

Fort Sutter News

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**AMCA Fort Sutter NEW
CLUB WEBSITE**

www.fortsutteramca.org

From the President

Happy Holidays to all.!

What a great year our club has had, a steady and growing membership, members stepping up at the events and participating with the thank less tasks that need to be done to make an event happen.

Another high praised Dixon show and swap. A national road run, with 100 family members cruising the Sierra's. Another appearance at the Sacramento Car Show at Cal Expo where we had a terrific turn out of bikes to display.

As a club we contributed \$250.00 to each Make a wish and Ronald McDonald House this year. A wonderful summer picnic at the park and a yearly banquet dinner with prizes on top of that. And as a Club we have lost some old friends this year, but have also made some new friends. Good Job Fort Sutter members, a year well done.

I hope next year we can find even more activities to do as a cub, more rides, events etc. so keep thinking and bring your ideas with you to our first meeting of 2018 in Feb. and share with the rest of us.

2018 will be the anniversary year of the Panhead and the Dixon Theme. It will also be another Cannonball year, Sept. 8-23. Three Fort Sutter members are riding. It will be an exciting year.

I hope and wish you all a Happy Holiday Season, and that Santa can fit that motorcycle your wanting down the chimney, maybe if he took it all apart for you, isn't that how we usually get them anyway.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Mark Loewen

Fort Sutter President

**Our Next Meeting will be
Saturday, February 3, 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

December 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by president Mark Loewen. There were nineteen members in attendance including our two newest members, Joe Aguirre and Jeanne Quintero.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 7 meeting. Motion was passed and the minutes will stand as written.

Treasurer's Report: Marie Moore reported that we made a \$206.00 profit on the road run. As the end of the year approaches, Marie has been working with a CPA just to be sure everything is in order and it is. We will be going into Dixon in good financial shape.

Old Business: Mark Lowen reminded us that we had previously decided to donate \$500.00 to charity. After giving \$250.00 to the Make a Wish Foundation we still have \$250.00 left to give away. After considering a number of suggestions – Children's Receiving Home, Salvation Army, or Ronald McDonald House – it was decided to give the money to Ronald McDonald.

Regarding Dixon, Jim Moore said we seemed to be in good shape so far but warned that costs at the Fairgrounds would probably be going up and we should be thinking of ways to generate additional income. Jim and Marie Moore will be having a meeting with the Fairgrounds people prior to our February meeting. One item that could result in increased costs to us might be charging for the area we use for national judging which means we either pay the fee or relocate the judging area. This will be something to decide in February. Richard Kinney said we need signs telling spectators to keep out of the judging area while judging is in progress.

Marie Moore speaking for banquet chair, Tracey Kleber asked if we would prefer the \$30.00 dinner which comes with desert or the \$25.00 dinner which does not offer a desert. She also asked us to decide if we would be giving members a \$5.00 discount. The unanimous decision was to give the discount and have the desert. End result: members (with paid up dues) will be charged \$25.00 and guests will be \$30.00 and everyone will be given a chance to raise their A1C level.

New Business: Because we forgot to go through the nomination process at the October meeting both the nominations and the election were held at this meeting. The four outgoing directors were John Markley, Marie Moore, Stan Randall, and Mark Weibens. After a short discussion it was agreed to nominate Marie Moore, Stan Randall, and Mark Weibens to replace themselves. John Markley, who was not in attendance, had notified the board of directors that while staying on as newsletter editor, he would step down as director and secretary. To fill John's position, Marie Moore nominated Tom Green as the replacement. Rich Ostrander moved to accept the ballot, the motion was approved. The ballot was accepted by acclamation.

Jim Moore suggested we begin a program of Monthly, one day rides. The proposal appeared to have a lot of support. The plan at least for now was to hold rides on either the second or third Saturday of the month but that could remain flexible. Tracy Stahlman agreed to serve as road captain and will finalize the plans, dates and times.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

At a brief board meeting following the regular meeting it was that the 2018 slate of officers will be: President, Mark Loewen; Vice President, Mark Wiebens; Secretary, Tom Green; Treasurer, Marie Moore.

