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## From the President

The National Road Run at Lake Tahoe was a success. We had about sixty-one riders and about seventy-one people at the dinner.

We stayed at the Biltmore Lodge and Casino on the North Shore, State Line. They let us use the entire rear parking lot which is usually reserved for the buses so we had plenty of parking space. The representative from the Biltmore, Tyler Gaffanty, did a great job, if we had a problem he corrected it as soon as possible. We had three great days of riding. First day we went to the town of Graeagle just above Sierraville—a 124 mile ride. On the second day we went around the lake, stopped at Squaw Valley and had lunch at Truckee—ninety-two miles. The third day we went to Virginia City then to Carson City and back to the Biltmore— another eighty-two miles. The first day the chase truck was busy. Richard Kinney had to bring three bikes back on the trailer. The second day only one and the third day, none. Two of the days we had to wait at road construction sites. The wait was about fifteen to thirty minutes, but the rest of the ride made it all enjoyable. We had about eight different AMCA clubs attending at the meet which was a very good turn out.

I want to thank all the members who helped out and especially Richard Kinney, Barbara Hardmeyer, Richard Ostrander, Jim Moore and the one who made sure everything was done, Marie Moore.

On October 16 there will be one-mile flat track race in Stockton. They are going to have an antique motorcycle show at the race. If you are interested in showing your antique bike and want a free ticket to the race, call Stuart Barbara at (209) 925-5184.

At the next meeting, October 6th, we will be nominating officers—the election will be held at the December meeting. The officers whose terms expire this year are: Dave Kafton, Rich Ostrander, and me. . . .

Your President,  
*Richard Hardmeyer*

Our Next Meeting Will Be  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6th**  
At the SMUD Building  
6301 S Street, Sacramento  
**7:00 P.M. SHARP**

# Minutes of the General Meeting

## August 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by president, Rich Hardmeyer, there were fourteen members in attendance and, due to a reservation mix up, a whole bunch of people we didn't even know.

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

**Correspondence:** Rich Hardmeyer read a letter of thanks from Director of Chapters, Del Schumacher congratulating us on another successful Dixon swap meet.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marie Moore reported that we now have 124 members and, after turning a profit in excess of \$3,000.00 on the Dixon meet, a very healthy bank account.

**Old Business:** President Hardmeyer reported that at a board meeting held in July to go over the results of the Dixon meet it was suggested that a portion of club funds be spent adding to and/or improving equipment used at the meet. Equipment to be considered would be: All new signage and new E-Z Up tents with our club name printed on them. Also considered was the purchase of a portable sound system to be used in Denverton Hall but it was found that renting a system would make more sense than spending anywhere from \$600 to \$900 on something we would only use once a year so that idea was dropped. A motion was made (Weibens/Kinney) to approve the purchase of new signage and E-Z Up tents and the renting of an indoor sound system. The motion was passed. Rich Hardmeyer and Jim Moore will look into what sizes of tents we should buy and what the costs will be. Regarding the signs, Jim Moore suggested including one or two large signs we could put somewhere along the freeway just outside of Dixon.

Another suggestion was going back to renting a storage space, preferably in Dixon, for all our equipment. A motion was made (Ostrander/Kinney) to look into renting storage space in Dixon. Motion passed. Rich Hardmeyer (with the help of others) will figure out how large a unit is required and what is available. It was suggested that we contact Nelson Sparks and Mark Milton, who live in the area, to see what storage facilities are available and what the costs will be.

Finally, it was decided that next year we would give out tickets for the complimentary Thursday night barbecue to eliminate (for lack of a better term) the freeloaders. It was also agreed that we would try to get a club member, or members, to take care of putting on the barbecue but if a member(s) can not be found at least thirty days prior to the event the swap meet chairman would be authorized to have the barbecue professionally catered. Mark Weibens (also a member of the Yerba Buena Chapter) mentioned that the Yerba Buena Chapter, in an effort to support the Dixon meet, is considering sponsoring the Thursday barbecue. We would still handle the details but they would pay the expenses. Yerba Buena has yet vote on the issue so we shouldn't start counting our chickens just yet.

