

NATIONAL NEWS

National Members Redding California, Inc.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WOW - Can't believe 3 years have passed since this all began. I feel like we are still working out all the kinks and just getting started. But when I look back at the road we have traveled, I see we are well on our way.

It is because of the efforts of several key members that this has become such a success. From the beginning there has been a core group that has dedicated their time and energy to making this a well organized, fun and profitable club of HOG enthusiasts that really know what the "ride and have fun" part of HOG means. I don't think there has been one day in the past 3 years that I have said "This isn't fun anymore" There have been several challenges but never anything we could not work out or change to a benefit for the group with a positive outcome.

We started at Angelo's Pizza Parlor with 18 people in attendance. Most came just out of curiosity. They were all dedicated to the cause and are still with us today. It was easy to see after the second meeting that we needed a larger meeting place. So, thanks to Carol Mann, we moved our meetings to Dills Deli and are still here today. Mike and the girls have treated us fantastic and as long as we don't out grow the building, we will probably hang out there for a long time.

At first we didn't have officers. We had our Corporation which was founded by Mike, Calvin and myself. We knew we had an idea but were not sure how well received it would be, and needed to be protected by the corporate umbrella. Next came the organizational body and we had members just ask if they could help - THAT WAS GREAT! Nedra C. just joined right in and said she would manage the membership - that was quite a relief to me. I was already wearing too many hats and that was one I did not want to wear at all! Thank you Nedra for taking the bull by the horns. We had 48 members by April and at the end of the first year we were a

group 89 strong and are still growing today. In the first months we had others ask to help. REAL was formulated - Carol M. was our first leader and set the bar high for the rest to follow. Ride coordinators, Sergeant At Arms, Photographer, Activities Director - they all followed suit. We have not had to hold elections because there has been members just asking what they can do to help and accepting the challenge of what the future holds. Hopefully, there will be someone who will step up to the plate and want to be editor. The newsletter was the last thing I had in mind to complete this entire process. It is nice to document everything we do as a group and be able to share in print all the fun activities we participate in.

Last year we started our first large fundraiser by holding a Bike Show. It was not a "large" fundraiser but was still profitable. We know this year will be much better and it will continue to grow over time. Our Valentines Dinner, St. Patrick's Dinner, campout on Shasta Lake, Halloween Party and Christmas Party are annual events and will continue as long as they are requested. Any new suggestions are always welcome. We have overnight trips, fun day rides, dinner rides and enough activities to keep every member well entertained. And if that isn't enough - you can just go to the website and browse the many, many photos of all the years events.

I want to thank each and every member for their dedication to National Members and your support of this organization. I know the future holds much more fun for all of us and I look forward to the coming new year.

Sincerely, Sharon Smyth, Group Secretary/Webmaster



"But Dear, When I said lets go for a ride, this is not exactly what I was talking about!"

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**FOUNDING CORPORATE
OFFICERS:**

Mike M. - President
Sharon S. - Vice President
Calvin B. - Secretary/Treasurer

Coordinators

President - Mike M.

Vice President - Lee K.

Secretary - Sharon S.

Activities Director - Willie P

**Membership Coordinator -
Colleen K.**

REAL Officer - Bev N.

Photographer - Dennis N.

**Ride Coordinators:
Bruce B.
Tom K.
Don Saewert**

**Sergeant At Arms
Carl L.**

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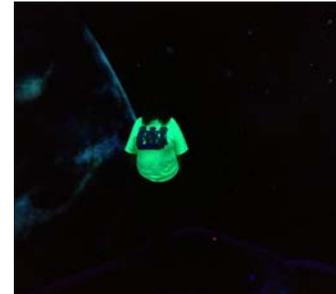
BLACK LIGHT MINI GOLF

Thank you Willie P. for planning this one. If you didn't attend - YOU MISSED OUT!

This was a hoot. There were 8 of us that meet at Jeters Playground in the Downtown Mall. We didn't know what to expect but we were all game. (get it? Game?) Anyway, we divided into 2 groups of 4. Russ, Diane, Willie and Jan were 1 group. They teed off first. Then came John, Gerry, Mike and Sharon. It was on! Who would have the lowest score - who could get a hole in one - who could stand up in the dark and not trip over the stupid ledges

that were there to keep the balls in play - who knew there would be so many obstacles - who was prepared for the challenge?! Well, Mike was - he got the lowest score. (We think he cheated) but he did beat everyone else by 10 strokes. He must have gone down there the day before and practiced.

We laughed so much my sides hurt. Gerry would get 3 on one hole and then 10 on the next. How does that happen? Diane lost her head at one point (picture). We were going to go for ice cream afterwards but Willie got a call and had to leave and the rest of us just



pooped out. Imagine that - Saturday night and we are too tired to go to ice cream. I guess we really needed the senior discount that

we *didn't* get. Well, we could do this one again. Watch for the date and PLAN TO BE THERE!

Dinner at Dry Creek Station

Dinner? - we are eating **again**? Seems like that is what we do best. Only 1 bike on this evening! WOW, Randy and Jody rode all the way from their house by Dry Creek Station to the Texaco to meet the group and the "group" were in cars. It was below 50 degrees and Mike says he does not ride in temperatures lower than his

age so we drove to dinner. Willie & Jan were already there getting us a table when John and Gerry showed up. The rest of us arrived shortly. Diane left Russ home (just kidding). The staff at Dry Creek were brave this time and placed us in the middle of the "normal" people. It didn't take long before the crowd cleared out

and we were sitting in the middle of the room by ourselves. It was good food and better company. Check out where Willie has us going this next month. Should be good

REAL - Ride Eat & Laugh!
We know how to ride & eat
- the laughing is a bonus!

Sunday Lunch Ride

Ten bikes - Twelve people - 60 degree weather - empty tummies - that is the makings of a good Sunday afternoon ride. We all met at the Texaco station and Tom K. took us on a nice country ride through the back roads to Cottonwood. The scenery was beautiful. We saw a pony in full winter coat,

lama's playing in the field, green grass everywhere thanks to the recent rain's and warm sunshine. I know we have taken these roads many, many times before but I still see something new each time we travel in our beautiful country. Lunch at Cottonwood Eatery was the destination. They had to clear

room for all of us but we didn't mind waiting. The food was good (*eating again*) and as usual, the company was better. Some took the long way home and others just hit the highway - chores were waiting. It was a great day to ride and we were all glad for the opportunity. See YOU on the next one!

CHRISTMSA PARTY 2012

“Dills Winter Wonderland” December 15, 2012



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RIDE AND HAVE FUN!

National Members Redding California, Inc. is an organization dedicated to the “Ride and Have Fun” motto set forth by HOG National. We have always tried to keep it “fun” and eventful, hopefully providing good activities and rides that interest all members and encourage participation. Please feel free to comment on any and all events whether it be good or bad. We can not improve if we do not know what to improve on. The organizers of this group welcome help in any way.

Lets keep it FUN for a long time to come!

FUTURE EVENT SCHEDULE - Mark your calenders

VALENTINES DINNER:

February 14 - CR Gibbs

All Rides are Weather Permitting

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER:

March 16

February rides leave at 11:00 am

From I5/Bonnyview Texaco

2ND ANNUAL BIKE SHOW:

May—TBD

Dinner rides - 6:00 pm

CAMPOUT ON SHASTA LAKE:

August 29, 30, 31 & Sept. 1



Let's Ride and Have Fun!

Schedule subject to change
