

Fort Sutter News

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**AMCA Fort Sutter NEW
CLUB WEBSITE**
www.fortsutteramca.org

Well if you weren't at the last meeting you should have been because you would have seen a lot of your friends. I'm happy to say attendance at the last couple of meetings has been outstanding. Everyone showing up makes for a lively meeting, good discussion and brings us together on issues. That keeps the club running so smooth. We had great participation, thanks to all of you that showed up and voiced your thoughts, and we also had about dozen of you ride your motorcycles, awesome.

So, at the last meeting we decided to start contributing to some charities. An amount of \$500 dollars for this first year will contributed. We designated \$250 to go to the Make-a-Wish organization to go along with the clubs support at their May show and fundraiser at Downtown Ford.

I'm calling on all of you to bring a motorcycle to the event to show off our clubs support of their organization. Your participation will help ensure that their event is successful, attract more people to come out and see the bikes and cars, helping them get more donations, and it will be fun. Okay, the weather is getting better every day and we are all starting to get more ridding time, so grab a handful of Dixon flyers and drop them buy the shops and places you like to visit, remember to spread the word, June will be here in no time.

I hope you are all getting a chance to get out and enjoy spring. We will be starting national road run pre rides to check routes and stops soon. Contact me if interested.

Overall, I'm glad to see membership is up and meeting participation is up, things are looking good. I hope to see you all at the next meeting, on your bike of course, and with your ideas.

See you all soon, ride safe.

Your President,
Mark Loewen

**Our Next Meeting will be
Saturday, June 3rd
At Sam's Hof Brau
Watt and El Camino Avenues
Lunch at Noon – Meeting at 1:00 p.m.**

**2017 AMCA Fort Sutter Chapter
National Road Run September 11-13th
Lake Tahoe, CA**

Minutes of the General Meeting April 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by President, Mark Loewen, with 30 members in attendance with 1 guest: Craig Schneider. Tom Whittington has now joined the Fort Sutter Club. Welcome Tom!

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 and currently we have 121 members.

Old Business:

• **Jim Moore** reports the following for the **Dixon Event**. **A.)** The Dixon Fairgrounds announced we are no longer able to charge spectators a parking fee and only vendors can park their vehicles on fairgrounds property. Spectators will be directed to the "free" parking lot across the street from the main entrance. Currently looking for a uniformed person to guide spectator vehicles to the free lot. A large sign will be needed and placed to help direct spectator vehicles to the free lot. **B.)** A Janitorial services company has been **selected**. This service company comes highly recommended and has a good working relationship with the Fairgrounds. Good news is this service company will be on site both Friday and Saturday from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM. **C.)** Food vendors for Dixon will include a coffee/donut vendor, Mexican food vendor, and a Hot dog vendor. Friday's banquet will be catered by Hannibal's Catering from Sacramento. This company comes highly recommended by John Markley who has used this company for many events in the past. Hannibal's will have one employee onsite to set-up and serve, along with complete clean up after the dinner. **D.)** Merchandising for the Dixon event will be handled by Chris Stuart – Thanks in advance Chris! **E.)** The large I80 Electronic sign will again advertise the event. Good news is the cost is only \$100 total. And, the sign rotates with only four advertisers 24/7. **F.)** Rich Ostrander reports the Dixon event will be advertised in various publications including, Motorcycle Classics Magazine, Cruisn' News, as well as other publications. **G.** The event T-shirt will be a "short sleeved only" and color is white with the logo on the reverse side. Note: This event is the Fort Sutter Club's 35th National Motorcycle Show and the 17th National Road Run.

• **Rich Ostrander** reported Fort Sutter has been **invited** to participate in this year's 10th Annual Downtown Ford Classic & Custom Car Show to be held on Saturday - May 20th. Each year this annual car show raises money of which 100% of net proceeds will benefit the Make - A - Wish Foundation of No.CA & No. Nevada. An announcement will be sent to the Fort Sutter membership base to bring their antique motorcycles to this worthwhile event.

New Business

• **Mark Loewen** reports: **A.)** there are 40 reservations so far at the hotel for **The Fort Sutter National Road Run** in September. For those who like to camp out for the event we hear space is limited and please call now to reserve your camping space. **B.)** A ¼ page ad will be placed in the July/August edition of the AMCA National Magazine.

• **Rich Ostrander** reports: The Born-Free Motorcycle event will be held the following week end after (June 24-25) the Fort Sutter National Motorcycle Show and Swap being held on June 16 and 17, 2017. In an effort to help support each other both the **Fort Sutter Club** and **Born-Free** will announce each others event in club newsletters etc. **Click the Born-Free website for more information::** bornfreeshow.com/

• **Rich Ostrander** offered for club consideration and approval that Fort Sutter support with a monetary donation each year to local/national charities. Example: Donate to the Make – A – Wish foundation for the May 20th Downtown Sacramento event (see above) A motion was made and approved to limit not more than \$500 annually. Mark Loewen, President, will be presenting a monetary donation at the May 20th Downtown Ford Classic Car event.

