



California North Coast Chapter 0212 Newsletter

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The Director's Chair



Greetings!

Well, as always, another great month of rides and good friends. It just seems to keep going and I can't think of a better group of people to be doing this with. It seems like the riding season just started, but it's getting close to being over with. Well, unless you live on the North Coast. Talking to people in other places, I've learned that they really have a distinct riding season, but we are lucky that for the most part, we can ride all year.

As we start in to this next month, we have a lot going on. First off, it is election time! Any one that is interested in running for a board position should talk to a board member or any other member so we can get your name on the ballot. Ballots will be mailed out to everyone and will need to be mailed back or dropped off at the dealership. The dead line for the ballots to be returned is November 3rd.

Also, at our November meeting, we will have our Dutch Auction. Any one that has donations for the Dutch Auction can give me a call for pick up or bring them to the meeting. As always, we should have some great things up for auction, so it's a meeting that you don't want to miss.

Looking ahead to the rides for this next month, of course, the calendar is a full one. We will have our normal chapter rides and also our fun and exciting Grave Yard run put on by Lee and Cindy. I'm sure they will have some more fun and exciting things in store for us this year. Also, Big Bike Weekend in Redding is coming up. Just look at your calendar or the Web site for all the happenings.

I want to thank the board members for all they do to keep this group working and also to the members. It's because of everyone's input and work that makes this group what it is. And, not to forget Rocky and all the crew at Redwood Harley-Davidson for helping us to keep our bikes going so we can have fun and ride. It truly is a group effort.

See you on the road!
Dan



October 2009



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From The Dealership



Winter Hours: Just a reminder that we're back to our winter hours, open Tues – Sat, 9 am – 6 pm, closed Sunday and Monday.

Thanks! Thanks to all the HOG members who helped out with our Fall Open House. We sure appreciated your help with hot dogs, demo rides, and general festivities. You guys were great.

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Hail (or Hell) Ride in CO by Liz Casey

Yes, you read that title correctly. As many of you know, my hubby Craig and I recently relocated to CO to be closer to family. You also know that my husband does not yet have a bike. And, some of you know that he is trying to figure out if he wants one. I know, it's weird. God love him, but I think it's a "no-brainer". How can you *not know* if you want a Harley?! Sigh.

Anyway, Craig, believe it or not, rented a BIG, GORGEOUS, burgundy and black, 09, Electra Glide Custom from Mile High Harley-Davidson (his Birthday present to himself), and we planned a short ride (2.5 hours total) from Parker to Colorado Springs.

There we were, so happy. The sun was out, the day was breezy, the air was sweet; it was 72 degrees, and the best part was that there was only a 10% chance of rain predicted for the entire area.

Okay, well, for the record, there is no such thing as being able to predict ANYTHING ABOUT CO WEATHER! We rode south on 83 for an hour or so. I noticed some dark clouds off in the distance near the foothills, but thought nothing of them, because well, again, only a 10% chance of rain was predicted.

But, within a matter of minutes, we got SLAMMED with hail the size of dimes. I'm not kidding. We began riding through the most horrendous, painful, scary, cold, and, did I mention PAINFUL??? hail that I have ever been witness to, let alone intimate with, and I assure you, my friends, we were intimate with it in ways that I wouldn't wish on anyone (no matter how neurotic or annoying they are).

Ya, hail of hate was pouring from the heavens in an Armageddon-ish, "I'm going to kill you" fashion, pelting us everywhere. It was seriously the size of ice cubes for awhile, and not the wimpy ice cubes that suburban housewives float in their happy drinks, but the BIG-ASS ICE CUBES that you buy from the 7-11 for a wild party. It was so, so wrong.

We looked for some escape, like an awning or overpass or underground parking garage, but not being familiar with the area, it was not to be. We finally stopped at a trusty Starbucks (there are like 27 million of them in this state) to warm up and assess the damage. Since I was wearing my summer gear, and that's essentially a robust nylon jacket, I had huge bruises all over my arms. I had worn chaps, too, but the areas not covered by leather were in fact, also covered by big bruises.

