

# Fort Sutter News

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## From the President

Hello Fort Sutter Members,

Well if you weren't at our picnic / meeting on Aug.13 you really missed out, sure it was a warm day, but there was plenty of shade and great food, thanks to Rich and Barbara and Mr. BBQ Bob, you guys fed us well. A few of us braved the heat and rode our bikes, it would be cool to see more bikes make it out. We had a very productive meeting, and talked about the next Dixon meet. Next years theme will be Euro and British bikes, should be the makings of a good show. Those of you that were there had lots of good ideas and we had good participation, that's great to see.

I'm proud to be the President of the Fort Sutter Chapter. As most of you know I will be participating in the Motorcycle Cannonball endurance race this September, it felt really good to get the backing and support from the club, excuse me, from my friends. Thank You All!

Well next time I write will be post Cannonball and 3400 miles on my sweetheart Excelsior.

I'm hoping to achieve a perfect score, we will see. Follow along on the computer.

See you all soon, thanks again.  
Your President Mark Loewen #69

**Our Next Meeting will be  
Saturday, October 1st**

**At Sam's Hof Brau  
Watt and El Camino Avenues  
Lunch at Noon  
Meeting at 1:00 p.m.**

# Minutes of the General Meeting held during our Annual Summer Picnic Rancho Seco Park August 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by President, Mark Loewen, with 24 members and 4 guests in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful barbecue meal prepared by Barbara Hardmeyer, with Bob Pratt on the barbecues. The picnic was a huge success with a great turnout from our membership. ***A BIG "Thank You" goes out to ALL who helped put together this annual event. If you missed the picnic and meeting make sure to attend next year!***

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

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

## Old Business:

- 1.) During our last meeting Rich Ostrander submitted a list of nominee's for approval for Honorary Member status. This list included names of both living and deceased members who have made, and continue to make, significant contributions to the AMCA, and to the Fort Sutter Chapter. The board has decided to create two separate Honoree lists as follows: Honorary Past Members (deceased) and Honorary Members (living). After reviewing each nominee the board has approved the following as Honorary & Past Members.

### Honorary Past Members

Tom Lund  
Dick Borchert  
Russ Sierck

### Honorary Members

Jerry Cordy  
Red Cadwell  
Rich Hardmeyer  
Jim Moore  
Marie Moore

Note: Currently Tom Green is a Honorary Member approved at a previous meeting.

- 2.) During our last meeting a suggestion was made to offer additional promotional items for sale during the Dixon meet, as well as, other Club events. Rich Ostrander contacted a local supplier and offered three items for review. They included a sport bottle, an event bag and a pennant. After discussion a motion to approve and purchase these new items for club use was offered and approved.
- 3.) Marie Moore brought previous year's shirts available for purchase. If interested, club members will make a donation towards the purchase.
- 4.) Greg Wood stated that our President, Mark Loewen, will soon be leaving to ride the "Cannonball" and that a cash contribution be made by the Fort Sutter Club to help with his expenses. This historic ride of pre-1917 motorcycles is called the Race of the Century. The ride begins in Atlantic City, New Jersey and ends in San Diego, California. 3,400 miles traveling mostly on two lane roads. A motion was made and approved to provide a \$250 cash contribution. Mark was very pleased with the donation and he is looking forward to riding the "Cannonball" from the east coast to the west coast beginning September 10, 2016.



# Summer Barbecue & Club Meeting Rancho Seco Park 8/13/2016



Barbara & Richard Hardmeyer



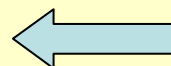
Bob Pratt on the barbecue...



Everyone  
enjoying  
the park  
and their  
meal!



Marie Moore tempting  
Tom Green to a  
delicious dessert!



# **2016 Sacramento International Auto Show**

**October 21, 22, & 23, 2016**

**Friday 10am-9pm • Saturday 10am-8pm • Sunday 10am-6pm**

**VENUE:**

**Cal Expo, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95815**

**The Cal Expo Auto Show is fast approaching. We will have the same space as last year. Looking for Fort Sutter Club Members willing to bring their motorcycles to the show and also help staff our booth during the show. Bikes will go into the show space on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6:00 p.m. Volunteers to the staff the booth are needed Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 to 6:00 p.m. Staff workers and members displaying their motorcycles will be given a free pass to the show compliments of the promoter and a parking pass paid for the Chapter.**

**To sign up a motorcycle or volunteer to help staff our booth, please call or email Jim & Marie with your information.**

**(530) 622-6531**

**From the Sac Auto Show  
Website!**



## **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.





## Born Free 8

June 25-26, 2016

Oak Canyon Ranch  
Southern California

Submitted by  
Rich Ostrander  
Fort Sutter Historian



I've attended four Born Free events and this year's was my favorite. It started in a motorcycle shop's parking lot and has grown to be one of the largest modified motorcycle shows with young and old in attendance. It seemed like the chaos has finally been skillfully managed by Grant Peterson and his partner Mike Davis, and their great staff.

Many great sponsors, vendors, bike builders, and ride in riders make this event one, if not, the best of it's kind.

A lot of invited builders construct early sixties to late seventies custom showbikes. But, the last couple of shows have leaned heavily on the late 20's to late '40's bobjobs, racers, and such as the younger builders learn more of our two-wheeled history. They have matured and moved forward, or in this case, backward as we older builder/racers did back in the sixties.

There was a wall of death sponsored by the H-D factory, a great display of the "Race of Gentleman", and an LA Chapter AMCA swap meet too. If you haven't attended yet, try to attend in 2017. It's all about old motorcycle folks.

