

# Fort Sutter News

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CLUB WEBSITE  
[www.fortsutteramca.org](http://www.fortsutteramca.org)



## From the President

Hello to all, Well, I'm sitting here watching this wet stuff coming from the sky while I write this, I guess it's true, winter is here, which means the holidays, and the end of the year is upon us. We had a wonderful turn out for the International Car Show at Cal Expo, and a great variety of bikes for the public to view. I believe that the people that walked into our room were very impressed, a lot of pictures were taken. Thanks to all of you that participated, whether you brought a bike or bikes, watched the room, or did both. Your time and effort is appreciated, and why I think our club is so great. Good job everyone. The Yerba Buena, *Yosemite Road Run* was a good time, a lot of people attended, and it was great to make new friends and see old friends. We had great rides, and routes, that can sometimes be challenging for bikes and their riders. I finished the first day on my JD with no brakes, so yes, challenging, but nonetheless a good time with cool people and cool bikes. With those successes in mind, we need to keep on our path to hosting a *National Road Run* in the fall of 2017. Like everything we do it will only be possible with a lot of hard work and good planning, but nothing Fort Sutter members can't take care of. I hope to see a lot of you at our next meeting, it's election time, come vote and see your friends, and participate in your clubs path and future. It's the last meeting of the year! Well this years events are winding down like the hours of daylight. But, it's still always great to see our members out and about, at the swap or just out riding - thanks for saying hi. On another note, our friend and voice of Fort Sutter, Tom Green is not feeling up to his usual cranky self. I hope to see him back at the head table sooner rather than later. Thoughts and prayers, Tom. Get well soon. Well I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and see you all soon.

Mark Loewen  
President, Fort Sutter Chapter

Make sure to visit our **NEW** Website:

**Our Next Meeting will be  
Saturday, December 5th**

**At Sam's Hof Brau**

**Watt and El Camino Avenues**

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

## Minutes of the General Meeting October 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by President, Mark Loewen, with 24 members in attendance.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting/picnic were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marie Moore reported that our bank account remains in it's usual good shape.

**Old Business:** Yerba Buena Chapter's Yosemite Run went well with about 130 people attending. Marie also reported so far we have twenty-nine bikes signed up for the Sacramento Auto Show.

**New Business:** The question of the theme for the for the 2016 Dixon meet was brought up. The general consensus was for "**100 Year Old**" or "**Century Bikes**", probably using the wording Pre-16s in there somewhere. We'll have to figure it out by the end of December meeting as that is when the copy for the ad in the national magazine is due.

**Nominations:** Outgoing directors for this term will be Marie Moore, Richard Kinney, Tom Green, and Mark Wiebens. All outgoing directors were nominated to replace themselves. In addition, Gary Kubodera, John Markley, and Stan Randall were nominated to run for office bringing the total nominated to 7. Meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m. **Update:** *Tom Green states due to "health reasons" I will not be running for a board position this year.*

## Minutes of the Closed Board Meeting October 3, 2015

Pertaining to Changes at Dixon

- **We voted to:** Change the pre-registration fee for Dixon 2016 from \$45 to \$50 per vendor space, and registration at the gate to \$60 per vendor space.
- **We voted to:** Have a food vendor there on Thursday for the workers and the vendors. Possibly using them to provide the vendor meal that evening.
- **We voted to:** Continue the \$25 food vendor fee. Possibly having one vendor on the East side of the vendor field.
- **We voted to:** Honor John Schaefer on the 2016 Dixon Meet shirt.
- **We voted:** Continue the 'free to the vendor' dinner on Thursday night. Mark W. will check with Yerba Buena on splitting the cost up to a maximum of \$4 per meal for each chapter. The meal to be no more than a total of \$8.
- **We voted to:** Continue the janitorial service at Dixon 2016. We would ask they clean at 10AM and 4pm both Friday and Saturday.
- **We voted to:** Use the electronic sign on Hwy 180 using the same days and sides of sign used in 2015.
- **We voted to:** Give each vendor one pin regardless of the number of spaces rented, and one meal ticket per space rented.
- **We discussed** the use of the south lawn for vendor overflow and options we might have. Depending on what will be allowed by the fairground we will position the vendors in the best place for them to be seen and have buyers available to them.

*Tom Green  
Secretary*

# THE 2015 SAC **AUTO** SHOW



## *Cal Expo – A Success!*

Once again our display at Cal Expo was well received by the public and the folks who run the International Auto Show. A big "thank you" to all the club members who took the time out of their busy schedules to haul or ride their bikes down for display. We had another good turnout of varied years, makes and models of motorcycles, from museum quality to daily riders. Our chapter members pulled together and volunteered to be at the display from 10 in the morning to into the night for three days. A nice testament to the quality of folks working with us...and we had at least two people there at all times. Even though he was ill, Tom Green sent via daughter-in-law Heidi, more of the information sheets that he was able to do at the last minute. They are about as popular as the motorcycles themselves, as they are full of information folks might otherwise be unaware of. Bottom line...It was a successful show and gave Fort Sutter Chapter another chance to show off some great motorcycles and promote our favorite hobby.

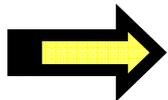
Showing bikes were: Wes Allen (2 bikes), Bill Cruz (3), Dennis Gill (1), Rich Hardmeyer (4), Ken Heuser (1), Bill Hill (2), Rich Kinney (1), Andy Kleber (1), Gary Kubodera (1), Mark Loewen (1), Martin Lund (2), Galen McGee (2), Tim McLaughlin (1), Jim Moore (3), Tom Pettibone (1), Mark Wiebens (1), Greg Wood (2).

