

Fort Sutter Chapter Newsletter

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From the President

Hello to all my Fort Sutter family.

Well the cannonball adventure has ended. We are all home safe. First off I would like to say Thank You! again to all of you that gave us support, and cheered for us.

Some of you thru the clubs, Fort Sutter, Yerba Buena, or individually donated money, Thank You, again. Every bit of everybody's help was appreciated and needed.

My son Jeremy, rode our 1925 Harley JD, all 3441 miles of the event to perfect score and had his 21st Birthday during the Cannonball. Our good friend Victor Boocock, The Godfather, rode his 1914 Harley to another perfect score, and also had a birthday during our trip. I had wonderful time but on the sixth day, after installing a new tire on the back, started having blowouts. I had four 50 mph blowouts, on clinchers. I made bead locks to make clinchers safe as you can make them. They work!, or else I probably wouldn't be writing to you now. So once that was resolved I was back on the road but my score was destroyed. I had one engine issue 2nd to the last day, but had the part to fix it, and rode to the finish along side Jeremy. I completed 2322 miles. The Excelsior ran awesome. And bringing up the back of the pack, Mark Weibens started out strong but developed issues that finally put his effort to a halt. But being the sport that he is stayed the whole trip and was often out in the parking lot late helping us and other riders to fix and ride. It was a great event, great scenery and people and places to visit.

So back to business, our Cal Expo show is only a week away, we could use a few more bikes, contact me if you can help. To all of you that all ready participating, thank you very much.

Time flies as we all know. It is election time again. Our next election will be at our December meeting. Four positions are up for vote. I encourage everyone to attend the next meeting to participate and vote.

I hope to see you all soon, the weather is still nice, get out and ride.

Your President,

Mark Loewen

**Our Next Meeting will be
Saturday, December 1, 2018
At Sam's Hof Brau
Watt and El Camino Avenues
Lunch at Noon – Meeting at 1:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the General Meeting

October 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President, Mark Loewen. There were 23 members total in attendance. There were no guests at the meeting. There are 127 members in the Fort Sutter Club at this time.

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

Treasurer's Report: Marie Moore reports the overall financial status of the Club is in good order.

Old Business:

- **Club Ride(s):** The Fort Sutter Club rides continued in August and September. The August ride was led by Tracy Stahlman who guided the riders onto Hwy 49 then on to Georgetown and Placerville. The September ride was led by John Markley (gave Tracy a break) with the group heading to Woodland and then off to Travis Air Force Base for a tour. See additional story and pictures of both rides are included in this newsletter. Thanks again go out to Tracy Stahlman (and John Markley for the September ride) for his leadership and planning for these monthly rides.
- **2018 Cannonball Motorcycle Run (Portland Maine to Portland Oregon)** Every two years since 2010 the Cannonball Motorcycle run has proved to be the most difficult antique motorcycle endurance run in the world. The organizers were matter in fact in making this statement. The riders wholeheartedly agree. This year Fort Sutter provided three riders: Mark Loewen, President, Mark Wiebens, Vice President, and Jeremy Loewen (Mark Loewen's son) Fort Sutter member. The story and pictures are included inside this newsletter.

New Business:

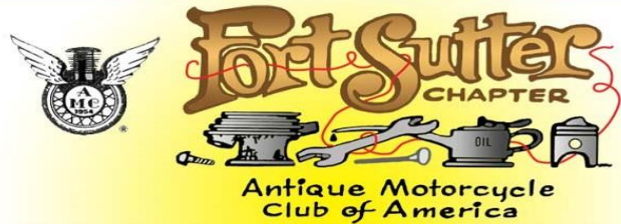
- **2018 Sacramento International Auto Show (Sac Auto Show)** Again this year Fort Sutter will be displaying their motorcycles at this yearly event. For 2018 the date is October 19, 20, and 21st. Each year Fort Sutter is able to showcase their Antique Motorcycles inside over a three day period. The Sac Auto Show (as it is called) attracts thousands of visitors to see the latest makes and models of cars and trucks. Visitors are also drawn to see classic cars and antique motorcycles. Fort Sutter is honored to be invited and to display our motorcycles. Contact Julie Loewen if interested in bringing your motorcycle(s) and, help staff our booth through out the weekend. Julie's cell phone is (916) 698-7867, or by email at jloewen@sbc.global.net
- **Fort Sutter Annual Banquet:** Tracey Kleber, banquet coordinator, announced the banquet will be held on Saturday February 23, 2019. Location for this event is being reviewed with three potential restaurants being considered. Rich Ostrander suggested trying a new location in downtown Sacramento - The Iron Grill for this years event. The Iron Grill has a \$1,000 minimum for banquets. The Fort Sutter Club will provide \$10.00 (\$5.00 increase over last year) towards the price of a meal for members only.
- **2019 Theme for Dixon:** The theme for the 2019 Dixon National Show & Swap Meet will be Triumph 82nd year Speed Twin. **Note:** The Speed Twin 5T is a motorcycle that was made by Triumph at their Coventry, and later Meriden factories. Edward Turner, Triumph's Chief Designer and Managing Director, launched the Triumph Speed Twin at the 1937 National Motorcycle Show. The National magazine advertisement for The Dixon National Show & Swap Meet must be submitted no later than December, 2018.
- **Wild Bill Hill: 1.)** Fort Sutter Member Wild Bill Hill attended the October 6, 2018 meeting and brought copies of the September, 2018 Thunder Roads Magazine. Both Roxannea and Wild Bill wrote an article with photos of the June, 2018 Dixon National Show & Swap Meet. Various photos and stories highlighting the event at the show are included. **2.)** Wild Bill also asked if the Fort Sutter Club would like to be a part of the 2019 Autorama held at Cal Expo in Sacramento on February 15 - 17, 2019. The **Sacramento Autorama** is one of the oldest and longest running indoor car shows in the world. The car show features over 1,000 of the nation's hottest custom vehicles on display. It is a perfect place to see vehicles of the past and look toward the future. The annual car show attracts attendees from all over the world looking to see some of the most beautiful vehicles in the United States. Similar to the Sac Auto Show Fort Sutter Members will bring their antique motorcycles for display.

