

Fort Sutter News

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From the President

Greetings to all,

I hope you all are having a nice summer and are out putting some miles on your vintage machines, I am always looking for an excuse to ride mine.

Thanks to all of you that made it to our last meeting and picnic, the food was good and the company was even better. Good to see you all and some new faces. If you didn't make it to the picnic you missed out. Maybe next year.

Well we had another successful National meet at the Dixon fairgrounds this year and as usual we have our faithful worker bees to thank. Without the devotion of the few fine folks that work so hard and sweat the details to make Dixon the national event that it is and yearly destination for so many. Thank you to all of you that participated in this grand production.

So speaking about putting some miles on the vintage machine, our national road run is less than a month away, I hope you all have made your plans to attend, it's sure to be a good time, old bikes and friends in a beautiful place with great rides. I hope to see you all there.

Our next event that is in the planning stage is the Cal Expo show, sign ups have started, bring a bike or two out to display or just help out.

That's all for now, I hope to see you all in Lake Tahoe for a good time.

Your President,
Mark Loewen

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

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

Our Next Meeting will be
Saturday, October 7th
At Sam's Hof Brau
Watt and El Camino Avenues
Lunch at Noon – Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the General Meeting August 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 12:18 pm by President, Mark Loewen, with 29 members in attendance with 4 guests: Coleen Grone, Debbie Kafton, Rosalind Olson, and Pat Greer. Welcome all new members who attended our annual picnic and meeting! The meeting location was Rancho Seco Recreational Park where each year we provide a picnic lunch to all Fort Sutter Members and have our bi-monthly meeting outdoors. ***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 and currently we have 133 members. Members encouraged to invite others to join the AMCA and the Fort Sutter Chapter.

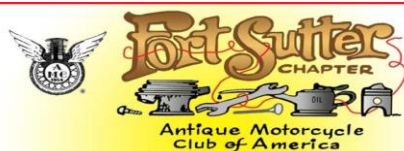
Old Business:

- **Dixon Event**: The annual AMCA National Show & Swap meet was a huge success! There were more vendors and attendees this year. Although it was a warm weekend we still enjoyed a large crowd coming through the gate to view the antique motorcycles. Well done everyone!

New Business

- **The Fort Sutter National Road Run** getting closer. Mark Loewen reports there are 87 riders signed up for this years Road Run in South Lake Tahoe. Ride routes are still being planned and soon to be secured. A ride through Lake Tahoe and the surrounding area is scheduled for September 10 through 13, 2017. Our President and Vice President, are leading this years important event. All Fort Sutter Members are encouraged to attend and join others across the country to ride the Sierra Nevada Mountains. See attached flyer for more details.
- **Tracey Kleber** reports that a location change for our annual Fort Sutter Dinner is being considered Why not try other restaurants? Up for consideration is the Big Bear Diner, and other locations, with enough space to hold our group. If you have a location in mind please contact Tracey Kleber by email: tracey.k@travelstore.com.
- **Cal Expo Auto Show** is scheduled for October 20, 21, and 22 this year. The Fort Sutter Club is invited back again to display our Antique motorcycles. A sign up sheet was distributed during the meeting for those members to again bring their Antique Motorcycles to the show. Also, we need help staffing the booth during the show. If you haven't had an opportunity to be at the show make this year your time to help. What an experience to show to the public our passion for Antique motorcycles. The public comes in looking and asking questions about these fabulous motorcycles. Be there to show and tell! Contact Marie Moore to sign up for both displaying and working a specific time slot during the Auto Show. **Marie can be reached at (530) 622-6531**. More information is attached. Below is the web page for the SacAutoShow in October. http://sacautoshow.com/Special_Features/antique_motorcycles.html

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.

2017 Sacramento International Auto Show

October 20, 21, & 22, 2017 | Cal Expo
Friday 10-9 • Saturday 10-8 • Sunday 10-6



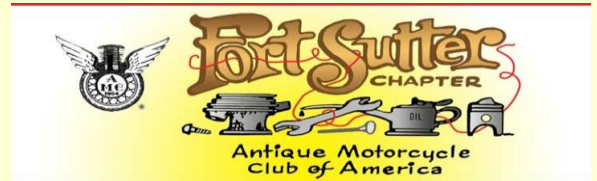
Hello Fort Sutter Chapter Members – October is rolling around soon and we have been invited again - to show our bikes at the Cal Expo Auto Show on October 20, 21 and 22. If you are interested in bringing your bike or bikes down we would love to have your participation. If you are one of those folks who signed up at the picnic on the 12th – we have you covered and will be calling you for more information. If you are not one of those people please call Jim or Marie at 530-622-6531 or send us an email at jandmmoore@att.net .

If you are interested in being on site to keep an eye on the bikes and answer questions about our club on any of the dates above – please call or email us that information also. We have several already signed up from the picnic – but we encourage participation by as many members as are available. Those donating their time will get a parking pass and admission pass for the day they are working. The pass is good for all day – so you can come early or stay later and check out all the other exhibits.

For those putting a bike in the show – they would need to be brought to Cal Expo on Thursday the 19th between noon and 6pm. They need to stay on display until 6pm Sunday. In the past we have averaged about 30 bikes and we get very good feedback from the promoters of the event.

Hope to hear from you soon. Thanks....

Jim and Marie



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.

