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Redwood Empire Chapter HOG #3494



Directors Report

**Cruising through
Success: RECHOG
Summer Run 2023
Triumphs with Over 40%
Participation**

Greetings, Harley enthusiasts! We hope this article finds you with the

wind in your hair and the open road stretching before you. The summer of 2023 has been one for the books, especially for our Redwood Empire Harley Owners Group (RECHOG) as we revved up our engines for the annual Summer Run. And what a ride it was! With over 40% of our membership joining in, the event was nothing short of a roaring success.

A Roaring Triumph

The Summer Run, an event we look forward to each year, saw an incredible turnout this time around. It's not just about the numbers; it's about the spirit of camaraderie, the shared passion for the open road, and the unmistakable sound of Harleys riding in harmony. Our fellow riders brought their A-game, showcasing the true essence of the Harley-Davidson community.

A Shout out to Sonoma County Harley-Davidson

None of this would have been possible without the fantastic support of Sonoma County Harley-Davidson. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for not only providing a fantastic location for the event at Lake Sonoma but also for treating our taste buds to a deliciously memorable lunch. The combination

of the picturesque scenery and the unmistakable rumble of Harley engines echoing through the back roads created an experience that none of us will soon forget.

Organizing Excellence: Thank You, Lorraine Stimple

Let's take a moment to appreciate the dedication and hard work put in by our HOG manager, Lorraine Stimple. Without her meticulous planning, attention to detail, and unwavering enthusiasm, the Summer Run wouldn't have been the seamless spectacle that it was. Lorraine's dedication to making every RECHOG event a memorable one truly shines through, and for that, we are incredibly grateful.

Guiding the Pack: Cheers to Eric Deck

A special round of applause goes to our head road captain, Eric Deck. Leading a group of riders to any destination requires skill, knowledge, and a deep understanding of what makes a ride truly enjoyable. Eric's leadership ensured that our journey to Lake Sonoma was not only safe and smooth but also a thrilling experience in itself. Kudos to Eric for keeping the pack together and the excitement high throughout the ride.

The Spirit of HOG

As we reflect on the Summer Run 2023, we're reminded of the true spirit of HOG. It's not just about the motorcycles; it's about the people who come together to form a community that feels like family. It's about the shared passion for the open road, the thrill of the ride, and the friendships forged along the way.

So here's to each and every one of you who participated in the Summer Run, whether you were at the front of the pack, in the middle, or bringing up the rear. Your presence, your energy, and your love for Harley-Davidson are what make our RECHOG community truly exceptional.

Until the next ride, keep the rubber side down and the throttle wide open!

Ride safe, have fun

Randy Mack (707) 696-6272
Director

Assistant Directors Report

September Greetings Fellow H.O.G. Members,

In Catskill New York between 9/13 to 9/17 there will be a event going on called the Catskill Mountain Thunder Motorcycle Festival. This event has four days of scenic rides, motorcycle games, a bike build off, motorcycle stunts, Spaghetti wrestling and fire breathing. There will be a huge vendor expo, along with live entertainment by multiple bands throughout the day into the evening hours. The Catskill Mountain Thunder Motorcycle Festival has been happening for 24 years. It may be to late to plan a trip to New York this year, but you may want to put this festival on your calendar for next

year, the dates planned for next year are 9/11/24 to 9/15/2024.

The Big Bike Weekend Harley Davidson Event is taking place in Redding, CA at the Red Lion Inn, Dates are 10/6/2023 to 10/08/2023. On 10/6, Bike night and registration sign up will be happening. On 10/7, vendor displays, auction, opportunity drawings, food trucks along with a Strongman competition. 10/8 will be a Poker chip run and bike show. For more information, connect: Big Bike Weekend on Facebook.

Closer to home on 10/7/2023, will be the 18th Chilly Billy Fun Run and chicken B.B.Q., put on by Rip City Riders. Sign up at Sonoma County Harley Davidson between 8:30 to 10:30 am. Ride will end at the Sonoma Marin Fairgrounds in Petaluma where there will be music, food, drinks and vendors. Rider fee is \$25.00 that includes one free meal, admission to the fairgrounds is free for those of you who wish to just join in the fun.

