

Fort Sutter News

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From the President

Hello to all,

Well another summer has past. I hope you all got your fill of warm weather riding. Definitely a warm summer.

As I'm writing this, one of our yearly events is taking place, The Sacramento car show, another great turn out of bikes and helpers to greet all of the people that attend the show, we had quite a few inquires about the club and the bikes while I was there. This a great opportunity to let the community know about our club and bikes. Good job Fort Sutter members.

So let's go back in time a little bit. September was the ninth national road run that the Fort Sutter Chapter has put on. We had a complete variety of roads, scenery and weather. The first day, like all three days started with sunshine, we rode through the high Sierras into the desert terrain to Virginia city and on to a great lunch in Carson city, a drink stop at Nevada's oldest thirst parlor in Genoa and back into the mountains and back to camp all the while the skies were turning darker and darker, and yes you know, it rained, hailed, just depended on where you were on the route. The second day everyone was on there own to ride the Lake Tahoe and Truckee area and we had our banquet that evening. We had a wonderful meal, some hopefully not to long speeches, that where followed by the most unique and wonderfully creative awards, and an endless raffle prize table, everyone left with a prize, thanks to Richard Ostrander. We had a real good time.

So the third day started out with a beautiful ride in the mountains, then the dreadful, a road closed sign, "big rig tries to be a sports car and gets stuck on the first hairpin corner on the route", oh well a little social time roadside while they clear the road and we are back on track to another awesome lunch and very scenic ride home, with a little more rain with snow flurries, oh well, the mountains.

I think everybody had a good time, we had 96 participants, and a lot of nice complements.

If you haven't been on a road run your really missing out, it's a great chance to make new friends see new places, and ride old bikes with other old bikes. The lady on our last days lunch told me I brought the nicest people to their place, I think that says it all.

So our next meeting will be here soon, it's election time for three of our directors, so please make a point to attend and vote and voice your opinion by participating, it takes all of us.

Well, I continue to keep getting ready for the next cannonball, my son and I will be participating. I'm still working on the Excelsior engine, if anyone has some early Excelsior parts they are willing to let go of, please give me a call.

That's all for now. I had a great time at the road run. Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Ride safe, ride often.

Your President,
Mark Loewen

Minutes of the General Meeting October 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm by President, Mark Loewen, with 21 members in attendance. Thanks go out to Karie Schenken for taking the minutes at this meeting!

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Marie Moore reported that our bank account remains in it's usual good shape and currently we have 135 members.

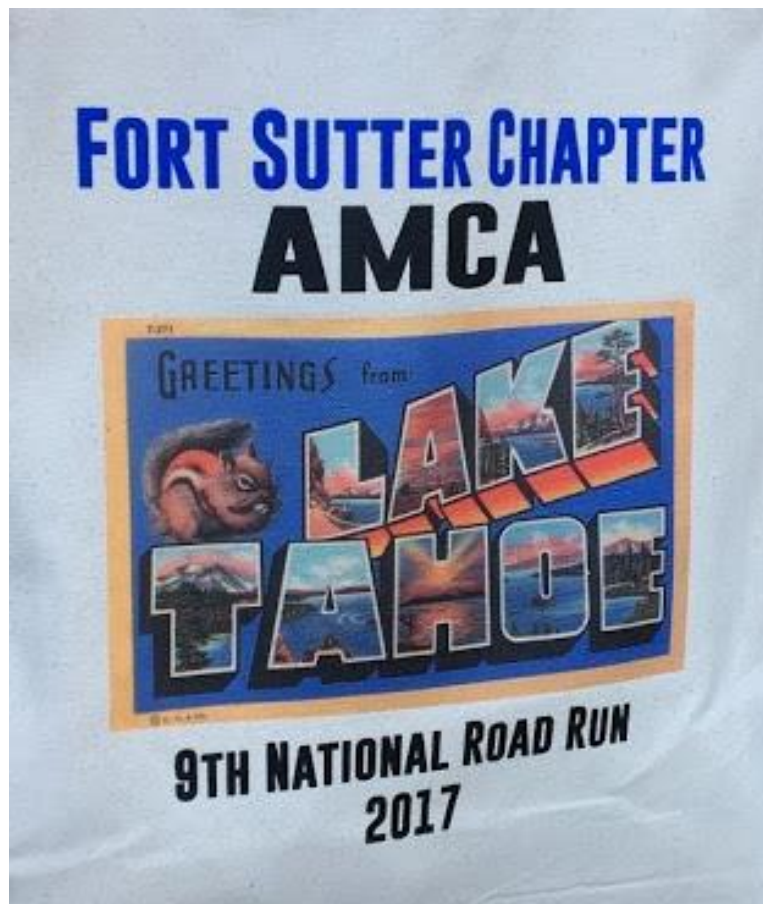
Old Business:

