

# FORT SUTTER NEWS

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## From the President

The Dixon meet it over and the event was a huge success. We had more vendors than last year and more show bikes and I know everyone liked it. The Thursday BBQ was a big hit and thanks to Barbara, the cook, everyone enjoyed the food. I received a copy of the Oregon chapter's newsletter and they like our event and especially the talk given by Victor Boock at our Friday banquet. Victor told us about his trip on a 1914 Harley-Davidson from the East Coast to San Francisco. They also enjoyed the Saturday events. It seemed like Davenport with lots of parts being sold and a lot of spectators. There were people from Vancouver, BC, Oregon, and Washington. They all had a good time and are planning to come back next year.



The Yerba Buena Chapter also mentioned in their newsletter that the FSMC put on a very good event. They also mentioned that their chapter should have helped more and next year will try to do so.

I want to thank all the people that helped put on the event, especially Dave Kafton. It took a lot of dedicated members to accomplish what we did at the 2010 Dixon swap meet.

The National Road Run at Lake Tahoe is on schedule. Jim Moore and I have one more route to lay out. We are going to the lake on August 11 and 12 to finish the task. If you intend to ride, send your application to Marie Moore right away and book your room at the Biltmore Casino.

Your President,  
*Richard Hardmeyer*

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Our Next Meeting Will Be  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7th**  
At Sam's Hof Brau  
Corner of Watt & El Camino  
**12:00 NOON FOR LUNCH**  
**MEETING STARTS AT 1:00 P.M.**

# Minutes of the General Meeting

## June 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by president, Rich Hardmeyer, there were twenty-two members present plus guest, John Davis.

**Minutes:** A motion was made (Green/Gormley) to forego the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and approve them as written. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marie Moore reported that we now have 121 members and a very healthy bank account. As far as Dixon is concerned, we already have seventy-seven swap spaces sold which puts us about twenty spots ahead of where we were at this time last year.

**Old Business:** Ed Schenken has purchased the T.V. for the club, now all we have to do is start a collection of DVDs, or even VHS tapes which we can convert into DVDs. There was some discussion of hiring someone to professionally film the Dixon meet. Ed Schenken suggested using the same crew that did the *Geezer's Garage* series but the cost would run about \$400.00. Following some discussion on the pros and cons of having a film done professionally rather than by an amateur, Jim Moore made a motion, seconded by Rich Kinney, to sign an agreement with the *Geezer's Garage* people to film the Dixon meet as long as we have unrestricted rights to the use of the film, have control over the content, and the cost will not exceed \$400.00. Motion passed.

Bob Pratt reported that the Motorcycle Awareness Day which was held May 16 at Sierra College was quite successful. Besides various displays and classes regarding motorcycle safety there was an antique motorcycle show which was supported by a number of our members. Rich Hardmeyer's Indian Chief took the People's Choice award.

Our National Road Run at Tahoe is all set to go with the exception of laying out the third leg of the run which Rich Hardmeyer and Jim Moore will do some time in August.

Regarding the Dixon meet, Chairman, Dave Kafton reported he is just about all set. He and his committee have decided that to speed up the national judging, we will eliminate the Saturday afternoon technical seminar allowing us to start the judging at 1:00 p.m. rather than 2:00 p.m. Dave tried to hire the Boy Scouts to take care of the clean up duties but found they have no interest in the project.

Starklite is going to bring their big inflatable movie screen so we can show movies on Thursday and Friday evenings. The club will supply sodas and popcorn.

Barbara Hardmeyer is going to take care of judge's luncheon. While on the subject of food, Dave said he wants to have the Thursday evening free dinner for workers and early arriving vendors catered this year. The only problem is that the caterer wants \$12.00 per head for hamburgers and hot dogs; chicken would be the same. After a lengthy discussion the only definite decision reached was that \$12.00 per person was just too much for the club to absorb. Rich Ostrander volunteered to look into a number of possibilities (pizza, sandwiches, etc.) and let the board know his findings within the week.