**Fort Sutter Members invited to
showcase your Antique
Motorcycles!
And
Fort Sutter to support the
Make – A – Wish Foundation
with a cash donation at this
event.....**



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This event draws a large crowd and we are honored to be invited - our 1st time.....*And, we will have our motorcycles right in front! A great opportunity to showcase our Antique Motorcycles and help raise money for the Make - A - Wish Foundation.*

The Car show officially open to the public from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 20th.

Rich Ostrander, Club Historian, will be our lead for this event. Please contact Rich on his cell phone: (916) 995-1934 to let him know how many motorcycles you will be bringing. **Hours to place your motorcycle: 6:00 AM - 9:00 AM, however, Rich would like to have your bikes in place no later than 7:30 - 8:00 AM.**

Note: For more event information and history: <http://www.billfell.com/10th-annual-downtown-ford-classic-custom-car-show/>

Event Details:

- Event: 10th Annual Downtown Ford Classic & Custom Car Show**
- Date: Saturday - May 20th**
- Where: Downtown Ford located at 525 North 16th Street, Sacramento, CA**
- Event hours: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**
- Motorcycles should be in place by: 7:30 - 8:00 AM (preferred)**
- Who should I call for questions: Rich Ostrander at (916) 995-1934**

Fort Sutter Newsletter for April, 2017 was held on April 1st...April Fools' Day

April Fools' Day (sometimes called **All Fools' Day**) is celebrated every year on April 1 by playing **practical jokes** and spreading hoaxes. The jokes and their victims are called **April fools**. People playing April Fool jokes expose their prank by shouting **April Fool**. Some newspapers, magazines, and other published media report fake stories, which are usually explained the next day or below the news section in small letters. Although popular since the 19th century, the day is not a public holiday in any country.

Why are we discussing April Fools Day?
Below you will see how we all were fooled.....



Andy Kleber photo posing after winning a raffle prize at our annual dinner on February 11, 2017



At the April 1st, 2017 meeting Andy Kleber came in with New Hair....Since most of us didn't want to ask where did you buy your new rug? We sat in silence quietly asking ourselves ***"There is just something going on"***? Who would be brave enough to ask? Not me...

Well.....April Fool's on all of US >>>



Here is the inspiration for his new hair (rug)

Well done Andy!



Looking in the Mirror

Previous Fort Sutter Club Newsletters

News letters were typed on a typewriter and mailed!

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Ft. Sutter Chapter Display
Towe Auto Museum
By Gary Kubodera


Our display should just be finishing up by the time you read this. We had a total of 19 bikes to look at, a few large photos, our banners and two glass cases filled with memorabilia and local and national history.

It will run until March 29th. If you read this before then, try and check it out. Your chapter card will get you in. The machines range from Wes Allen's 1908 Curtiss to a 1964 Triumph Mt. Cub. Complete list below.

Machines on display:
1908 Curtiss/1911 Marvel-Wes Allen
1914 Yale-Mike Turoid
1929 Model B HD-Dave Patrick
1930 101 Scout-Tom Lund
1930 Matchless Silver Hawk/1940 741 Scout-Rod McKenzie
1937 SportScout-Jim Moore
1937 tiger 70 Triumph/1951 Ariel Sq. 4-Rich Hardmeyer
1941 Military Matchless G3L/Triump Mt. Cub-Gary Kyoko Kubodera
1941 Chief/1949 Arrow-Mark and Vicki Milton
1951 Ariel RedHunter-Jack Gormley
1954 BSA Goldstar Scrambler/1959 Matchless G80CS-Tom Green
1961 BMW R50/S-Shawn Ralls
1962 BTF Ranger HD-Ray Weser

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

**Familiar members names
and motorcycles. Still
motoring today!**



Editor's Bench

Welcome to 1993, members. At the moment it's so soggy I can't even see my garage, let alone spend any time in it. But the stormy days will soon be gone and you'll be wanting to throw a leg over ole Betsy or Beast or whatever you call your pet antique. While it is stormy, though, and assuming you have a workspace which doesn't leak and you're in the mood to work on that old basket that's been gnawing on your conscience, may we offer a bit of inspiration for those dark hours ahead, so that machine will be ready when you are. Included in these pages is a welding primer by the good Doctor Sprocket, and a couple of pages of businesses to suggest where you might find help. Along with the usual stuff, of course.


