

# FORT SUTTER NEWS

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## From the President

On Saturday, November 6, Barbara and I went to the all British ride in Novato; they had about 150 riders. The oldest bikes I saw were 1930s to 1940s, Matchless V twin, and three Velocettes, the newest ones were the Triumphs. We started around 10 a.m. What a sight to see, 150 motorcycle leaving the parking lot and sign-up area all at once. We headed north on back roads to Tamales, then to Valley Ford and on to Occidental. Then over the mountain and on to Bodega Bay. We then took more back roads back to the Cheese Factory for a nice barbecue—very good food. The ride was about 100 miles, with no major accidents, everyone seemed to have a good time.

I am writing this newsletter at the Cal Expo car show. We had twenty-two motorcycles on display and we were in one of the four tower buildings, the same one we had three years ago but this time we had the entire building to ourselves. We used our new EZup tents. The large one, with two eight foot tables, was used as our information booth; the small one we used for Dave Kafton's Harley as this was the bike he rode on the Cannonball run.

Tom Green had the owners of the bikes write an article on each of their bikes and then he made a binder with all their information, later it was decided to put the information sheets in front of each bike and this turned out to be a good idea. I saw lots of people reading the sheet after they viewed the bikes. We had some problem with the entrance tickets but Marie Moore was able to get the problem resolved. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger came to Cal Expo and viewed our display. Rich Ostrander was our spokesman in updating Arnold about all the bikes.

I want to thank all the people that came out to Cal Expo and helped with this event. At the end we all agreed it turned out very well and the spectators seemed to enjoy our display.

Thanks again to all the volunteers, you did a good job.

Your President  
*Richard Hardmeyer*

Our Next Meeting Will Be  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1st**  
At the SMUD Building  
6301 S Street, Sacramento  
**7:00 P.M. SHARP**

# Minutes of the General Meeting

## October 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by president, Rich Hardmeyer, there were twelve members present and no guests.

**Minutes:** A motion was made (Green/Moore) to forego the reading of the minutes of the August 7 meeting. Motion passed, the minutes will stand as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marie Moore reported that we have a total membership of 124. With all expenses paid we made \$318.00 profit on the Tahoe Road Run. With money in the bank plus a CD, our financial situation is in good shape.

**Old Business:** In his report the on Tahoe Run Jim Moore said that, except for a little incident with a California Highway Patrol road block, all went very well. Our thanks go to Jim and Rich Hardmeyer for organizing another successful event.

Rich Ostrander is still working on a design for a club T-shirt.

**New Business:** Rich Hardmeyer showed a liability release form used by the Vintage Trials Association that has space for sixteen signatures per page as opposed to having a separate sheet for each person's signature. Marie Moore will check with the AMCA to see if they will allow us to use a multiple signature form.

An exact date for the annual dinner at the Pheasant Club has not been selected yet. Jack Gormley will check the prices, select an available date, make the reservation and get back to Tom Green in time to get the reservation form in the next newsletter.

Jim Moore said that we have again been asked to participate in the auto show at Cal Expo to be held November 12–14. Jim is actively recruiting members to show their bikes and is planning to invite members of the Yerba Buena and Ishi Chapters to join us at the show. We also need members to staff the Fort Sutter Chapter booth.

Rich Hardmeyer announced that the Yerba Buena Chapter will be holding their National Road Run in Santa Rosa September 26–28, 2011.

Investigation into the possibility of renting storage space in Dixon for all the club's equipment (most of which is used at the Dixon meet) showed that we'd be looking at an expense in excess of \$1,000 per year. Rich Hardmeyer said he'd see if facilities in Sacramento would be any cheaper.

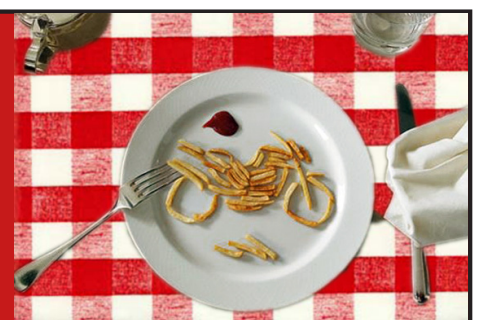
Rich Hardmeyer invited the club to his and Barbara's biennial Christmas open house and pot luck to be held Sunday, December 5.

