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From the President

It's been about two years since I went riding on my motorcycle. As you all know in March 10, 2011 I cut my leg. March, 2013 I had a five-way bypass and when that was healed I had to have my knee operation. Now I am feeling good and everything seems better. After helping with the Fort Sutter National Ride, I want to ride even more.

This year the Fort Sutter Chapter's National Road Run was very good but we had less riders then we antipaced. We had only about twenty-seven riders and most of them had a fun ride, a few had mechanical problems and that takes all the fun out of the ride. On Sunday, the start of the three day ride was at Sacramento Harley-Davidson motorcycle shop. Richard Ostrander worked with the Harley shop manager and they put on a very good display of old bikes and a display of all the new Harley-Davidson bikes and an open parts department for riders to buy parts on Sunday. I want to thank all the riders that brought bikes for the display.

I want to give a special thanks to one of Richard's helpers, Richard Kinney. How many of you riders would give up riding the event year after year and drive the chase truck but this is a job that has to be done. I know I would not want to give up riding the event and always drive the chase truck. Richard Kinney you are the type of worker the club needs, thanks again.

There was a lot of discussion both pro and con about having the ride start in Sacramento but I talked to some of the riders and they liked the rides. Richard all of your work paid off as the riders liked our 2013 national ride.

Your President,
Richard Hardmeyer

Our Next Meeting Will Be
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

At Sam's Hof Brau
Watt and El Camino Avenues

Lunch at Noon • Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the General Meeting

August 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by vice president, Dave Kafton. There were sixteen members in attendance plus one guest, James Mangold.

Minutes: A motion was made by Jim More, seconded by Rich Kinney to dispense with the reading of the June 1 meeting. Motion passed, the minutes will stand as written.

Treasurer's Report: Marie Moore reported that the bank account remains healthy and, to date, we have 132 total members.

Old Business–Dixon: Meet Chairman, Dave Kafton reported that while this year's meet was successful it certainly wasn't as successful as in previous years. There was quite a bit of discussion as to where the problem lay. Dave pointed out that while some of the blame could be attributed to our honoring Japanese bikes this year another contributing factor was dropping the ball when it came to pre-event advertising. Dave also mentioned that, based on a number of other swap meets he has attended, attendance seems to be down all over.

A number of suggestions for next year's meet were discussed. It was agreed that next year we will honor all types of competition machines. Mark Wiebens suggested that we look into changing the menu for Friday night's banquet as we did receive a few complaints. Another big problem that needs correcting was the lack of shower facilities. As it stands now, the fair grounds wants to charge us another \$400.00 open the showers for our use. We will definitely be looking into that situation.

Merchandise manager, Shari Pratt asked what she should do with all the T-shirts she had left over from the meet. It was decided that the best thing to do was try to sell them on eBay. A motion was made (Green/ Kinney) and passed authorizing Shari to sell the left over shirts as close to break even as she can. As the saying goes, "half of something is better than all of nothing."

Old Business–Road Run: Chairman, Rich Ostrander reported that everything is falling into place. So far he has about thirty riders signed up but is hoping for seventy-five. Bob and Shari Pratt have volunteered to handle the registration table at the hotel. Rich said the people he has contacted asking for raffle prizes have been very generous

and he has more than enough prizes. Rich Kinney will be driving the chase truck.

New Business: Marie more announced that, beginning the first of the year, Karie Schenken will be taking over the duties of Membership Chairman.

Nomination for officers will be coming up at the October 5 meeting. Out going officers will be Tom Green, Rich Kinney, Marie Moore, and Mark Wiebens

TOM GREEN
Secretary

A Note From The (Self Appointed) Parliamentarian

During the last year or so a number of people, who seem to be a bit confused by our system, have asked how we elect our officers—president, vice president, etc.

By tradition and, more importantly, our by-laws we hold our election of officers at the December meeting but we nominate the candidates at the October meeting. The reason for nominating candidates so far in advance is that, occasionally, a member may be nominated who is not present at the meeting and this allows us time to contact the potential candidate to see if they will agree to run for office.

The club's officers consists of seven directors. The term of office is for two years—now here's what confuses most people—the terms overlap. In other, words we elect three directors one year and four the next. This was done to provide a degree consistency. If we were to elect seven new directors all at the same time we could easily end up reinventing the wheel every two years.

Here's the other confusing part. When you vote you are not voting to put somebody in a particular office you are only voting for a director. Once the directors have been elected they decide among themselves who will serve as president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. The positions of newsletter editor and chief judge are appointed positions.

I hope that helps.

