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## From the President

The Dixon Swap meet is getting closer and it will be here before you know it. If you are going to show your bike or get a swap space now is time to send your application to Marie Moore, (530-622 6531). For vending pre-registration or general information call Dave Kafton (209-368-7259) or Jack Gormley (916-455-7398). Dave is still looking for workers for the Dixon swap meet, give him a call if you haven't done it yet.

Ed Schenken called me today, he said he has the TV the club purchased and now we need some old motorcycle movies that are on DVD so we can show them at the Dixon meet. If you have any that you would let the club use call Ed and tell him what you have.

This year at the Dixon meet we are going to have a new judging class called, "The Custom Culture Class." This class covers the era of the American style chopper and the European cafe racer. The only eligibility rule is that bikes must have an engine that was sold in a production motorcycle sometime between 1960 and 1975, complying to the AMCA thirty-five year rule for antique designation. The AMCA personal will handle all the work needed to promote this class. You can read more about it in Dave Kafton's letter further on in this issue.

I am getting ready for "The Motorcycle Awareness Day" event. It will be held at the Sierra community College lot K in Rockland Ca. Bob Pratt will put on the motorcycle training classes. As of now Bob Pratt, Ken Heuser, and I are the only members bringing antique motorcycles. We will have a booth there with the club and AMCA banners on display. We will promote the club and hope we can get some new members.

Your President,  
Richard Hardmeyer

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Our Next Meeting Will Be  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 5th**  
At the Plaza Hof Brau  
Corner of Watt & El Camino  
**12:00 NOON FOR LUNCH**  
**MEETING STARTS AT 1:00 P.M.**

# Minutes of the General Meeting

## April 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by president, Rich Hardmeyer, there were twelve members present.

**Minutes:** A motion was made (Hardmeyer/Ostrander) to forego the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and approve them as written. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marie Moore was absent (due to Jim Moore's recent surgery) but gave the following report to Rich Hardmeyer: Our bank balance remains healthy and we now have 118 members.

**Old Business:** Bob Pratt reviewed the May 16 Motorcycle Awareness Day being held at Sierra College. The club will set up a booth there and club members were invited to bring their bikes to display. Security for the event is being provided.

Ed Schenken said that he will purchase the TV set with DVD player in the next few weeks.

Rich Hardmeyer stated that the San Jose show and swap meet was well attended with a good volume of bikes and vendors. The meet had three separate buildings hosting American, Japanese and British brands. Mert Lawill was in attendance showcasing and selling his wares.

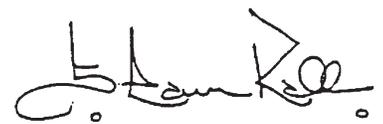
Regarding the Dixon meet Dave Kafton was contacted by Marie Moore who reported sixteen swap spaces having been sold. The police and the fire departments as well as the food vendors have been contacted. Matt Ware contacted Dave and asked the club to provide a space for the experimental "Custom Culture Class". This class objective will be to help increase awareness/interest in antique motorcycles. A discussion began regarding the wording on the class entry form that stated "not necessary to be an AMCA member" to enter. Dave said he would investigate the issue and report back. Dave suggested that one of the meet seminars should focus on judging. Red Fred has volunteered to help with the seminar. A discussion followed to determine how the judging could be streamlined so the results would be available earlier in the meet. The idea was stuck that the judging be started before the field meet begins. A second seminar subject/person is still needed and Ed Schenken suggested that a paint professional might be a good choice. He will pursue the idea and report at the next meeting. Rich Ostrander continues to raise the bar for the judging trophies as he brought in a few samples of his hand-crafted trophies and they are works of art. He also displayed his unique design for the meet T-shirts and it was well received. Total cost to purchase the meet T-shirts is reported by Dave to be \$300.00 less than the previous year. Dave asked that the total amount to be spent on raffle prizes this year be increased to \$350.00 to obtain better quality prizes. A vote was taken and approved. D'Nell Kafton volunteered to source the prizes. Early Comers Dinner: Dave presented the idea of that dinner be catered. The idea was met with positive response and Dave will contact food vendor Back Porch Bar-b-Que and obtain a price quote to feed seventy-five people. A suggestion to help lessen the burden of clean up after the meet and have the local Boy Scout chapter assist us will be investigated by Dave. The problem of kids riding bicycles at the meet will be tackled with a posted sign proclaiming "No Bicycle Riding" and with periodic announcements throughout the day stating the same. It was noted that at last year's meet the nightly showing of motorcycle related films (being shown by Starklite Indian Parts on their inflatable movie screen) was a popular part of the meet. Starklite also offered free popcorn during the movie. Dave asked everyone present if they agreed with the idea that the Fort Sutter Chapter should provide the popcorn. All in attendance approved of the idea. Dave motioned that the club obtain a Welcome banner to be hung at the entrance to the fairgrounds. Ken Hauser seconded and the motion passed.

