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## The President's Message

I want to thank Tom Green for writing my last president's message. I had open heart surgery, and he was kind enough to help me out. My surgery and leg infection are doing very well, but I came up with more trouble. I injured my knee. I was kneeling on the floor, checking some paper work I had laid out and when I tried to get up my knee hurt so badly I could not stand up. I had a MRI and it showed I'd torn the meniscus in my left knee and I know I'll have to have more surgery to correct it.

I was talking to Red Cadwell about this and he asked me if it was my left knee, and I told him it was. He said he had the same problem in his left knee. He made the comment that when we were racing on flat tracks we put the steel shoe on the left foot and the left knee took all the punishment when we hit a hole with our steel shoe. I am not sure this is what caused the problem but it could be an old injury coming back to haunt me.

Remember, Dave Kafton needs help at the Dixon meet. Don't wait until the last day to let him know if you will help. He has to plan where he will need workers.

We are honoring the Japanese motorcycle at the Dixon meet. If you have a Japanese motorcycle and its old enough, bring it out and show it.

Your President  
*Richard Hardmeyer*

Our Next Meeting Will Be  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 1**

At Sam's Hof Brau  
Watt and El Camino Avenues

**Lunch at Noon • Meeting at 1:00 p.m.**

Our Last Meeting Before Dixon

**BE THERE!**

Use Your Monster Truck Announcer  
Voice When Reading That Last Line

# Minutes of the General Meeting

## April 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by vice president, Dave Kafton. There were sixteen members in attendance plus guest, Gordon Mathews of the Ishi Chapter.

**Minutes:** Rich Kinney made a motion, seconded by Matt Meyer to dispense with the reading of the February 2 minutes. Motion passed, the minutes will stand as written

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Marie Moore reported that so far we have 109 paid up members which includes three honorary and twenty associate members but there are still a number of members who have yet to pay their dues for 2013. As of April 1 we have sold twenty swap spaces for Dixon which puts us one ahead of where we were last year at this time. Marie is trying to get people requesting camping spaces to deal directly with the fair grounds so we do not have to show the camping charges as income when, in reality, it is strictly a break even item for us.

**Old Business:** Reporting on the National Road Run, Rich Ostrander reported that he is actively soliciting various vendors for door and raffle prizes, he has food and ice cream trucks lined up for the "meet and greet" on Sunday the 22nd., he is working on a four panel display board (which can also be used at Dixon and the Sacramento Auto Show) and all the lunch stops along the various routes are ready to go. All in all Rich says things are "rolling along" and entry fee checks are starting to come in already. Finally, Rich asked for the club to make a decision on the question of using either tickets or wrist bands for the lunches and banquet. The consensus of opinion was for wrist bands.

**On the Dixon meet:** Chairman, Dave Kafton said he has all the food vendors lined up. After many years, Shawn Ralls has given up running the field meet, Greg Wood volunteered to take over however, it was agreed that, as participation in the event is dwindling, we need to find new games to pump some life back into the field meet. Mark Wiebens volunteered to take over the job of publicity—one of the other jobs Shawn had been handling

D'Nell Kafton has volunteered to take care of the raffle and door prizes for Friday night's banquet. The club agreed to spend up to \$300.00 for the prizes. The "Cold Stone lady" and the "hot dog lady" are signed up and arrangements have been made for the same banquet caterers as last year although after five, perhaps six, years the price of the dinner may be going up. Curb Side Catering will handle the Thursday "early comers" dinner and we will be splitting that cost with the Yurba Buena Chapter however, this year we will be getting back to the basics with just hot dogs and/or hamburgers. Dave suggested that it might be a good idea to supplement the dinner with some sort of desert. A motion was made and seconded (Wiebens/Kinney) to buy a supply of brownies or some other kind of simple desert. Motion passed. After some discussion it was decided to give out one "early comers" dinner ticket per vending space. If a non-vendor wants to buy a dinner he will have to buy directly from Curb Side Catering.

