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The President's Message — Relayed

For me the story began on Thursday morning, March 7 when I received a phone call from Barbara Hardmeyer. "Tom," she said. "This is Barb. Richie is going to have an emergency five-way bypass this evening and he said I should call you to explain why he won't be able to write a president's message for the newsletter.

"Wow!" I thought, "The guy's about to have open heart surgery and he's worried about the newsletter? That's some serious dedication!"

For Rich the story began on Tuesday, March 5 when he went in for a routine colonoscopy. At some point during (perhaps after) the procedure the doctor didn't like what he was seeing especially when Rich started complaining that he was feeling a heaviness on his chest. A cardiologist was called in and it was decided that an angioplasty was in order but after further examination on Wednesday, March 6 it became obvious Rich had more blockage than was first thought. An angioplasty wasn't going to solve the problem, what was needed was a bypass operation—and quick.

On Thursday the 7th Rich had the operation. All went well and he was scheduled to come home in about five days but then the train started to come off the tracks. Much to my surprise I received a call from Rich himself on Friday the 15th. "Hey, I thought you were going home yesterday," I said. Rich's rather groggy sounding reply was, "Looks like I'm not going anywhere for a while. I got some kind of infection in my leg where they opened me up to harvest some veins but I want you to tell everybody something for me." What follows is what Rich wants everyone to know. He learned the hard way. You may not have to if you heed his advice. *"If you're finding that you're getting short of breath and don't have the energy you used to don't just chalk it up to old age like I did, take the time to see your doctor for a check up."*

As of today, March 22, Rich remains in the hospital taking heavy doses of antibiotics. Barbara said SHE DOES NOT RECOMMEND VISITS OR PHONE CALLS right now because they tire him out too much. She will keep me posted and if there are any changes I'll let you know via E-mail

TOM GREEN

Our Next Meeting Will Be
SATURDAY, APRIL 6

At Sam's Hof Brau
Watt and El Camino Avenues

Lunch at Noon • Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the General Meeting

February 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by president, Rich Hardmeyer. There were seventeen members in attendance.

Minutes: Rich Kinney made a motion, seconded by Bob Pratt to dispense with the reading of the December 1 minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Marie Moore reported that so far we have ninety-nine paid up members which includes three honorary and twenty associate members. There are still a number of members who have yet to pay their dues for 2013.

Old Business: Reporting on the National Road Run, Rich Ostrander reported that the T-shirt art has been completed. The problem he was having with the lunch stop in Colusa has been taken care of. He is now contacting vendors to solicit door and raffle prizes. He has arranged for a food truck to be at Sunday's "meet and greet" at Sacramento Harley-Davidson. Rich suggested that for the lunches we might use wrist bands rather than tickets, the idea was kicked around but a final decision was put off until the next (or perhaps later) meeting. Rich asked for volunteers to help at the Sunday "meet and greet" as well as two or three people to help with setup and sign up etc. at the hotel. Finally, Rich asked for funds to build a display board which could not only be used at the road run but at Dixon as well. A motion was made (Ostrander/Wiebens) to give Rich up to \$200.00 for material for the display. Motion passed.

On the Dixon meet Chairman, Dave Kafton said so far he has the "Cold Stone lady" and the "hot dog lady" signed up. He then asked if everyone was satisfied with the caterer for the Friday banquet. The consensus was that we were. After a brief discussion as motion was made (Inman/Pratt) not have the band at the banquet. Motion passed. It was also decided that we would have a judging seminar again this year. There might be another seminar on Friday if president, Spagnoli wants to put on another of his town hall meetings. Jim Inman is working on the T-shirts. Jim, by popular demand, is also trying to figure out a design for a ladies version of the shirt. As we are honoring Japanese bikes this year Rich Hardmeyer will try to contact the Japanese motorcycle club to see if we can get them to participate. There was some concern about the Japanese club members not being AMCA members and how we would handle that situation as far as them putting their bikes on display on the south lawn. The final decision was that they could display their bikes in their booth but they would have to be AMCA members to go on the south lawn. They could also hand out brochures and other informational material but could not do any actual vending.

