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The months sure go by fast. It seems like yesterday I wrote the last news letter and if it wasn't for my buddy Tom Green reminding me, you might not be getting this one .

I've been getting ready for the San Jose swap meet, Jim Moore and I are taking a lot of parts to the swap meet to sell (I hope), we've been cleaning, buffing and using wire wheels to get the job done. All the items we are taking are British because this is an all British swap meet. There will also be three other buildings selling Japanese, European, and American motorcycles and motorcycle parts. I think this swap meet has more show bikes than any other one in California. This is a one day swap meet, but they do have a ride on Sunday. The meet will be on March 27, 2010.

The FSMC members that have motorcycle at the California Auto Museum in old Sacramento will be picking them up on March 20 and 21, instead of March 13 and 14 The museum coordinators asked all the people who have motorcycle there if they would leave them one more week and all agreed to do this. The attendance at the museum for the special motorcycle event was the largest turn out the auto museum has ever had for a special event. The board of directors told Amanda Moss, the manager, they would like to have more motorcycles on display as part of the regular show.

Our Fort Sutter dinner turned out to be a very good one. We were not too sure all the people that signed up would be able to come to the dinner. One week before the dinner date, the restaurant notified Jack that the date we had reserved was not available because when they moved the date from the 2009 calendar to the 2010 calendar they put it on the wrong date, so they asked us to move our dinner to a Friday night not a Saturday night. We were very surprised to have more people than we would have had on Saturday.

Your President
Richard Hardmeyer

Our Next Meeting Will Be
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7th
At the SMUD Building • 6301 S Street
7:00 P.M. SHARP

Minutes of the General Meeting

February 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by president, Rich Hardmeyer, there were fifteen members present.

Minutes: A motion was made (Green/Schenken) 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're in great shape financially. She also mentioned that long time member Jim Kirkwold had written the club a check for \$200.00 with a note saying, "Pay my dues for the year and put the rest in the pot." To acknowledge his generosity, Marie asked if it would be alright to send Jim a club hat and of course it was.

While on the subject of high finance, Jim Moore asked if the \$400.00 the National provides for the Dixon meet should be taken now or just deducted from our payment to the National when the meet is over. Using the "one in the hand is better than two in the bush" theory of accounting, it was decided that we'd take the money now.

Old Business: Regarding the Dixon meet Dave Kafton said all the food vendors are in place and Rich Ostrander is working on building the trophies and has almost completed the T-shirt design. Dave asked if there were any suggestions for speakers at the technical seminars. Ed Schenken said he had contacts at both Sierra Air Gas and American Stripping. This started a discussion regarding the pros and cons of having a commercial business conduct a seminar. While no one disputed the fact that welding supplies and metal stripping are something used by all it was also a concern that allowing a business to put on a seminar might turn the whole thing into a big sales pitch. It was finally agreed that having companies such as Sierra Air and American Stripping putting on demonstrations but not technical seminars would be a benefit to the meet and, to encourage their participation, if they were willing to join the AMCA we would give them a vendor space (or spaces) at no charge as long as no money changed hands. In other words they would be free to display their products, hand out brochures, business cards and other advertising materials but would not be allowed to actually sell anything.

The next item was the National Road Run. Rich Hardmeyer reported that the contract with the Biltmore Hotel is signed; in July he and Jim Moore will go up to Tahoe and layout the courses. They are going to wait until then to be sure there are no unexpected road closures due to ongoing highway repairs. Following a lengthy critique of the road run budget it was decided to set the registration fee at \$105.00 rather than original figure of \$100.00. Rich Ostrander said he will make up some trophies for the event.

Ed Schenken reported on his research regarding TV sets with DVD players which we could use at our club events and displays. After going over the various options it was decided that we would authorize Ed to purchase 26" TV monitor with built in DVD player for \$320.00 plus tax.

Jack Gormley reported that so far thirty-four people have signed up for the annual dinner he also asked if it would be all right to invite Tom Motter to the dinner to promote and, possibly speak about, his book, *Sacramento, Dirt Capital of the West*, which gives the history of all the famous race tracks from the old State Fair grounds to Hughes Stadium. The club felt there would be no problem as long as he didn't actually sell any books that evening. Marie Moore asked for \$200.00 for raffle prizes for the dinner. A motion was made (Green/Kinney) to provide Marie with that amount. Motion passed.

New Business: Bob Pratt gave a run down on "Motorcycle Awareness Day" to be held May 16 at Sierra College in Rocklin. Bob would like us to bring out some bikes for a display and, perhaps, hold and impromptu show with some sort of people's choice award being given.