2018 Sacramento International Auto Show

October 19, 20, & 21, 2018 | Cal Expo
Friday 10-9 • Saturday 10-8 • Sunday 10-6



SAC AUTO SHOW



AMCA Fort Sutter has been invited again – to show our bikes at the Cal Expo Auto Show on October 19, 20, and 21st. As always, this show allows us to showcase our Antique Motorcycles at no charge to the club! What a great opportunity for the Expo visitors to see your motorcycle! We encourage you to bring your motorcycle(s) to the show for display. And, we need your help in staffing the event where you would answer questions and promote Fort Sutter Chapter. If you are interested in being on site to keep an eye on the bikes and answer questions about our club on any of the dates above – please call or email that information. Those donating their time will get a parking pass and admission pass for the day(s) they are working. The pass is good for all day – so you can come early or stay later and check out all the other exhibits. **Contact Julie Loewen: Cell phone (916) 698-7867 or, email jloewen@sbcglobal.net.**

For those displaying a bike(s) in the show – they would need to be brought to Cal Expo on Thursday October 18th between noon and 6:00 pm. They need to stay on display until 6:00 pm on Sunday. In the past we have averaged about 30 motorcycles and we get great feedback from the promoters of the event. **We need Fort Sutter Members motorcycles to display!**

From the Sac Auto Show Website:

*While most motor vehicles at the **Sacramento International Auto Show** will be of the four-wheeled variety, there will some stylish two-wheelers on display courtesy of the Fort Sutter Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America.*

Among the 30 bikes in their display (all pre-1983 models) are some British, German and Japanese makes as well as a good variety of American motorcycles including Harley Davidson and Indian. The ages of these machines range from 1911 through 1983. Sure to draw attention will be three Harley Davidson Knuckleheads, notable for being Harley's first successful overhead valve V-twin engine and given the name by riders who thought the engine looked like fists with two knuckles sticking out.

You can find all of this rolling history and more in the Antique Motorcycle display located in Expo Center.

The August 18th 2018 Fort Sutter Chapter Ride

Pictures and story courtesy of Tracy Stahlman

Fort Sutter Ride Captain



Great ride today through Gold country. Left Folsom Harley with five riders. Eric, Rich, Tim, Andy and myself. Hit Hwy 49 in Auburn and made our way to Georgetown for a break and picked up Jim M. and a chase vehicle with Jim and Karie S.

Rode into Placerville for lunch at Mel's where Marie joined us. After lunch we stopped at the Moore's estate to drool all over the messy garage of Jim's. Back onto 49 we dropped in elevation but increased outside temperatures making for a long last leg back home.

Thanks everyone who showed up today!

Tracy Stahlman



Out front on the ride are three riders proudly wearing their AMCA Logo shirts

More August Ride pics >>>

The August 18th 2018 Fort Sutter Chapter Ride

Pictures and story courtesy of Tracy Stahlman
Fort Sutter Ride Captain



Rich O. waving "Hi" to the camera.....



After a break in Georgetown riders getting ready to go!... notice the BMW, Triumph and a Harley Davidson



A stop at Jim & Marie Moore's home in Placerville What year is the Classic Ford?



Thanks Tracy for another Great Ride!



