

# Fort Sutter News

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## From the President

Hi everyone!

Well, take a deep breath! We did it again.... another outstanding Dixon event that we can be proud of. Our theme this year "["Celebrating 100 year old Motorcycles"](#)" was well received. I want to send out a special thank you to all of you that brought and displayed Pre-1917 motorcycles. The line up of 30 bikes was very impressive, and the variety of manufacturers and overall condition, was quite a sight. *From pristine.....to crusty!*

We had a few changes this year, specifically, we started the timing of National judging earlier which proved popular with everyone! Each year we try to make changes and will continue to so going forward. Also, we had a new voice on the microphone this year, John Markley, who did a great job at the main booth keeping things flowing....Good Job John! To all our worker bees, and Queen Bee, Marie Moore, another smooth running event from registration to event set up and tear down. Well done everyone!

Our next meeting August 6<sup>th</sup> (Sam's Hof Brau) has been [MOVED](#) to August 13<sup>th</sup> (Rancho Seco Park) where we will enjoy our annual club picnic. Please join us for a great lunch and our meeting in a pretty outdoor setting.

My Cannonball aspirations grow closer by the second, but I still have a lot to do to prepare. Soon, I will be on my way across "["America the Beautiful"](#)" with 94 other riders on our 100 year old motorcycles. A grand adventure in the making....you can follow along on the Cannonball website, or on their Facebook page, or, on the AMCA site. Wish me and all the riders good luck! See you all soon.....

Mark Loewen – President ( and Cannonball rider #69, on a 1912 Excelsior, twin belt drive).

**Our Next Meeting will be held  
at our Annual Picnic  
Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Rancho Seco Park  
Details below**

**Minutes of the General Meeting  
June 4, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President, Mark Loewen, with 26 members in attendance and one guest..

**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.

**Old Business - Dixon:**

The Dixon 2016 National Meet and show was reviewed in detail to be prepared in advance as the meet is June 17-18, 2016. The judging format for Dixon was discussed again and approved to move the timing for National Judging to begin at 10:00 AM and be completed by 12:30 PM. Also, the Special Awards and National Recognition (local awards) would be completed by 12:30 PM as well, to coincide with the National Judging, so that both presentations and awards would be presented together. This new change will be reviewed after the event.

**New Business**

**Annual Summer Picnic:** Will be held on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

1. Location will be the Rancho Seco Recreational Park Area 2B. The Annual summer picnic will be the Club's opportunity to celebrate the success of the annual Dixon Motorcycle Show & Swap meet. All attendees are encouraged to come early to help set up for a fun afternoon. .

2. There will be shirts and meet pins available to purchase at the barbecue.

**Welcome to our Newest Club Members  
Who joined at Dixon!**

**Gregory Fouler – Richard Butler – Lloyd Riggs**

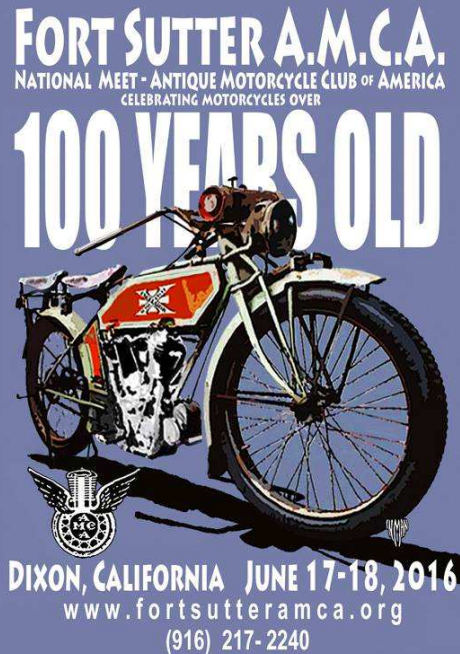
**Shepard Johnson – Stefan Fisher**

# *The 2016 Dixon National Meet & Show*

The AMCA Fort Sutter Chapter's 16th ANNUAL National Meet & Show was held on June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. As always, the vendors began arriving early Thursday in order to be ready to go by Friday morning. In fact, a few vendors related stories of selling motorcycle parts to other vendors before the event opened! This is truly why the swap meet is important to all motorcycle enthusiasts looking for a particular part!