Helping out by staffing the Fort Sutter booth were: Bill Cruz, Dennis Gill, Rich Hardmeyer, Ken and Joyce Heuser, Rich Kinney, Tracey and Andy Kleber, Mark and Julie Loewen, Jim and Marie Moore, Eric and Rosalind Olson, Rich Ostrander, Tom Pettibone, Ed Schenken, Mark Wiebens, and Greg Wood.

# 2014 SAC **AUTO** SHOW Photos

(Our photographer was unable to take photos this year)

Bill Cruz, Karie Schenken, and Rich Hardmeyer at the booth.



Thanks to all Fort Sutter members who worked the booth!



Rich Hardmeyer's 1928 Douglas Speedway Racer and 1916 Ariel.



Jim Schenken's 1946 and Ed Schenken's '47 Knuckleheads along with Galen McGhee's 1948 Flathead



Martin Lund's 1948 Ariel Red Hunter.

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Mark Wieben's '27 JD and Mark Loewen's '25 JD Cannonball Bikes.

Special “Highlight” below from the SACAUTOSHOW Website!

### Antique Motorcycle Club

#### Fort Sutter Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America.

**While most motor vehicles at the Sacramento International Auto Show will be of the four-wheeled variety, there will some stylish two-wheelers on display courtesy of the Fort Sutter Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America.**

Among the 30 bikes in their display (all pre-1978 models) are some British, German and Japanese makes as well as a good variety of American motorcycles including Harley Davidson and Indian. The ages of these machines range from 1911 through 1972.

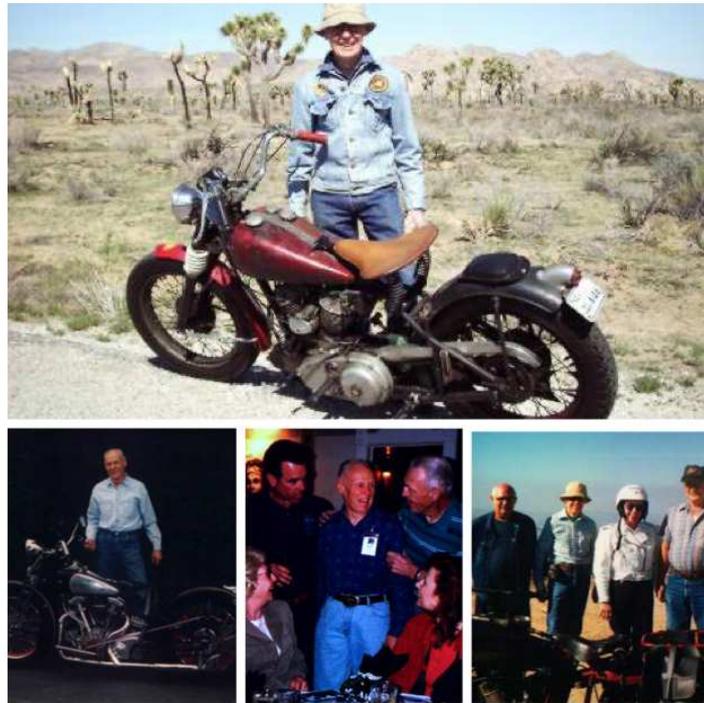
Sure to draw attention will be three Harley Davidson Knuckleheads, notable for being Harley's first successful overhead valve V-twin engine and given the name by riders who thought the engine looked like fists with two knuckles sticking out.

You can find all of this rolling history and more in the Antique Motorcycle display located in Expo Center.



*Wishing you and your family a enjoyable  
Thanksgiving and Holiday Season!*

## In Memoriam - Charles "Chuck" Vernon



SoCal AMCA is saddened by the loss of one of our founding fathers. On October 6, 2015, Charles "Chuck" Vernon died at home at the age of 95. Chuck just plain ole used his physical body up. His son Tom Vernon shared with us that he had been sleeping the majority of the time the past few months, and did so when his son took him out for a car ride two days before his passing. Respecting Chuck's wishes, the family had a quiet graveside ceremony.

*Message from Tom: "My father passed away yesterday after a significant decline in his health this year. I know that he was loved and respected by many of the members of our Club and the larger motorcycle community. Please pass along the family's appreciation of the kind sentiment we have received."*

Chuck Vernon was a founding father of the SoCal Chapter of the AMCA, which was started in 1963 and became the seventh chapter to receive a charter in 1972. Chuck was the president numerous times along with Max Bubeck, Gary Breylinger, John Eagles and many other motorcycle leaders. Chuck was responsible for the annual La Mirada Swap Meet and Show, which later became the El Camino Swap Meet. The El Camino Swap Meet was the example used by past AMCA President Bob McClean to start the Chief Blackhawk Chapter's Davenport Swap Meet in Iowa, the concept for the National swap meets. Chuck's knowledge base on motorcycles was immense and yet just a small part of his vast ability and knowledge base. Go to this [Cycle World](#) article from 2010, which best describes his passion for education and information on his passion for Crockers and motorcycles.

Chuck was an icon in the antique motorcycle world. He will be missed by all. God Speed Chuck. We know you are united with your loving wife in the best place of all.

Tim Graber

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### **Have you seen our NEW Website?**

Now that we have your attention we want to point out that, with the help of Jim Schenken, our new, improved website is up and running but it has caused a bit of confusion as the web address was slightly changed. Originally it was: [www.amcafortsutter.org](http://www.amcafortsutter.org) but when we updated the site the address was reversed to: **[www.fortsutteramca.org](http://www.fortsutteramca.org)**



Try it out, you'll like the new look.