Regarding the National Road Run, Rich Hardmeyer and Jim Moore are going up to Lake Tahoe on Wednesday, August 11 to finalize the course and complete all the arrangements with the Biltmore Hotel. Rich Kinney has once again agreed to drive the sweeper truck. Marie Moore made a motion that the club pay for Rich's gas from Sacramento to Tahoe and back to Sacramento as well as giving him a free shirt and Wednesday night dinner. Motion seconded by Mark Weibens and passed unanimously. Jim Moore felt it would be advisable to have a sign on the back of the chase truck advising motorists that there are slow moving motorcycles ahead. Mark Weibens will take care of getting a magnetic sign made.

Marie Moore asked for a decision on the shirt and gift to be given out at the road run. It was decided to go with a gray polo shirt with navy blue trim and a black tote bag. She will also order some AMCA sweat shirts which we can sell and/or use for door prizes during the road run. While on the subject of clothing we decided to reaffirm our position on club hats: The hats are to be sold only to Fort Sutter Chapter members.

**New Business:** Rich Hardmeyer read an invitation from A&S Motorcycles inviting us to participate in their annual open house on September 11. Rich will let them know that, because it comes on the same week as our roan run we will be unable to put on our usual display.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

TOM GREEN  
Secretary

# Marie Moore Reports on the President's Meeting

While our club treasurer, Marie Moore was in Davenport last month attending the National AMCA Meeting with her husband and National Director, Jim she decided that, as long as we had no other delegate representing our chapter at the Club President's Meeting, she might as well attend the gathering and see what she could find out. Obviously she found out quite a bit. Following is her report:

The Chapter President's Meeting was very informative. Some Chapters had more than one representative, while others had none. It was especially helpful to me, as many of the topics discussed were related to the financial reporting of Chapter events and end of year status to the National Treasurer. We were asked to stand, give our name, Chapter represented and what office we held if any.

The National Board has listened to the Chapters regarding the plan to discontinue the "seed money" for Swap Meets (\$400) and Road Runs (\$800). They have decided to give \$500 for each event. They put no strings on this money, but would like to see it used for advertising and promoting the event.

Donations made to a Chapter are **not** tax deductible, only donations to the Foundation fall into that category.

They discussed the importance of making sure participants in our functions are paid up members of the National, as the J.C.Taylor insurance only covers members during these events. There is also a waiver that must be signed by all those participating.

The Board has developed a survey and they would really like to get a big response from the membership. You will find it in the latest edition of the National AMCA magazine, but it is also available on line at the website [www.antiquemotorcycle.org](http://www.antiquemotorcycle.org) Please take a few minutes and give the Board some help with your information and ideas of what direction you would like this great organization to head.

Chapters are not to supply any alcohol for any event. Club funds are not permitted to be spent on any alcoholic beverages.

The AMCA, Inc. Trademark and its use was discussed at length. The main reason we cannot just use it without approval is a legality issue. They have to document each request and approval to use the logo for events in order to keep the registered trademark. Evidently there is some way we can lose the right to use that logo if these records are not kept properly. I now have a form that needs to be filled out and signed by any company we allow to use our logo for shirts, hats etc. This keeps them from using it for other purposes than what we order.

The AMCA National website has been "overhauled" and is more user friendly. It is not an inexpensive item to keep going and the hope is that many of the members will use it often and enjoy up to date information much faster than previously available.

Director, Rick Najera needs Road Run information as soon as the Chapters decide to do one.....up to 2013.

One of the questions asked was how much can and should a chapter have in the bank before it is too much. The National Treasurer said the annual expenses of a Chapter times 2.5 is a good rule of thumb for the amount of funds kept available. That allows for a couple of years of low or negative income without breaking the bank. I think our Chapter is sitting in a good financial position right now. We are investing in some upgrades for supplies used at the Swap Meet which will also improve our image.

Think that pretty much covers the highlights of the meeting, glad I went.

As a side note....this was Jim's last National meeting after 12 years on the Board. His term ends on December 31st.