The American Motorcycle Heritage Foundation has just acquired the entire archives of the Excelsior Motorcycle Company once owned by the Schwinn Bicycle company. Schwinn has filed for bankruptcy and is in liquidation. The fate of the factory building, where the Super X's were made, among other possessions of the company, is still unknown. Another good reason to support the AMHF. (Buy a T-shirt!) Also, some unnamed person is said to have formed a new foundation for the purpose of opening a West Coast Motorcycle Museum. Their intentions are to develop a cooperative program with the American Motorcycle Heritage Museum in Westerville, Ohio. Anyone with more poop on this subject please drop me a note.

Don't forget the Chapter dinner and Bob Kergel's Bean Feed in Feb.

Ric

**2017 vs. 1993 lot's of
rain....sounds
familiar yes?**

**Note: Read above
that The American
Motorcycle Heritage
Foundation
purchasing the entire
archives of the
Excelsior Motorcycle
Company once
owned by the
Schwinn Bicycle
Company.
Bankruptcy?**



Antique Motorcycle Club of America

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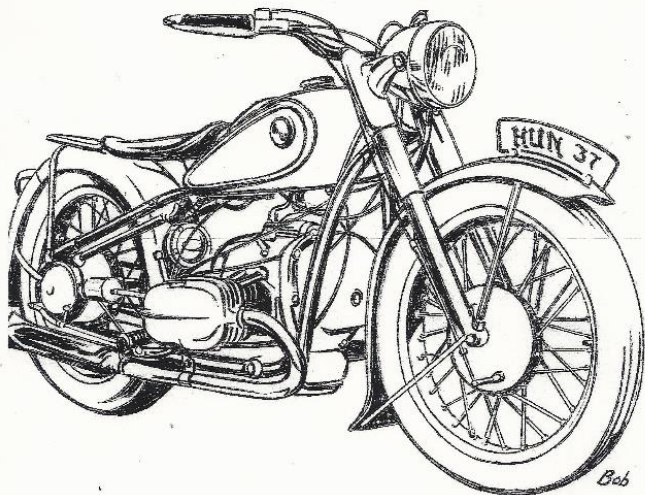
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**Fort Sutter
Members have
contributed so
much to the
success of the
club.....Thanks
for all that you
have done and
will continue to
provide**



NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND SWAP MEET

June 16 and 17, 2017



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday – Gates open for vendors 6:00 pm

Friday - Swap Meet, Vending, Banquet

Saturday - Swap Meet, Vending, National Judging and Awards

FOR NATIONAL JUDGING REGISTRATION CONTACT:

Nancy Davis

1665 Chenango Road

Wakeman, OH 44889

Phone: (419) 577-1664

E-mail: AMCAprereg@gmail.com

Or online: www.antiquemotorcycle.org

JUDGING REGISTRATION DEADLINE

JUNE 2, 2017 - THERE WILL BE A

\$10.00 FEE per motorcycle

You may also Register for National Judging at the Meet until 10:00 a.m., Saturday but there will be a fee of \$20.00 per motorcycle

— CAMPING ON GROUNDS WITH SHOWERS & RV HOOKUP AVAILABLE—

Friday Night Banquet Tickets, Meet T-Shirts, and Pins will be Available on Site.

The Antique Motorcycle Club of America and the host chapter **DO NOT** assume care, custody, or control of vehicles or Property stored within said facility. No one without a valid drivers' license will be allowed to operate a Motorized vehicle on national meet grounds. All AMCA rules apply.

Honoring European Motorcycles

**Dixon Fairgrounds—Dixon, California
25 Miles West of Sacramento
Just South of Interstate 80**

VENDOR INFORMATION

Spaces are 15' x 30'

\$50.00 2 days = Pre-registered before the event

\$60.00 2 days = at the gate (if not pre-registered)

Gates are open for

Vendors at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 15

Vendors are encouraged to pre-register

•All vendors must be AMCA members. Membership may be opened or renewed on site. All commercial vendors must have a resale permit to sell. Bring it with you; this permit must be with you on site.

•Only antique motorcycles and parts 35 years and older and related items are permitted for sale. This is an official AMCA policy and will be strictly enforced.

•No alcoholic beverages or glass containers allowed.

•No open fires are permitted.

•All dogs must be on leash.

FOR VENDING PRE-REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION CALL:

Jim Moore (530) 622-6531 or Mark Wiebens (925) 288-0174

SEND YOUR FEE FOR A RESERVED SPACE TO:

Fort Sutter Chapter, AMCA (Check Payable to Same)

P.O. Box 1994 Elk Grove, CA 95759

Please Include Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope

AREA MOTELS

Super 8, Dixon (707) 678-3399

Motel 6 Dixon (707) 693-0606

Dixon Motel, Dixon (707) 678-3332

Best Western, Dixon (707) 678-1400



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)

Continuing Honoring our Fort Sutter Charter Members.....

