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From the President

Some of our FSMC members have heard, but for those that haven't, Shortly Tompkin's 1914 cyclone was stolen (see page 18 in the Spring, 2012 National Magazine), it was valued at \$520,000. The thieves broke into the owner's house located in Bell Air Calif. They also took a 1961 Honda CR110, 50cc racer. The total value was about \$1,000,000. The owner reported that at 4:30a.m. two men kicked in the front door and went right to the Cyclone. When the owner's confronted the thieves, the thieves tied them up. These bikes did not have insurance on them.

The owner is not the only one to lose on this theft. The motorcycle antiques people will also lose; these bikes will never be in the public eye again and also there was no insurance on these bikes. *Walneck's Classic Cycle* magazine has a very good article in their April, 2012 issue on the problem. None of our antique motorcycle are safe anymore and with all the finical problems people are having today it even more important to secure our bikes. If you don't have a home or shop security system get one, don't tell people where you keep your bikes and how many you have. If you have a neighbor that you trust tell him when you are leaving for a vacation and put insurance on your bikes. If someone wants to take pictures of your bikes tell them not to put the pictures on a computer with your name. Shorty's Cyclone was published a lot and the high price made it a likely one to steal.

On a happier note, our yearly FSMC dinner turned out very nicely. Richard Ostrander did a great job. Thanks Rich!

We plan on having a club display at the Motorcycle Awareness Day which will be Sunday, May 20 at Sierra College in Rocklin. Also, remember the Ishi Chapter is having their swap meet and show in Chico on May 27, 2012. They have been a help to us at Dixon so let's give them our support!

The San Jose swap meet will be on March 31, 2012. Gayle Tompkins and I will be selling more of White's Tompkins parts and I will be selling a lot of my personal bikes and parts there.

Your President,
Richard Hardmeyer

Our Next Meeting Will Be
SATURDAY, APRIL 7

At Sam's Hof Brau
Watt and El Camino Avenues

Lunch at Noon • Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the General Meeting

February 4, 2012

The meeting, held at the Hof Brau was called to order promptly at 1:00p.m. by president, Rich Hardmeyer, there were eighteen members in attendance.

Minutes: Jim Moore moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 3 meeting. Motion was seconded by Rich Kinney and passed. The minutes will stand as written.

Treasurer's Report: Marie Moore reported that we are beginning the year with 104 paid members and our bank balance continues to remain in a healthy condition.

Old Business: Rich Ostrander reported that he is in the process of purchasing the prizes for our annual dinner on the 18th. So far he has received twenty-six reservations.

Shari Pratt, our web master, has been having trouble writing web codes, she plans to meet with her son-in-law shortly to get some help and instruction. Meanwhile, Dave Kafton and Rich Ostrander suggested Shari contact Bryan Davidson of the Yerba Buena chapter to find out what kind of software their club is using and to arrange with him for some help in setting the program up. Dave Kafton also said that his daughter, D'Nell might be of some help with initial set up and overall organization of the site. A motion was made (Wiebens/Kafton) to authorize the funds (no amount was stipulated) for purchase of website software. Motion passed. Shari will report on her progress at the next meeting.

New Business: It was decided we would apply for permission to hold a national road run in 2013, the tentative date would be September 22 through 25, 2013 if no date around that time is available then we would put off the road run until 2014. No exact location was selected but Rich Ostrander said he has been working on some routes centered around the Sacramento area and reaching into the Jackson and/or Delta region. Jim Moore will submit our application.

Regarding the Dixon meet: Dave Kafton is working on the caterers and will contact the Yerba Buena Chapter to see if they would be willing to cater the "Early Comers" dinner again this year. Rich Ostrander is working on the trophies and Jim Innman has completed the design for the T-shirts however, it looks like the price of T-shirts has gone up quite a bit. Jim is going to shop around and see what kind of prices he can get from other vendors. Dave has been talking with one of the producers at KMAX-TV Channel 31 who is interested in doing a live broadcast from the Dixon meet this year. Mark Wiebens is working on having the sign in front of the fair grounds changed.

Bob Pratt announced that Motorcycle Awareness Day with swap meet will be Sunday, May 20 at Sierra College in Rocklin and plans to have a display of antique bikes again this year. The annual A&S show in Roseville will be held Saturday, September 29. The Ishi Chapter will hold its fourth annual swap meet and show Sunday, May 27.

Dave Kafton said this the Cannonball Run will be September 7 through 23 and will end up, after a police escorted crossing of the Golden Gate Bridge, at Dudley Perkins shop in South San Francisco. The Yerba Buena Chapter has stepped up to help with the organization and expense of the closing ceremonies. Briefly, any person or organization that makes a donation will have their name included on a large sign and be allowed to join in the crossing of the Golden Gate and the following ride to Dudley Perkins shop providing they are riding an AMCA approved vintage motorcycle. Rich Ostrander made a motion, seconded by Rich Kinney, to donate \$1,500.00 (matching Yerba Buena's contribution) towards the cause. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

TOM GREEN
Secretary

An Update on Ken Heuser

As most of you know, our fellow member Ken Heuser, known to his friends as "The Head Chicken of Chicken Ranch Racing", the man who never met a Triumph he didn't like, received a serious head injury in an auto vs. auto accident January 28. We have been trying to contact his wife, Joyce to check on Ken's condition but, so far, have been unsuccessful. When we called Mercy San Juan Hospital on March 22, we were told Ken was still in the ICU Trauma Unit and could accept phone calls from family members only. So, while we wait for more information, all we can do is offer Ken our prayers for a complete recovery.