A reminder that Street Vibration is happening September 21-24, 2023. Heidi will be leading a ride up to Reno, once there you are on your own. You will want to make room reservations soon.

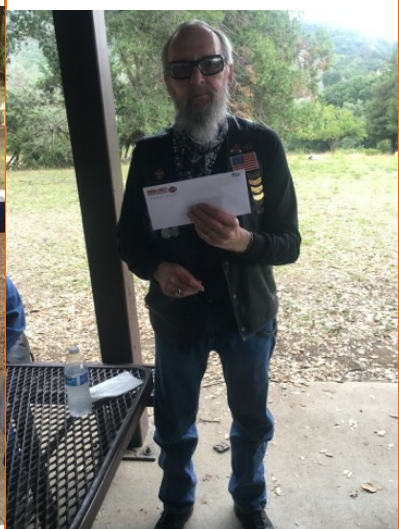
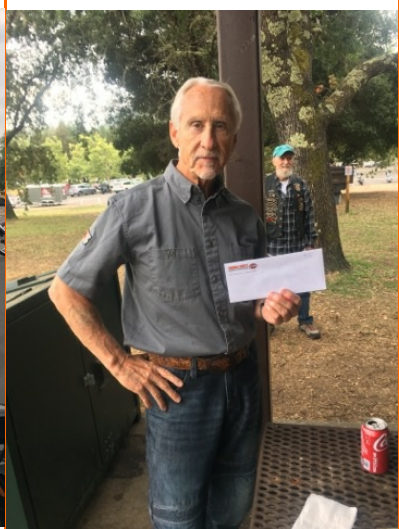
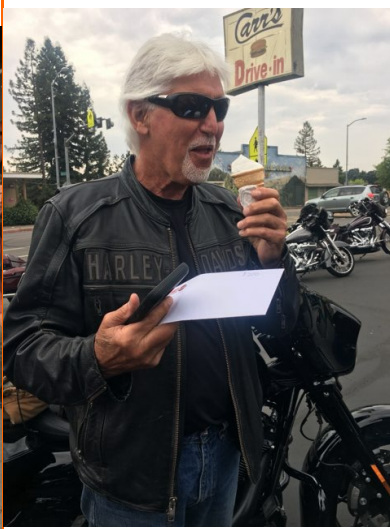
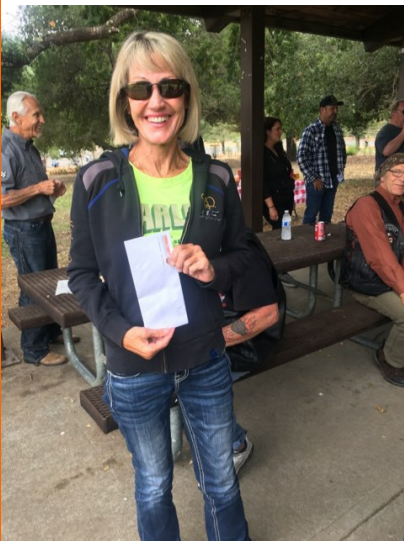
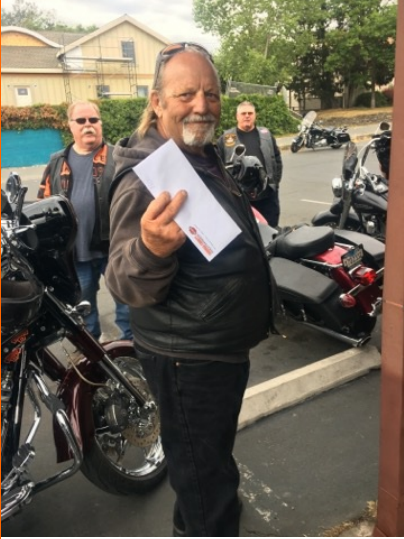
