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From the President

Last Meeting I went over the issue of staying at Sam's Hoff Brau for our meetings. At the time their issue was not enough people attending the meeting for the size of the meeting room and members eating in the dinning room instead of the meeting room. At the time, I was discussing all these issues with the supervisor. I called them again and this time I spoke to the manager. He was very polite and told me he wanted us to keep on having our meetings at the Hoff Beau but he has some others issues. We will go over these issues at the next meeting but, for now, we will continue to have our meetings at the Hoff Beau.

Well, the 1955 Gold Star that Jim Moore and I have had for sale is no longer for sale. We deiced to keep both the Gold Star and the 1979 T140 Triumph. I road the triumph at the all-British ride and Jim has taken a few rides with his riding buddies. We both like the bikes. They both handle well and have plenty of power and good brakes.

I have been complaining a lot because I haven't been able to ride my trials bike in the dirt. Then I said to myself, it's been long enough and I pulled my trials cub out of the shop. It hadn't been started for over a year. I did a minor tune up and first kick it started. I road around my property and road on my trials course. It sure was fun to ride in the dirt again. As soon as there is a trial I am going to ride it.

I don't now how many of you have seen or heard about the new law they want to put through. Now they want no more then three motorcycle riders riding in one group. This is real stupid.

When you go to the meeting and you haven't had lunch yet think about eating at Sam's. Remember when you come to the meeting and have lunch eat in the meeting room.

You President
Richard Hardmeyer

Our Next Meeting Will Be
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

At Sam's Hof Brau
Watt and El Camino Avenues

Lunch at Noon • Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**Remember! If you have lunch, take
your food into our meeting room.**

Minutes of the General Meeting

December 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by president, Rich Hardmeyer, there were nineteen members in attendance.

Minutes: Nobody was interested in hearing them so we'll assume they were just dandy.

Treasurers Report: Marie Moore reported we now have 134 members and our bank account is still in good shape. Marie also reminded the membership that the 2014 dues are due. Membership Chairman, Karie Schenken will be mailing out statements before the first of the year.

Old Business: Marie Moore, reporting for annual dinner chairman, Tracey Kleber, said that everything is ready to go; all we need is people. A motion was made (Moore/Kinney) to spend \$ 200.00 for raffle prizes. Motion passed.

New Business: President Hardmeyer explained the developing situation with the Hof Brau. Because of increasing business, the Hof Brau has asked that members who are eating lunch take their food into our meeting room which will free up seats in the main dinning area.

Reporting on our exhibit at the Sacramento Auto Show, Jim Moore said he thought everything came off perfectly. The Auto Show folks like us and we like them. We plan to be back next year. Ed Schenken suggested that we look into incorporating some sort of sound effects into the display to help draw interest from people passing by. It was also pointed out that we need to coordinate with A&S BMW so their show and the Auto Show don't fall on the same date.

Rich Hardmeyer mentioned that he noticed we still have the generator, lime spreader, a two burner propane grill, and a measuring tape in storage. They are all are items we need to take to Dixon next year to see if we can sell them.

Regarding Dixon: Jim Moore announced that he and Dave Kafton have traded positions. Jim will now be the meet chairman and Dave will serve as head judge.

Election: The result of the election was: Tom Green. Rich Kinney, Mark Loewen, Marie Moore, and Mark Wiebens. At a short board meeting, following the general meeting, it was decide that Mark Loewen would serve for one year to fill out the remainder of Rich Ostrander's vacated term.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

TOM GREEN
Secretary

Welcome to our Newest Member

David Cava of Elk Grove

**David will be joining Dave Kafton, Mark Wiebens,
and Mark Loewen on the 2014 Cannonball Run**

It's that time of year again

YOUR DUE\$ ARE DUE

**Membership Chairman, Karie Schenken has sent out statements so please be
sure to send her your \$15.00 check as soon as possible!**

**If you did not receive your statement (or it got lost in that pile of
Christmas cards you've been meaning to sort out) please
contact her at (916) 686-6531 or e-mail her at karrots66@hotmail.com**

Fort Sutter Chapter, AMCA Presents

FAST IRON IN DIXON



NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND SWAP MEET

JUNE 20 AND 21, 2014

THIS YEAR HONORING VINTAGE RACERS

**Dragsters, Speedway, Flat Trackers, Hill Climbers, Cross Country,
Any Vintage Bike That Filled That Need for Speed.**

A MESSAGE FROM MEET COORDINATOR, JIM MOORE

Here we are in 2014, wondering what happened to 2013.....but it's not too soon to start thinking about our annual National Show and Swap Meet.

