

Fort Sutter News

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CLUB WEBSITE**
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From the President

Greeting to my fellow antique motorcycle friends.

So we are into the heat of the summer, and smoke, the days are long and hot, now think back to Dixon and our swap meet and show. It really wasn't very hot or miserable at all.

As a matter of fact, we had awesome weather, awesome attendance, and an awesome group of Fort Sutter members that stepped up once again to put on a terrific event.

Thank You to all of you, including all or friends from other chapters. Your participation and willingness to help is what makes this meet such a success and always will be the difference between success or failure.

I am sad to say that after many, many years of dedicated work to put on this event, that Jim and Marie are stepping back from there lead role in this production.

I hope your all with me when I say, Thank You Jim and Marie Moore for all the work you've done for the club, you guys are the best.

Well I hope you all have been out riding, if not remember Tracy has been putting together a fun ride for all to participate in every month. Check the club web page or Facebook page for details.

I'm glad to see so many of you at our meetings, keep up the good work. And if you haven't been to a meeting, come join the family. Nothing to lose, lots of friends to gain. Win win I say.

Time is winding down on our cannonball preparation, the days are all to short now. The bikes are all running, put are together and apart quite frequently right now working out all the bugs.

I want again send out another Thank You to all of you that have contributed to our efforts and goal of completing the cannonball. All of the support from friends and family is the only way this works. Thanks!!

See you all soon, post cannonball.

Your President

Mark Loewen

**Our Next Meeting will be
Saturday, October 6, 2018
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 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by President, Mark Loewen. There were 18 members total in attendance including one guest, Kim-Reed Edwards. There are 127 members in the Fort Sutter Club at this time.

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

Treasurer's Report: Marie Moore reports the overall financial status of the Club is in good order.

Old Business:

- **Club Ride(s):** The Fort Sutter Club rides continued in June and July. Tracy Stahlman, Ride Captain reported both rides were different and very good. The June riders traveled along the Delta to have lunch at Al The Wops restaurant in Locke, CA. The Delta area has and will continue to be a favorite for motorcycles. The July ride was a local ride to attend A & S Motorcycles in Sacramento for their 50th anniversary. To be invited to attend this event and showcase our Antique Motorcycles shows the long term relationship Fort Sutter has with A & S Motorcycles. Additional story and pictures for these events are included with the newsletter. Thanks go out to Tracy Stahlman for his leadership and planning for these monthly rides.
- **Fort Sutter National Show & Swap meet:** 1.) This years event was an overall success with more vendors attending and showcasing their unique and rare motorcycle parts to the crowd. 2.) The Club award entrants exceeded 60+ displaying their motorcycles on the south lawn. 3.) The National Judging area was full of motorcycles and thanks go out to Jim Moore for leading this years judging program. 4.) Special thanks go out to the AMCA National Directors and staff. Their attendance and help shows their commitment to all AMCA Chapters. 5.) Club meet pins and T-Shirts were a sell out for 2018. 6.) Next year the food vendors will be reviewed for possible changes. 7.) Restrictions will be put in place to not have vendors come onto the field before the spaces are identified and numbered on Thursday morning. 8.) The alcohol restriction will continue to be monitored. Special thanks to all volunteers who donate their time for the Dixon National Show & Swap Meet, without you it could not happen.

New Business:

Jim & Marie Moore announced they are beginning to step aside and limit their volunteer activities with Fort Sutter. Over the years they have been an integral part of the Club. A thank you is not enough to show our appreciation for their contributions. Luckily for the club, they will continue to contribute going forward on a much smaller scale. Like me, there are many current members who wouldn't have joined the club if we hadn't met these special people who are now our friends.

Cannonball Run: Mark Loewen, Fort Sutter President, announced he and his son Jeremy will be riding the Cannonball beginning September 7th (3,674 miles) leaving from Portland, ME to Portland, Oregon. Joining Mark L. will be Mark Wiebens, Fort Sutter V.P providing his expertise and help. This year the ride is called "Man vs. Machine" Good luck to all!