Each year this National meet is supported by both the Yerba Buena and Ishi Chapters to help the Fort Sutter Club promote and hold our National event at the Dixon Fairgrounds.

Again this year, AMCA National, helped support our event by having Keith Keiser, Executive Director, and Don Dzurick, Chief Judge in attendance. The Dixon meet is the only National Meet west of the Mississippi. By having National AMCA representation in attendance each year we all gain valuable knowledge regarding AMCA National news and club events.



**Owners of 100+ year old motorcycles received a  
Medallion**

**For bringing out their bikes for everyone to see at Dixon!**

*Of special note this year was the “Celebration of Motorcycles Over 100 years old” There were 30 motorcycles over 100 years old available to view. The earliest motorcycle was a 1899 Peugeot! Channel 31 broadcasted “Live” on Saturday morning highlighting the event. Our own Mark Loewen (Fort Sutter President) provided commentary regarding the event..*



# Special Recognition And Club Awards Fort Sutter 2016 Chapter Meet

## Most Unique

Stefan Fisher.....1943 BMW R75

## Period Modified

1. Jeff Sierck.....1937 Sport Scout
2. Dennis Magri.....1946 Custom Indian Chief
3. Dennis Gill.....1942 H-D XA

## Oldest Motorcycle

Larry Feece.....1899 Peugeot

## Best Accessorized

Joe Mans.....1959 H-D FLX

## Best American Motorcycle

Ed Bussing.....1938 Indian Sport Scout

## Best British Motorcycle

Don Martin.....1959 Matchless G80

## Best European Motorcycle

Rich Butler.....1951 Bauer B150

## Best Japanese Motorcycle

Don Stockett.....1969 Honda CL 350 K1

## Best Rat Bike

Sonny Anderson.....1942 H-D WLA

## Best Competition Bike

Bently Conway.....BSA Goldstar

## BEST OF SHOW

Bob Clift..... 1911 Indian Little Twin

## Longest Distance Ridden

1. Derek Bomholt.....450 Miles..959 H-D FL
2. Dave Mull .....410 Miles..1942 H-D FL
3. John Laws.....287 Miles..1947 Indian Chief

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



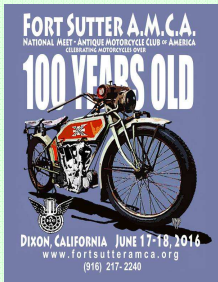
Executive Director, Keith Kizer, left, and Chapter President, Mark Loewen, right, present Bob Clift, the “Best of Show” plaque for his 1911 Indian Little Twin.



South Lawn with many fine 35+ year old motorcycles



Executive Director, Keith Kizer, left, and Chapter President, Mark Loewen, right, present Don Martin, “Best British” plaque for his 1959 Matchless G80.



## AMCA Fort Sutter Chapter 15<sup>th</sup> Annual National Meet

June 17-18, 2016  
Dixon, CA



Antique Motorcycle  
Club of America

### “Honoring 100 Year old Motorcycles”

When this gathering was first proposed, Dixon was chosen because it offered a laid back, farmland with a small town feel. That somewhat mirrored Oley and Jefferson, PA meets to name a few. From our Chapter’s base in Sacramento, you can ride the 30 miles to Dixon over farm country back roads that give the same type of appeal as the Midwest.

I missed the meet last year, a rare occasion, because of attendance at the New Hampshire AMCA National Road Run. However, I missed seeing friends I only see at Dixon each year so, this year’s meet brought on a sense of importance for me to be there.

With set up on Thursday, the field of vendors was almost full by the end of the day. Friday was busy with trading and purchasing of freshly located motorcycle parts for future or current projects. The day ended with the well attended banquet.

Saturday brought more vending and the usual large crowd of spectators who had to wait for their work week to end. The National Judging was moved to an earlier time slot this year, which seemed to work better with both the Chapter and National awards being presented afterwards. Also, on Saturday there was a long line of 100 year old machines on display to honor this years featured theme. There were a few Harleys and Indians, but the largest group of 100+ motorcycles belonged to the Excelsior factory.

