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## From the President

I'm getting closer to finalizing the contract with the Biltmore Casino at Lake Tahoe's North Shore. Tom, Jim, and I reviewed the contract that Tayler, from the Biltmore sent us about a week ago. We made some changes and I sent it back to him on 11-13-09. He will review it and, if he likes it, I will sign another copy and mail it to him, if not he'll send it back and we'll review, and this is how it will go until we all are satisfied. I hope we have all this done by the next meeting.

The all British ride in the Bay area was held on Saturday 11-7-09 and Jim Moore, Barbara, and I went on the ride. Barbara road behind me on my Triumph Bonnie, and Jim road his Ariel square 4. We started In Novato about 10:00 a.m. There were 215 bikes lining the streets, what a sight. We left Novato heading north west over the mountains towards Highway 1. About five miles out we saw the first rider down, he went too fast into a corner and went off the road into a ditch. He didn't brake anything but he did cut his leg and got some road rash, other riders were helping so we didn't stop. The weather was cool but sunny. It rained the night before so you had to watch out for wet leaves in the corners. We reached Highway 1 and headed south to our first gas stop at Reyes Station. When all the bikes arrived it was a better sight of all the bikes then when we left. The people in town enjoyed looking at all the old bikes, and we helped out their economy, especially the gas station. We left in smaller groups and headed to Stinson Beach, then turned back going north, back over the mountains. The road was narrow and had a lot of sharp turns. We arrived at our distention the Marin French Cheese Factory about 1:00. We had lunch, took time to look at all the bikes and then Don gave out the awards and we road back to our truck and trailers, and headed home. It was a very good ride.

Finally, remember Dave Kafton needs volunteers for the Dixon meet in 2010. Its very disappointing when people wait until the last minute to let Dave know if they are going to help out. Its a hard job guessing if people will show up to help. Call him and volunteer now, not the day of the meet.

Your President,  
*Richard Hardmeyer*



Rich, Barb, and Jim stop for a photo-op during the all British ride.

Our Next Meeting Will Be  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd**  
At the SMUD Building • 6301 S Street  
**7:00 P.M. SHARP**  
Elections and important discussion regarding the Dixon Meet  
**PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND!**

# Minutes of the General Meeting

## October 7, 2009

The meeting held at the SMUD building was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by president, Rich Hardmeyer. There were eleven members and no guests in attendance.

**Minutes:** The usual motion was made (Green/Bland) to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of Marie Moore Tom Green reported that another \$5,000.00 has been added to our Certificate of Deposit for a total of \$12,123.22. While the interest rate is only slightly more than 1% we do have the ability to withdraw funds at any time without penalty. Total membership now stands at a record high of 144 which includes both associate and honorary members.

**Old Business:** Rich Hardmeyer reported that, except for the low attendance, the Rancho Seco picnic was a success. As September is a very busy month, some consideration may be given to changing the date to some time in the spring as we used to do with the Coloma picnic.

Rich also said that the Stockton Mile was a very well organized event. With attendance of 7,000 on Saturday and 5,000 on Sunday it's a sure thing that they'll hold it again next year. Hopefully it might become a national event in the future.

Rich then gave a progress report on our national road run. He explained the pros and cons of going to Tahoe's North Shore as opposed to our usual venue at the South Shore. While costs are a bit higher at North Shore for both motel rooms and dinner, a straw vote of the membership indicated a strong preference for the North Shore. Rich and his committee will now work out the final details so we can get the exact location to the national to put on their web site.

In giving his report on the President's Meeting at Davenport, Dave Kafton said that the National is insisting that we have signed waivers of liability from participants in all club events. It was also pointed out that our bylaws should include an article pertaining to the removal of an unwanted member. Following his report Dave made a motion, seconded by Jack Gormley, to rescind the motion made at the August 1 meeting which stated that the club would pay the expenses of a delegate attending the annual president's meeting. Motion passed.

Regarding the Dixon Meet: Dave Kafton said he would be willing to chair the event again providing he can get some badly needed help. After some discussion it was decided that Dave and others will immediately start recruiting committee heads to oversee the various areas of concern such as field layout, clean up, banquet setup, etc. There was also a suggestion made that it might be advisable to offer members some sort of incentive to work at the meet such as a free t-shirt, hat, or dinner, however, no agreement was reached on this point. Dave will come up with a theme for the meet by the next meeting so we can get our ad copy into the national by the December 31 cut off date.

**New Business:** Nominations for candidates to replace the four outgoing officers (Marie Moore, Tom Green, Jerry Bland, and Jim Gundelach) were held. Those nominated were: Marie Moore, Tom Green, Mark Wiebens, Rich Kinney, and Jerry Bland. The election will be held at the December 2nd meeting and the new officers will take office in January.

**TOM GREEN**  
Secretary

### How Cool is Your Bike???

**The California Automobile Museum is seeking vintage, rare and custom bikes worthy of museum exhibition.**

**Is your bike historically significant or is it simply unique enough for others to enjoy?**

**E-mail information and images of your bike to [exhibits@calautomuseum.org](mailto:exhibits@calautomuseum.org)**

**Or contact the Museum Curator at 916-442-6802**

**The exhibit will run January 2, 2010 - March 5, 2010 • 2200 Front Street, Sacramento, CA 95818**

**For more information check out: [www.calautomuseum.org](http://www.calautomuseum.org)**

**Note: The museum must have your application by December 1, 2009**

# A Message From Dave Kafton, Chairman of the 10th Annual Dixon National Meet

Hello fellow members,

Well, it's that time of year! Once again, I'm looking for volunteers to help with the necessary duties for the Dixon 2010 swap meet. This is a very labor intense job to say the least. D'Nell will not be taking on as big of a load next year, so I have decided to do things a little differently. I need some volunteers to step up and be the leader of individual groups to complete just one job. I can assist you by assigning you helpers if you need them to complete the task, and then just report to me when it's done.

