



GOLD COUNTRY HARLEY RIDERS

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GCHR Membership Dues

\$30.00 Yearly/per person



Safety Messages

Know your abilities and make sure that neither your chosen route nor motorcycle is more than you can handle.

Your bike should fit you; that means that your feet should be able to rest flat on the ground when seated – no tiptoes.

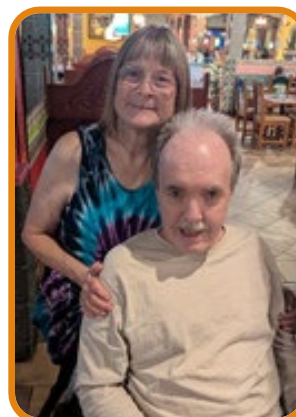
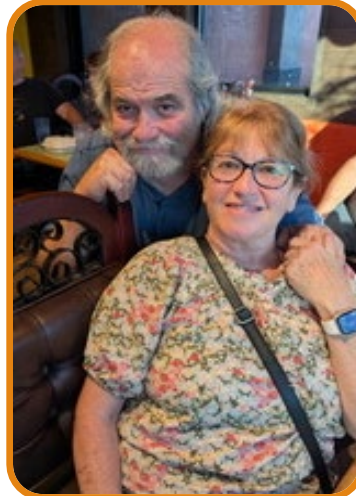
GGCHR Meetings

2nd Wed
of each month
General Meeting
El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant
2100 Grass Valley Hwy
Auburn, CA 95603
Dinner-6 pm /Meeting-7 pm

**GOLD COUNTRY HARLEY RIDERS
WE ARE FAMILY
WE ROCK & RIDE**



July 9, 2025 ~ GCHR General Meeting at El Tapatio, Auburn



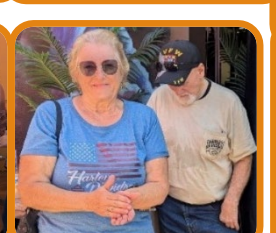
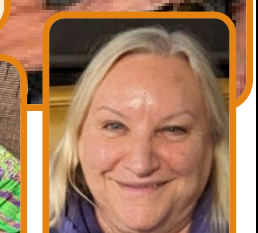
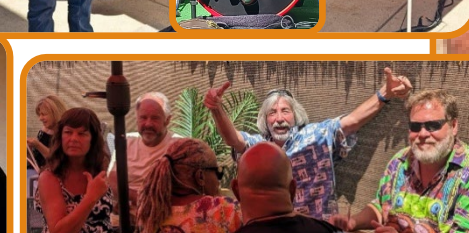
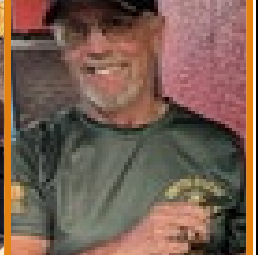
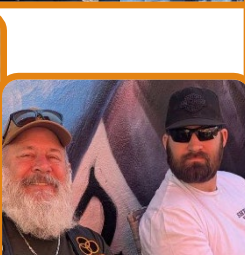
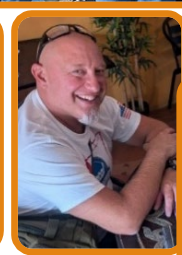
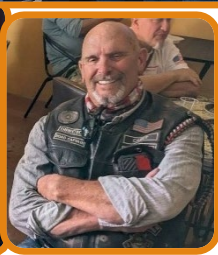
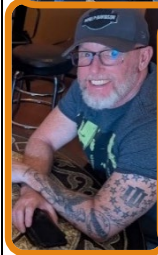
July 12, 2025 ~ "AMAZING - ROUND ABOUT" Captain Marvin's Ride to Sportsman's Hall in Pollock Pines



