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## Redwood Empire Chapter HOG #3494



### Directors Report

#### Mike Rooney - RIP

For those of us who knew and loved Mike Rooney, it is with saddened heart to tell you that he passed on October 27, 2021 from heart failure. For those who did not know him, he was our

RECHOG secretary for a few years before recently moving to Redmond, OR. I first met Mike on a Thursday ride to the Marshal Store. He had a smile bigger and brighter than the chrome on his Road King and contagious laugh that would make anyone smile. We soon became friends, riding, playing golf, working together on projects and participating in RECHOG leadership. Mike was an accomplished golfer, played in college and was a fierce competitor. I always felt good playing golf with Mike; no matter how bad I played he would always find the good in my game and let me know. I remember our conversations, whenever Mike spoke of his wife Toni, he always had this grin on his face, you know the one you see on the cat that just ate the cannery. He would always say "I married up" and then smile from ear to ear. And anytime you asked how his daughters were he move to the edge of his seat, open his arms, his eye would light up as he would boast to high heaven about them. He was always fun to talk to.

Back in early August of this year RECHOG rode to Oregon to ride Hells Canyon with Mike. During that ride Mike went down and ended up in the hospital. During his recovery his spirits remained high and after a few months he was getting back to work and doing his physical therapy. I was shocked and surprised when I heard the news of his passing. One never

knows if this ride will be the last ride you ever have with your friend. This is the third time in my life that I have been blessed to ride with my comrades on their last ride. Cherish the time we have together...Scotty, Russell, Mike - I miss you my brothers.

There will be a California service for Mike Rooney; I do not have the details yet but will send it out as soon as I know.

Ride Safe & Have Fun

Randy Mack

Director



## Assistant Directors Report

Hey Hey HOG Nation!!

First things first. I was deeply saddened to learn that Mike Rooney had passed. He was, truly, a lover of life. I met Mike a couple years ago when he came on as RECHOG secretary. I liked him right away because of his humor and his commitment to the organization. We rode together up to Burney Falls which was a blast. During the ride I had problem with my bike. Sure enough, Mike had his magic bag of bolts and screws and tools, was able to fix it. What a treat it was to find out that Mike was also a golfer. We eventually played on the same team with our esteemed Director Randy. Mike was an all around great person. He will be missed. My prayers go out to his family.

Now, November is here which means TWISTDD TUNNEL RUN. Sunday, November 7th. We meet at Johnny's Java Hut in Cotati at 9am and leave at 9:30. This is one of those "can't miss" opportunities to get loud and proud through some of the Bay Area's famous tunnels. We will have lunch at the Fourth Bore Taproom in Orinda and then continue to the twisties in the East Bay before coming home. See you all then.

I was just poking around the Harley website and found out that HOG has an online store that you can order stuff from. Hats, shirts, pins, and all sorts of other goodies are available at [www.hog.com/shop](http://www.hog.com/shop).

With 2022 looming the foreground, it's time to start thinking about the ride calendar. Sunday, November 14th at 10:30am, we will be having our 2022 Ride Plan Meeting at SCHD ( Sonoma County Harley Davidson ). Anyone and everyone who has an idea or a ride can attend. We also need road captains. Anyone and everyone who wants to lead, sweep, or just help out can attend. This is your club. It's time to have some fun and get out of the club what you put in.



Last but certainly not least, our past Director Ian recently went down and got pretty banged up. I saw pictures of his clothing and of his helmet. Thank God he was wearing the good stuff because they ultimately saved his life. Dress for the slide not for the ride. Please pray for Ian and a speedy recovery.

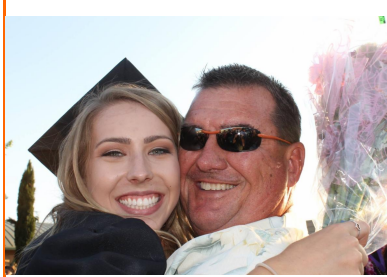
That's it for this month. See y'all on the road.

Stevie P  
AD

Next month: TOY RUNS!!

## Ride Photo's

Remembering 2021







## A Message from your Regional Manager

Here in the upper Midwest, the leaves are starting to turn and there is still some great fall riding ahead of us, but our riding season is growing short. It's been another unique one for sure, and compared to 2020, it was mostly normal. It was a great relief to be back hanging out and riding with so many of our members at rallies and events this year. It feels like it's been almost non-stop for the past few months, which is the best kind of busy to be when you are sharing the love of riding motorcycles with other people.

The other regional managers and I are back home for a few months but that doesn't mean our work stops. If anything, the next few months are some of the busiest here at the H.O.G. national offices as we transition from riding season to planning season! Although planning for new and better ways to serve our members is our year-round job, these next months are especially busy as we put the final touches on a full slate of events for 2022, including next year's Regional and Touring rallies and Regional Officer Connection training.

For officers like you, it's also a great time to be thinking about what your own 2022 season will look like. A great way to start your planning is to sit down with your sponsoring dealer and HOG Manager to talk about common

goals and objectives for the season. What do you hope to accomplish together next year? Maybe you want to plan more rides or events, grow your chapter's membership, or mentor new riders. Whatever the objective, start with a conversation, create a plan and work that plan.

As always, on behalf of the entire H.O.G. team, thanks for everything you do to create great experiences for our members, and please feel free to reach out anytime if there's anything I can do to help.

## **CHRIS HARRISON**

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### **Upcoming Events and Rides**

#### **November Events**

Nov. 4th General Meeting is  
**CANCELLED.**

Nov. 7th Twisted Tunnel Ride.  
Meet at Johnny's Java Cotati at  
9:00am and depart at 9:30am.  
Steve is ride lead.

Nov. 18th Board Meeting by  
conference call.

Nov. 19th Pope Valley Ride. Meet  
at dealership at 10:00am and  
depart at 10:30am. Jose is ride  
lead.

Nov. 27th Turkey Ride. Meet at  
dealership at 10:00am and depart  
at 10:30am. Heidi is ride lead.

#### **December Events**

Dec. 2nd General Meeting is  
**CANCELLED.**

Dec. 5th Cloverdale Toy Run.  
Meet at dealership at 10:00am  
and depart at 10:30am. Randy is  
ride lead.

Dec. 16th Board Meeting by  
conference call.

**For full details go to the  
RECHOG web site calendar**



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## **Dealer Update**

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## WELCOME to the Chapter New Members for October

Jacob Forgy, Mark Moline, Gary Burbank, William Burdick,  
John Wendler, & Gordon Perlow

### Membership **Board Meeting** Topics

- No board meeting.

### Membership **General Meeting** Topics

- No general meeting.

For full details go to the RECHOG web site

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