Nominations were opened for three director positions. Those whose terms of office expire this year are: Rich Hardmeyer, Dave Kafton, and Rich Ostrander. After a bit of arm twisting and political maneuvering, Jim Moore nominated all three outgoing officer/directors to replace themselves, Tom Green seconded and the nominations were closed. The election will be held at the December 1 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**TOM GREEN**  
Secretary

**This Year's Annual Dinner  
Will be Held Saturday, February 19  
at the Pheasant Club  
in West Sacramento  
Be Sure to See the Last Page for the  
Reservation Form**





# Yerba Buena Chapter's 49 Mile Ride 2010

*a report by Rich Ostrander*

On October 31, four “young” men on period choppers and I left Sacramento at six dark thirty for the bar next to Giant Stadium in San Francisco for the tenth annual 49 Mile Ride.

Somewhere between Courtland and Walnut Grove it turned from night into day and the river was spectacular but then the fog became so thick around Rio Vista that we were riding almost blind until we reached the Antioch bridge. From there it was sunny through the pass to Walnut Creek, Oakland, and the Bay. We passed members, Greg Wood and Mark Wiebens at the toll booth on the Bay Bridge. Road side emergency?

Over 200 machines from every county, and every shape and size were there. People too! Looking at the stadium, it seemed funny that on this night the Giants would be in Texas for the World Series for the first time since their days in Brooklyn—go figure.

It was a great 49 mile ride around town and back. There was also a catered barbecue and raffle which included, as one of the prizes, another motorcycle lift table. As this year's ride fell on Halloween, there were more than few riders in costume like “Officer Red Fred” and Regina plus Steve Brown and the other two stooges.

The view from the top of Twin Peaks was something special. It was clear as a bell and you could see the Pacific Ocean, the Golden Gate Bridge, and all the way across the Bay to Oakland and San Mateo. If you missed this one (and you know who you are) there's always the last Sunday in October next year.

It was a great ride back over the Oakland hills, through the Delta and back up the river. More than 200 miles and “ole blue” done good.

Till next time, down the road, Rich.



Among those in costume making it the “49 Mile Halloween Ride” were (on the right) Red Fred Johansen and Regina.



Whether looking across the bay from Fort Point or looking east from Twin Peaks, the views were spectacular.



# Allegheny Mountain Chapter 2010 National Road Run

by Rich Ostrander

Most Fort Sutter Chapter members know that a few friends and I haul or fly and borrow bikes back east every year to ride at least one National Road Run. We've been doing this out west since 1987. Starting five years ago, when we met a couple of brothers from New Jersey on a SoCal road run, we've moved our focus to points due east.

per western New Jersey to Wellsboro, Pennsylvania and back with side trips to the Glen Curtis Museum in Hammondsport, New York and my hometown of Bradford, Pennsylvania.

All along the way we saw plush valleys, rolling hills, full rivers, neat small towns, nice people, great food, and trees, trees, and more trees.

The Allegheny Mountain Chapter president,



From L to R: Rich Ostrander, Dave Harris, "Injun" John Crawford, and Larry Harris ready to explore the "Grand Canyon."

From the age of five until I was about sixteen I remember my father setting money aside all year, every year to make the annual pilgrimage back to Pennsylvania to visit relatives. We always took a different route, camping out and traveling in some cool old car. One year it was a 1938 Pontiac, then a 1949 Kaizer-Frazier—you get the idea. The wanderlust has never left me.

On this year's I trip had my long time riding buddy "Injun" John Crawford of British Columbia, Canada fly into Philly and meet me at the airport. We borrowed a couple of machines from Larry and Dave Harris across the river in New Jersey. We rode 1,100 miles in six days from up-

per western New Jersey to Wellsboro, Pennsylvania and back with side trips to the Glen Curtis Museum in Hammondsport, New York and my hometown of Bradford, Pennsylvania.

All along the way we saw plush valleys, rolling hills, full rivers, neat small towns, nice people, great food, and trees, trees, and more trees.

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At least 150 riders from all over the eastern states were there in force; John and I were the only attendees from west of the Rockies. Usually Red Fred, Ricky Najera and Uncle Lenny come along. The “usual suspects” from the east that we rode with were in attendance though. Along with Dave and Larry were Jim and Shela from Aurora, Indiana, Don Schmidt from Long Island, New York, “Sponge Bob” from New Jersey, Gary from Philly, and Joe from Florida.

As we do every year, we found another great

“real diner” for our meals, The Wellsboro diner has been serving since 1939 and was right across the street from our motel. It’s equal to our favorite in Red Hook, New York (outside Rhinebeck) serving since the late 1920s.

We all had a great time with good friends, great scenic roads and excellent machinery. So save your money, spread the burden amongst good friends and try to take in a road run some place you’ve never been. Life moves too fast not to. Next year. . . Kentucky!