A major administrative change this year will be the swapping of responsibilities for the Judging Program and the Event Coordination. Dave Kafton and I agreed to swap jobs while we were still enjoying what we had been doing. Dave will become Chapter Judge and will be responsible for the National Judging Program and the National Recognition Awards as well as the Local Special Awards. I will assume the role of Event Coordinator which entails seeing that the event is an overall success.

Thanks again to all those dedicated volunteers and judges who helped make our judging program effective in the past. Their continued participation will ensure the future success of the program.

I am confident the volunteers who have covered all the special assignments necessary to the success of the overall operation will continue to participate. I will be talking to all of you who have headed up and/or helped in these special assignments to share ideas for advancing our Program.

Those of you either new to the Chapter or who have not been able to help out in the past are more than welcome to join in. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions that might benefit the Event. Let's hear from you, also.

Thanks,

Jim Moore

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Meet Mark Loewen

Our Newest Director



I have always loved motor vehicles of all kinds; working on and racing them is always the best fun. I was involved in drag racing in the 80's and IKF kart road racing, with two region championships in 2004 and 2005 but kept my motorcycle love on hold 'till I knew I could control my love of speed.

Since owning some modern bikes and then acquiring some 60's bikes, a Norton and some BMW's, and becoming more familiar with older bikes and the AMCA world, and now my involvement with escorting on the 2012 cannonball, and riding my 1925 Harley-Davidson JD in the 2014 Cannonball, more club involvement and activities seems to be the road I'm on now and, as long there's not too many blind corners, it'll be a good road.

I feel like the AMCA, Fort Sutter world is a great place with great people and I will try to be a good spokesman for our club.

Mark Loewen



Don't Put It Off Any Longer

Make Your Reservations for the Annual Dinner

Saturday, March 1

At The Pheasant Club

Come see old friends, meet new ones,
and take home some great prizes!

The handy reservation blank is on the last page

The cut off date is February 22

Just Fulfilling a Promise. . .

The promise that, if he ever figured out to get them to me, I would publish the pictures of Rich Kinney's moment in the sun, the moment he had been waiting for, the chance to once again wear his Indian logo do-rag with pride.

If you recall (probably not) in the September–October, 2013 newsletter there was mention of Rich Kinney finally getting his chance to one-up Dave Kafton. Dave, as you might remember has, along with a few other Harley diehards, been known to point out some of the mechanical short comings of Indians in general and Rich's Indian Chief in particular.

During our National Road Run, Rich had volunteered to drive the chase truck and you can imagine his delight when who should he find broken down on the side of the road but the Harley whisperer himself, Dave Kafton.

I wasn't there but after they got Dave's JD loaded onto the trailer I can imagine Rich acting like he had just bagged a seven point buck. If only he could have figured out a way to tie the bike over the front fender, substituted a fluorescent red cap for his do-rag and a rifle for his camera it would have been perfect.



TRASH TAKING WITH PHOTOS: Rich was ready with a camera in case he had the chance to prove that Harleys break down too. Not only that but, as the bed of the trailer shows, they tend to leak oil, lots of oil. Almost looks like he'd been hauling two Triumphs and a BSA.



SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2014

Marie Moore has been in touch with the Sacramento Mile folks to arrange for our same (or similar) box seats at the start/finish line but, so far, has not been able to get any solid information.

Last year we had thirty-six folks in our group but this year may not be able to get any more seats than that in the same area. We don't have the exact price yet but we assume that it will be about the same as last year—\$65.00 per ticket which also gives you entrance to the fair.

Marie will contact the promoters in mid February to get the final details (number of seats available, cost, etc.) but in the meantime if you would like to attend, get your name on the waiting list as soon as possible.

You can contact Marie at the next meeting or E-mail her at jandmmoore@att.net or give her a call at (530) 622-6531.

In Memory of Ken Fielding

We just learned from his son in law, Jack Wood that our friend and long time AMCA and Fort Sutter Chapter member, Ken Fielding, age eight-six, passed away recently from natural causes in his hometown of Woodland, California.