August Club Ride: Riders will leave Saturday morning August 18th from Folsom and travel to Placerville, Plymouth, and Hwy 16 to Latrobe and return to Folsom riding approximately 100 miles total. If you haven't attended a club ride now is the time. Club ride details will be sent directly to all members. Contact Tracy Stahlman for questions (cell) 916-479-4972

September Club Ride: A special club ride is planned for September 15, 2018. Riders will travel from Sacramento and visit the Travis Air Force Base Heritage Center. Riders will be able to park their motorcycles under the wings of a B-52 and/or a B-29 and tour the Heritage Center where static displays of aircraft are displayed both inside and outside of the center. An additional special tour on base is planned. Watch for a separate flyer with more details. RSVP is required in advance.

John Markley - Secretary



Dixon 2018 AMCA National Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet *From Rich Ostrander, Fort Sutter – Club Historian*



This year the Fort Sutter chapter honored 70 years of the Panhead model Harley-Davidson. The only H-D to have automobile like metal valve covers. It's long run from 1948 to 1965, 17 years, was the same length as the Shovelhead model that followed it. It's span covered a lot of the major changes in Harley Davison technology.

Hydraulic lifters and front forks (1949), rear hydraulic brakes and rear suspension (1958), 12 volt electrical system and electric starter (1965), The Fairgrounds were peppered with various Panheads sporting these many improvements.

The weather was in the low to mid-eighties with a blustery wind on Friday. Much better than the asphalt melting triple digit temps the previous year.

Friday morning started off with Channel 13's Good Morning Sacramento program's live coverage of the meet with our Chapter President, Mark Loewen, being interviewed. The segment was shown again to the TV audience on Saturday morning.

A record 166 vendors plied their wares on the Fairgrounds, which this year switched from the control of the Agricultural District to the California Highway Patrol. They required several changes to our operation and we had to plan accordingly. We sold out of our meet T-Shirts and pins, something that hasn't occurred in recent memory.

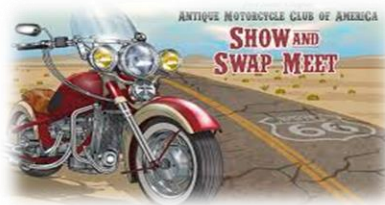
Several interesting machines were on display this year. A Twin motored Ariel 4, in street legal form, a very nicely restored 1929 R63 BMW, an early Jap twin powered Morgan three wheeler, Larry Feece's 1968 Indian twin with a one piece tank/rear fender combination, and a Helton bicycle powered by a 1919 Johnson Motor Wheel that won a six lap 1/2 mile race at the top speed of 62 mph with one Carlton King on board.

We had around fifty machines up for our Chapter Awards which are separate from the National Judging that is located elsewhere on the grounds. Some of the results were Best Panhead of Show, a 1969 Scott Flying Squirrel owned by Dan Danmeier, and Most Unique a 1968 Indian owned by Larry Feece.

My personal favorite categories are longest distance ridden won by Muddy Waters at 316 miles on his 1966 FLH. Period Modified was won by Ralph Finley and his 1961 Panhead. Oldest machine was Dave Harp's 1911 H-D single. Best accessorized was Ted Staub's 1953 Panhead and Greg Wood's 1944 Knucklehead received the coveted Best Rat again.

Word is that the 2018 National Meet was our Chapter's BEST ever. A big Thanks to all the members who step up and make it happen. The effort is all for our guests who we hope will be back again next year with more of their friends.

Rich Ostrander



Special Recognition And Club Awards Fort Sutter 2018 Chapter Meet

Most Unique
Larry Feece.....1968 Indian

Period Modified

1. Ralph Finley.....1961 H-D Panhead
2. Greg Wood.....1948 Harley Davidson
3. Tim Bowers.....1962 Harley Davidson

Oldest Motorcycle

Dave Harp.....1911 #D Single Cylinder

Best Accessorized

Ted Staub.....1953 H-D Panhead

Best American Motorcycle

Kalle Hoffman.....1937 Indian Chief

Best British Motorcycle

Richard Ziemed.....1953 Triumph T00C

Best European Motorcycle

Ken Davis.....1961 Ducati Bronco

Best Japanese Motorcycle

Kasey Doolin.....1972 Honda CL 450

Best Rat Bike

Greg Wood.....1944 H-D Knucklehead

Best Competition Bike

Jeff Bussing.....1963 Norton ES2

BEST OF SHOW

Dan Danmeier...1969 Scott Flying Squirrel

Longest Distance Ridden

1. Muddy Waters..... 316 miles – Bishop, CA
2. Doug Mull.....314 miles – Independence, CA
3. Ed Bussing.....99 miles - Redwood City, CA