July 26, 2025 ~ Ride to Howards 70th Birthday Party



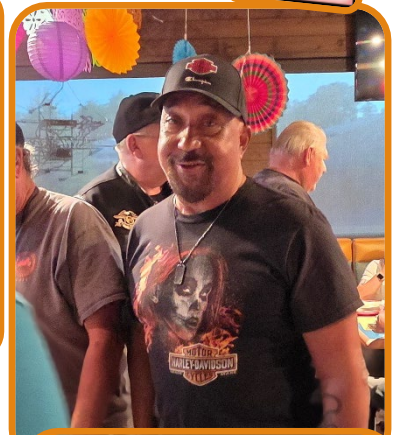
Gold Country Harley Riders had 11 bikes and 13 people! We met up with Sierra Thunder HOG with another 35 + bikes! Great ride and amazing party to honor our very good friend Howard!! Cindy did a great job planning Howard's 70th Birthday celebration!



2025 ~ General Meetings and GCHRs on the road again

August 13, 2025 ~ GCHR General Meeting at El Tapatio, Auburn

Great turn out for the May General Meeting!! Fun time as always!!



August 03, 2025 ~ Captain Howard's Ride - 50s Roadhouse in Knights Ferry



On our ride to the '50s Roadhouse Diner near Oakdale was great, with a lot to see along the way.

August 16, 2025 ~ Marvin's last-minute ride ~ Downieville - Truckee

Great ride and new lunch spot in Truckee at "Burger Me"

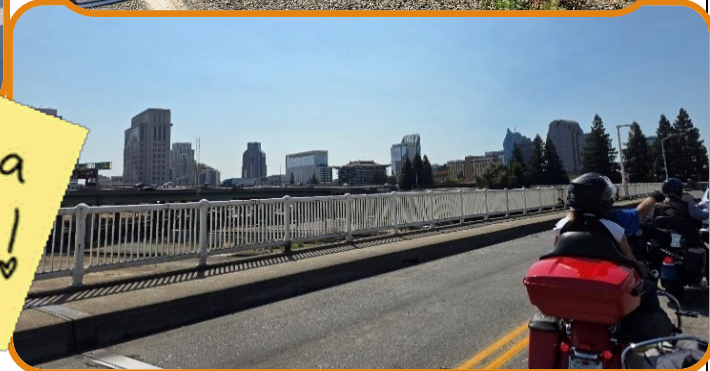


August 30, 2025 ~ Captain Bud's River Run and Cruise BBQ

Rode to river east of Nicholas - Sacramento - Delta - Yacht Ride - Swim -Great Food



Have a
good
day!

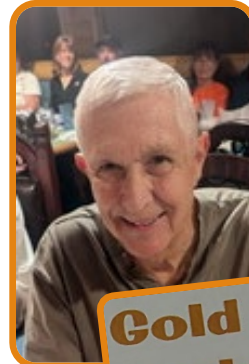
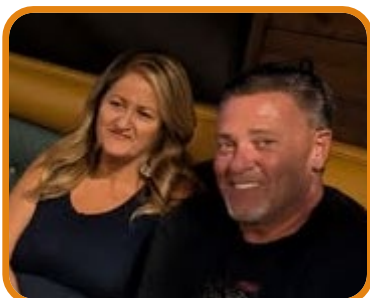
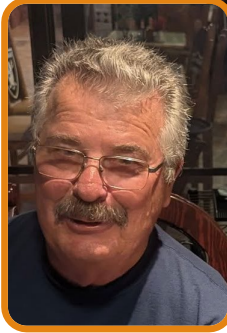
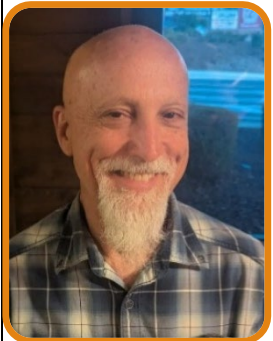
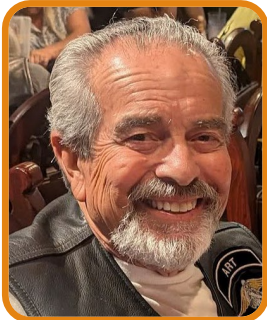


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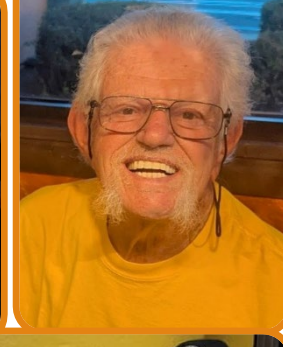
September 10, 2025 ~ GCHR General Meeting at El Tapatio, Auburn



GCHR Meeting. Wow! Great turn out for the September General Meeting! 41 members attended the meeting! Every seat was filled. I love the dedication and enthusiasm of our members!