The September 15th 2018 Fort Sutter Chapter Ride

Pictures and story courtesy of Tracy Stahlman
Fort Sutter Ride Captain

John Markley was road captain this month. We started in W. Sac for breakfast. Departed almost on time and headed for Woodland . The group meandered down a few county roads to Winters for a fuel/ bathroom stop. From there we headed to Travis Air Force Base. Got to the Heritage center for photos , museum, and lunch. Then we got the thumbs up to get up close and personal with a C-5. Departed Travis through some back roads back to town. Great day!

Triumph, BMW's, and Harley's. **Riders included:** Eric Olson, Rich Hardmeyer, Jim Moore, Joe Giamonna, John Markley, Tracy Stahlman, and Gary Kubodera following behind in his pickup as a chase truck.



Riders met at Carol's Restaurant in West Sacramento for breakfast before heading out to visit the Travis Air Force Base Heritage Center



The August 18th 2018 Fort Sutter Chapter Ride

Pictures courtesy of Tracy Stahlman



We were able to park our motorcycles in front of a C-124 cargo plane just in front of the Heritage Center.

*History of the C-124
Developed by Douglas Aircraft in 1947 – retired in 1974. Only aircraft of its time capable of transporting heavy equipment such as tanks and bulldozers*



We were greeted by the docents and staff of the Heritage Center (aviation museum) Opened in 1983 the Heritage Center offers both outside and inside static displays, as well as, personal docent tours of the Center

The August 18th 2018 Fort Sutter Chapter Ride

Pictures courtesy of Tracy Stahlman



Various Aircraft engines above are on display from radial to jet – even a C-5!

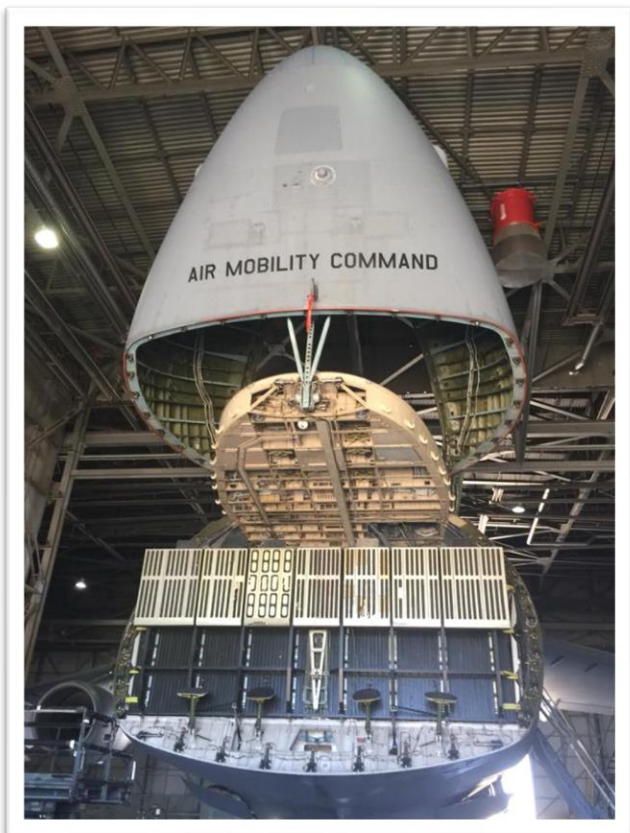
On display inside the Heritage Center is a replica of the "Fat Man" atomic bomb which helped end WW II



(Left) Inside exhibits included viewing a recently restored (April, 2018) Cessna 02A (Vietnam observation plane) Restoration took five years to complete. John Markley from Fort Sutter was the lead in this complete ground up restoration.

The August 18th 2018 Fort Sutter Chapter Ride

Pictures courtesy of Tracy Stahlman



We were allowed to climb up and enter the C-5A == even all the UP to the flight deck!

Riders enjoyed a once in a lifetime opportunity to view UP Close and personal a C 5A Super Galaxy



Once inside....Our two Airmen Tour guides even powered up the flight systems for our tour! No, we weren't going to take off...smile!

2018 Motorcycle Cannonball Details

(from Cannonball website)

Ten years ago, one man set out to become the first person to take a group of like-minded antique motorcycle riders across the United States on machines that were only often seen in museums and private collections. In 2010, Lonnie Isam Jr's dream and bold sense of adventure took him and his friends from one ocean to the other, forever setting the standard of endurance for man and machine. Since 2010, history has been made and continues to be made; machines are coming out of the woodwork, they are being ridden, they are being enjoyed, and they are being put to the Motorcycle Cannonball test.

The next adventure...the next epic journey... the next ride...will be nothing to slouch at. The next experience will again take us from coast to coast; again it will be a true endurance. It will pit man vs. machine on some of the best two lane, back roads that our beautiful country has to offer! This event will feature motorcycles built before 1929.

In early **September 2018**, one hundred or so Motorcycle Cannonball riders will start a two-week journey across the United States on motorcycles built before 1929. The route will start on the east coast in **Portland, Maine**, and end on the west coast in **Portland, Oregon** with a rest day halfway through in Historic Sturgis, SD.