Ken had been long time, active member of the Sacramento motorcycle community and had a successful career on the AMA flat track circuit mostly riding Joe Sarkees prepared Triumphs which carried his number 8A. After he gave up actual racing, Ken began working with Joe and helped tune the bike and serve as part of the pit crew for Rich Hardmeyer when Rich rode the Sacramento Mile and other Northern California events.

Later, Ken, considered to be a master mechanic, began an automotive repair business in Woodland specializing in European sports cars, particularly Porsches. We do not have any further information regarding services but will pass along any information as soon as it becomes available.

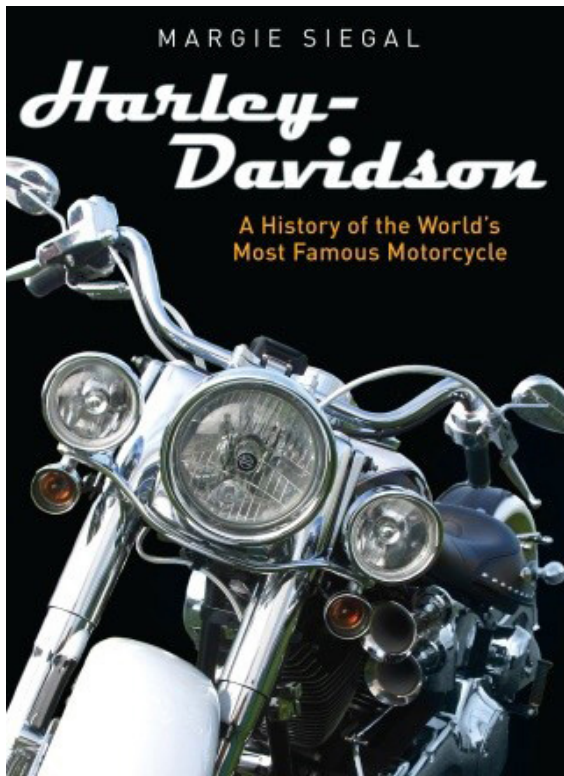


Margie Wrote a Book

Our fellow Fort Sutter member, Margie Siegal just announced that she has written a, soon to be published, book: *Harley-Davidson—A history of the World's Most Famous Motorcycle*.

As she is a Bay Area resident we don't see her too often but, like clock work, she rides her 1975 Norton Commando (which she maintains herself) to Dixon every year and can be seen wandering around the grounds with a camera over her shoulder and pencil and notebook in hand, looking for that special bike she can feature in one of her magazine articles.

An accomplished writer, she has been published in numerous motorcycle magazines including: *Citybike*, *Classic Bike*, *Motorcycle Collector*, *Rider Magazine*, *Iron Works*, and *Motorcycle Classics*.



A review of the book as provided by Random House:

"Harley-Davidson: words that evoke the open American road and the "Made in America" tradition like no others. The sweeping chopper handlebars, the distinctive throaty low speed rumble of the engine and the unmistakable logo are all recognized the world over. This book expertly ties together the mechanical evolution of Harley's engines – from the earliest motorized pedal bicycles to the iconic heavyweight twin cylinder V-engines we know and love today – and the social history of the brand's phenomenal rise in the twentieth century, as innovative survivor of the Great Depression, supplier of the military during both World Wars and enduring symbol of freedom and rebellion. It is fully illustrated with pictures of the bikes and those who have ridden them as well as examples of Harley-Davidson's distinctive design aesthetic in advertising and collectibles."

The paper back, which will be coming out in May, can be pre-ordered for \$9.95 from Random House. For further information go to: www.randomhouse/book/234033.

Of course there is a strong possibility you just might find a copy or two in Dixon this year.

Reservation Form

Fort Sutter Chapter Dinner Saturday, March 1st

The Pheasant Club

2525 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento

☆ **Guests Are Welcome** ☆

No Host Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

We Have Three Choices:

Garlic Steak Sandwich

Oven Fried Chicken ☆ Filet of Salmon

Name _____ No. of People _____

Please indicate your choice(s) below:

_____ Oven Fried Chicken with Baked Potato @ \$26.00

_____ Garlic Steak Sandwich with French Fries @ \$27.00

_____ Filet of Salmon with Baked Potato @ \$29.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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R.S.V.P. No Later Than February 22nd!

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