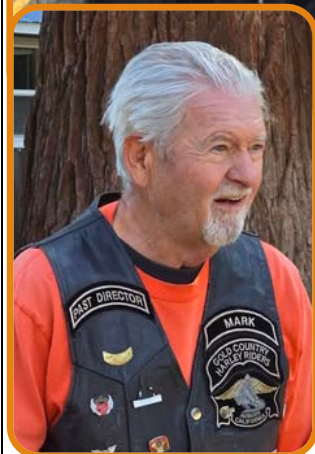


**Gold Country
Harley Riders**



September 13, 2025 ~ 1st Annual Washington Vet Memorial Poker Run

A Good time was had by all who attended.



September 21st, 2025 ~ Georgetown Founders Day



September 2025 ~ GCHR Summer road clean-up crew Thanks Cindy!!!

Cindy, Howard, Marvin, Edna, Jim, Peggy, Denise and Terry. Then a good ride to Chico for lunch. Great weather too.



Special Funds for Charity:

July

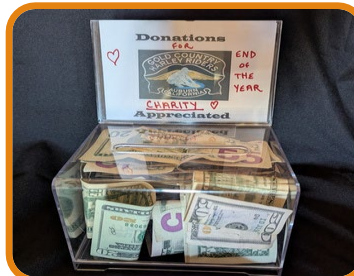
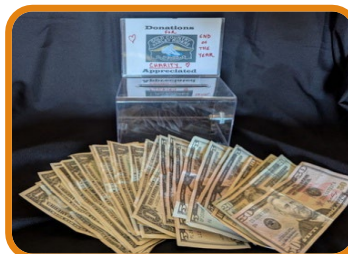
August

September



Thank you for y\our generosity.
Our total Special Fund for Charity
This year at the end of September
\$930.!!!

You are all AMAZING!!
THANK YOU!!!



Congratulations to the Lucky Raffle Winners!

July Raffle



Amy



Cindy



Bruce



Denise



Marvin

August Raffle



Howard



Amy



Dennis



Jim



September Raffle



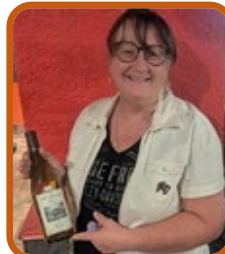
Luis



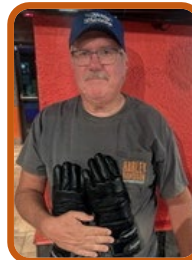
Bob



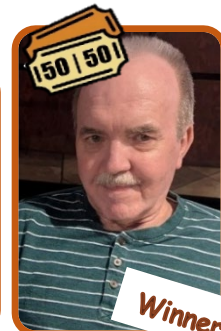
Linda



Mary



Jim



Rick



WELCOME TO OUR
NEW GCHR MEMBER

July



Steve



CONGRATULATION 2025! 3rd QTR. BIRTHDAY WINNERS

July
Lisa



August
Michael



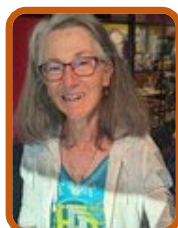
September
Kim



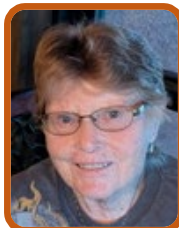
Happy Birthday GCHR

Current months' Birthday Members in Attendance:

JULY



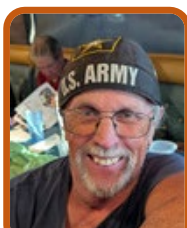
Lisa



Charlotte

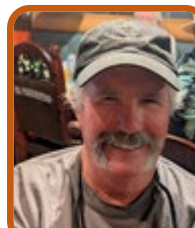


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Howard

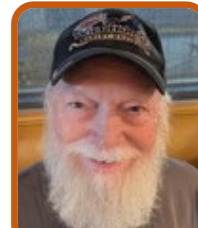
AUGUST



Gary

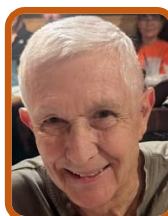


Peter

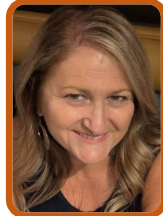


Michael

SEPTEMBER



Ed



Lisa



Mark



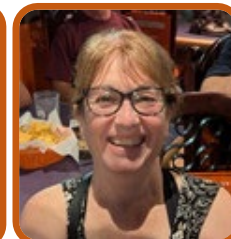
Kim



Peggy



Terry



Denise

Happy Birthday ~Best wishes to the upcoming GCHR 2025 Members Special Day!!!

OCT



NOV



DEC



James Greene

10/9

Carl Johnson

11/12

Bruce Ullom

12/14

Ward Dresser

10/10

Linda Hausman

11/13

Theresa Robertson

12/22

Robert Dehart

10/27

Barbara Kling

12/23

Keith Kertson

10/28





Luis Velazquez

Director

It's that time of the year again. It seems to happen, faster and faster every year. Maybe it's just me.

But we are transitioning from the typical 100° days and warm nights to the fall weather where he can be in the upper 90s during the day, but the temperature quickly drops as the sun goes down.

So when we go riding now, we need to have our layers with us. It could be a very beautiful morning with a little chill in the air. Will you need a sweatshirt maybe. Ride most of the day in a T-shirt like most of us do. But when that evening comes, you better have a leather jacket for sure.

Be prepared for all the different weather that we know we can get in a single day here in Auburn Valley.

Luis



Peggy Ullom

Secretary

Hi GCHR Family,

Fall is here and some nice riding weather. Won't be long before the leaves will be changing color which is a great time to ride.

The Georgetown Founder's Day event turned out well and we had a good group of members come up to help out at our booth as well as check out the festivities. Plus they brought cookies to pass out! Howard brought Cindy's trike (with her permission of course) and we gave some kids a thrill and let them sit carefully on the trike and get their pictures taken.

Our Christmas party is coming up in December and Activities Queen Linda will be selling tickets soon. This is always a great event with lots of good food, friendship and laughter so plan on joining the fun.

Hope to see you at the meetings or on rides.

Peggy



Bruce Ullom

Assistant Director

We had quite a few GCHR Members show up in Georgetown for Founder's Day on Sunday September 21st for our booth and the parade. I want to thank Roy Sunahara and Howard Mordell for displaying their bikes and Gary Kling for leading the ride to the event. I also want to thank those members who brought cookies to pass out!

At the next General Meeting we will be holding nominations for Board Officer positions. It's always a good meeting. Think about running for a Board position. It's fun to go to board meetings and to help steer the club in a good direction.

Days are getting shorter with a sign of cold weather ahead. Time to get out on the bike and enjoy the Fall season.

Let's Ride!

Bruce



Linda Hausman

Activities

JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ridge Bar & Grill

2020 Golf Course Rd

Auburn 95602

Wednesday December 10, 2025

Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30

Entree choices and Cost are pending.

Members and guest reservations and payment can be made Oct. 8th and Nov. 12th at general meetings or call me at 530-210-1171.

Payment can be cash, check, credit card, or Venmo.

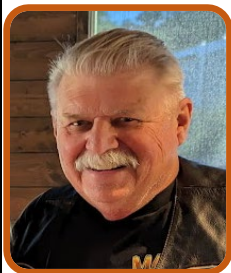
White Elephant Gift Exchange \$25 limit (optional).

Dress is Casual, Semi Formal, Formal(???)