- **Fort Sutter's National Road Run** held in Lake Tahoe, CA on September 10-13th was a **SUCCESS** with 96 riders and 107 total at the banquet. A huge "Thank You" goes out to the planning committee which consisted of Mark Loewen, FSMC President, Mark Wiebens, V.P., Rich Ostrander, Club Historian, along with Mark Lowewn's wife, Julie and daughter Theresa. Together they planned and executed a memorable National Road Run in beautiful South Lake Tahoe.
- **Fort Sutter Chapter Receives letter:** A "Thank You" letter was received from The Make-A-Wish Foundation in Sacramento for receiving Fort Sutter's donation of \$250.00. Each year the Fort Sutter Club will be donating to a local community charity.

New Business

- **Cal Expo Auto Show:** is scheduled for October 20, 21, and 22, 2017. Members displaying their motorcycles will deliver their bikes to the FSMC building beginning at 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM on Thursday, October 19, 2017. The Cal Expo Auto Show will end at 6:00 PM on Sunday, October 22, 2017. All motorcycles to be picked up after the close of the Auto Show at 6:00 PM on Sunday, October 22nd. Mark Wiebens and Gary Kubodera volunteered to go to the storage unit to pick up and deliver tables, chairs, banners, and other supplies needed for the Cal Expo Show. Ed Schenken suggested someone display a motorcycle in the process of restoration to show how they start out. Mark Wiebens said he would bring a "basket case" to this year's show. If you are bringing motorcycle(s) to display you can pick up your passes from Marie Moore on Thursday, October 19, 2017. All other members working the booth (not bringing a motorcycle to display) will receive their passes by mail. Contact Marie Moore for questions. She can be reached by cell phone at (916) 530-957-5161.
- **Dixon National Show & Swap Meet 2018:** Theme for 2018 will be the Harley Davidson "Pan Heads". Club members were asked to keep a look out for new food vendors for next years show.
- **Fort Sutter 2018 Banquet:** The annual FSMC banquet will be held on February 24, 2018. A vote was taken to change the venue to the Black Bear Diner in Natomas.
- **AMCA Comstock Chapter Road Run:** The Comstock Chapter Road Run will be held on October 13-15, 2017
- **Nominations and Officer Voting:** Nominations and voting will occur at the December 2, 2017 meeting for four (4) officer positions. Outgoing officers are Marie Moore, John Markley, Mark Wiebens, and Stan Randall.

**Our Next Meeting will be
Saturday, December 2nd
At Sam's Hof Brau
Watt and El Camino Avenues
Lunch at Noon – Meeting at 1:00 p.m.!**



Great Ride!

3 Days
of
Riding



BEACH
RETREAT & LODGE
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

The Fort Sutter Chapter National Road Run held September 11-13th in Lake Tahoe, CA was a huge success! The planning committee did an excellent job of selecting the Beach Retreat & Lodge for our base. The hotel is situated on South Lake Tahoe Blvd with the lake at our rear doorstep. A perfect location for all riders to leave for each day's ride. There were 96 riders coming from various locations across the country. We appreciated having Lonnie Campbell, AMCA President, in attendance along with other AMCA executives. The banquet was enjoyed with 107 in attendance. After dinner a raffle began with outstanding prizes available for everyone in attendance. See you at our next National Road Run!



Nice Welcome to the Riders!



Left To Right
Mark Loewen, Fort Sutter President,
Mark Wiebens, Fort Sutter V.P.
Rich Kinney, Chase Truck Captain



**Top Left To Right
Theresa Loewen, (Mark Loewens Daughter),
Julie Loewen, (Mark Loewens Wife) working
the event registration booth.**

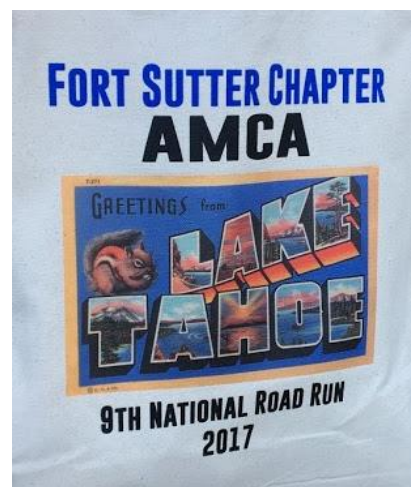
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Top Left To Right
Rich Kinney, Julie Loewen
& Theresa Loewen