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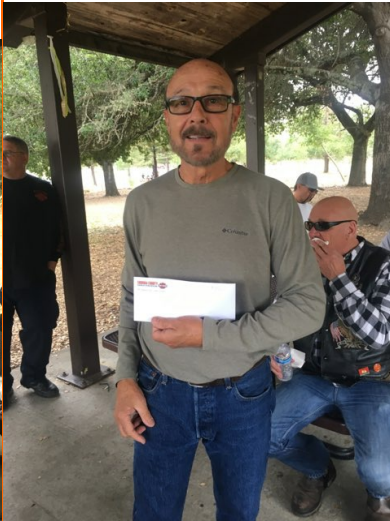
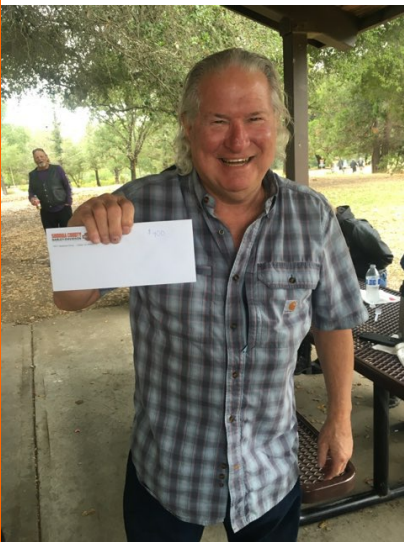
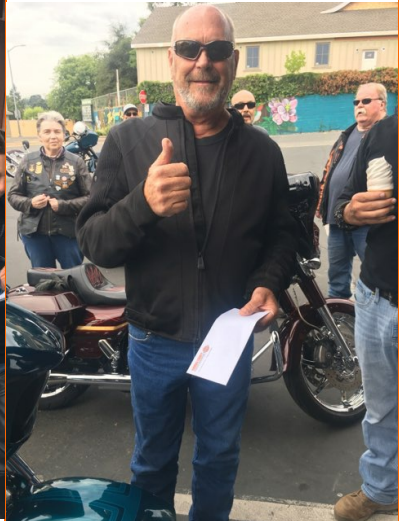
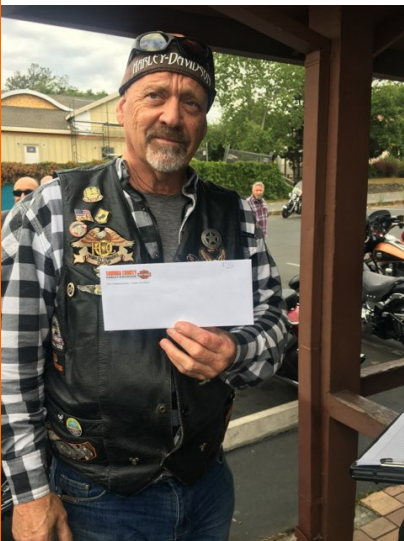
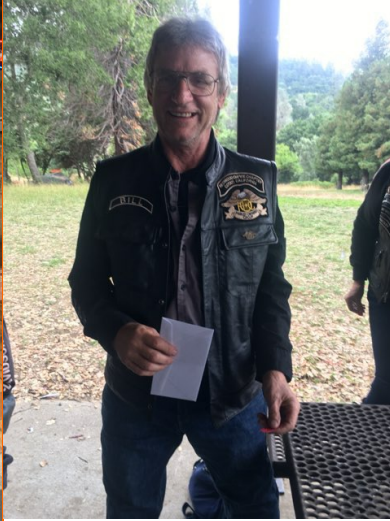
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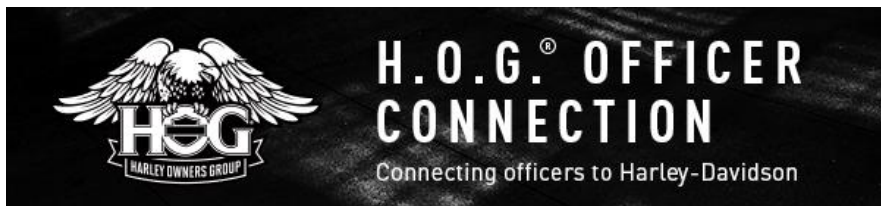
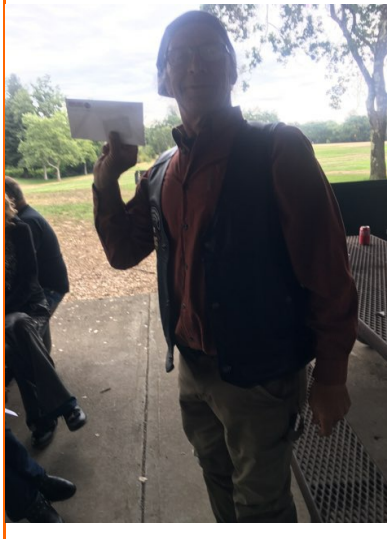
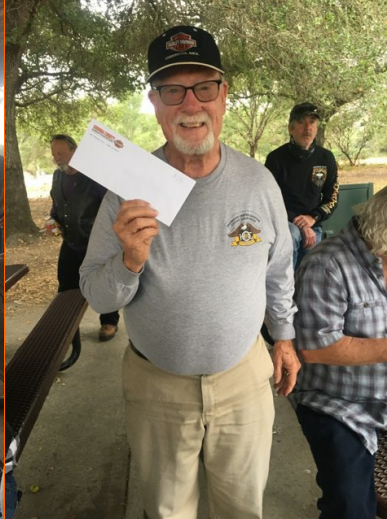
Ride Photo's Remembering 2023