## ***THE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2010***

**for submitting your AMCA Membership survey 2010. The survey form is in the latest (Fall, 2010) issue of the national magazine but it is a lot easier and quicker to do it online at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/amca](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/amca)**

**As the saying goes, if you don't take the time to vote, don't complain!**

# Fort Sutter Chapter 2010 Lake Tahoe Road Run

Story by Jim Moore

Photos: Todd Dilores and Rich Hardmeyer

Fort Sutter Chapter's Lake Tahoe National Road Run is now history, and will be remembered as a resounding success.

Road Runs in the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains are not new to Fort Sutter Chapter, but for the first time, we headquartered the event at the North shore of the lake. This area is less crowded with tourists and traffic and the results are the businesses are eager to welcome groups with special rates etc. Headquarters was the Tahoe Biltmore Hotel and Casino, which is just across the state line in Crystal Bay, Nevada.

Arrival and registration was Sunday September 12th and by evening we had checked in all sixty-two riders and some twenty guests and passengers. Monday morning's riders meeting was held at 9:30 a.m. by President Rich Hardmeyer, who briefed the riders on such subjects as routing, fuel locations and the day's schedule. I followed with a short safety briefing.



Before leaving the Biltmore, Jim Moore, with bull horn in hand, explains the route and rules.

We hit the road starting at 10 a.m., with the riders forming up in informal small groups to avoid causing our own traffic jams. Monday's ride took us North past Truckee, California and through the small settlement of Sierraville, where everything suddenly came to a halt. It seems that a couple of hours earlier an unknown suspect riding a modern sport bike had shot at a Plumas County Deputy Sheriff and was still at large. Fortunately, the Deputy was unhurt, but all law enforcement agencies in the area were deployed in the subsequent manhunt.

Since I retired from the California Highway Patrol I acted as a contact between the officers and our group. I explained the make up and intentions of our group, and the CHP Officers assured us they would make the other agencies aware of our presence. Needless to say the remainder of the ride, everyone was on high alert.

Lunch was in the thriving metropolis of Graeagle (pronounced Gray Eagle) California population about 300. The local Millworks restaurant had prepared brown bag lunches for everybody and we relaxed in the shade at picnic tables to enjoy our break.

Return was over the 6,700ft Yuba Pass and historic Highway 49 back past Truckee to our headquarters.

We didn't hear whether the shooting suspect was ever captured, but we hope justice will be served.

The Tuesday ride was a circuit of the lake, with a side trip to the town of Truckee. This historic



The ride came to an abrupt halt when the Highway Patrol put up a road block just outside Sierraville.

town grew up as a railroad center when the transcontinental railroad was completed in 1869. There are a number of historical attractions here; including the winter campsite of the star crossed Donner Party. You will remember that this group wagon train was trapped at the eastern base of the mountains



While waiting for the Highway Patrol to clear them, Greg Wood passed the time whittling a toy for his grandchild.



A relaxing lunch break at Graeagle.

by a huge blizzard and were forced to resort to cannibalism before they were finally rescued.

We had reserved a parking lot for our group through the city parking authority. We were pleased to find out that the Truckee Downtown Merchants picked up the bulk of the fee as a gesture of good will. I think it was also a good investment for them, since our hungry group made good use of the several restaurants and specialty shops available.