This northern route could certainly include all types of weather; from tropical storms and 90-degree temperatures in the East to freezing temperatures and snow in the mountains of the North. With 12 hours of daylight, riders will average around 250 miles per day, culminating in approximately 3,750 miles. All bikes will run the same route in an allotted time schedule. Motorcycles will need to maintain at least 43-50 mph on straight, flat roads. It is estimated that less than 10 miles will be run on interstate highways, and less than 1 of those miles on urban interstates.

The competition will involve correctly navigating the route using each day's Course Instructions. The winner for each class will be the motorcycle and its rider that covers the most on-route mileage over the 16-day run, within each day's specified time schedule and in compliance with the Event Regulations.

Breaking News! Three Fort Sutter Members rode the 2018 Cannonball Run.....Portland Maine to Portland, Oregon
See next page for details and pictures



2018 Motorcycle Requirements
Motorcycle entries must have been manufactured in 1928 or earlier. Generally, any motorcycle manufactured in 1928 or earlier as originally manufactured and/or modified in its year of manufacture is eligible for entry.

Fort Sutter 2018 Cannonball Riders

Mark Loewen, President - #69 riding a 1912 Excelsior

Mark Wiebens, Vice President - #36 riding a 1927 Harley Davidson JD

Jeremy Loewen, (Mark Loewen's son)



#36 Mark Wiebens

1927 Harley Davidson JD



#69 Mark Loewen

1912 Excelsior Twin



#68 Jeremy Loewen

1925 Harley Davidson



The Motorcycle Cannonball is the most difficult antique endurance run in the world. (quoted from the Cannonball website home page)

2018 Motorcycle Cannonball

Route Map – approximately 3,750 miles



No riding due to rain on this day!



Mark Loewen riding along

The Antique Motorcycle Club of America was founded in 1954 in New England and is now one of the largest organizations of antique motorcycle enthusiasts in the world, with membership of over 11,000 in the United States, Canada and Europe.



The Antique Motorcycle club of America "AMCA" a Major Sponsor for the 2018 Cannonball Run

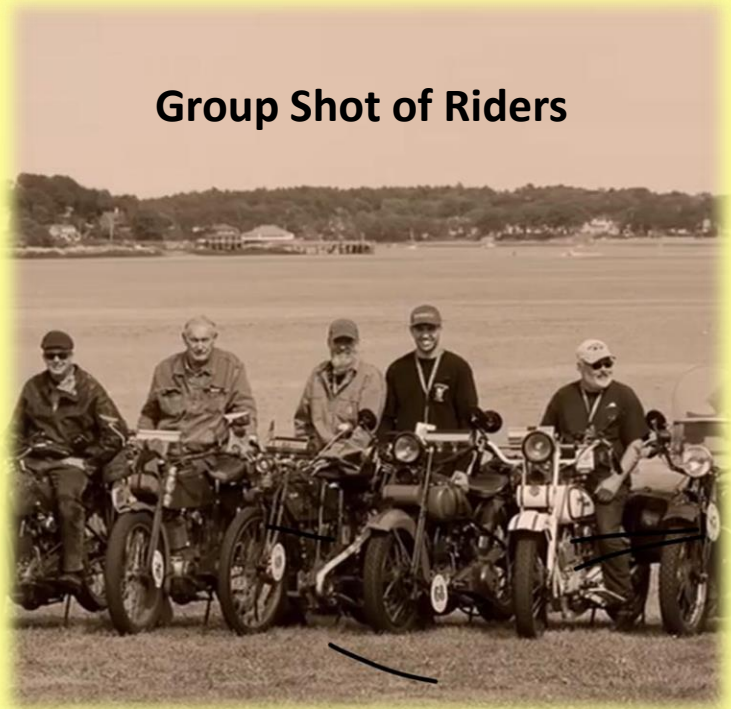


Did you know

2018 Motorcycle Cannonball



Slow down when you see a fellow rider with mechanical issues.....



Group Shot of Riders



No GPS? Riders must use roll charts to find their way.....



Mark Loewen & Mark Wiebens getting ready for the days ride – from Pierre SD.

Jeremy Loewen ready to go! Must get checked out before leaving....



2018 Motorcycle Cannonball



Each Rider received the Participant Coin (front side)



Each Rider received the Participant Coin (rear side)



Each Rider who finished each section received the Perfect Mileage Coin (Front side)



Each Rider who finished all sections received the Perfect Mileage Coin (Rear Side)

News Flash!

Jeremy Loewen (#68) finished all mileage sections earning him the Perfect Miles award! And, celebrated his 21st birthday!

Congratulations to Mark Loewen, Mark Wiebens and Jeremy Loewen for their efforts in running The Motorcycle Cannonball which is the most difficult antique endurance run in the world.