Pictures will be taken by the Christmas

Linda





Dennis Chapman

Past Director

Many of my friends and family ask why I ride with our club. They have all kinds of reasons to ride alone. A lot of them don't ride often. Some of those friends even have really nice garage queens. Oh sometimes I ride alone, and sometimes I ride with those who seldom ride.

Here are the reasons I give for riding with our club. I don't have to ride alone, I have good friends to ride with, and somebody picks where we are going and how we are going to get there. I always have good friends to ride with and eat with and we always end up with a new story to tell.

As many of you know, after 60+ years on two wheels I have moved to a trike. It has not been as easy a transition as I expected, but I have had encouragement from many of my friends here in the club and I am getting there. Had it not been for the friends in this club I might have given up.

As a bonus we get together a couple of times a month to talk a little club business and enjoy our friends.

Lets Ride

Dennis



Cindy LaLowski

HWY 49 Clean Up

The road cleanup we did in September went well and had 8 members show up. It was the first one I was able to participate in, and it was actually very fulfilling.

At one point I looked up and saw a herd of goats, sheep and one calf all looking at me and talking to me. I think they wanted me to feed them!

Cindy



Kim Barnette

Photographer & Raffle Queen

I love the new spark of enthusiasm we have been seeing in this club! Faces and people we haven't seen in a while coming to meetings and attending rides and events. It is a blessing to be a member of a club that seems more like a family than just a bunch of friends getting together doing something we all love, riding motorcycles!

Please remember to take pics when you are on a ride so we can share it on our website. You can post to Facebook and I will take them from there. You can also send them to me via text or email. I will post to the GCHR Facebook page if you don't.

I really enjoy doing the raffle! I am disappointed I'm aging out soon! Let's keep the great raffle prizes coming and keep it fun! If you bring a donation, you will get five free tickets and one ticket for the end of the year drawing for something cool! A big thank you to everyone who has donated!

I really want to thank everyone in the group for the very generous donations to our Special Charity Fund!! So far this year we have raised \$930!!! Woo hoo!! You guys are amazing! I appreciate each and every one of you!

Kim



Note From Luis

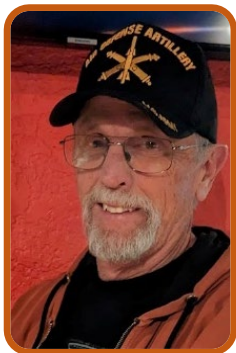


Good afternoon, Harley Riders,

I hope that you all are doing great on a beautiful September afternoon.

I was just sitting in my office at home thinking of our last General meeting . I can't remember the last time I saw so many many happy faces. Lots of big smiles. I saw lots of members greeting each other, hugging each other, laughing and just having a great time. There was so many of us that I have to believe this was the first time (in my 11 years with the Club,) that there was a standing room only at our General meeting. So for that wonderful evening I want to thank each and every one of you for sharing your valuable time and genuine care and love for the club and Club members. I feel very blessed to be able to call each and every one of you, my friend.

Luis Velazquez Director



Howard Mordell

Safety Officer

A few weeks ago, we almost lost one of our veteran Road Captains. He was leading a ride along the Sacramento River. Due to what appeared to be dehydration, he drifted into the oncoming lane, just missing two oncoming cars. I was riding close behind him, and I saw everything. We pulled over and began pouring water into him. Please everyone, carry plenty of water with you, and even wear a cool vest when you can. Keep your water within arm's reach, so you can drink it without having to wait for a rest break.

We're still putting rides on the Ride Calendar, so keep checking it out. There will be a Road Captains meeting at my house on October 1st. I'll be serving homemade tacos from 5pm-6pm. (Sorry you missed the great tacos.) Now is the time to let us know where you want to go on a ride, so feel free to contact myself or any one of the Road Captains and let them know.

Howard



Made for ridin'



Jerry Hufstedler

Sgt at Arms

A great man once said:
Head on a swivel,
Be safe out there
Jerry



Charlette Chapman
Hospitably

Marvin Poulson
Treasurer

Barb Kling
Patches



Cindy Lalowski

Membership

Well now that those HOT summer days are behind us, it's time to get out and enjoy the fall weather. I love when the leaves turn beautiful colors, and you feel like you are in a movie or something like that. I'm going to brag and say that I love my heated gear and my heated grips. It makes the ride so much more comfortable on cold days (well what I consider cold anyway). I'm looking forward to seeing all the fall flowers that will pop soon.

