

Fort Sutter News

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From the President

Greetings to my Fort Sutter family,

It seems like it has been a long time since the last newsletter and my last message.

The holidays are just about ready to come crashing down on us, and it already feels like the motorcycle cannonball was a long time ago. This year's event with 100 year old, or older bikes was much more difficult than the previous, 2014 cannonball. Riding a pre-16 bike in, and around today's traffic was a whole event within its self, then trying to keep 100 year old iron happy, and running for days on end is another matter. I had my problems, my motor broke twice, both times we were able to repair it and get back on the road, with the help of many friends, but with the loss of many days riding, and points. I finished in 68th place in 2014 and I finished in 68th place again, who would've thought. I had a great time and I am very happy to have put the time, and effort into it. Thanks again to all of you that helped me, and supported my effort. I'm ready to go again. Well, we just finished our Cal Expo show and what great turnout, and variety of bikes we had on display to share with the community. Thank you to all of you who worked, and brought bikes to exhibit at the show.

So, if you haven't had enough election and voting talk lately make sure you're at our next meeting. It's time for us to vote for three board positions, including my own. Come to the next meeting to cast your vote!

I hope to see you all soon. Come to the meeting. Have a happy holiday season.

Ride your motorcycles, it's fun!

Your Prez,

Mark Loewen

Our Next Meeting == Saturday, December 3rd
At Sam's Hof Brau, Watt and El Camino Ave.
Lunch at Noon
Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the General Meeting

October 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by president, Mark Loewen. There were twenty-two members in attendance and no guests.

Minutes: No one questioned the minutes of the last meeting so we can't help but assume they were recorded with complete and unerring accuracy.

Treasurer's Report: Marie Moore reported that we now have 139 members and bank account remains in good shape. She also displayed the various promotional items we have purchased for the Dixon meet.

Before getting down to old and new business, Mark Loewen gave a report on the Cannonball Run. Although personally suffering some bad luck (such as blowing the rear cylinder off his 1912 Excelsior Twin) Mark said he said the run was well organized and seems to be gaining a larger audience. He was gratified and amazed at the amount of help that was offered along the way to those riders with mechanical and other problems. Also it was nice to see that there was representation from local AMCA chapters at each of the stops along the way.

Old Business: The Sacramento Auto Show will be held October 21 through 23. So far we have thirty-four bikes signed up but could use more. Our set up will be on Thursday, October 20. We also need a few more volunteers to staff the information table. Contact Marie Moore if you can help out.

We have set the dates of September 10 through 13 (updated here after the meeting) for our 2017 road run. Because we are planning on going back to the Tahoe-Reno Area, we are going to meet with the new Carson Chapter to see if they can offer any suggestions and would be able to give us some help.

We are all set with the site for Dixon which next year will be held June 15, 16, and 17.

New Business: Election of officers will be held at the December 3 meeting. Outgoing officers are Dave Kafton, Mark Loewen. and Rich Hardmeyer. Nominated to replace them are Mark Loewen, Dave Kafton, Rich Hardmeyer, Eric Olsen, and Jim Schenken.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Tom Green

Acting Secretary

THE 2016 SACAUTOSHOW



Cal Expo – A Successful Event!

**Largest number of
Antique
motorcycles to date
for this event!**

38!

Again our display at Cal Expo was well received by the public and the staff who ran the International Auto Show. A big "thank you" to all club members who took the time out of their busy schedules to bring their antique bikes to Cal Expo for display. We had another good turnout of varied years, makes and models of motorcycles, from museum quality to daily riders. Our chapter members volunteered to be at the display from morning till night for three days. What a dedicated group.....A nice testament to the quality of folks working with us. The weather helped bring out more visitors this year! Many stories were heard from our visitors regarding motorcycles they had owned years ago. Staff members were out on the floor answering questions and showing how early technology was used on these beautiful machines. As always, the show gave Fort Sutter Chapter another chance to show off some great motorcycles and promote our favorite hobby.

Motorcycles On Display

Fort Sutter Members displaying Motorcycles: Wes Allen (2 bikes), Bill Cruz (3), Dennis Gill (3), Rich Hardmeyer (4), Bill Hill (1), Rich Kinney (1), Mark Loewen (2), Martin Lund (3), John Markley (2), Galen McGhee (2) Tim McLaughlin (1), Jim Moore (2), Rich Ostrander (1), Tom Pettibone (2), Stan Randall (2) Ed/Kari Schenken (1) Jim Schenken (1), Mark Wiebens (2), Greg Wood (3).

Fort Sutter Members who helped with setup/tear down, plus staffed the booth – Thank You!

Friday: Rich Ostrander, Rich Kinney, John & Phyllis Markley, Stan & Pam Randall, Jim & Karie Schenken. **Saturday:** Tom Pettibone, Bill Cruz, Dennis Gill/Chris Stuart, Eric & Rosalind Olson.

Sunday: Mark Wiebens, Greg Wood, Rich & Barb Hardmeyer, Jim & Marie Moore

The 2016 SACAUTOSHOW

A few examples from the show



Check out Rich Hardmeyer's 1965 Triumph Tiger Trials bike on a unique indoor display!