Our mode of transport on day three. Two horsepower!



Don Schmidt and his great running '36 Chief.



A spectacular view of Pennsylvania’s “Grand Canyon”. Completely clear cut at the turn of the century, it was replanted by the CCC during the depression. Trees can be a renewable resource.



**Rich and Barbara Hardmeyer**

Invite you to their biennial

**Christmas Open House  
and  
Potluck**

**Sunday, December 5, 2010**



**Festivities Begin at Noon**

**Bring Your Favorite  
Dish or Libation**

**R.S.V.P. (209) 748-5126**

**11701 Clay Station Road \* Herald, CA**

From Sacramento: South on 99 to Twin Cities Road.

Then East on Twin Cities for 9.2 miles,

Right (South) on Clay Station to the house on the hill.



**Weather Permitting,  
Bring and Show your Bike!**

**THE CLASSIFIED SECTION**

**WANTED:** Armando Magri had dealership decals, back in the 1950s and 1960s that featured an image of the State Capital dome. Does anybody have an example of this decal? If so I would like an opportunity to make a computer scan of the decal, or even buy an example, if you have one you'll part with.

Thank you.

Jim Inman: (209) 334-2632 • jamesinman@comcast.net

**FOR SALE:** Marie Moore still has some AMCA national logo sweatshirts available in various sizes for \$30.00 each. If you call her to place an order (530-622-6531) she can bring them to the December 1st meeting. As Marie says, "Christmas is coming."

# The 2011 SAC**AUTO**SHOW at Cal Expo

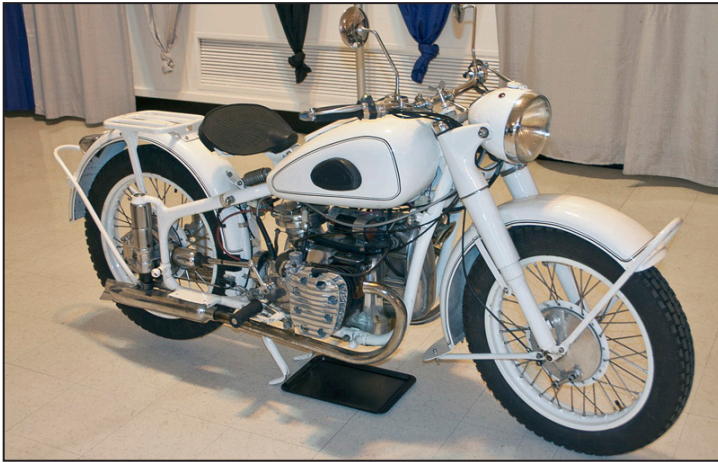
Once again congratulations and thanks go to Jim and Marie Moore for organizing our club's display at the Cal Expo Auto Show. Thanks to their efforts, we ended up with twenty-two bikes on display. New this year were our two new EZ-up canopies which made for a much improved and very professional looking information booth, just what we needed when Governor Schwarzenegger came to pay us a visit on Friday.

Showing bikes were: Jim Moore, Rich Hardmeyer, Ken Heuser, Rich Kinney, Greg Wood, Mark Wiebens, Rich Ostrander, Dave Kafton, Jerry Bland, Dennis Gill, Art Hardie, Martin Lund and Tom Lund.

Staffing the information booth were: Mark Wiebens, Rich Ostrander, Marna and Leonard Miller. Ken and Joyce Heuser, Rich Kinney, Art Hardie and Michele McCann, Dave Patrick, Tom Green, Rich and Barbara Hardmeyer and, of course, Jim and Marie Moore. Thanks to all for your time and effort.



Some of your congenial hosts: Leonard Miller, Marna Miller, Dave Patrick, Art Hardie, Michele McCann, and Mark Wiebens



No, it's not a BMW. It's Mark Wieben's 1968 Chang Jiang 750 M1M.



In recognition of his success in the Cannonball Run plus being the oldest bike at the show, Dave Kafton took the place of honor under the smaller of our two new EZ-ups.



The bike which probably drew the most comment was Dennis Gill's 1942 Harley-Davidson XA



On Friday afternoon Governor Schwarzenegger was doing some P.R. work looking over the electric cars when he decided to take a break and check out the old motorcycles—he does ride. Mark Wiebens managed to snap a quick photo of Rich Ostrander giving the Governor the full tour.



## Reservation Form

# Fort Sutter Chapter Dinner Saturday, February 19th

## 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:

Jack Gormley  
2725 10th Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95818  
(916) 455-7398

# Lots of Raffle Prizes

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