We currently have 64 members and hope to add more like-minded riders who like to get out there and ride. It is the time of year for renewing your membership and we will have forms available at the October meeting, and I will ask Bud to post the form on the website. You can always mail the forms and payment directly to me. It would be nice for the members, who can't ride, to drive and join us at our destinations. We do have some nice lunches and get a chance to catch up and have some laughs. Let us know if you sign up if you will just meet us there.

I'm excited to have only one more ride to lead before becoming a road captain. I think Bob is right there with me with one more to go.

Cindy

Connie Ferrell

Newsletter Editor

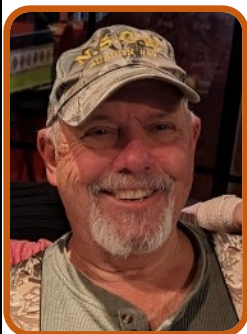


I appreciate the respect of GCHR recognizing the loss of Curt Van Hooser, Director at Sierra Thunder. He was a great leader and an incredible, loving, and kind friend.

As a result of his death many members of our groups are grieving over loss and reminding us of safety awareness while riding.

As suggested, I have included a Curt Tribute Page. You are greatly missed Curt.

Connie



Bud Hausman

Web Master

Tales from the Web

Riding in the fall is probably one of the best rides you can have flowing through long curves with 2 feet of leaves flowing around your bike like water on a stream. Sorry, I am having flashbacks to a ride Linda, and I did in Vermont in October.

The drawbacks are the leaves are like riding on ice and can be very dangerous.

When you ride this fall, be aware of the dangers that lurk beneath the surface.

But now to the present.

Meetup is helping with people being informed of rides but we will continue to use the calendar so people can plan further out.

The website, Calendar and photo Gallery will continue to operate as usual and access to the members area allows you to view all the documentation covering the Clubs Past and Present.

Continued on next column

The website contains all the updated documents and access to past ride pictures if you have a spare couple of months Brouse the past pictures to restore the memory of those rides.

Keep track of the Calendar and join us to make the end of 2025 a year to remember!

Bud Your Web Master



On Sunday, September 21st, Curt Van Hooser was killed by a driver who allegedly pulled from a side street directly into him On Auburn Folsom Road.



A tribute to Curt Van Hooser Director. Sierra Thunder Harley Owners Group.

The Sierra Thunder Hog Group and the broader motorcycle community have lost one of their brightest lights with the passing of Curt, our beloved Director and Road Captain.

Curt was more than a leader, he was a friend, a mentor, and a steady presence whose kindness left an indelible mark on everyone he met. Known for his big smile, warm hugs, and firm handshakes, Curt embodied the true spirit of camaraderie and brotherhood that defines our community.

As Director of Sierra Thunder Hog Group, Curt gave selflessly of his time and energy. He guided rides, organized events, and quietly helped countless people, often without asking for recognition or thanks. He did it all with a humble heart and an unwavering commitment to others.

Those of us who had the privilege of knowing Curt saw not only his passion for motorcycles but also his generosity, his humor, and his unwavering loyalty to his friends. He was a gentle giant in every sense—strong, steady, and always ready to lift others up.

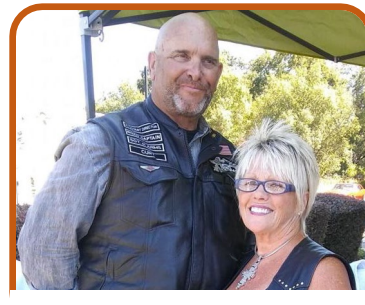
Curt also leaves behind a wonderful wife, the love of his life. Every time he looked at her, you could see the glimmer in his eyes—an unmistakable reflection of how deeply he appreciated and loved her. He also leaves behind a family who will forever cherish his memory and carry his spirit forward.

