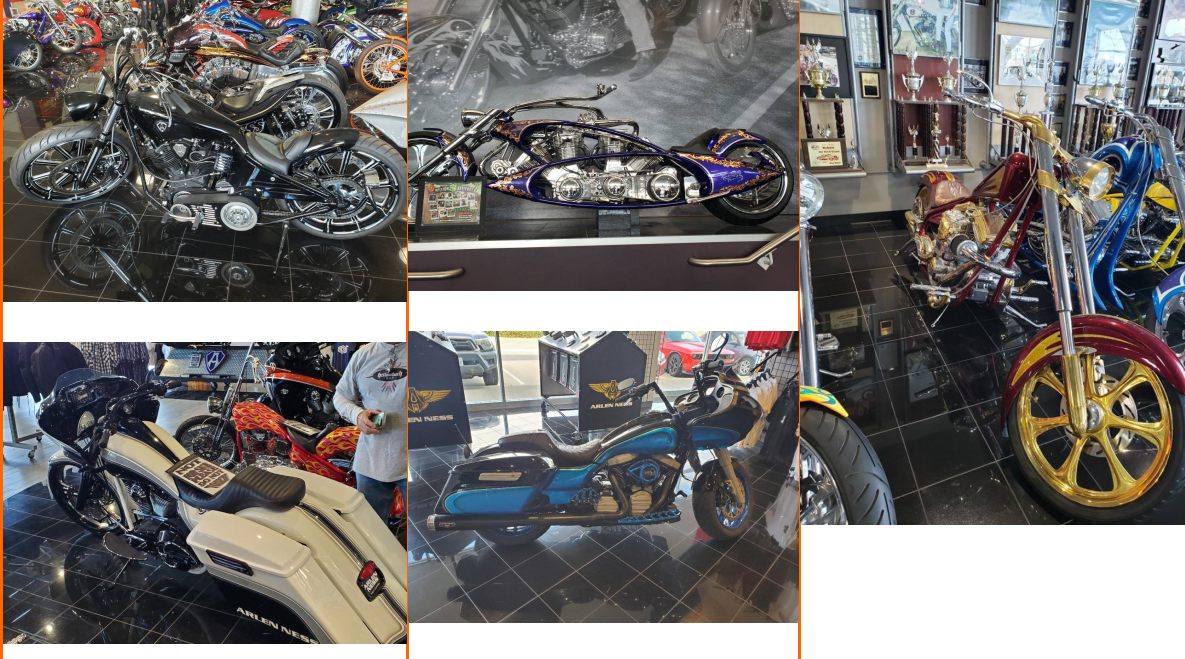
I spoke with Ben Stone today. He is recovering nicely. Bones are healing and he hopes to be able to get back on his bike the end of this month. Please feel free to reach out to him and keep our friend encouraged. Ben cell is 209-740-8712.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and rides this month!

Have fun and ride safe,
Heidi Faulkner, Asst. Director

Ride Photo's October 2019





A WORD FROM THE REGION

Well summer has flown by, and for Harley-Davidson and H.O.G., that means that we are all *still* out riding and having fun. It's what we do; it's why we live.

September has kept us busy with the National H.O.G. Rally in Milwaukee, the Western H.O.G. Rally in California and Reno Street Vibrations in Nevada. Sturgis and the Run to the Sun H.O.G. rallies have come and gone with H.O.G. members and guests having a great time and riding some of the best roads in our beautiful country. *You should have been there!* But don't worry, there's a lot more to come, and I for one am excited to see you all out on the road.

Meanwhile, Ride 365 is in full swing, so I hope you have gotten your chapter members signed up and those mileage readings in the system. Remember, *more miles equals more smiles!* And the Journey Challenge gives yet another reason to get on the best damn motorcycles in the world and do what we do: *ride*.

That's all for now.

See ya on the road,
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Upcoming Events and Rides

*General Meeting October 3rd
6pm China Village*

*General meeting Nov. 7th, 6pm
China Village*

For full details go to the

Sunday October 13th

Apple Hill ride with Steve

Pehargou. Back roads to Apple Hill near Placerville. Meet at Johnny's Java at 8:30 departing at 9:00

Board Meeting October 16th, 6pm @ SCHD

Friday October 18th

Pumpkin Ride with Karen Knapp

Always fun to ride with Karen.

Meet at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson at 9:00 departing at 9:30

Saturday October 26th

Arlen Ness ride with Mike Rooney

Ride to and visit the Arlen Ness Museum. Meet at Johnny's Java at 8:30 departing at 9:00

Sunday Nov. 10th

Benbow Inn lunch ride.

Mellow ride up 101 through the

redwoods led by Randy Mack

Meet at Bad Ass coffee 9am, depart at 9:30am

Friday Nov. 15th

Mystery Ride "If I told you it would not be a Mystery". Led by Glen Childers. Meet at SCHD 9am and depart at 9:30am

Sunday, November 17th

Ride planning Meeting. SCHD 10am with ride mystery ride to follow weather permitting

Board Meeting November 20th 6pm @ SCHD

Saturday Nov 23rd

Flip the Bird Ride, Another Sergio classic. Meet at SCHD 9am and depart 9:30am



Dealership Spotlight

2020 Harley-Davidson CVO Street Glide First Ride Review

America's most popular street bike gets the CVO treatment.