We were stuck. We were over an hour south of home and a black cloud the size and girth of Kentucky, with the aforementioned hail of hatefulness, was sitting between us and our safe haven. We couldn't ride west, because well, that's where the tail end of this storm was snaking over the Rockies like an evil demon. We couldn't ride east because the storm was so massive that it consumed that whole side of the state, too. As it was getting late in the day, and we didn't want to be stuck overnight, we had no choice but to ride through it and take it in the chest, arms, knees (well, you get the picture).

So, there we are, our first-ever ride together as a married couple, and it's raining and hailing so hard that we are afraid to put up our face shields because we could lose an eye. Further, I'm thinking: "OMG, he's never going to get a Harley now. Not with this kind of madness. He already complained of the cold in Humboldt. This is it. He'll hate it, and then it will all be over. We'll never have awesome Harley adventures together. We will forever have separate recreational pursuits. This is my sign. It's done."

Well, after riding 30 mph through the madness for another 30 minutes and then 75 mph (the speed limit) for the rest of the trip home, we finally made it after two, long hours. Our gear was soaked. And, we were two, very saturated and very cold, but very relieved bikers.

And, in case you're wondering, Craig actually had fun. He liked riding with me. Except for the hail part, as you can well imagine. We even took another ride the next day before we had to take the rental back. For that ride, we headed to Evergreen and enjoyed delicious, warm weather and curvy roads that all but erased the previous day's stress and icy mayhem. So, yes. My hubby liked it enough to keep renting bikes and hopefully, find the one that fits him the best. And, I now know that I am a lot tougher than I previously thought. I can't wait for our next Harley adventure. Only, hopefully, the next ride will be sans hail. In CO, however, you never know!



State of Jefferson Ride!

Reported by Phylis G.

The Second Annual CNCHOG State of Jefferson Riding Rally, led by GregO, took place on Sept 20.

The ride commenced in Yreka, CA under beautiful, clear, warm, and sunny skies.

13 HOGS completed the ride in Cave Junction, where four additional chapter members took the chapter ride and met us for lunch at Taylor's. Notable at this event was that within the



State of Jefferson, GregO motioned that canine rider Tina S., who has attended countless chapter riding events, become an honorary chapter member. Phylis seconded the motion, all attendees voted "aye," and the motion was approved.

Be Sure to Attend the Oct. & Nov. Meetings!

Make your vote count and participate in the Dutch Auction!

October General Meeting: NOMINATIONS for Primary Officers taking place.

November General Meeting: ELECTIONS and RESULTS, plus our Annual Dutch Auction! The profits from the auction go to our Christmas Party fund.

Message from Our Safety Officer, PaPa Pierre

Hello, Brothers and Sisters,

Wearing protective gear, such as helmets, eye protection, leathers, and boots while riding is very important. These items not only shield you from all manner of debris on the road and the weather, but crashes. Gearing up is a simple way to make your ride safe, fun, and enjoyable.

While the weather in Humboldt County makes it almost mandatory to gear up, when we ride elsewhere, especially where the weather is hot and the laws not as strict, we need to remember that there is very little between us and other objects or the road.

It can be tempting to cut corners and not suit-up when the weather is scorching or you happen to be in a state where there is no helmet law, but trust me, it's not worth it.

I know that I'm one to talk. I have been known to take chances in the past, but the older I get, the more this starts to get into my head and my habits.

Gear up every time, and if, God forbid, something happens, you know that you did your best to protect yourself and set an example for others. We are all in this together.

Ride Safe and Ride Free

Your Safety Officer,

Pa Pa Pierre



September 2009 General Meeting Minutes

California North Coast HOG
General Meeting
September 2, 2009

Primary Officers Present: Dan, Phylis, Cindy
Discretionary Officers Present: Glenn and Nancy, Pierre, Rachelle, Mark G, Judy M-R, Rick C., Judy F.

DIRECTOR Dan welcomed all to our meeting, which commenced at about 7pm:

1. Asst. Director Jeff E. has resigned from his position due to personal conflicts. BOD has discussed and decided that the chapter will finish out the year without an Assistant Director. Dan encourages our membership to consider running for Primary Officer positions - NOMINATIONS will be at our NEXT MEETING! -and get involved with the chapter functions. For more info, talk to any

officer, board member, or Rocky. All members are invited to attend the Primary Officer BOD meetings held once a month at Dan's house. More info: Call Dan.