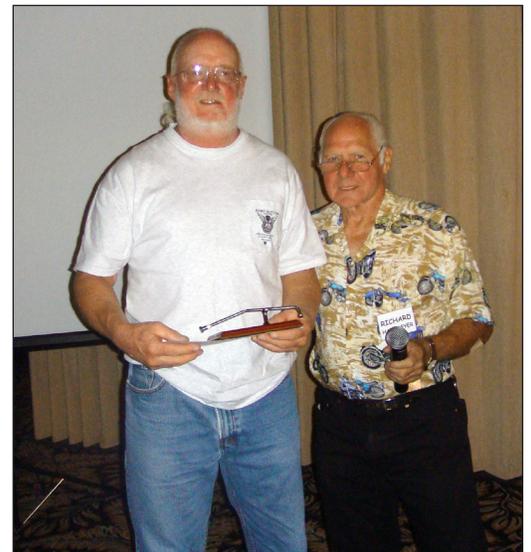
Wednesday's ride was the ever popular run over Mount Rose Highway, elevation (8,900 ft) across Carson Valley and up the mountain to historic Virginia City. This thriving community is a must-see for anyone interested in the old west. The Bucket of Blood Saloon is still as busy as ever, and the offices of the newspaper where Mark Twain worked, the Territorial Enterprise, are still open. Tours of the famous Comstock Lode silver mines are conducted daily and an excursion train pulled by a period steam locomotive is busy hauling happy sight seers.

Upon returning to headquarters each day, we all sat around in various "de-briefing" sessions and took stock of the event. Our "trouble truck" driver, Rich Kinney, reported only three breakdowns which required hauling, although there were a number of minor mechanical emergencies which were solved by ingenuity and the location of parts and tools from one rider to another.

The closing banquet was a fun event, with great food and plenty of it. Then following was the awards ceremony and door prize presentations.

By Thursday morning, everybody was on their way back home to Montana, Texas, North Carolina, Arizona and all points of the compass. All feedback was positive, with the majority of the group asking that we hold future Road Run's at this same location. The Biltmore Hotel staff treated us warmly and fairly, making all feel comfortable and welcome.

All in all, I would say all the work was worth it, and after a couple of years to recover, we will probably do it again!!



Carl Grone was the unlucky winner of the "Broken Spoke" award.

*See the next page for the trophy winners.*

## National Road Run Trophy Winners

Broken Spoke — Carl Grone

Mr. Goodwrench — Reed Rothschild

Longest Distance Ridden — Jim and Beth Brehio - Prescott, Arizona

Longest Distance Hauled — Ray Miller - Albemarle, North Carolina

Oldest Rider — Dudley Pollard

Youngest Rider — Craig Taylor

Oldest Motorcycle — Leonard Miller 1926 Harley JD

Coolest Motorcycle — Leonard Miller 1926 Harley JD

Youngest Sidecar Rider — Cheyenne Smalz

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# A Midway Report on the Progress of **KANNONBALL KAFTON**

By the time you receive this the Cannonball Run, a 3,330 mile coast-to-coast challenge for pre-16s which began in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina and ended in Santa Monica, California will be over. As most of you know two local riders entered the event, Vince Martinico and our own Dave Kafton.

Like many others I've been following Vince and Dave's progress on the AMCA website but no pictures of either rider were available. Just when I was about to give up on the idea of running some sort of progress report, Sandee Dawdy, newsletter editor of the Two Rivers Chapter in Iowa sent me a few pictures she took of Dave at the Hot Spring, Arkansas Convention Center while the riders were enjoying the only rest day they had during the entire run. Of course, Dave may not have considered it too restful. According to Sandee he spent the better part of the day at the local Harley shop replacing spokes.

We'll be looking forward to Dave's full account of the trip when he gets back.



While enjoying the air conditioned comfort of the Hot Springs Convention Center, Dave took time to pose for his fans.



Spokes replaced, Dave is ready to begin the next leg of the ride.



Dave with Dieter Eckel part of the husband and wife team of Dieter Eckel and Katrin Boehner from Germany.



Check the expression on Dave's face. What does he see on Katrin's bike that we can't?

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## **Club Merchandise For Sale**

Marie Moore has a number of official AMCA sweatshirts left over from the Tahoe National Road Run. They have a large AMCA logo on the back and a smaller logo on the front left chest. Available in either black or gray, they are \$30.00 each - cheaper than buying them directly from the AMCA as the club is absorbing the tax and shipping costs.

Also available are Fort Sutter Chapter caps (for chapter members only) and T-shirts from the 2010 Dixon Meet.

If you would like to order a sweatshirt, hat, or T-shirt, give Marie a call at (530) 622-6531 to place your order and she will bring your items to the next club meeting.