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## Redwood Empire Chapter HOG #3494



### Directors Report

We ride again!

Sad to say this is our last month of summer but on the other hand "Indian Summer" also known as "Second Summer" which is usually much nicer is right around the corner and we have some

great riding times ahead.

Last month we had to cancel our summer run for the first time in over 30 years due to the current social distancing rules. We look forward to next year's event and I cannot wait to get back to a more usual meeting style filled with handshakes and hugs. Social distancing sucks, that's all I have to say about that.

We did have a couple of outstanding rides last month. Sergio put on a brown bag lunch ride out to Stinson Beach which was very well attended and was a blast. And I put on an overnight ride to Fortuna that included going up through Boonville, Mendocino, Ft. Bragg, Rockport with lunch at the Peg House in Leggett then onto Ferndale before heading to the hotel. On the way home we cruised the Avenue of the Giants and rode through the Drive thru Tree before cruising down 101 for lunch in Cloverdale. There were 14 bikes, great roads, a lot of laughs and some pretty good food... once it showed up. September's lineup of rides are all on the **RECHOG Calendar**.

As a reminder here are the new social distancing rules and mask requirements for All REHOG rides for now.

1. Face coverings must be worn at all times when off your bike and within 6 feet of someone else.
2. Social distancing must be observed at all times remaining at least 6 feet apart.
3. Road captains will check in all riders, and guests.
4. Rides will be broken up into two separate rides. The first ride will end when the road captain declares that the first ride is over. There will be at least an hour break then the second ride will begin from that destination. Road captains will again check in riders who plan on participating in the second ride. We encourage road captains to end the first ride at a destination where food can be purchased and riders entering any establishment do so at their own risk. There will be no social gathering organized by the road captain.

I understand and respect each person's rights to wear or not wear protective face coverings. So if you disagree with these guidelines please do not participate in the rides for now. I thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Randy Mack  
Director 2020



## Assistant Directors Report

What's up HOGGERS!!

Well, Summer is coming to a close and although times are tough, we still have been riding and having fun. Some rides have been short, some long, but they were all worth it. Now that the smoke is finally clearing from the fires ( what else is going to happen this year ) we can start taking on some new adventures. They are still signature rides coming up that you all need to be aware of:

1. Tin Barn Classic ( The joke is always on me )
2. Twisted Tunnel Run ( Probably my favorite. Nope, definitely my favorite )
3. Faqauwee ( Don't ask, don't tell )

Glen and I will be taking the club up to the Benbow Inn next weekend, the 13th of September. Meeting at Bad Ass Coffee at 9am. Leaving at 9:30. Its a long day so eat your Wheaties! NoWay Jose will be leading his first ride to SF on Saturday Sept. 26th. Let's make it special for him and all show up, if you can. Meet at SCHED ( Sonoma County Harley Davidson ) at 9am leaving at 9:30. Play nice y'all

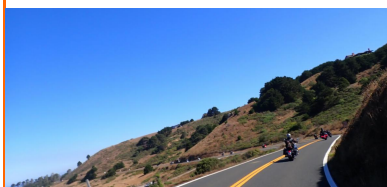
With time running short on riding season, stay tuned to social media and blanket emails from HOG for the dates and times for these events. As usual, we stick to strict safety guidelines when it's a HOG event. Mask up when off the bike. Ride lead handles all paperwork. Keep six ( 6 ) feet apart when in a group. Ya know the rest.

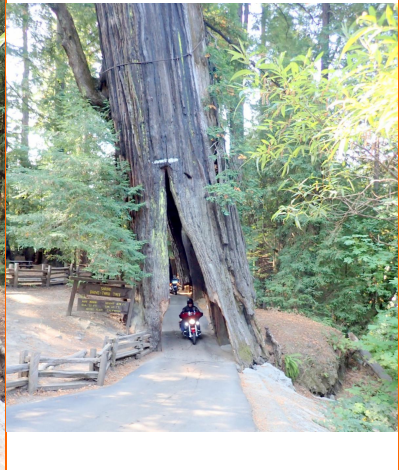
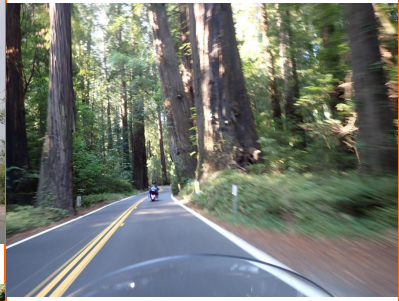
Stay safe and see you all out there!!

Stevie P

"LOUD AND PROUD"

Ride Photo's  
Remembering 2020







## A WORD FROM THE REGION

.I sincerely hope you and your chapter members have spent the summer figuring out ways to get out riding and enjoying saddle time on your motorcycles. In Wisconsin we have been putting miles on while enjoying some very warm weather and fresh air. Remember we all joined H.O.G. to ride, whether in groups or solo, because riding motorcycles brings us joy and helps to clear the mind of all the trouble and strife in our lives.

To those chapters that have taken the bull by the horns and figured out how to do rides for all members and just get people out there riding, we applaud you. You shifted your focus from meetings and group riding only and used FB posts of destination rides, scavenger hunts, scenic sights, dealer visits, overnight trips, etc. Thank you! We continue to get lots of questions related to holding meetings, rides, etc. in the ongoing virus environment. Follow Federal, State, Local and Dealer guidance related to all your activities and you will be in the clear. Get out and ride if you can, by yourself, small groups, whatever you can. Keep your members engaged via social media and get them out riding.