A Message from your Regional Manager

When a new H.O.G. officer asks me for advice about how to successfully run a chapter, I like to say that the Harley Owners Group only has two rules: keep it simple and make it fun. It's a concise, easy to understand way to boil it down to the essentials. When a someone asks you why he or she should join H.O.G., do you have an equally simple answer? What's your elevator pitch?

Maybe you would say they should join because H.O.G. members love to ride and have fun together, or because belonging to H.O.G. is a great way to feel the camaraderie that comes from bonding with others over a common passion or to take advantage of the great member benefits that bring extra confidence and value to your experiences on the road.

Membership in H.O.G means each of those things and more to every member. The reasons to belong are both tangible, in the form of things you get, and intangible, in the ways it makes you feel. Joining H.O.G. makes a real difference in the lives of our members. H.O.G. members ride more miles and stay riding

longer than non-members. The connections they form with fellow members and the Motor Company are bonds that last a lifetime.

As H.O.G. celebrates its 40th anniversary, there are even more reason to join. With the recent launch of the new H-D Membership program, H.O.G. is benefitting from more investment in the form of new member benefits and programs that will give even more people compelling reasons to join or renew.

That's great news for H.O.G. chapters because it means more new riders coming our way, eager to experience the benefits that only H.O.G. membership can give them. Will you be ready to welcome them? Start practicing your elevator speech!

Thanks as always for everything you do to make H.O.G. the world's biggest and best riding club.

CHRIS HARRISON

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

September Events

Sep. 16th Peg House Ride. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00am and depart at 9:30am. Robyn is ride lead.

Sep. 21st. Board Meeting.

Sep. 22nd-24th. Street Vibrations. Meet at Bad Ass Coffee in Santa Rosa at 9:00am and depart at 9:30am. Heidi is ride lead.

Sep. 28th. Santa Cruz Lunch Ride. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00am and depart at 9:30am. Victor is ride lead.

October Events

Oct. 1st Livermore Ride. Meet at Johnny's Java at 9:00am and depart at 9:30am. Victor is ride lead.

Oct. 13th. Plumas County Harvest & Beer Festival. Meet at Bad Ass Coffee in Santa Rosa at 8:30am and depart at 9:00am. Randy is ride lead.

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**WELCOME to the Chapter
New Members for August**

Jefferey Crouch, Doug Drake, & Glen Gillis.

Membership [Board Meeting](#) Topics

- No board meeting.

Membership [General Meeting](#) Topics

- No general meeting.

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