Again This Year The Fort Sutter Chapter is Putting on a
Club Display at the 3rd Annual
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS DAY
May 20, 2012
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 courses.**

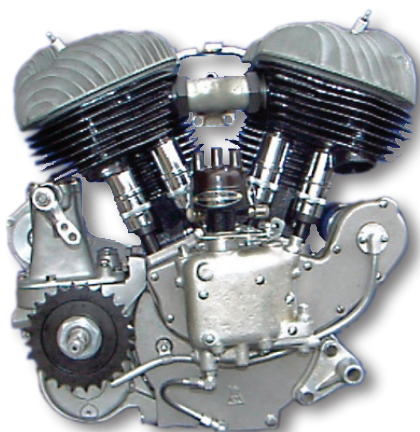
**We will definitely have our Fort Sutter booth set up and will be
putting on an informal antique bike show open to AMCA members
only with a people's choice trophy to be awarded.**

**If you can bring a bike or need more information,
call Bob Pratt at (530) 304-6259 or Shari Pratt (530) 220-2233**

**This year there will also be a swap meet with free vendor spaces
contact Loretta @ (916) 798-9042 to book a space.**

**June isn't that far away
and neither is our 12th Annual National Meet at Dixon.**

Once again Dave Kafton has volunteered to chair the event but as the meet continues to grow so do the manpower demands and now, more than ever, Dave needs *your* help. If you can donate some time in any of the following areas please let Dave know. It will go a long way in taking some of the pressure off him.



- Field set up on Thursday
- Setting up tables & tents on Thursday
- Staffing the front gate Friday and/or Saturday
- Banquet hall set up & decoration Friday
- National Judging Saturday
- Field meet Saturday
- T-shirt sales Friday and/or Saturday
- Tear down & clean up Saturday

**The 12th Annual Dixon National Meet
June 15-16
Honoring the Flatheads**

**Contact Dave at: dkafton@clearwire.net
or give him a call at (209) 748-5126 with the good news that
you're volunteering.**

The Annual Dinner Held February 18th at the Pheasant Club

While the turnout was a bit lighter than usual it was still a well organized and fun filled evening with good food and an abundance of raffle prizes. This year's dinner arrangements were coordinated for the first time by Rich Ostrander who did an outstanding job. Thanks Rich! We look forward to what you have up your sleeve for next year.



Event coordinator, Rich Ostrander and his friend, Chuck Vogel from Southern California, ready to greet the guests at the registration table.



Barbara Hardmeyer displays one of the raffle prizes while Marie Moore gets ready to call out the winning number. Meanwhile, confirmed Ariel rider, Martin Lund won't even look at a Harley T-shirt.



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



Part of the evening's crowd. When it came to raffle prize winners, the Kafton family table, bottom right, took home enough wine to open Lodi's newest liquor store.

Ishi Chapter's 4th Annual Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet

Sunday, May 27, 2012 • 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1705 Manzanita Ave. Chico, CA

20' x 20' Swap Spaces are \$25.00

Free ride in bike show with an award for best of show.

No host bar provided by the Elk's Club.

Vendor setup begins at 6:00 a.m.

For details contact: Rich Haner (707) 292-3033 or Gordon Matthews (530) 899-1471

***The Ishi Chapter has given us their support at Dixon,
now it's time for us to return the favor!***

Three One Day Rides in a Row! Ride One or All Three

Come ride with the Doctor. May 10th, 11th & 12th, 2012. Anything you've got that runs. Meet before 9:00a.m. because that's when I leave the far left side parking lot (all the way to the back) of the Walmart in West Sacramento. If you bring it in a truck or trailer I've arraigned for parking it there while you ride. It's located at the shopping center at the Highway 80 freeway bypass, Reed Ave. and Harbor Blvd.

One day or all three, you're welcome to join us. On Thursday the 10th the ride will be to Woodland, Capay Valley, Colusa, Knight's Landing and back. On the 11th will be riding the River Road to Antioch, Livermore, Del Puerto Canyon, Lodi (special stop), and back. On Saturday the 12th we'll be going to Plymouth, Jackson (special stop), Volcano, San Andreas, Angels Camp, Copperopolis, Pardee Dam and back. Possible chase truck. Be fueled and ready to ride. 150-200 mile days. Polish them or ride them.

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT RICH (DR. SPROCKET) OSTRANDER

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These rides will also serve as exploratory trips to lay out possible new routes for our proposed 2013 National Road Run.

UPCOMING EVENTS

25th Clubman's All British Bike Show

March 31 — Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San Jose

www.bsacnc.org for more information

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Los Angeles Chapter's Santa Barbara National Road Run

May 6 – 8, 2012

See Page 59 of the Spring 2012 National Magazine for Details

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The 44th Annual Hanford Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show

Saturday, May 19

Kings Fairgrounds, 801 10th Ave, Hanford 93232

Additional information at ClassicCycleEvents.com or call (909) 622-0582

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The 3rd Annual Motorcycle Awareness Day

Sunday, May 20 — Sierra College, Rocklin

We will be putting on a display of antique bikes

See page 4 for more details

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The Ishi Chapter's 4th Annual Swap Meet & Show

Sunday, May 27th in Chico

See page 3 for more details

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The Sacramento Mile

Saturday, July 28 — Cal Expo

Ticket go on Sale April 13

**Have
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