Summer Barbecue & Club Meeting Rancho Seco Park 8/12/2017



Members enjoying time together



Relaxing after a GREAT Lunch



17th Annual Dixon AMCA
National Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet
From Rich Ostrander, Fort Sutter – Club Historian



This time around the Fort Sutter Chapter honored the many European marques of which a few predate any of our own American products. In the National Judging arena, and the club display area, one could view fine examples of Ariel, Norton, BSA, Triumph, Vincent, Velocette, Matchless, AJS, NSU, BMW, Nimbus, and Moto Guzzi. Of course there were plenty of Indian Chiefs and Scouts, with many more, of the opened fendered 1936 to 1939 models in attendance than the 1940 and above full skirted jobs. I think they are finally getting their due right alongside the 1936 to 1940 models.

There were numerous Harley models on hand as well. From Pre-J models to cone shovelheads. I especially liked the two full restored, and two original paint, plus a bobjob 1940 EL model on display. A hard year to get right with a mix of early and later parts.

Machines that stood out to me were the rare and original AJS V-Twin, the superbly restored KR TT machine (one of only twenty something built), Dave Bettencourt's patinaed 1939 UL bobjob, and Jeff Sierck's newly constructed "big base" scout. A tribute to the one his late father Russ Sierck used to race.

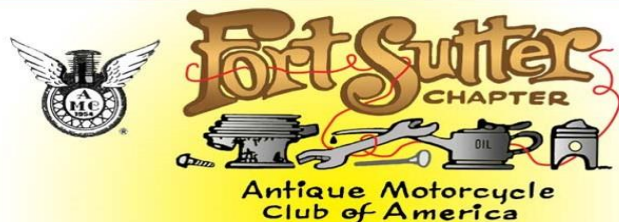
By Thursday evening the vendor spaces were just about filled and some vending was taking place. Friday morning I viewed a sight not often seen these days. Retired H-D dealer Gene Walker from Salem, Oregon brought a pickup load of mostly NOS, orange and black boxed Harley parts to sell. The feeding frenzy that developed was a scene right out of "Jaws". It does the heart good to know they still exist.

The weather reached triple digits on Saturday and that appeared to hold down the usual amount of spectators and displayed machines. It could have also contributed to the early bailing out of more than a few vendors.

The food vendors were doing a brisk business with my favorite being the Mexican food trailer. Great roasted peppers and breakfast burritos.

I spied our National Executive Director, Keith Kizer, our National magazine editor, Bill Wood, National President, Lonnie Campbell, and National Judge, Carl Olsen among the crowd. They were also in attendance at our Friday night banquet.

Well another year was planned, executed, and has gone by the wayside. The meet only seems to last for a flash considering all the work the membership does to make it appear like it just happens automatically.



See More Dixon 2017 Photos >>>>

Special Recognition And Club Awards Fort Sutter 2017 Chapter Meet

Most Unique

Larry Feece.....1947 Vincent H C

Period Modified

1. Eric Olson.....1977 BMW
2. Dave Bettencourt.....1947 Harley Davidson
3. Dennis Magri.....Vindian (Vincent/Indian

Oldest Motorcycle

Wes Allen.....1914 Flying Merkel

Best Accessorized

Mark Loewen.....1965 HD Electra glide

Best American Motorcycle

Michael Raimondo.....1942 Indian Sport Scout

Best British Motorcycle

Don Danmeier.....1938 AJS

Best European Motorcycle

Rich Butler.....1951 Bauer B150

Best Japanese Motorcycle

Peter Rose.....1969 Honda 750 Police

Best Rat Bike

Dave Bettencourt.....1940 Harley Davidson

Best Competition Bike

Jeff Sierck.....1948 Indian Big Base

BEST OF SHOW

Bob Williams.....1940 Harley Davidson EL

Longest Distance Ridden

1. Thomas Gracey.....61 Miles – Independence, CA
2. Michael Miller.....48 Miles – Elk Grove, CA

National judging results will appear in the national magazine later this year.

Wes Allen (Left)
Receiving from Mark Loewen FSMC
President (Right)
Oldest Motorcycle award
1914 Flying Merkel



Bob Williams
Best of Show 2017
1940 Harley Davidson EL

Fort Sutter National Meet – Dixon, 2017



AMCA President Lonnie Campbell during the Chapter President's meeting



National Judging at it's Best!



Honda and Norton together at the Dixon National Meet 2017

Fort Sutter National Meet – Dixon, 2017



AMCA President Lonnie Campbell
addressing the Friday Night Banquet
attendees...We appreciate the AMCA
National Leadership team for attending the
2017 Dixon National Show & Swap Meet!



AMCA President Lonnie Campbell
presenting an award to Red Fred
Johansen, National Judge



(Left) Mark Loewen, FSMC President
and **(Right) Rick Najera, Director**
National Meet Coordinator at the
Friday Night Banquet





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 to Honor our Fort Sutter **Charter** Members.....*

*Text and pictures courtesy of Rich Ostrander
AMCA Fort Sutter Chapter Historian*

John Schaefer (Big John)

John was a member of the LA 45's Motorcycle Club when Paul Bigsby of Crocker Motorcycle and Bigsby wammy bar frame. Master machinist, machine shop owner, and instructor at LA Technical Institute. He built many race motors for some of the Top Expert motorcycle racers. He served more than once as President of our Chapter and helped with many of our numerous activities and events. John passed in 2015.



John Schaefer (left with red shirt while attending the Fort Sutter picnic in 1984)