SEPTEMBER 10-13TH, 2017			
AMCA Fort Sutter National Road Run			
Participant	State	Chapier	Motorcycle
Douglas Fishery	CA	Yerba Buena	1960 HD Gold Glide
Jim Gay	CA	Comstock	1983 Indian Chief
Tom Grono	WV	Comstock	
Sharon Magni	CA	Yerba Buena	1946 Indian Vindian
Carl Haines	AZ	1965 XS	
Fred Davis	CA		1962 HD Pathwind
Honey Egan	OH	Lake Erie	
John Egan	OH	Lake Erie	
Charles Schlossman	CA		1971 HD Shovelhead
David Sorenson	TX	Cherokee	
Walt Sorenson	CA	Cherokee	
Ursula Butterworth	IN		1950 HD LB
Jim Hinkle	IN	Maumee Valley	1968 HD FL
Sheila Wile	CA	Maumee Valley	
Ken Hoggarth	CA	Yerba Buena	1948 HD FL
Caroline Goldsline	MA	Owens	2002 HD Tri-Clade
John Goldsline	MA	Viking	1952 HD
Janey Reed	CA	Fair Sutter	1968 Harley
David Reed	NE	Fair Sutter	1940 HD USL Flathead
John Arley	WA	Fair Sutter	1950 HD Knockhead
Carl Grono	LA	Fair Sutter	1943 HD Knuck Head
Tim Grono	LA	Fair Sutter	1940 HD Knuckhead
Michael Moore	NY	LA	1967 HD FL
John Van Eemelen	CA	LA	1950 BMW 651/2
Bernard Eastman	CA	Empire	1965 HD FL
Raffley Shorrel	CA	Isle	
Timothy Shorrel	CA	Isle	
Robert Carter	CA		1975 Norton SS
Mark Weathers	CA	Fair Sutter	1971 HD LB
Quincy Weathers	CA	Fair Sutter	
Gregory Reed	CA	Fair Sutter	1948 HD Knockhead
Tim McLaughlin	CA	Fair Sutter	1946 HD FL
Mark Lowery	CA	Fair Sutter	1967 HD FL
Joe Grogan	CA	Fair Sutter	1967 HD FL
Tracy Strabinski	CA	Chapier	1971 HD RXE
John Strabinski	CA	Chapier	1968 HD FL
Brendy Steves	CA	Chapier	
John Steves	CA	Fair Sutter	1947 HD Knockhead
Richard Hydromeyer	CA	Fair Sutter	1947 HD Knockhead
John Hydromeyer	CA	Fair Sutter	1948 Norton
Mike Matthews	CA		1977 HD HARVO
John Matthews	CA		1977 HD HARVO
Paul Ryan	CA	Fair Sutter	1977 Norton
Timothy Ryan	CA	Fair Sutter	1977 Norton
Scott Wagner	CA	Fair Sutter	1977 Norton
Thomas Wagner	CA	Fair Sutter	1977 Norton

The Road Run's success couldn't have been achieved without their efforts!

Pictures from the 9th Fort Sutter Chapter National Road Run in Lake Tahoe...Sept. 2017



Fort Sutter's 9th National Road Run



**Where are we going
today?**

**Left to Right
Mark Wiebens and
Mark Loewen
holding daily ride
meeting**



Lunch Stop in Carson City



The Fort Sutter Chapter National Road Run Banquet



Rich Ostrander, Fort Sutter Club Historian (left) with Mark Loewen, Fort Sutter President addressing the banquet attendees

Lonnie Campbell, AMCA President [Congratulating](#) the Fort Sutter planning committee for a fantastic National Road Run!



**Left to Right
Julie Loewen & Theresa Loewen enjoying the banquet. Thanks to both for their help with just about everything!**

**Rick Najera,
AMCA Director
National Meet
Coordinator
thanking Fort
Sutter for
another GREAT
Ride in Lake
Tahoe**



Rich Ostrander, Fort Sutter Club Historian (Top left picture at microphone) and Road Run planning committee member, was responsible for providing all the wonderful raffle prizes. In fact, Rich personally made some of the awards. Everyone in attendance received a prize!

TOURING THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Pictures and story provided by Rich Ostrander, Fort Sutter Club Historian

Craig Taylor arrived from SoCal with his 63 FL affixed to his trailer behind his Tahoe, as evening faded. When we left for the Oregon Trails Chapter Regional Road Run the next morning, my trusty 67 FLH was strapped down on his trailer as well.

That evening we registered for the run, had dinner provided by their Chapter and settled in at our hotel. The run was based at the Boy Scout's campground behind the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Oregon just south of Portland and northwest of Salem. Its biggest and best known aircraft is the famous Howard Hughes "Spruce Goose".