In regards to this, Mark G. mentioned that he has been a chapter officer for 6 years. He added that though some jobs are easier and harder than others, it is a lot of fun and has been interesting work.

2. New Bikes/Members: Carolyn and George got a Trike, Diana M. got a 1200 Roadster.

3. Birthday Drawing: Congratulations Jim W!

4. Recent Rides: Mark ran the HOG 490 endurance ride, which was actually 512 miles and took 12 hrs and 15 minutes. It was a lot of fun, avoiding about 15 deer, a "whole bunch of squirrels", and one cow. The weather was good, and not too hot for most of the ride. One "oops" happened on Highway 3: Mark reminds all riders

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General Meeting Minutes, Cont.

to watch out on the blind turns over the crests of hills.

Jim and 'Lyn joined up with Pierre's Applegate-Hellgate Run, and had a wonderful adventure.

Judy and a group of her girl friends went to Eagle Lake, Virginia City, Carson City, Reno. A couple of the women had some bike troubles, but "even when the bikes break down, when you're with your friends it doesn't matter!"

Bob and Judy F attended the Washington State HOG Rally, but were having a hard time catching up on the riding rally. I guess that means they were the rally's come from behind "sweep" ?

Phylis (that's me) and Jerry rode to Ontario, Canada to see family and attend the HOG 21st Annual Ontario Provincial Rally in Barrie, ON. (Pierre: that's in Canada, not Vermont) Jerry won the plaque for "Long Distance Rider." It was a great trip and no mishaps.

5. Upcoming Events: Dan mentioned the annual H-D Lighthouse Run in Coos Bay, Oct 2-3.

TREASURER: Cindy told us we have more money. Mercy Air payments have temporarily increased our checkbook balance. The Christmas Party funds are also growing.

CC: Nancy announced that "It's good to be back." She and Glenn went to Sturgis to accept the award in honor of her dad and she brought the beautiful blown-glass piece to show everyone, plus a photo of the other inductees into the Sturgis Hall of Fame.

Second Sunday Ride: Sept. 13 is to the Chart Rm in CC. Eureka riders will meet CC riders in Orick and ride back to CC together.

Second Sunday Ride: Oct. 11 is to Grant's Pass: to a newish restaurant upriver from Hellgate Jet Boat location. Called Taprock.

RH-D: Stephanie asked again for HOG volunteers to help with the Open House Sept 12. There will be demo rides, bbq, and all the usual fun dealer stuff, plus new bikes! RH-D hours will go back to fall/winter schedule starting Labor Day weekend. Closed Sunday-Monday and open 9-6 Tuesday thru Saturday. For all the latest info from Redwood Harley, go see the web site: www.redwoodharley.com

SENIOR ROAD CAPTAIN: Rick C is looking forward to our next Chapter Ride ("The Dog Run") on Sept 5 to Shelter Cove. Please come.

HOGMASTER: Mark needs volunteers who are using dial-up Internet service to help him with a technical issue for the Web site. See Mark or call him. He mentioned the neat "test" that Cecil and Kathy S. submitted and that he has posted online. It's put out by MSF, and it tests your knowledge of road signs and situations. Try it, and then try it again!

SAFETY OFFICER: Pierre reminded us to watch out for our local construction zones: We have some bad ones, filled with treacherous conditions. Safety tips about riding in deep gravel: don't stop, keep moving at a slow steady speed, steer straight ahead, don't make any turns. SEE: See, Evaluate, Execute. (Formerly SIPDE: See, Interpret, Predict, Decide, Execute)

Also, if you see a road hazard don't look at it, look away from it. "Go where you're looking, look where you're going." Pierre thanks members for Safety emails, and stories. "Everyone's mistake is something we can all learn from." Lee got a bright white PIAA Headlight from RH-D. "If you get stuck riding at night, this is \$50 well spent." Charlie also reminded members to watch out for flying objects and related a tale of an unfortunate rider friend and a wild turkey.

ACTIVITIES:

Sept. 5: Chapter Ride: "The Dog Run" in Shelter Cove hosted by members Kathy and Bruce W. at Inn of the Lost Coast.