Dave has found a source for a 3' x 15' club banner which would be hung by, or over, the front gate at Dixon. The cost would be \$150.00. Dave asked if the club would agree to purchase it—permission was given. Dave's biggest manpower need at the moment is for gate tenders.

**New Business:** Jim Moore reminded us that beginning next year, as part of their austerity program, the National will no longer be giving chapters a \$400.00 allowance for National Meets or the \$800.00 allowance for National Road Runs.

In order to maintain "honesty in book keeping" Marie Moore moved that before the treasurer pays any bill in excess of \$100.00, permission must be obtained at a regular club meeting, board meeting, or given by the club president. Motion seconded by Jim Moore and unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

TOM GREEN  
Secretary



# The 10th Annual Dixon Meet—Best Yet? You Bet!

*Reported by Rich Ostrander*

The dust has settled and, once again, Dixon is in our rear view mirror. As I was gone on a National Road Run in Maine during the 2009 meet, I was really amped up for this year's offering; I wasn't disappointed!

For two days it was like a huge family reunion. Old friends, fellow members, and a sprinkling of their offspring that I have watched grow up for some forty years at the longest were in attendance. It was the best.

It was what we had envisioned when we moved from our parking lot location of eighteen years in downtown Sacramento to the farmland surrounding Dixon some eleven years ago. This was our tenth year as a National Meet and is still the only one on the West Coast.



President Hardmeyer got the evening's program started. Thanks go to D'Nell Kafton for the 10th anniversary decorations.

People from the south, central, and northwestern areas were there with their machines and parts of various marques and age. Especially prevalent were the pre-16 machines. Many were in their original condition.

Some very special motorcycles were on hand as well. Another original paint Feilbach surfaced, a fresh early Crocker in black, an original Oppie Special two-cam cut down (one of the first modified, two wheeled hot rods), and a cool VL framed, UL bottomed, Gus Carheim (rare) headed (they look like JAPs) drag bike from the early 60s. Some very nice rare early European machines were there as well.

Friday night's banquet was well attended and Victor Boocock summarized his great cross country ride of over 3,000 miles in two weeks on his single speed 1914 HD twin—ALONE. His sense of humor in the telling was priceless. Friday is always like old home week and Saturday the public get to come see how much fun we have with these great old two wheeled wonders. Especially during the field meet competition.

A large thanks to Dave Kafton and the crew of Fort Sutter members and the volunteers from other chapters who set up, maintain, and put away all the many parts that make our meet work so well. A special thank-you to Marie Moore and her sign-in crew which operates with machine like efficiency, Tom Green and crew at the mic and information/sales table, plus the folks who maintained the donation table at the front gate. Thanks should also go to the Dixon fairground personnel for the many improvements they have provided.

Next June will be here before we know it and we can do it all over again.



One hundred twenty-four people attend the Friday evening banquet which set a new attendance record for the event.



Dave Kafton presented Rich Ostrander an award for his years of outstanding service and amazing trophy building talent.





Dick Crawford took home the “Best Accessorized” trophy for his ‘46 Chief complete with “bar cart.”



Best English bike trophy went to Paul Adams for his 1923 Norton 16-H.



Hi everyone,

*Dixon was a blast. However, the A/C got left on. Here's some shots from Friday evening. Everyone that had a sweatshirt, hat, or hoodie was wearing it. This is JUNE, in DIXON!!! Yes, that is a ski hat that George is wearing. I took the pictures because I didn't think people would believe it! Farmer's Almanac shows a low of 59 deg for Friday. The wind was blowing hard, so the wind chill factor probably took a few more degrees off.*

**Bill**

From a blanket e-mail sent by Bill Huth of the Yerba Buena Chapter which explains Friday's weather perfectly.



We were pleased to have representation from the Norton Owner's club as well as the Ariel Owners and BSA Owners groups.



Greg Wood's grandson, Shawn spent Saturday cruising the fairgrounds handing out freshly popped popcorn—for free.