New Business: Marie Moore received a letter from Dennis Craig of the AMCA Foundation asking for a donation to the Old Iron Grant Program. As it turned out, while we have given them money in the past, it was agreed that we would not be making a donation this year.

Bob Pratt mentioned that his son in law, Terry had helped straighten out the computer problems Shari Pratt has been having while trying to maintain the website. To show our appreciation Bob asked permission to give Terry two T-shirts. Permission granted.

Greg Wood reported that there is five-chapter road run coming up in September, right after our National Road run—details up coming.

Marie Moore requested funds (if needed) to work with her tax attorney in filing the club's taxes. A motion was made (Ostrander/Wood) to approve funds as required to get our taxes filed. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

TOM GREEN
Secretary

June isn't that far away and neither is our 13th Annual National Meet at Dixon.

Once again Dave Kafton has volunteered to chair the event but as the meet continues to grow so do the manpower demands and now, more than ever, Dave needs *your* help. If you can donate some time in any of the following areas please let Dave know. It will go a long way in taking some of the pressure off him.



Honoring Japanese Bikes • All Makes and Models

- Field set up on Thursday
- Setting up tables & tents on Thursday
- **Staffing the front gate Friday and/or Saturday**
- Banquet hall set up & decoration Friday
- National Judging Saturday
- **Field Meet Coordinator on Saturday**
- T-shirt sales Friday and/or Saturday
- Tear down & clean up Saturday

THE RED ONES ARE WHERE WE REALLY NEED HELP!

**Contact Dave at: dkafton@clearwire.net
or give him a call at (209) 748-5126 with the good news that you're volunteering.**

COMING UP

April 6 & 7

26th Annual Clubman's All-British Show
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San Jose • Info & Entries: www.bsacocnc.org

May 4

The Quail Motorcycle Gathering
Quail Lodge & Golf Course, Carmel, CA • Info: www.signatureevents.peninsula.com

May 18

Hanford
Kings Country Fairgrounds, Hanford • Website: classiccyclosevents.com

May 19

Motorcycle Awareness Day
Sierra College, Rocklin • See Page 4 for more details

May 26

Ishi Chapter's Swap Meet & Show
Sunday, May 26, 2013, Elk's Chico, CA • See page 4 for more details

June 14 & 15

— DIXON —

July 27

The Sacramento Mile at Cal Expo

September 23-25

Fort Sutter's National Road Run, Sacramento

September 26-28

5 Chapter Road Run Hosted by the Ishi Chapter
Details to Come

Again This Year The Fort Sutter Chapter is Putting on a
Club Display at the 4th Annual
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS DAY
May 19, 2013
and we need some bikes

Where: Sierra College, 5000 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA
Lot "K" enter from Sierra College Blvd.

The event is open to the public at no charge.

Time: Set up 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. • Show, 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
There will be dealers and vendors there plus riding exhibitions
and demo rides. There will also be MSF basic, experienced and
advanced rider courses.

We will definitely have our Fort Sutter booth set up and will be
putting on an informal antique bike show open to AMCA members
only with a people's choice trophy to be awarded.

If you can bring a bike or need more information,
call Bob Pratt at (530) 304-6259 or Shari Pratt (530) 219-1568

This year there will also be a swap meet with free vendor spaces
contact Loretta @ (916) 798-9042 to book a space.

Ishi Chapter's 5th Annual Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet

Sunday, May 26, 2013 • 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Chico Elk's Lodge #423 • 1705 Manzanita Ave. Chico, CA

20' x 20' Swap Spaces are \$35.00

Free ride in bike show with an award for best of show.

No host bar provided by the Elk's Club.

Vendor setup begins at 6:00 a.m.