I look forward to getting back on the road with all of you. Thank you for all you do for H.O.G. and your chapters!

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### Upcoming Events and Rides

#### August events

Sept 3rd General Meeting is  
**CANCELLED**

Sept. 13th Benbow ride Meet at  
Bad Ass coffee at 9am and depart  
at 9:30am. Glen and Steve are  
ride leads

Board Meeting Sept. 16th by  
conference call

#### September Events

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

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Sept. 18th Mendocino ride meet  
at SCHED at 9am and depart at  
9:30am. Randy is ride lead

Sept. 26 SF Exploratorium ride.  
Meet at SCHED 9am and depart  
9:30am. Jose Villalobos is ride  
lead



## Dealer Update

Harley-Davidson LiveWire electric  
motorcycle rider makes spontaneous 3,500  
mile cross-country ride

**Micah Toll**

- Aug. 14th 2020

Felix Stellmaszek is a spur-of-the-moment

kind of guy; he says it's just part of his personality. So when the Harley-Davidson LiveWire electric motorcycle owner was prepping for a cross-country move from Atlanta to California, he went from thinking "maybe I'll just ride my LiveWire all the way there" to hitting the road just a couple of days later.

He needed to get out to California anyways, and decided that a cross country ride on his new electric motorcycle would be the perfect way to do it. As Felix explained to *Electrek*:

*"The reasons for my trip were really three-fold. I wanted to mitigate potential cabin fever in the wake of COVID-19, where I was essentially locked into our 2 bedroom apartment with the family (including 3 kids ages 5 and under) and never-ending video conferences. It's been a lifelong dream of mine to travel on Route 66 with a motorcycle. And I wanted to reconnect with real people in-person after countless video calls.*

*The relocation out West was not decided at that point. Moreover, it was more of a 'scouting trip' on my wife's behalf as she was interested in moving to Cali. This also explains why I covered both southern and northern California."*

In total, Felix covered around 3,500 miles (5,600 km) on his journey, which he planned off-the-cuff using the PlugShare app. The LiveWire electric motorcycle includes DC fast charging capability, which can put nearly a full charge into the battery in around 40 minutes. The bike can also charge from public Level 2 chargers, but only at Level 1 speeds (essentially overnight charging).

Most riders charge at home on Level 1 chargers (from a standard wall outlet in the garage), but DC fast charging enables long range trips like the one Felix performed. Charge stops can be used to stretch your legs and grab a cup of coffee before hitting the road again.

Felix admitted that he wasn't as prepared as he could have been, originally

planning a trip that hit fast chargers in the following cities: Atlanta – Nashville – St. Louis – Tulsa – Oklahoma City – Amarillo – Santa Fe – Albuquerque – Flagstaff – Prescott – Joshua Tree National Park – Los Angeles – Santa Barbara – San Francisco.

As Felix explained:

*“I will absolutely admit that I approached this particular trip in a somewhat naïve fashion. All I figured out in advance was where the fast charging stations were, using a combo of the H-D Connect and PlugShare apps. To be honest, in hindsight it was a bit crazy as I essentially rode 3,500 miles cross-country on my own with no support. Just my LiveWire, my Unchartered Backpack (no saddle bags or other accessories to avoid reducing range), my cell phone and my credit card.”*

Despite his planning (or lack thereof), he soon ran into trouble when he discovered that some charging sites didn't always have working chargers. Most sites had several chargers, which meant it was rare to have zero functioning chargers. But to be cautious, he replanned the rest of his stops to include back-up locations nearby, which is a strategy that other cross-country electric motorcycle riders have employed before. He also scanned ratings and comments on PlugShare more closely for a heads up on out-of-commission chargers. Felix still had a couple close calls when he rolled into one charging station with 1% battery and another at 3% battery. However, we've seen riders demonstrate how the LiveWire still has a small yet functional amount of range left after hitting 0% battery on the display.

The experience taught Felix a lot about considerations for long range trips on electric motorcycles. As he explained:

*“On an electric bike (just like an ICE bike), everything impacts range. Speed, additional accessories, cross-/head-winds, gradient, temperatures, etc. I found that speed and the wind were really the key factors that could negatively impact my range.”*

Felix used his trip to scout out California, checking out LA and the Bay Area, before ultimately deciding on the latter and flying back to rejoin his family in Atlanta before the move.

Ultimately he considers the trip a success, and found that the LiveWire was a conversation starter everywhere he went. He picked up interesting experiences along the way, fulfilled a lifelong dream of cruising Historic Route 66 on a motorcycle, and proved once again that electric motorcycles are perfectly capable of touring and performing long range trips – as long as you plan a bit first!

## **LiveWire as a long range touring electric motorcycle?**

This isn't the first time the LiveWire has been used for these types of long range trips. Or the second time. Or the third. In fact, the LiveWire is building quite a reputation as a long distance touring e-bike.

Riders have set Iron Butts on LiveWires, riding 1,000 miles (1,600 km) in 24 hours.

They've ridden from the Mexican to Canadian border.

And a pair of LiveWires were ridden over 13,000 miles from Argentina to California as part of the Long Way Up series.

As DC fast charging becomes more prevalent (both on electric motorcycles and with increased charging stations), electric motorcycle touring is likely to grow even faster, removing one of the last few advantages gas bikes have managed to hold over electric motorcycles.

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## WELCOME to the Chapter New Members for June

Richard Arrow Michael Dorado  
Larry Mason Hannah Degallery  
Barbara Michael Jason Boles  
John Pelton James Baum

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### Membership **Board Meeting** Topics

- no meeting

### Membership **General Meeting** Topics

- no general meeting

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