AMCA Chief Judge, Steve Dawdy and his wife, Sandee rode all the way from Iowa on a 2009 Harley Road King. Which seemed like quite a ride until we heard from. . .



Friday night's guest speaker, Victor Boocock who rode all the way from New York to San Francisco in thirteen days on . . .



this 1914 Harley-Davidson single speed twin! And what an amazing tale he told!



Ed Schenkin explains to a potential customer how the electric starter he designed and built works.



Bryon Bossier's immaculate 1936 small tank Crocker was awarded "senior status" in national judging.



The Yerba Buena Chapter set up their booth and besides promoting their chapter did well selling club T-shirts.



Before things got busy on Friday, Meet Chairman, Dave Kafton spent a little quality time with his entire family.



## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND CLUB AWARDS**

### **MOST UNIQUE**

Bryon Bossier—1914 Excelsior Board Track Racer

### **PERIOD MODIFIED**

1. Vince Martinico—1928 Harley-Davidson JDH-OPIE
2. Gene Walker—1961 Harley-Davidson EL
3. Vince Spadaro—1967 Harley-Davidson FL Shovel Head

### **OLDEST MOTORCYCLE**

Wes Allen—1907 ROC

### **BEST ACCESSORIZED**

Dick Crawford—1946 Indian Chief

### **BEST AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE**

Frank Roque—1939 Harley-Davidson EL

### **BEST BRITISH MOTORCYCLE**

Paul Adams—1923 Norton 16H

### **BEST EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE**

Peter Schierzke—1955 Capriolo CETO-5B

### **BEST JAPANESE MOTORCYCLE**

Geoff Langmack —1975 Honda CB400F

### **BEST RAT BIKE**

Greg Wood—1944 Harley-Davidson

### **BEST COMPETITION MOTORCYCLE**

Kay Eggers —1954 BSA A7 Shooting Star

### **PEOPLE'S CHOICE**

Michael Milner—1947 Indian Chief

### **LONGEST DISTANCE RIDDEN**

1. Mike Borfitz-1,020 Miles, 1941 H-D VL
2. Mike Boehlke-957 Miles, 1948 H-D Panhead
3. Frank Deshler-125 Miles, 1967 H-D FL

### **FIELD MEET**

1. Mark Milton
2. D'Nell Kafton
3. Gary Stark

## **NOTE**

Rich Ostrander is preparing an article for the national magazine which should contain the national judging results along with more pictures.

In the meantime, my thanks to **D'Nell Kafton, Larry Green, John Crawford**, and whoever invented the digital camera for their help with additional photography.



Rich Ostrander setting out his trophy winning trophies.



Best European bike was Peter Schierzke's 1955 Capriolo CETO-5B.



Kay Eggers brought out Kenny's 1954 Shooting Star and took home the trophy for best competition machine.





The technical seminar on judging conducted by Steve Dawdy and Red Fred Johansen had good attendance of both Friday and Saturday.



Jim Moore, Sandee Dawdy, and Steve Dawdy (far right) took care of national judging registration.



During Saturday morning's field meet, Mark Milton successfully defended his title against his arch rival, D'Neil Kafton.

Hi All

It seems that every time you hear from me, it's to beg for help and try to guilt everyone into helping at Dixon. This time is different, I would like to thank



**AMCA FORT SUTTER  
DIXON NATIONAL MEET  
2000-2010**

ALL of the members that volunteered to put in time and helped out at this years event! Good job to all! This

was one of our most successful meets ever as well as one of the smoothest running. Everything ran as planned and you should all be proud. Once again. . .

THANK YOU,

Dave Kafton

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# **REMEMBER!**

**IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING  
THE LAKE TAHOE NATIONAL ROAD RUN  
SEPTEMBER 12-15**

**THE CUT OFF DATE TO REGISTER IS JULY 31  
IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT IN YOUR REGISTRATION YET  
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