Curt's absence will be felt deeply, not only in our rides but in the countless moments where his kindness and leadership shaped our journeys. While our hearts are heavy with grief, we take comfort in the memories he left us—memories of laughter, friendship, family, and shared roads.

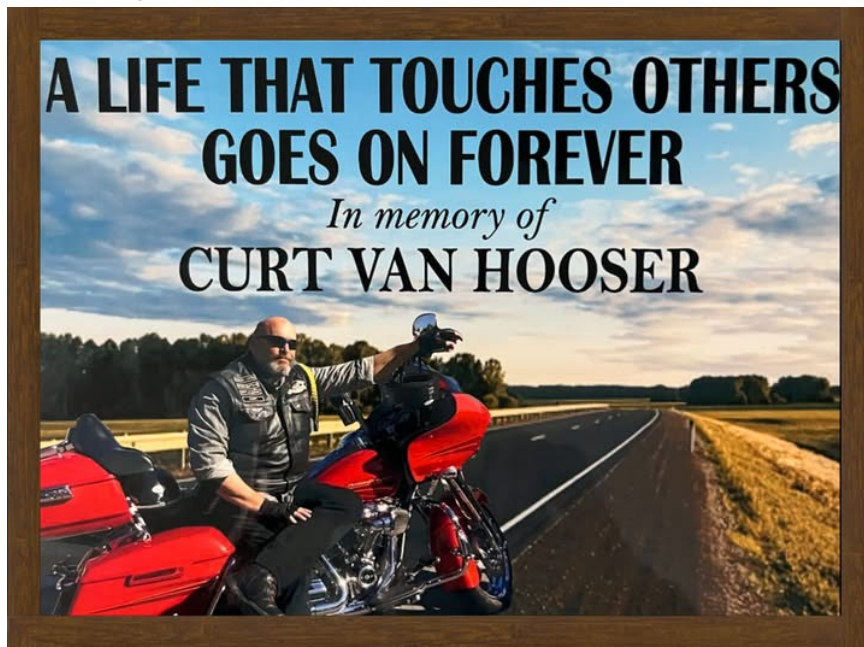
We will miss you tremendously, Curt. Your legacy will ride on with every mile we travel.
Luis Velazquez

I am still in shock over my friend and leader Director of Sierra Thunder – Curt. He was a great man and leader. He knew all the back roads to anywhere and everywhere. He loved patty melts and great BBQ.
Until we meet again on that twisty road. Jerry Hufstedler

By the time you read this, most of you will know about the passing of Curt, Director of the Sierra Thunder HOG Chapter, after being hit by a car while he was out riding his motorcycle. Curt was one great person, and one of the nicest gentlemen that I've ever met. When you see me riding by, listen to the sound. The mufflers on my bike were given to me by Curt. That's just one example of Curt's generosity and kindness, and I'll always remember him for that. Curt is a Veteran of the US Navy, and a member of the Patriot Guard Riders. He asked me to be his PGR and Veterans Liaison Officer. He led by example, and taught me to be a better Road Captain, and a better person.
Ride on my brother, until we ride together again. Howard Mordell



Curt and Wife Cyndee



2025 ~ GENERAL INFORMATION & DATES TO REMEMBER

 <p>GCHR General Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each Month El Tapatio Restraunt 2100 Grass Valley Hwy Auburn, CA 95603 530-823-1026</p>	<p>Board Meetings:  board meeting (Last Wed of each Month. Check Calendar for location.)</p>	 <p>Reminder: ALWAYS CHECK Meet-UP APP & GCHR Calendar at: www.GoldCountryHarleyRiders.com for additional rides, changes and detailed ride information.</p>
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2025 ~ GCHR ELECTED OFFICERS

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2025 ~ GCHR APPOINTED POSITIONS

Hwy 49 Cleanup	Hospitality	Merchandise/ Patches	Photographer	Sergeant at Arms
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2025 ~ GCHR ROAD CAPTAINS



Howard Mordell ~ SAFETY OFFICER ~ Head Road Captain

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