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



L to R
Mark Loewen presenting Dave Harp
Award for Oldest Motorcycle
1911 #D Single Cylinder



L to R
Mark Loewen presenting Greg Wood
Award for Best Rat Bike

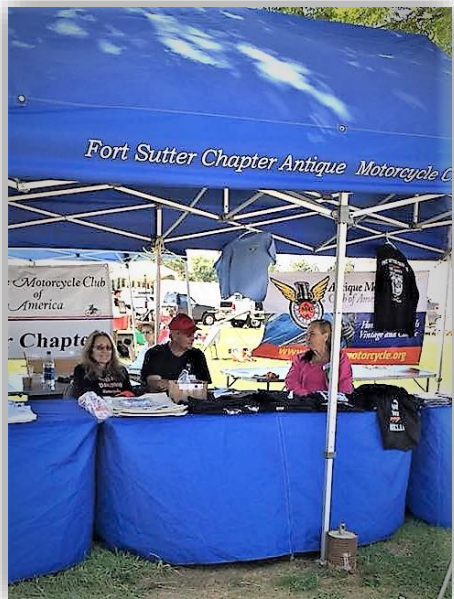
Fort Sutter National Meet – Dixon, 2018



Channel 13 – Good Morning Sacramento filming live with Mark Loewen, President. Broadcasting Friday & Saturday Excellent way to increase visitors to the Show!



← Left to Right: Mark Loewen, President, Barbara Hardmeyer and Eric Olson at the Banquet Raffle – well done team!



← Left to Right: Shari & Bob Pratt, and Barbara Hardmeyer Fort Sutter items. Biggest seller this year was our T-Shirts and Meet Pins. Excellent Job!



Ed Schenken's 1932 Sedan dropped by the Fort Sutter Swap Meet to say hello to his 1947 Knucklehead.



166 Vendors were there to provide that special part you have been looking for!

Fort Sutter National Meet – Dixon, 2018



*Left to Right
Thanks to Julie Lowen, Marie Moore, Phyllis Markley & Karie Schenken for handling the registration of incoming Vendors.....
Well done Ladies!*



Look at all the Harley Davidson's being Judged!



Helton bicycle powered by a 1919 Johnson Motor Wheel that won a six lap 1/2 mile race at the top speed of 62 mph with one Carlton King on board.



*A true Swap Meet has the parts you are looking for!
Dixon 2018 provided 166 vendors offering everything you would need to begin or complete a restoration.*

West Meets East

*Story and pictures by Rich Ostrander
Fort Sutter Club Historian*

Since 1987, I have been attending AMCA National Road Runs but only one was off the three state west coast and that was the first in Colorado. That all changed in 2006 when I met Dave and Larry Harris at the LA Chapters National Road Run in Temecula, California. They had hauled out west for their first National Road Run from their home state of New Jersey. Things would never be the same.

Since that fateful meeting they have rode out, hauled, or flown and borrowed machines to ride road runs from the bottom of California to the top of Washington. In turn, I have done the same only on the east coast, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, you get the idea.

In 2008, we met in northeast rural New Jersey for the two hundred mile ride up to Roundtop, New York and Riedlbauer's Resort where the Hudson Valley Chapter was hosting their first National Road Run. Riedlbauer's was built in the early 1900's and is on it's third owner of German decent. German food and adult beverages are all that is served. My mother and fathers ancestors landed in this same area in the mid-1600's, so it's always like coming home.

This year for that run's ten year observance, the Hudson Valley group decided to do it again and who was I to say no. Dave picked me up at the Philadelphia airport and two days later we were headed north again with eleven machines in formation.

About eighty riders were on hand to spend three glorious days riding back country rural roads deep into the scenic Catskill Mountains, lunching at real deal old country diners, viewing by the road streams, babbling brooks, and refreshing waterfalls. In fifty plus years of saddle time, day two, was on my Top five list of best ever rides. Big Indian Valley and Hunter road caused sensory overload again and again.



HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER

West Meets East

Story and pictures by Rich Ostrander

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Steve Barber and his chapter members did a great job of hosting this event for the second time. Everything was the best and to top it off they hosted the Rhinebeck Regional AMCA Swap Meet and Show on the eastside of the river a couple of days later. Bonus points Steve!