Sept 12: LOH Ride to the Pantry in Arcata, Breakfast and back to RH-D for the Open House.

Sept 13: Second Sunday Ride: CC Chart Room for lunch.

Sept 19-20: "The State Of Jefferson" Riding Rally with GregO. Yreka,

Bigfoot, and Jefferson Scenic Bi-ways (Rain or Shine Event)
 Sept 20: Chapter Ride to Cave Junction for lunch; meet up with the Jefferson Riders
 Sept 23-27: "Street Vibrations" Reno, NV; several members are going, ask around, if you want to ride with someone

Coming Up:

Oct 3: Chapter Ride: Mendocino/Fort Bragg Loop

Oct 8-11: California State HOG Rally: Roseville

Oct 9-11: "Big Bike Weekend" in Redding, CA

Judy announced that due to personal conflicts, she is resigning as Activities Officer.

LOH: Cindy substituting for Cheri, announced more info about the above mentioned LOH Breakfast Ride on Sept 12.

The October 11 LOH activity is Christmas Shopping in Medford with details at October 7 General Meeting.

Christmas Party Planning Meetings are now starting at Cheri's. Next meeting is Oct 13 at 6.30pm.

There was a spirited LOH discussion and clarifications made.

MERCY AIR MEMBERSHIPS: Members' payments need to be turned in to Cindy by Sept 10. She will submit on Sept 15.

NON-HOG: Socks For Soldiers Chicken Dinner and Live Auction Oct 6 at Cher-Ae Heights. Cindy is selling tickets: \$20 and all HOGS are encouraged to attend. The beautiful LOH quilt will be auctioned that night. "Made by a bunch of biker people," said Cindy.

Rebecca made UBNC and BACA Ride announcements:

Sept 13: UBNC Grandparents Day Poker Run

Sept 19: BACA "Top of the World" Poker Run.

She added that BACA Chapter of Humboldt has more kids than any of the other 8 BACA chapters in the state.

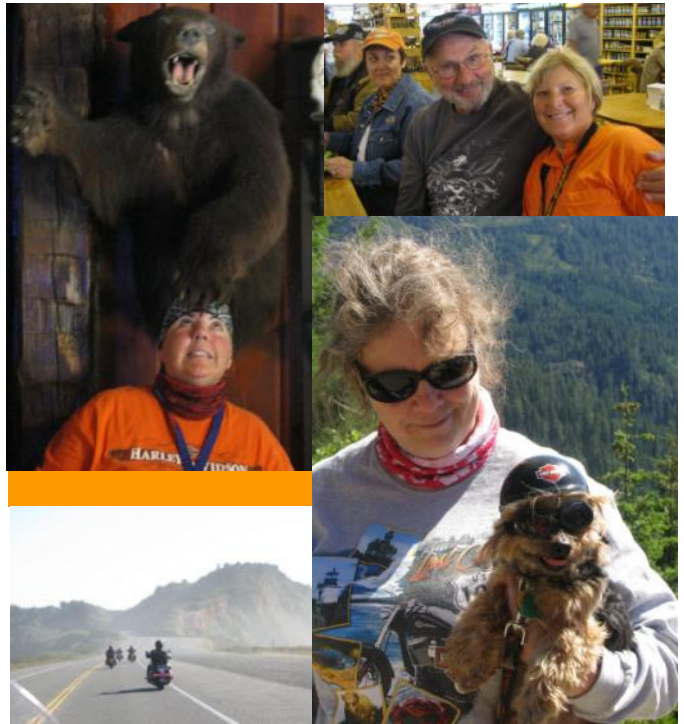
Oct 2-4: North Coast Veterans Stand Down Weekend Humboldt County Fairgrounds

Barry announced that BBTB will present NCBBS with a check from Samoa All-Bikes By The Bay on Friday, Sept 4. \$3500.00

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

by Phylis Geller, Secretary



The Honor Run: What an Honor by Eddie J.

The starting point on September 3 for the Northern California group was the Win River Casino in Redding, CA.

There was an initial group of approx 40 bikes leaving the Casino. Most in that group were escorting us as far as Red Bluff. We had the honor of being escorted by PGR (Patriot Guard Riders), and they are an awesome patriotic group. They were with us when we left Redding, There was a group of PGR that met us in Williams, CA and again rode with us into and out of San Jose, CA.