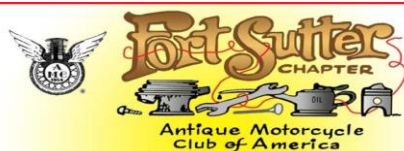
Visit our Fort Sutter Website for more
history...www.fortsutteramca.org

Joseph Sarkees (Joe) 1950 Reno Meet

Joe Sarkees (Joe) was one of the original Fort Sutter members (1932) A Chapter Board of Director appointed to Activities Director in 1985. He helped plan and assisted with many Chapter events. He opened his first motorcycle shop on the corner of 16th (formerly Hwy 40) and C Street in Sacramento. His last shop was on Broadway across the street from our chapter's first Regional Swap meet and Show. He sponsored many expert racers including Shorty Thompkins and Rich Hardmeyer. He passed away in 1987.



2017 AMCA Fort Sutter Chapter National Road Run September 11-13th Lake Tahoe, CA



The West is Calling YOU!

The Fort Sutter Chapter invites riders to join us, to ride the Lake Tahoe and Sierra Nevada region. Three days of riding in one of California's most beautiful areas with scenic routes, fresh air, friends and old iron rolling through the mountains.

Our home base will be The Beach Retreat & Lodge Tahoe. It's a wonderful gathering place, with a great beach and spectacular mountain views. The lodge is motorcycle and pet friendly. It is centrally located to all that South Lake Tahoe has to offer. There is a restaurant and bar on site. Trailer parking will be available.

So, get your bike and gear ready, grab family, friends your dog, a lizard, and head west. Join us for 3 days of riding fun in the Sierra Nevada Mountains – Everyone welcome!

To Register

Please complete the form below and mail payment to Mark Loewen 5247 Norcrest Ave. Carmichael, CA 95608. If you have questions please call (916) 217-2240

You may also register online at the AMCA website: www.antiquemotorcycle.org under the National Meets and Road Run page. You will receive a confirmation after payment is received either by mail, or by email. No refunds for cancellation after August 10, 2017

You must make your own reservation. Use code, FSMC16, (800) 972-8558 ext. 7455 or online: To make room reservations click on the link, or copy & paste to your browser:

<http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1744854&hotelID=97034>

Hotel Information

Beach Retreat & Lodge Tahoe
3411 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Schedule

Sept. 10, Sunday: Sign in start at 2:00 pm, room check in is 4:00 pm

Sept. 11, Monday long ride, w/lunch

Sept. 12, Tuesday: shorter ride, banquet night

Sept. 13: Wednesday: longer ride w/lunch. Go home or stay one more night

Don't wait! Sign up early to guarantee your spot and special room rate of \$99.00 plus fees, taxes.

CUT off for both sign-up, and special room rate (\$99.00) is August 10, 2017.

Rider (print) Name: _____ AMCA No. _____ Date of Birth _____

Passenger (print) Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone: _____ Email _____ AMCA Chapter _____

Motorcycle to be ridden: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Distance Ridden _____ Hauled- _____

Rider Entry Fee: \$135.00 Includes Banquet, 2 lunches, (one each long ride day) gift bag, and T-shirt

Rider T-Shirt (Included): ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ XXXL (Please Mark Size)

Passenger Entry Fee: \$100.00 Includes Banquet ticket, 2 Lunches (one each long ride day), and T-shirt.....\$ _____

Passenger T- Shirt: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ XXXL Please Mark Size) (included in fee)

• **Extra T Shirts: \$20.00 each** ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ XXXL (Please Mark Size).....\$20.00 x _____ \$ _____

• **Extra Banquet Dinner: \$32.00**\$32.00 x _____ \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed.....\$ _____

Make payment to AMCA Fort Sutter

Laws and Rules: All vehicles must be currently registered and insured. California and Nevada are helmet states. Riders must be members of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America.

Members Motorcycles for Sale



1972 Harley Sportster XLCH

**Oil cooler, Mikuni carburetor,
spin-on oil filter, highway pegs,
HD leather**

Saddle Bags. \$5950.00

Owner: Jim Moore

530-622-6531 jandmmoore@att.net



1951 Matchless G-9

500cc Twin with UK

Wasatonian Sprung Sidecar

**UK Club Doc/Matching Frame/Engine
#s**

**Rebuilt engine <200 miles, and Gearbox
\$7500.00/OBO**

**Owner: Gary Kubodera
(208) 755-2011**