Finally, Marie Moore held the raffle for three free dinners at the annual banquet. The winners were Rich Ostrander, Ed Schenken, and Dave Kafton.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

TOM GREEN
Secretary

Please Welcome our newest member
Russ Citti from Sonora

Geezer's Garage



We've seen them ad nauseam. The custom bike building T.V. shows that all seem to follow the same formula: Only three days to finish the bike before the "big show" and then we spend more of the next thirty minutes watching name calling, wrench throwing, arguments than we do seeing a bike being built.

Enter *Geezer's Garage* a T.V. pilot starring Pat Shelley, George Foster, and our own Ed Schenken. The premise of the show, which was the brain child of Pat's son Nick who did all the filming, is just about the same, take an old bike, three equally old mechanics and build a chopper but there any resemblance ends. When these three start arguing it's only about who makes the worst pot of coffee. When things finally do reach a fever pitch there in only one thing to do: Break out the Oly and start bench racing. Even if they never touched a wrench the stories alone could make the show a winner.

The new six minute trailer can be seen at: <http://geezer garage.info/> The original trailer had over 11,000 hits and generated very positive feedback as you will see when you open the web site. One viewer's comment summed it up perfectly by saying, "The show is like American Chopper meets Mayberry."

If they do manage to sell the show Ed figures the format will stay pretty much the same as it is now, a little designing, a little wrenching, and a few stories and as Ed says, "The only rush we're going to be in is to finish the project bike before arthritis sets in."

The Fort Sutter Chapter is Putting on a Club Display at
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS DAY

May 16, 2010

and we need some bikes

**Where: Sierra College, 5000 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA
Lot "K" enter from Sierra College Blvd.**

The event is open to the public at no charge.

Time: Set up 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. • Show, 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**There will be dealers and vendors there plus riding exhibitions
and demo rides. There will also be MSF basic, experienced and
advanced rider classes for people to observe.**

**We will definitely have our Fort Sutter
booth set up and want to put on an
informal bike show open to AMCA members only
the organizers may even give out an award or two but...**

we need some bikes

**If you can help out by showing your bike please call
Club member Bob Pratt (530) 668-8797**

**Jim Schenken's
Award Winner**

Last January Ed and Jim Schenken entered their bikes in the Easy Rider Bike Show held at the Convention Center and Jim's '46 Knucklehead took second place in the Antique/Old School Division. Ironically, Jim bought a lot of the parts for his bike from Billy's Motorcycle Shop on Elkhorn in North Highlands and it was Billy's who built the first place winner, another Knuckle head owned by Todd Persich.

That's father Ed's green and yellow Knucklehead in the background



The Annual Dinner or...

The Saturday night banquet that was held on Friday

For Jack, a simple phone call from the Pheasant Club turned into one of those OMG moments. Seems due to "a slight book keeping error" the restaurant had put us down for the wrong date (or no date at all). Our date, February 20, was already taken but they could fit us in on Friday the 19th. So, with the help of Marie Moore, Jack began the task of notifying all the people who had made reservation that a change had to be made. As it turned out all went well and, in fact, we actually gained a couple of people who would have been unable to make it on Saturday.

Once again our thanks to Jack and Sara for organizing another very successful event and to Marie Moore for handling the raffle.



The blushing bride to be, D'Neil Kafton showing off her engagement ring to Marie Moore.



President Hardmeyer presenting his annual "state of the club" address.



D'Neil won a copy of Tom Motter's book, *Sacramento, Dirt Capital of the West* which he was happy to autograph.



Dan Bienfang told the interesting story of how he met Jay Leno and was invited to tour his shop and watch a taping of the Tonight Show. Just one of the perks of being a Vincent owner.



Former AMA referee and Harley-Davidson Factory Rep. Ray Weser received a round of applause when he announced that he had turned ninety-five in December.



Just part of the over seventy people attending the annual dinner.



Rich, Dick Bertolucci, and Jimmy Jones.

Fort Sutter Chapter National Road Run September 12–15, 2010

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Mention group code "912SUTTE" for group rates starting at \$59.00

The registration fee of \$105.00 includes three days of riding
a Wednesday night dinner, polo shirt, and other goodies.

All motorcycles must be currently registered, insured and at least 35 years old.

Riders must be members of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America.

Remember California and Nevada are helmet states.

Print Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Print Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Motorcycle to be ridden _____ Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Registration (1) at \$105.00 = \$ 105.00

Extra Dinners Wednesday Night (_____) at \$45.00 = \$ _____

Extra Polo Shirts (_____) at \$20.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Size of Polo Shirt for Rider: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Number of Additional Shirts Ordered: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Your Signature _____ AMCA Number: _____

Registration & Payment in Full Must be Received by July 31, 2010

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FORT SUTTER CHAPTER AMCA

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