Yours truly developed a fuel leak problem leaving San Jose, CA. I avoided a new nickname "Flame Thrower" as we finished up the 1st day in Paso Robles, CA. I had a fuel tank spacer malfunction with the right tank vibrating and rubbing on the block. Although I suggested that the other riders go ahead of me and I would catch up, they refused to leave me which I very much appreciated.

On the morning of Sept. 4, my fuel leak took a turn for the worse. Dick at Napa Auto Parts helped me bypass my right tank, and I was now riding a 1995 Heritage Softail with the range of a Sportster. Nothing personal, SPORTIES. The group stopped with me every 65 to 70 miles, making me feel better with comments like "I have a weak bladder anyways". We finished up the 2nd day on the road by going the distance and making it to Biggs Harley Davidson in San Marcos, CA. We picked up our registration package and enjoyed a late-night dinner before sleeping fast to be ready for the festivities on Sept. 5.

We showed up before the rider meeting to listen to Grand Marshall D.B. Sweeney, and Double Amputee Vietnam Veteran Dave Barr. We were fired up for the cause and ready to join 1000 bikes as we were released 75 bikes at a time. Our route from Biggs Harley to the Oakley World

Headquarter took us past Camp Pendleton where we were in awe at over 1000 American Flags that were placed along the highway. The event at The Oakley Headquarters was fantastic as there was a car show, sky diver, belly dancers, live bands, including Gary Sinese and his Lt. Dan Band. All the entertainment and fun that we had paled in comparison to the testimonials from the Soldiers and their families as they spoke from the stage about how this Honor Run and the money it raised has helped them.

I would do this run again, and again, and again for this cause. I also made some lifetime connections with the original Northern CA. Group of Connie, Geoff, Rick, along with Randy and his daughter Britney.

I highly recommend this run for next year, and I look forward to having a large number of riders from our group join me.



What We Ride by Judy Florka

NAME: MARK G.

MARK'S OCCUPATION: BOAT DESIGNER

HIS BIKE IS A 2006 NIGHT TRAIN WITH SCREAMING EAGLE EXHAUST, AIR KIT, AND ALOT OF KURYAKYN ITEMS. MARK SAYS, "ANY RIDE IS A FAVORITE RIDE."

HE STARTED RIDING AT AGE 10, A HONDA TRAIL 90 AND MANY MOTO CROSS BIKES. HE'S HAD A FEW DIFFERENT HONDA AND YAMAHA STREET BIKES. AND, A HARLEY WIDE GLIDE.



More Photos!



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Events Calendar

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Chapter Ride: Mendocino/Fort Bragg Loop. Depart R H-D 10 am; arrive early for info.
4	5	6 Socks for Soldiers Chicken Dinner and Auction —the LOH Quilt will be auctioned at Cher-Ae Heights.	7 General Chapter Meeting, 7 pm, Redwood Acres, Turf Room Eureka, CA.	8 Crescent City Meeting, 7 pm, Pizza King Restaurant.—and— California State HOG Rally: Roseville	9 California State HOG Rally: Roseville—and— Big Bike Weekend, Redding	10 California State HOG Rally: Roseville—and— Big Bike Weekend, Redding
11 LOH X-mas Shopping in Medford —and— CC Second Sunday Ride to Grant's Pass—and Big Bike Weekend	12	13 X-mas Party Planning meeting at Cher's, 6.30pm	14	15	16	17
18 Chapter Ride Yogi Bear Picnic, lead by GregO. Departs RH-D at 10 am. Arrive early for info.	19	20	21	22	23	24 Graveyard Halloween Poker Run; get the details at the Gen. meeting
25	26	27	28 BOD Meeting, 7 pm, Dan's house.	29	30	31



Last but Not Least

Next Meeting, 7:00 pm

November 4, Redwood Acres, Eureka - November 5, Pizza King, Crescent City
Have a November birthday? Come to the meeting to be entered into the birthday drawing!



Ladies of Harley

was designed for the women of the group to get involved with HOG. It's for all Harley women whether we ride our own bikes, like to be chauffeured, or have the best of both worlds!

For details or more info,

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