It's just not fair that the majority of our club members sit around and expect the same old dozen members to do all the work and have everything done when they show up! Am I missing something here? This is a club, so step up and do your part! It's an unpaid and unrewarding job when only a few do everything and the rest of the club reaps the benefits. I'm not asking for much, just a few hours of your time well in advance, not the day of the event. I'm sorry if I sound so stern here, but I can understand why past coordinators have quit!

If I don't get more help this year, I may join them and begin to question whether there should be a Dixon 2011. So please contact me and let me know what you are willing to do for your club. I need chairmen to take care of the following:

- T-shirt design and printing,
- Hall decorations and set up
- Advertising
- Field layout
- Gate tenders
- Bathroom patrol
- Seminars
- Buy and arrange raffle prizes for Friday's banquet dinner
- Set up and tear down of all the tables in the hall and on the field
- Trophy design and ordering
- Meet pins
- Early comer's BBQ
- Field meet coordination
- Garbage patrol
- Signs
- After meet clean up

And numerous other duties (not to mention that we don't even have a theme-bike for this year yet.)

Call me ,

Dave Kafton, Vice President FSMC

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Every year since our first national in 2001 our meet has continued to grow and improve, both financially and artistically but we may be becoming a victim of our own success. As we expand, more work is created and more work requires more people. The problem is that over the last nine years it has always been the same ten to fifteen people who have been carrying the load. It's not surprising that every year we find that one or more of those people just gets burned out and drops by the wayside, reducing the pool of willing volunteers even more. If we continue on this course, eventually we are going to find ourselves scheduled for a National Meet and no one left to put it on, leaving us in the position of being the promoters of a colossal mega-flop, a blow to both our club's reputation and bank account.

Think about it! There is no earthly reason that a club with over 140 members should have to rely on the "STPs" (same ten people) year after year. It's time to step up and volunteer a bit of your time to the cause. Give Dave a call and let him know what you would like to do to help out. With a little bit of effort we can make "STP stand for the same *twenty* – or *thirty* – people, not ten.



# The SACAUTOSHOW at Cal Expo

## November 13-15, 2009

Once again thanks go to Jim and Marie Moore for organizing our club's display at the Sacramento Auto Show. This year, thanks to their efforts, we were able to put sixteen bikes on display including Four Triumphs, two Yamahas, three Ariels, three Harleys and one each Douglas, Excelsior, Indian, and Thor. Members who took the time to help out by showing their machines were: Ken Fielding, Dennis Gill, Rich Hardmeyer, Martin Lund, Tom Lund, John Markley, Jim Moore, Ed Schenken, Mike Turol, and Steve Turol.

Helping out by staffing the information desk (where every spectator has a story to tell) were: Dick Borchert, Tom and Lyn Green, Jim and Susan Gundelach, Rich and Barbara Hardmeyer, John and Phyllis Markley, Marna Miller, Jim and Marie Moore, Rich Ostrander, Bob and Sharie Pratt, Shawn Ralls, and Ed Schenken.

At the conclusion of the show, the event coordinator said our exhibit was well presented, very popular and they look forward to seeing us again next year.



On Friday, Ed Schenken and Rich Ostrander were ready to listen to every story and answer every question.



Jim Moore's '37 Scout was without question the most photographed and talked about bike in our display.



Seemed as though everyone used to own a Triumph just like Ken Fielding's T-100R.



Another bike that drew a lot of interest was Dennis Gill's 1918 Harley with side car.



# The Yerba Buena Chapter's San Francisco 49 Mile Ride

## October 25, 2009

*Rich Ostrander, reporter*

Kim and Pete Young of the Yerba Buena Chapter stepped up again to host 250 crazed riders on almost every model, make and year of vintage motorcycles as they rode rapidly through the city streets, parks, and hills of San Francisco.

The group finished with a barbecue lunch at the Bay View Yacht Club in China Basin. During lunch a raffle was held and other prizes were given away including a pneumatic cycle lift. Congratulations to the Yerba Buena Chapter for raising \$800.00 for the *Sacramento* Shriner's Children's Hospital. A great ride, a great cause, a great time!



Everything from scooters to crotch rockets met at the starting point.



Ride organizers Kim and Pete Young being interviewed by the media.



Riders take off down the Embarcadero.



AMCA Technical Editor, Red Fred Johansen.



A panoramic, fish-eye view of the riders as they stop for a break at Fort Point.



**Reservation Form**  
**Fort Sutter Chapter Dinner**  
**Saturday, February 20th**

**The Pheasant Club**

2525 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento

☆ **Guests Are Welcome** ☆

Cocktails 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 7:30 p.m.

**We Have Three Choices:**

Oven Fried Chicken

Garlic Steak Sandwich ✧ Filet of Salmon

Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. of People \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your choice(s) below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Oven Fried Chicken with Ravioli @ \$24.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Garlic Steak Sandwich with Ravioli @ \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Filet of Salmon with Baked Potato @ \$27.00

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: FORT SUTTER CHAPTER, AMCA**

**R.S.V.P. No Later Than February 9th!**

**Please cut or copy and mail to:**

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**Lots of Raffle Prizes**

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