**New Business:** Rich Hardmeyer stated that numerous car clubs with upcoming swap meet and shows had contacted him and invited our club and its members to attend.

The next club meeting is scheduled for June 5. If Jack Gormley can secure the Hof Brau restaurant the meeting will be held at that location.

The last item brought up was the National Road Run. Rich Hardmeyer reported that two of the three ride courses for it are laid out and the final one will be ironed out in July. Jim Moore, who helped with the first two layouts, is scheduled to assist Rich with the third.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Shawn Ralls  
Acting Secretary

# ***A Swap Meet Update From Dave Kafton***

Hi All,

I put out my Mayday call for help!! Things are progressing relatively well. We are experimenting with a few new little things this year to help keep things interesting.

The national AMCA has chosen two national meets to try an experimental program known as the Custom culture class. We are one of the two! It is designed to allow non AMCA members to show their motorcycles at our event in hopes of signing them up to become AMCA members. The rules are simple, it must be least thirty-five years old and it must be powered by an original factory engine. Hot Bike magazine will be doing all of the advertising, judging, and awards for this event as well as the winner becoming a feature bike in their magazine.

We will have all of our regular schedule of events going on as well as an outdoor movie on Thursday and Friday nights complete with free popcorn and sodas supplied by Starklite Indian and our club! Red Fred and our new national chief judge will be putting on a seminar about all the new judging rules. We'll have our Friday night banquet dinner along with a presentation put on by our club historian, Richard Ostrander about the early West Coast meets, followed by an auction for some cool original Rusy K posters from the 70s-90s and D'Nell's special raffle prizes to boot. So come on down and show your support for your club and enjoy all the efforts that all of us have put into planing this wonderful event.

Oh, and now that you know all that we have planned, we still need some more volunteer's, especially for tending of the gate, set up on Thurs., manning the t-shirt booth and the hardest job of all to fill, clean up on Saturday afternoon! So please give me a call and let me know what you are willing to do for your club. Just a couple of hours is all I ask.

Thanks,

Dave (209)368-7259

## ***A Reminder from Marie Moore***

***If anyone in the chapter wants a vendor space at the meet, now is the time to send in your money to be sure you get a good spot or keep your previous spot. The dealine is June 1.***



***Welcome Aboard to Our Newest Member  
Hank Fisher  
From Danville, CA***

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***...and just to fill up space, a few leftover photos from the annual dinner.***



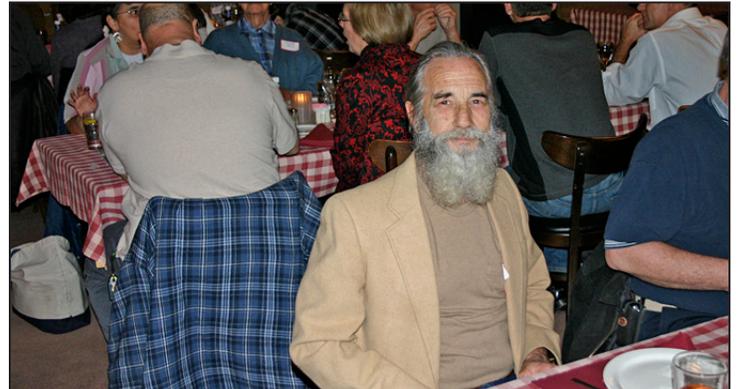
**Jack and Sara looking over their reservation list.**



**Dick Borchert and Shawn Ralls buying raffle tickets from Marie Moore.**



**Rich Ostrander checking out what raffle prizes are left.**



**Greg Wood—the very picture of sartorial splendor.**