Tim McLaughlin's 1946 Harley FLA 2016 Bonneville Record holder in the vintage bike production class! 86.906 average mph



Chapter President, Mark Loewen's 1912 Excelsior Model 6T Twin. Mark completed this year's Cannonball endurance ride covering 3,306 miles over 15 days for Pre-1917 motorcycles.



Chapter Vice President, Mark Wieben's '27 Harley JD. In 2014 Mark rode his JD 3,938 miles in the Cannonball endurance ride for motorcycles built before 1937

7 Chapter Run September 23-25, 2016

Story and photos by Rich Ostrander - Fort Sutter – Club Historian

This past weekend was the latest edition of the AMCA's California Chapters get together. This one was hosted by the LA Chapter at Weldon, CA. on the outskirts of Kernville and Lake Isabella – about fifty miles east of Bakersfield.

It was a homecoming of sorts for me as the last time I was there was 1974. A lot of us So Cal Boys used to ride our "long bikes" up there every Memorial Day weekend in the early '70s. I saw members from at least four of our state's seven chapters. About twenty five to thirty riders were in attendance with quite a few wives and an ankle biter or two. A fine assortment of machines were on hand. A few '40s Knuckles, a pair of '59 Panheads, several Shovelheads and three LA Chapter early '30s VL's and more.

We rode to 1,000 Trees, a great scenic Redwood Grove near Johnsondale on Friday afternoon. Saturday was a ride over Walker Pass with lunch at Kennedy Meadows and back over Sherman Pass. The host Chapter put on a great BBQ after Friday's ride.

The KOA staff was exceptional with ice cream sundaes on Friday night, outdoor movies for the kids on Saturday night, and pancakes and sausages on Sunday morning. I've stayed at KOAs all over this country and this one was the only one I have ever seen that had a saloon. Way to go Weldon KOA!

I didn't follow the stated route on Saturday, instead, I rode two hundred miles up and back to Lone Pine to say hi to Dave Mull who owns the Napa Auto Parts store there. He always rides over to Dixon with a friend and usually garners our long distance riders award. Thought I'd return the effort.

The only riders who didn't trailer to the run were Greg Woods on his trusty '44 Knuckle and yours truly on "The Phoenix" my '67 FLH. Both Fort Sutter boys.

The same weekend the Cannonball run arrived in Carlsbad, two hundred miles away from us, and my 50th high school reunion played out in Long Beach. A long distance motorcycle ride felt more relevant to me. Go figure! A lot of fun was had all.....



**Dave's Lone Pine Napa Store
with my '67 FLH in the
foreground.**

AMCA 7 Chapter Run September, 2016



A memorial to Joseph Walker at the top of Walker Pass. One of my favorite western heroes who is little known and buried on a hill over looking Martinez.



Our host Byron Salzborn's '59 Panhead



Fort Sutter member Greg Wood's '44 OHV



Fort Sutter member Tim McLaughlin's late 40's OHV that posted a record 89 mph in it's class at Bonneville this year.

Yerba Buena member and webmaster, Brian Davis' early '70s immaculate Shovelhead



News Flash!

Fort Sutter Road Run

September 10-13, 2017

Lake Tahoe, CA

More information to follow.....



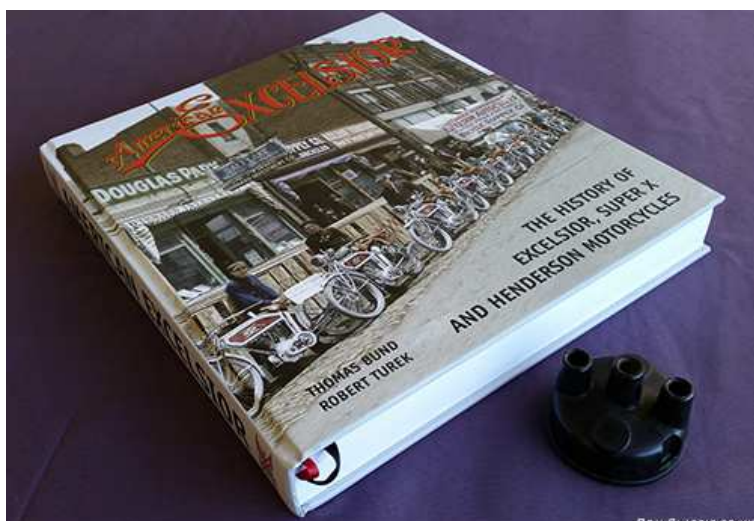
“American Excelsior”

Available now from Bob Turek – Fort Sutter member

American Excelsior. It is the only history of Excelsior and Henderson available in English. Thomas Bund and I wrote and published it earlier this year and I now have copies. Contact Bob Turek at [**ecturek@att.net**](mailto:ecturek@att.net)

Read the review:

[**http://www.realclassic.co.uk/books/american-excelsior-book.html**](http://www.realclassic.co.uk/books/american-excelsior-book.html)



An Autolite distributor cap is included to show the sheer scale and heft of Bund and Turek’s American Excelsior book



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Upcoming Motorcycle Shows & Car Swap Meets 2016

*Progressive International
November 18-20th
Long Beach, CA*

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