By [Kevin Duke](#)
October 21, 2019

What we're looking at here is the coolest version of America's most popular large-displacement motorcycle, **Harley-**

Davidson's batwinged juggernaut, the Street Glide. It's been a top seller since it debuted in 2006 as a chopped and pared-down touring bike, and its charm to V-twin cruiser enthusiasts never seems to fade. You'll see more batwing fairings in Sturgis than you'll see bats in Austin, Texas.

Baggers like the Street Glide have become the new "customs"—platforms for personalization like paint, sound systems, and high-end finish detailing. Harley's Custom Vehicle Operations (CVO) allows well-heeled aficionados to short-cut the process and buy a hot-rod bagger straight off the showroom floor.

According to H-D's PR flacks, the CVO Street Glide "is a pavement-hugging, premium hot-rod bagger that combines muscular performance, insane custom detailing, and an outrageous audio system." Other than the hyperbolic adjectives, we're happy to report that statement is mostly accurate.

2020 Harley-Davidson CVO Street Glide Horsepower And Engine-

The latest CVO Street Glide boasts the 117ci Milwaukee-Eight, an engine only available in CVO models and the biggest factory-installed engine available from the MoCo. With a hulking 1,923cc of brawn, torque is king, rated by H-D at 125 pound-feet of max twist.

The 117 is a magnificent cruiser engine, with jabs of torque available at a whim, regardless of rpm. Bonus points for throwing less heat on a rider than Indian's also-burly Thunder Stroke motor. Clutch action is remarkably light, and swapping gears is quite smooth. Downshifts are eased by Harley's new drag-torque slip control, which handily raises engine revs when the electronics sense an excess of load through the drive line.

2020 Harley-Davidson CVO Street Glide Electronics Package-

This electronic slipper clutch of sorts is part of the H-D's Reflex Defensive Rider Systems (RDRS), which includes a cornering linked braking system, cornering ABS, traction control, and a hill-holding function. RDRS is standard equipment on CVO models and is available as an option on H-D's touring models.

More standard technology is found in the H-D Connect service that links CVOs to smartphones to monitor bike stats or be alerted to tampering. A Bluetooth helmet headset is also delivered with the CVOs, and this links to the stellar Boom! Box GTS infotainment system, which is as good as moto audio gets. The instrumentation is attractive, but some of the smaller numerals are difficult to read.

2020 Harley-Davidson CVO Street Glide Handling And Brakes

This top-line Street Glide handles with the relative ease SGs have become known for, responding like a machine that weighs much less than its 866-pound ready-to-ride mass (with its 6.0-gallon fuel tank full) might suggest. A relatively short wheelbase ensures easy handling in urban environments, and it can be hustled through twisty roads with an alacrity that can surprise riders of sportier motorbikes. It's very nearly flickable, able to be precisely cranked to its 31/32-degree (left/right) lean angles with confidence.

Riders desiring greater lean angles have the option of fitting the longer rear dampers as equipped on the Electra Glide Ultra, which increases available angles of dangle a few degrees and extends rear suspension travel from 2.2 to 3.0 inches. The vast majority of SG customers, however, prefer the slammed look.

Brakes are another strong point of the Street Glide, boasting Brembo four-piston calipers front and rear. The linked function operates only above 25 mph to eliminate unexpected brake applications at low speeds while operating seamlessly at higher velocities.

2020 Harley-Davidson CVO Street Glide Storage Capacity

As a stripped-down touring bike, the Street Glide's luggage capacity is limited to the saddlebags that offer 2.4 cubic feet of capacity. A popular way to expand touring capabilities is to purchase H-D's "four-point docking kit" (hardware mostly hidden) that enables adding items such as a detachable Tour-Pak and sissy bar/backrest options. Touring riders will bemoan the Street Glide's modest cargo room and its diminutive rear suspension travel, but both those aspects are a significant part of the SG's appeal for riders who use their bikes mostly locally.

2020 Harley-Davidson CVO Street Glide Price And Specifications

With an MSRP of a lofty \$40,539, the CVO Street Glide certainly ain't cheap. However, if you added up the costs of all the upgrades over a regular SG—like the hot-rod motor, the exquisite finish detailing, and the rich paintwork—it would cost much more to replicate it from a regular SG. To H-D's alpha-type CVO customers, it's a relative bargain compared to doing all the mods yourself.

WELCOME to the Chapter 8 New Members for October

Ryan Modell
Gregory Petersen

David Thompson
Charlene Thompson
David Tran

- Minutes for September approved
- Randy supplied a list of all the winners for the gift certificate ride give away. Winners were evenly disturbed with many winners totaling \$2475 ytd
- Robert reported nothing due and nothing outstanding and balance of \$1012
- 2020 Ride planning meeting is set for November 17th, 10am at SCHD
- At Phil's request all current board members agreed to serve again for 2020.
- Instead of a Christmas party we are supporting a potluck/white elephant party at a location TBD
- Dealership update: No live Wire has arrived yet but shipping has continued and expected very soon

Membership **General Meeting Topics**

- Ride updates given for remaining upcoming rides
- Ride planning meeting set and the board asked to have as many members present as possible, to provide feedback on when and where you all want to ride next year.
- Bill was welcome back from his surgery
- Announcement made that all riders are welcome to attend the Veterans Parade in Petaluma on Nov. 11th.
- 505/50 raffle: Both sides were given away and the winners were Margo and Jim Jones

For full details go to the RECHOG web site

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