On the subject of technical seminars, we are still up the in air. We know we will be hold a judging seminar on Friday and George Hood may be available for a seminar in the afternoon but that will depend on what national President Richard Spagnoli's plans are. He may want to conduct a "town hall meeting" as he did last year which would not allow enough time for George.

Dave Kafton suggested that we no longer charge the food vendors 10% of their gross for the privilege of vending. It was moved and seconded (Wiebens/Green) to charge the vendors a flat \$50.00 fee. Motion passed.

**New Business:** Bob Pratt announced that Motorcycle Awareness Day will be held at Sierra College on May 19. Again this year Bob is planning of setting up the Fort Sutter booth and would like to get a showing of old bikes from our club.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

TOM GREEN  
Secretary

## Less than four weeks until our 13th Annual National Meet at Dixon

and Dave Kafton needs your help. 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.

- ◆ Field set up—Thursday
- ◆ Staffing the front gate Friday and/or Saturday
- ◆ Banquet hall set up & decoration Friday
- ◆ T-shirt sales Friday and/or Saturday
- ◆ Setting up tables and tents—Thursday
- ◆ Field Meet—Saturday Morning
- ◆ National judging—Saturday
- ◆ Tear down and clean up—Saturday

**Contact Dave at: [dkafton@clearwire.net](mailto:dkafton@clearwire.net) or give him a call at (209) 368-7259 with the good news that you're volunteering.**

## EVAPO-RUST—A Product Recommendation from Rich Ostrander

I am working on my '67 FLH at the moment. After dismounting the tires it was quite evident no one had ever removed the rim strips when they changed out the tires because the condensation had rusted the nipples to the inside of the rims.

I needed to remove the spokes for replating (cad) and didn't want to sand or media blast them and remove metal with the rust. Then I remembered that a friend I had built a bike for recently had left three gallons of some type of rust remover with me and I'd never used it.

Let me say right up front this stuff is the "bee's knee's" to use my grandmother's phrasing. Evapo-Rust is non-toxic, non-corrosive, non-flammable, environmentally safe, biodegradable, emits no fumes, contains no petroleum solvents, acids, or alkalis, eliminates rust effortlessly in minutes, and will not harm steel, iron, copper, brass, aluminum, galvanization, plastic, rubber or vinyl.

Sounds like Superman huh? Well it works. I took a big plastic storage bin, poured in the three gallons, set in the two rims, and rotated them 90 degrees every eight hours or so. Remember those rims were really rusty and are 16" in diameter and it only covered maybe 25% of the rim at any given time. In a couple of days all the rust was gone. I then screwed out the 80 nipples after I warmed them up a bit and sprayed them with WD-40. It's hard to believe I didn't have to cut them out and purchase new nipples and spokes.

You could use this for rusty gas tanks, sheet metal, you name it. Mine was extreme but light rust would be gone much quicker. I poured it back in its containers and can use it again. The wonders of science. Like the ad says, available at O'Reilly's, Pep Boys, Auto Zone and, I believe, Harbor Freight. I rest my case.



## KENNY HEUSER—Up and Around

As I'm sure you will recall, Ken Heuser was involved in a very serious pickup vs. car accident in January of last year. We're now happy to report that, after almost sixteen months of recuperation, Ken is (with the help of a walker) back on his feet.

Actually, he could be living at home but, due to a sort of "Catch 22" situation, he still has to spend his nights at an Eskaton assisted care facility. Because his injury is considered a Workman's Comp case, the government won't let him live at home until his house is made "disabled person friendly" with a ramp to the front door, grip bars in the shower etc. Once that is taken care of (Workman's Comp will pay the bill if you were wondering) the Head Chicken can return to the chicken ranch full time.

Ken says he's looking forward to his usual spot on the front gate at Dixon this year were he can greet all his old friends and, as he says, "I can show them this old guy isn't done yet."

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*Rick Haner of the Ishi Chapter (as well as ours) asked us to run another reminder because they still need more bikes and vendors.*

## **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](mailto:kunck39@yahoo.com)

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