Tom Green

Secretary



Reservation Form Fort Sutter Chapter Dinner Saturday, February 24, 2018 Black Bear Diner

2700 El Centro Rd., Sacramento, CA 95833 (Natomas area)

No Host Cocktails 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.

4 Dinner Choices

*All selections include a garden salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasonal vegetables,
and baked corn muffin and Mini Cream Pie
(your choice of chocolate, coconut, or banana dessert.*

Member(s) Name(s)_____

Guest(s) Name(s)_____

Please indicate choice(s) below:

Member Tri Tip(s) @ \$25.00 ea. = \$_____

Guest Tri Tip(s) @ \$30.00 ea. = \$_____

Member Parmesan Chicken(s) @ \$25.00 ea. = \$_____

Guest Parmesan Chicken(s) @ \$30.00 ea. = \$_____

Member Grilled Salmon(s) @ \$25.00 ea. = \$_____

Guest Grilled Salmon(s) @ 30.00 ea. = \$_____

Member Pasta Marinara(s) @ \$25.00 ea. = \$_____

Guest Pasta Marinara(s) @ \$30.00 ea. = \$_____

➡ Total Enclosed \$_____

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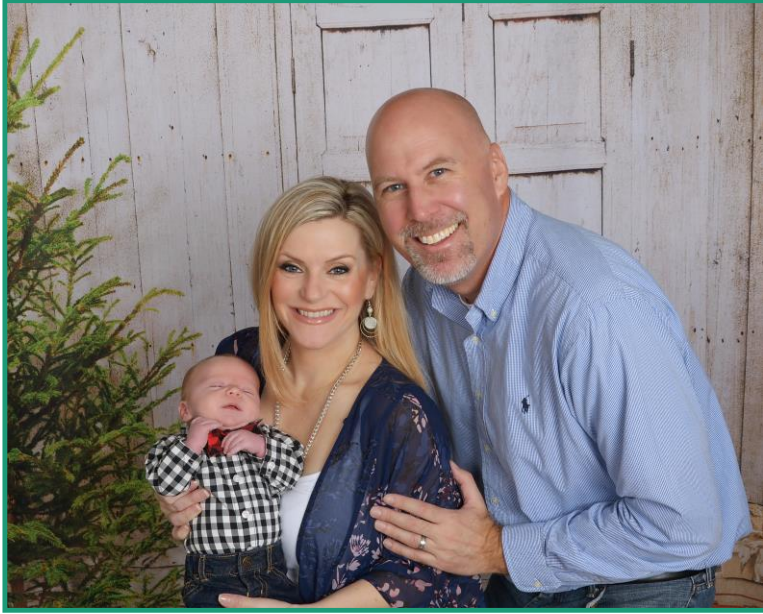
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***An Early Christmas present for the Olson Family!
Fort Sutter Director Eric Olson announced a new addition
to the Family.....already showing the Fort Sutter colors!
Congratulations.....***



Parents names: Eric and Rosalind Olson

Baby's name: Levi James Olson

Birthdate: 11/3/2017

Birth weight: 8 lbs. 12 oz.

Hospital: Kaiser Roseville



THE 2017 SAC**AUTO**SHOW



The Auto Show provides a Great opportunity for Fort Sutter to show off their Antique Motorcycles