On display will be "Young Sporty" the 2012 multiple national record holder

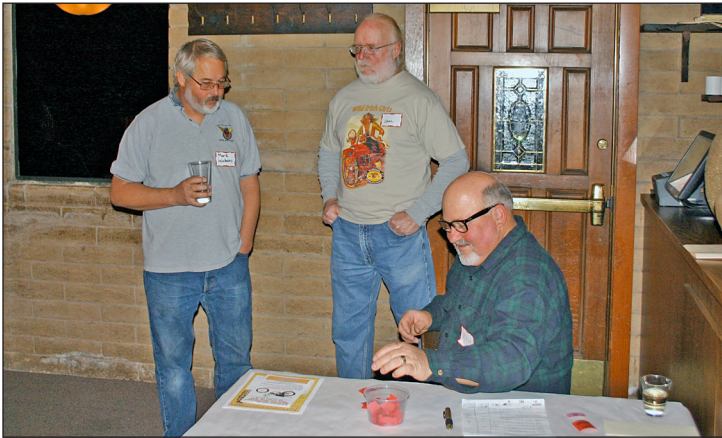
For details contact: Rich Haner (530) 230-3073 or E-mail: kunck39@yahoo.com

***The Ishi Chapter continues to give us their support at
Dixon, now it's time for us to return the favor!***

The Annual Dinner Held February 16th at the Pheasant Club

Even though attendance was lighter than usual due to a number of last minute cancellations it was still proved to be a very enjoyable evening. Chairman, Rich Ostrander did a terrific job organizing the dinner and gathering up a large and varied assortment of raffle prizes.

Remember a few years ago when the dinner was held at the Buggy Whip and we always ended up with the waitress who did a stand up routine with her collection of stale jokes? Well, this year we found her replacement in Greg Wood's three year old grand-daughter, Alyssa Wood. Next year, when she gets a little bigger vocabulary, we should use her as the master of ceremonies. When it was time to start the program, and we were having a little trouble getting the crowd to quite down, Alyssa showed her potential by climbing up on a dinning table, standing up and, with a little prompting, yelled, "ATTENTION" as loudly as she could and darned if it didn't work. She then went right to work drawing raffle tickets and keeping Leonard Miller honest.



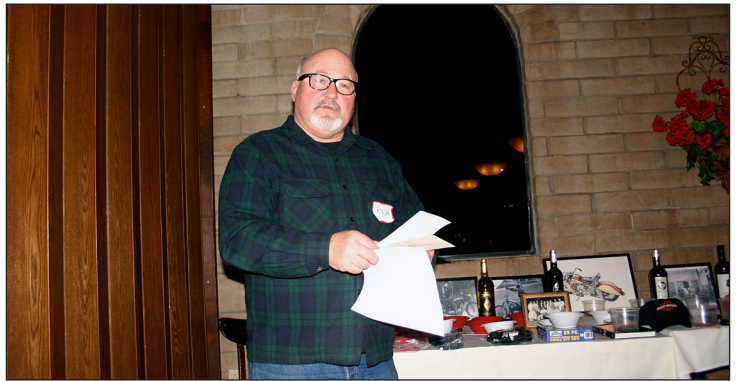
Rich Ostrander sorts out raffle tickets while Mark Wiebens and Carl Grone do. . . Well, what ever it is they're doing.



Rich also came up with a terrific assortment of raffle prizes.



Part of the small but enthusiastic crowd.



Chairman, Rich Ostrander told up about our up coming National Road Run.



After Greg Wood's grand daughter, Alyssa finished promoting raffle ticket sales she helped Leonard Miller by drawing the raffle tickets.



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Have You Paid Your Dues?

(25 of You Haven't)

**Treasurer, Marie Moore Reminds You
That if Your Dues Are Not Paid by the Next
Meeting, April 6th
This Will be Your Last Newsletter.**

**If you are in doubt as to your dues status
contact Marie at (530) 622-6531
or E-mail: jandmmoore@att.net**