Saturday saw our group headed south back to New Jersey. I would like to thank the Neshaminy Valley Chapter of Pennsylvania, my home state, and it's members Gary, Liz, Jeff, Dye, Mike, Linda, Rich (Louie), Fred, Maury, Larry, Tom, and of course Dave and Larry for making my visit so special. Let's do it again in ten years when I'm eighty.



My loaner, Dave Harris's 1969 FLH "Grapes of Wrath" named for it's sparkling burgundy color. Original paint with over 70K on it's odometer. It's why I got my 1967 FLH



The 1972 Sportster my long time road run partner John Crawford of S. C. Canada borrowed for the run. Thanks Don "Von" Schmidt,. That's Dave Harris and his Kongo Green 1949 EL behind it

Great roadside waterfall deep in the Catskill's on day two >>>>>>



The June 2018 Fort Sutter Chapter Ride

Tracy Stahlman – Al The Wops Ride

We lost riders (2) before even getting started.

Left almost on time. Headed out Jefferson not too far out when one of the bikes front fender decided to dismount prior to coming to a full stop. The rider was able to safely get it to the side of the road when it locked up and bucked him into the ditch and laid the bike softly onto its side. No injury to the rider and minimal damage to the Harley. After some backroad ingenuity we got back on the road headed for Al's Place. 100 yards later the same rider takes on an unsolicited rider that decided to sting him on the left temple causing another stop and cooling off period. Back on the road again, rode into Walnut Grove and Locke with no further issues. Joined by several others, we had a cool drink and ate lunch. From Al's we all split up and found our way home.

Thank you all for showing up today!

*Riders-Tracy, Jim S , Jim M, Greg W, Stan , Carl
Dave Kafton and family, and others.*



Classic picture of Indians etc.
at Al the Wops

**The June 2018 Fort Sutter Chapter Ride
Additional pictures of the June ride to
Al the Wops Restaurant**



The July 2018 Fort Sutter Chapter Ride

Story by Rich Ostrander, Club Historian



Instead of our monthly ride Tracy Stahlman (Ride Captain) decided we should show up in Force for A&S Motorcycles 50th birthday bash.

I remember visiting their two original locations in 1975 when I had just moved up here to Sacramento from SoCal. Old Town Folsom and their Franklin Blvd., storefronts were the places to score early H-D and Triumph parts back then. They've come a long way.

When they relocated to their present location, Tim, who has been with them since 1968 still laced up and trued the wheels on my 101 Scout and my Super X Excelsior. Pretty good for a fancy pants BMW dealership. Tony and his son Randy have supported our Chapter Events since our conception.

Jim Schenken is due a big thanks for bringing our Chapter's large easy up and some chairs to protect us from the triple digit temp. He also brought his Knuckle and his Dad's for our display. Daniel Collier, Tim McLaughlin and myself brought ours as well. That's five Knuckleheads, three with electric starts, Oh my!

Chris brought his six cylinder Honda, Darrel's friend, Robert, brought his early sixties Pan Head, and Jim Moore his nice orange Triumph. In addition, Mark Loewen rode in astride his 105 year old belt drive Twin Excelsior, along side, his son on the family late twenties JD model H-D. John Niesley was fashionably late on his sixties Triumph, with Tracy's Shovel Head, and Eric Olsen's fine BMW Café Racer in the mix. The Chapter had thirteen machines on display. It helped add a vintage feel to counter the massive amount of late model iron in the parking lot.

A Special thanks to the A&S crew for inviting us and for lunch. I wonder what Tracy has up his sleeve for August?

The July 2018 Fort Sutter Chapter Ride A&S Motorcycles 50th Anniversary



***Temperatures were high on Saturday!
Jim Schenken from the Fort Sutter
Club saved the day by bringing the
EZ-UP.....***



***Mark Loewen, Fort Sutter President,
with his 105 year old belt drive Twin
Excelsior, along side, his son Jeremy on
the family late twenties JD model H-D***

***You know you have a GREAT relationship
with a TOP local motorcycle dealer when
they promote Fort Sutter.***

***From the A & S Motorcycle Website:
Fort Sutter Chapter of the Antique
Motorcycle Club of America, River City
Beemers, Capital City Motorcycle Club,
Central-California BMW Motorcycle Club,
and Gold Country Women Motorcyclists.***