*P.S. The Western version of the TROG will be held on Pismo Beach this October, 2016 featuring period cars and motorcycles just as they were raced there back in the 20's - 30's*



Replica of George Smith's (founder of S&S) early 50's drag bike. Dual Riley carbs



# BORN-FREE

POWERED BY  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON

June 25-26, 2016



Cyclemo's built this motor and Matt Walksler won his class with it at the "Race of Gentlemen" just before Dixon on the beach in New Jersey. It runs and sounds truly EVIL!



Another Cyclemo's creation. A 45" flathead that also win it's class at the TROG race. Nasty!



Old Crow Garages nice JDH cut down



A young builder built this JDF riley carbed methenol/nitrol burning H-D hill climb replica.



# BORN-FREE

POWERED BY  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON

**Jeremiah of Love's  
M/C shop in Phoenix,  
Arizona built this 1940  
HD wooden side car  
rig to haul his hill  
climber around. The  
red 1940 was a total  
burnt up pile when he  
started**



**"Bratstyle" M/C shop in  
L.A. built this very cool  
Indian racer. He just  
recently moved his shop  
from his native Japan to  
L.A. If you don't think  
"they" get it you're wrong.  
Just like back in the late 30's  
early 40's**

**Another "Brat Style" creation.  
Just like Bill Tuman and Bobby  
Hill creamed Harley in the early  
'50's before Indian died.**



## The California Automobile Museum is looking for motorcycles to display in our upcoming exhibit!

*Loan period would be approx Sept 20 2016 through Feb 22 2017.*

Below is an outline of the motorcycles we are looking for. We are also interested in motorcycles not explicitly mentioned.

### **1. Historic motorcycles of cultural significance, especially in California.**

o Example ranges would be American motorcycles from 1900-1980, British motorcycles from 1945-1980, Japanese motorcycles from 1960-1980.

### **2. Historic racing bikes from California**

o Looking for variety: board track to drag bikes to road racing, etc

### **3. Scooters and Mopeds that were available for sale in California**

o Examples: Kushman, Vespa, Motobecane, etc

### **4. Unique/Fun Motorcycles that stand out (historic or modern)**

o Examples: Military motorcycle, H-D Servi-Car, custom chopper, CHP bikes, Art Bikes, Pocketbike, superbike, etc.

### **5. Historic objects to be displayed with motorcycles.**

o Examples objects would be helmets, boots, leathers, etc. as well as saddlebags, motorcycle club paraphernalia, related movie posters, etc.

Contact Carly ([cstarr@calautomuseum.org](mailto:cstarr@calautomuseum.org) or 916-442-6802) to learn more about the display.







Antique Motorcycle  
Club of America

### Charter Members of Fort Sutter Chapter AMCA

1. Jack Gormley (Digger)
2. Francis Thompkins (Shorty)
3. William Seadler (Willie)
4. Joseph Sarkees (Joe)
5. Edward Hawtrey (Spider)
6. John Schaefer (Big John)
7. Ross Thompkins (Whitey)
8. Armando Magri
9. Richard Fairclo (Rich)
10. Al Lauer
11. Edward Thaddeus (Ed)
12. Edward Catlett (Bud)

### Honoring our Fort Sutter Charter Members.....

Visit our Fort Sutter Website for more  
history... [www.portsutteramca.org](http://www.portsutteramca.org)

### William Seadler (Willie)

**William Seadler (Willie) was one of the original Fort Sutter members (1932). Restorer of many old motorcycles and cars. Long time owner of a Chevron service station on 16<sup>th</sup> street formerly Hwy 40. He helped with many Chapter events and activities. Bill passed away in 2001.**

**Willie Seadler**

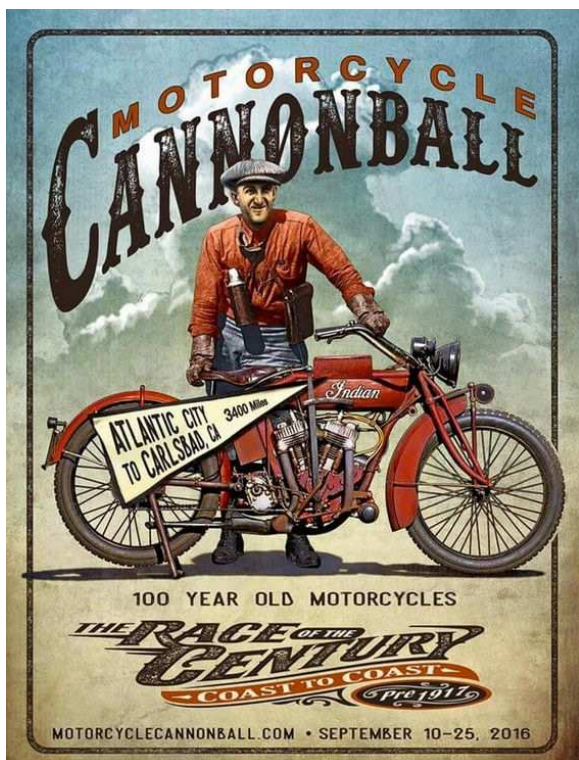
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**FSMC Event**





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## Upcoming Motorcycle Shows & Car Swap Meets 2016

*Browser search for more details*

**August 20 - Saturday, 9am – 1pm**

**A&S Motorcycles BMW Triumph Ducati Vespa, 1125 Orlando Ave,  
Roseville, CA 95661, USA ([map](#))**

**Description:** This years' Vintage Motorcycle show will be just like the last years'... GREAT! *Owners:* Show your 1991 or older 'vintage' motorcycle or scooter AND/OR your 'any year' custom build - to an appreciative crowd of enthusiasts. It's free to show your bike –

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Cruise Fest on Fulton Ave. Sacramento 4;00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
FREE Family event. Food trucks – music - fun**