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Redwood Empire Chapter HOG #3494



Directors Report

Greetings everyone,

Fall is here, soon we will be enjoying pumpkin pie, pumpkin spice lattes, pumpkin bread and of course pumpkin ice cream. Now is a great time to ride some familiar routes just to see how the leaves are changing and

to travel into some of the areas that are just a bit warm in the summer but have cooled with the autumn weather. We recently rode up through Ukiah via Old River Rd and over to Lakeport via Scotts Valley Rd to have lunch at the Loch Lomond Roadhouse. This ride in the summer would boast temps in the 100's but our temperatures were in the low 70's all day which made for a very comfortable ride and a pretty cool lunch spot. Coming back we cut through Knight's Valley and got our first glimpse of the vineyards changing color. We have some fun rides coming up this month including a ride to Apple Hill and one to Arlen Ness. I hope you'll come out and join us and participate in the free member's only raffle. We have given away a lot of gift cards this year and who knows you could be the next lucky winner.

Please put Sunday November 3rd on your calendar for our annual ride planning meeting for the 2020 riding season. We will meet at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson at 11:00 am, refreshments will be served. Afterwards we'll go on a short ride to lunch. We will collect ideas at the next general meeting so please think of where you want to go and we'll figure out how to get there. If you have ideas or questions please call me (704) 696-6272.

Randy Mack
Director 2019



Assistant Directors Report

Greeting Redwood Empire HOG members,

Last month I wrote about the benefits of “Wind Therapy.” I would like to continue on that note because it was never so true when Bill and I took off for our much needed and anticipated “ride” vacation to Tahoe area.

“We ride to feel, to touch, to breathe, to laugh, to soar, to overcome, to relax, to prove them wrong, to feel strong, to belong, to heal, to love and to be loved back, to communicate without words. We ride to live”.

As many of you know, Bill suffered a heart attack the second day of our ride. He is home and doing well. Taking it slow, resting and gaining his strength back.

This was indeed a time of fear, overwhelm, heart break along with love, joy and relief.

I rode my bike from South Lake Tahoe area to Carson City, Nevada to visit Bill every day in the ICU. Our friends we were staying with offered to drive me in their cars, but I knew the “wind therapy” would do wonders for me. I felt the courage to overcome, to feel strong and allow myself the space to receive all your heartfelt support, encouragement and prayers.

A special thank you to Randy Mack and Sergio Bravo for driving our car up to Tahoe and riding our bikes home!

Bill and I are truly grateful for our Harley family. THANK YOU!!!!!!

With that said, let’s ride!

In gratitude,

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

Ride Photo's
Summer Run 2019





Went to Street Vibrations this month

Upcoming Events and Rides

*General Meeting October 3rd
6pm China Village*

*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.*

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

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

*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*

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

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

would not be a Mystery". Led by

Robert Gilford

Meet at SCHED 9am and depart at 9:30am

Board Meeting 6pm SCHED

Saturday Nov 23rd

Flip the Bird Ride, Another Sergio classic

Meet at SCHED 9am and depart 9:30am



Dealership Spotlight

Elvis' 1976 Harley-Davidson FLH sells for \$800K

By Jordan Gibbons

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Elvis Presley's last ever motorcycle sold at the weekend for a whopping \$800,000 (approx. £660,000), making it the third most expensive motorcycle in the world.

The 1976 **Harley-Davidson** FLH was the last bike the King bought and covered just 126 miles in his care before he died three months later.

Elvis had the machine delivered to his Graceland home and had it repainted in a custom scheme before ultimately selling it to a local Harley dealership before his death.

From there it ended up with Tony Rakowski, who purchased it for around £20,650 but didn't own it for long before swapping it for a car with Dave Geisler, the owner of the Pioneer Auto Museum.

Since then it's spent the last 30 years in a glass case in the museum, so it's in near perfect condition. There's even a video of it running. There are no pictures of Presley on the machine, but there's plenty of provenance to prove it was his, including the original registration certificate that's in his name (amusingly with his middle name misspelled).

Elvis was an incredibly keen biker although he never amassed a huge collection, as he made a habit of giving them away for charitable purposes. Some of his most famous film roles involved riding bikes, including the musical film *Roustabout*, which saw Presley playing a travelling singer who rode a Honda Superhawk. In fact, the very leather jacket from that film is also in the sale.

The rest of Presley's collection of bikes is distributed around the world – there's no record of how many machines the star owned but he's been associated with 15 different bikes, including 11 Harley-Davidsons (mostly full dressers).

It was thought before the sale that it could go for as much as \$2 million however the bids never materialized. The current record for the most

expensive bike sold at auction is for a 1951 Vincent Black Lighting, which was sold by Bonhams last year for £766,000.

The GWS Auctions sale that included Presley's FLH was a collection of Hollywood memorabilia, including Elvis' leather jacket, which sold for \$40,000 (£33,000).

WELCOME to the Chapter 8 New Members for July

Weston Moyer
Kevin Tryber
Robert Gonsalves
James Bollinger

Phillip Burns
Greg Soos
David Rawson

Membership Board Meeting Topics

- Minutes for August approved
- Summer Run went off as planned with several positive comments
- Currently have 6 gift cert. for upcoming rides
- Account balance is approx. \$1200 after Summer Run and all bills paid
- 2020 Ride Planning meeting has been scheduled for Nov. 3rd @ SCHED 10am. Any members are welcome to attend and provide their ideas. Weather permitting a ride to follow meeting
- 2020 Board of Directors: Phil requested that the current board return for another year. All agreed

Membership General Meeting Topics

- Meeting held before the Tin Barn ride
- Discuss the remaining rides for this year

For full details go to the RECHOG web site

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