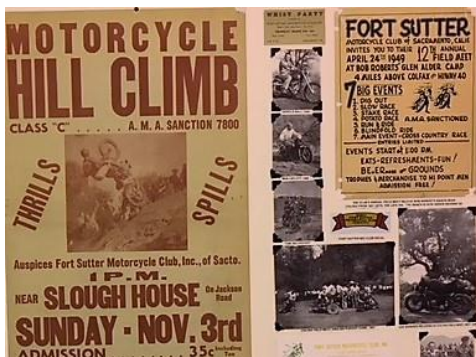
Each year the AMCA Fort Sutter Chapter is invited to display their Antique Motorcycles during the Auto Show. The location is on the first level and easy for attendees to come inside and see all the Antique motorcycles. What is exciting the crowd looks forward to seeing these beautiful antique motorcycles. In fact, attendance was up over last year due to the beautiful autumn weather. And, we had a nice selection for the crowds to enjoy. Thanks go out to all of our dedicated volunteers who worked the booth answering questions regarding these fine examples of motorcycling brands. As always it was nice to hear from our visitors regarding motorcycles they had owned years ago. The show gave the Fort Sutter Chapter another chance to show off some great motorcycles and promote our passion for these Antique motorcycles!

28 Motorcycles On Display

Fort Sutter Members displaying Motorcycles: Wes Allen (2 bikes), Rich Hardmeyer (4), Rich Kinney (1), Gary Kubodera (1), Martin Lund (3), John Markley (2), Tim McLaughlin (2), Jim Moore (2), Bob Pratt (3), Randy Sparks (2), Mark Wiebens (3), Greg Wood (3).

Fort Sutter Members who helped with setup/tear down, plus staffed the booth – Thank You!

Friday: Rich Ostrander, Tom Pettibone, Rich Kinney, Tracey Kleber. **Saturday:** Bill Cruz, Tim McLaughlin, Randy Sparks. Mark & Julie Lowen, Tunie Crawford, Eric Olson, Barb & Rich Hardmeyer. **Sunday:** Greg Wood, Mark Wiebens, John & Phyllis Markley, Bob & Shari Pratt. A huge Thank You to Jim & Marie Moore for organizing, obtaining passes, and being at the event.



The 2017
SAC**AUTO**SHOW
 October 20-22nd
 Fort Sutter Member Examples



Mark Wieben's 1927 Harley-Davidson JD (prior Cannonball Bike)



Rich Hardmeyer's 1939 Indian Scout



Bob Spratt's 1963 BSA 500 (A50 Royal Star)



Rich Hardmeyer's 1979 Triumph T140 Bonneville



Martin Lund's 1948 Ariel Red Hunter (Single)

The 2017 SACAUTOSHOW

Fort Sutter Member Examples



1915 Pope Model M
Owner Wes Allen



1914 Merkel Twin – Belt Drive
Owner Wes Allen

History of the Merkel – Courtesy of Wikipedia:
The founder of the company, Joe Merkel, began designing engines for motorcycles in 1902, and built his own motorcycles beginning in 1903, including a one-[cylinder engine](#) with a capacity of 316 cc, which was also used in the contemporary [Indian](#). In 1908 he set up a company under the name of *Light Manufacturing and Foundry Company* in [Pottstown, Pennsylvania](#). His motorcycles displayed the trademark "Merkel Light" on the tank. In 1910 he offered the first two-cylinder engine. In 1911 the company was taken over by Miami Cycle and Manufacturing Company of Middletown, Ohio. Subsequently, the trademark was changed to "Flying Merkel", and a bright and shiny orange paint was used, which was later described as "Merkel orange".^{[1][2]}



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*

#9 Richard (Rich) Fairclo. Original Fort Sutter MC member (1932). Served our Chapter as treasurer and Secretary for thirteen years. He helped with many Chapter activities and events. He passed in 1996



**#9 Richard (Rich) Fairclo
(facing right in picture)**

In Memory Red Cadwell

August 2, 1931 – October 17, 2017

We were saddened to learn of the passing of long time member and Sacramento racing icon Red Cadwell.

Red who, as a Korean War veteran in his early twenties, returned to Sacramento with his Norton and began a fifty year relationship with motorcycling—especially racing. To tell the tale properly requires more time and space and the reconstruction of many old memories, therefore we're putting off writing the full story until the next issue.