Day one was the longest 100 miles I've ever ridden. In reality, it turned out to be between 180 and 200 miles. We rode up a twisty road to the top of Mt. Hebo (great vistas), then to Tillamook for lunch in a 50's themed diner, then out to the coast and Cape Mears before turning south to Pacific City and the ride back east to McMinnville.

The next day was a true 100 mile ride through the lush green countryside and small towns to Ft. Hoskins for a chapter provided lunch break and a return ride on back roads to the campgrounds. About 30 machines participated. Ft. Sutter members in attendance, besides myself, were Jeff and Carrie Sierck, Mike Turoid and Stan Randall.

A banquet was catered that evening on site with door prizes and a few special awards presented. A great time was had by all and a big thank you to the Oregon members for taking such good care of us.

The next morning found Craig and I headed north to Sequim, Washington and the Evergreen Chapter's National road run. Close to 70 riders were on hand when we arrived. In the run's HQ parking lot, we met up with the Ft. Sutter Chapter members who had attended the Oregon road run plus Mark and Cathy Wiebens. I was happy to see my old riding buddies from New Jersey, Dave and Larry Harris, as well as, Canadian John Crawford, Alan "Zippy" Lawson and Don "Son of Howdy" Doody. All Laughing Indian riders of some distinction.



**Craig Taylor's 63 FL and
Rich Ostrander's 67 FLH
atop Mt. Hebo.**

Story & Pictures continued >>>

TOURING THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Pictures and story provided by Rich Ostrander, Fort Sutter Club Historian

Story continued.....

A welcoming finger food meal was provided that evening at the host hotel. Great fare! Monday, the next day, found us riding around 170 miles of great back country roads connected by 3 short bursts of fast highway. Visuals were the sounds (large back bays of water) and millions of trees.

Most of us had a nice lunch at a small out of the way tavern called the "Geoduck" which is named for the local long necked clams. Monday night's dinner was on the host chapter at a good Mexican restaurant housed in an old mill.

Tuesday took us out of Port Townsend via the ferry to Whidbey Island, Deception Pass and Washington Park. Before we rode back to Coupeville and took the ferry back, Dave, Larry, Mark, Cathy and I had a great lunch at a small, real Italian café named Ciao. Dinner that evening was on your own.

The last days ride was about 120 miles in duration with close to 40 miles of a twisty, climbing mountain road to Hurricane Ridge where Chapter members served up a great lunch. While eating, we viewed a beautiful panorama of majestic snow covered peaks and lush green heavily forested mountains that reminded one of the Rocky Mountains or the Alps.

The Chapter had buses shuttle us out to a local golf course for our run ending banquet, awards presentation and door prize drawings.

All was well done and a huge thank you to the Evergreen membership for having us. The next morning we said our goodbyes till next time somewhere down the road. We then headed North, South and East.

**Lunch stop at Ft.
Hoskins >>>>>**



Pictures continued >>>

TOURING THE GREAT NORTHWEST

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**Evergreen Aviation Museums
crown jewel, the Howard Hughes
“Spruce Goose”.**



**Oregon Trails' Road
Run HQ.**



**(L to R) Larry Harris
and his 38 Chief, Rich
Ostrander's 67 FLH, and
Dave Harris's 46 FL after
lunch at the Geoduck.**

TOURING THE GREAT NORTHWEST

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**Don
Doody's
1940
Indian
Sport
Scout.**

**Deception
Pass,
Whidbey
Island.**





Charter Members of Fort Sutter Chapter AMCA

1. Jack Gormley (Digger)
2. Francis Thompkins (Shorty)
3. William Seadler (Willie)
4. Joseph Sarkees (Joe)
5. Edward Hawtrey (Spider)
6. John Schaefer (Big John)
7. **Ross Thompkins (Whitey)**
8. **Armando Magri**
9. Richard Fairclo (Rich)
10. Al Lauer
11. Edward Thaddeus (Ed)
12. Edward Catlett (Bud)

Continuing to Honor our

*Fort Sutter **Charter** Members.....*
Text and pictures courtesy of Rich Ostrander
AMCA Fort Sutter Chapter Historian

#7 Ross Thompson (Whitey)

was an original Fort Sutter MC member (1932). He was an expert racer and motorcycle builder. Uncertain the year of his passing.
No picture available

#8 Armando Magri

Early member of the Capitol City MC. He bought Frank J. Murray's H-D Dealership in 1952 after working there for many years, he later moved his dealership to Arden Way. He was an ex-racer of exceptional ability. Armando was a Chapter Judge and helped with many activities and events. He passed away in 2001.

Armando Magri later years picture. Second from the right



Armando Magri early photo