The coolest grouping, at this meet, was the orphan Marques of Merkel, Emblem, Yale, Thor, and M&M, just to name a few. To me, the coolest of the cool was a pair of rare original paint Racycles in orange and green. All showed the various attempts by their manufacturers to put their product to the forefront of design and performance some 100 years ago.

My favorite machine of the meet was Louie Fisher’s fabulous original (orange and green painted) 1936 VLH. Louie is only the second owner of this beautiful motorcycle. It had been the shop bike when it’s sidecar was attached for the Eddie Ryan dealership in San Pedro, Ca.

What a special piece of history.

The Fort Sutter Chapter is always fine tuning this event to make it the best it can be for it’s guests and vendors. As always, it was successful in it’s endeavor, with great conversation to be had, parts to peruse and acquire, and machines to be judged. The “Best Little National Meet west of the Rockies” will be here again before we know it. Please try to attend.

Photos from the Dixon Event are shown on the next page

Rich Ostrander  
Fort Sutter Club Historian



**Fort Sutter National Meet – Dixon, 2016**



**A fine example of the "Flying Merkel"**



**Very rare M&M Twin**



**One of two rare Racycles in attendance**



**George Hood just finished the fine bobbed JD for a customer.**

**Joe Mann (Black Hat)  
and his outstanding  
1959 FLH**





**Fort Sutter National Meet – Dixon, 2016**



**Stefan Fisher's 1943 BMW R75 with two motorcycle trailers in tow!**



**Dennis Magri's Vincent powered Indian**



**Seldom seen Crosley powered motorcycle**



**A sweet, big twin flat head – period modified in the display area.**



**Eddy Ryan's 1936 VLH dealership bike now cared for by Louis Fisher**





# **Fort Sutter**

## **August Meeting and Picnic**

### **Saturday, August 13**



**Rancho Seco Park**

**Starting at 12:00 p.m.**

**The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and soft drinks**

**FREE to Paid Up**

**Fort Sutter Chapter Members**

**Guests \$5.00 per person \* Children under 10 are free**

**Entrance FEE to the Park**

**\$10.00 per car load \*Seniors \$8.00 per car load**

**Motorcycle Parking \$5.00**

**There are picnic tables but it would be a good idea to bring your own favorite folding chair or blanket.**

**R.S.V.P.**

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**WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD & DRINKS TO BUY!**

### **Directions**

**From Sacramento take Hwy 99 South to Twin Cities Road (Hwy 104).  
Go east on Twin Cities Road for approximately 10 miles until you come to  
the entrance. Take the road around the lake to picnic area 2-B.**





Antique Motorcycle  
Club of America

### Charter Members of Fort Sutter Chapter AMCA

1. Jack Gormley (Digger)
2. Francis Thompkins (Shorty)
3. William Seadler (Bill)
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)

### Honoring our Fort Sutter Charter Members.....

Visit our Fort Sutter Website for more  
history... [www.portsutteramca.org](http://www.portsutteramca.org)

### Francis (Shorty) Thompkins

Shorty Thompkins was one of the original Fort Sutter members (1932). He was a ex-racer of exceptional talent and winner of numerous events. Restorer for the Harrah's collection. He served as Chapter Vice President of the club and a member of the Board of Directors. He also helped with numerous chapter events and functions. Shorty passed away in 2001.






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**FORT SUTTER A.M.C.A.**  
NATIONAL MEET - ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AMERICA  
CELEBRATING MOTORCYCLES OVER

# 100 YEARS OLD



**DIXON, CALIFORNIA JUNE 17-18, 2016**  
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## Upcoming Motorcycle Shows & Car Swap Meets 2016

*Browser search for more details*

**July 31 – Nor-Cal Cycle Swap (West wind drive-in Sacramento)**

**August 20 - Saturday, 9am – 1pm**

**A&S Motorcycles BMW Triumph Ducati Vespa, 1125 Orlando Ave,  
Roseville, CA 95661, USA ([map](#))**

**Description:** This years' Vintage Motorcycle show will be just like the last years'... **GREAT!** **Owners:** Show your 1991 or older 'vintage' motorcycle or scooter **AND/OR** your 'any year' custom build - to an appreciative crowd of enthusiasts. It's free to show your bike –