TOM

Fort Sutter Chapter's 2013 National Road Run

Traditionally we have held our National Road Runs in the Lake Tahoe area but early last year meet chairman, Rich Ostrander suggested it was time for a change and proposed we base our 2013 run in Sacramento. So, with club approval Rich began laying out routes for the three day event which would take in the northern valley, the Sierra foothills gold country, and the Sacramento River Delta.

This year's National Road Run, scheduled to run from Monday, September 23 through Wednesday, September 25, actually began on the afternoon of Sunday the 22nd with an open house/meet and greet featuring a display of vintage bikes and motorcycle memorabilia held in Harley-Davidson of Sacramento's parking lot.

On Monday morning, as the riders prepared for the first ride, the hotel parking lot looked like a small Harley-Davidson convention had come to town. Out of all the bikes there the only non-Harleys were three BMWs, a Triumph, a BSA, and two Indians plus the most unique bike of all, Dennis Margi's "Vindian", a 1950 Vincent Rapide engine in a modified Indian Chief frame.

The first day's ride of about 165 miles went from Sacramento to Woodland, through the Capay Valley into Williams then a lunch stop in Colusa and return. Day two's route took the riders in the historic gold mining towns of Volcano, Dry Town, Sutter Creek, and Jackson with the lunch stop in Ione. By the time they got back to the hotel in Sacramento, they had logged another 170 miles. The final day's 150 mile ride took riders into the Sacramento River Delta visiting Isleton and the

historic town of Locke. After a lunch stop in Micke Grove Park, located between Lodi and Stockton, the riders returned to the hotel via the old river road.

On Wednesday evening we had the traditional awards banquet with an amazing abundance of food and raffle prizes. Awards given out were: Longest Hauled, Jack and Shirley Keller from Idalou, Texas; Longest Ridden, John Stanley, Hood River, Oregon; Hard Luck, Steve Wallace; Oldest Bike, Mark Wiebens, 1929 Harley JD; Oldest Rider, Jim Moore; Youngest Rider, Scotty Strebel.

All in all, due to having fewer riders than anticipated, this year's meet may not be the financial success we had hoped for but it certainly can be considered, as the saying goes, an artistic success. The new location seemed to be well received by all who participated and we certainly owe a debt of thanks to meet chairman, Rich Ostrander for coming up with the idea and donating a few months out of this life to make it all come together.

And finally. . . The happiest man at the event had to be chase truck driver, Rich Kinney. For years Rich as been putting up with all kinds of verbal abuse from the Harley riders (most notably Dave Kafton) regarding the unreliability of his Indian Chief. Seems every time there is a major event, Dixon, the Road Run, the Sacramento Auto Show, etc., the Chief decides it's time to break down and the Harley guys start giving Rich a hard time. But on the final day of the ride who should Rich and his chase truck find broken down on the side of the road? None other than Dave Kafton and his Harley. *Ahhh, sweet revenge!*



Part of the displays showing the history of motorcycling in Sacramento set up at Sunday's meet and greet at Harley-Davidson of Sacramento.



Meet chairman, Rich Ostrander greets one of the first riders to arrive at Sunday's open house, Dave Aliventi of the Yerba Buena Chapter.

2013 FSMC National Road Run Continued



Bob Pratt signs in Dennis Gill at the registration desk.



Dennis show off the meet T-shirt he just received.



Rich Ostrander holds Monday morning's riders meeting.



Arguably the most unique bike on the road run was Dennis Magri's "Vindian".



Wednesday's lunch stop at Micke Grove Park.



No caption necessary. Just the guys loading up on the groceries at Wednesday's lunch stop..



Jim Moore receives the trophy for being the oldest rider.



The banquet room starts to fill up as guests arrive for the awards banquet.

Normally meet chairman, Rich Ostrander would put together a more detailed story of the road run but he left Thursday morning for the Ishi Chapter's ride in the Feather River area and wasn't coming back until Sunday which wouldn't give us enough time to get out the newsletter before the October 5 meeting. So, what we decided to do was run another article, with more pictures, in the winter edition of the national magazine.

I had also promised Rich Kinney I'd run a photo of him picking up Dave Kafton's bike in the chase truck (see story on page 3) but he couldn't forward the picture to me because of computer trouble. Hey! I didn't even know Indian made computers. . .

SACAUTOSHOW

THERE IS STILL TIME BUT NOT MUCH

We have had a good response already to the request for bikes and bike watchers for the upcoming International Car Show at Cal Expo October 18, 19, and 20. However, we could use more bikes as we have the whole building to ourselves. . . .please check your calendar and see if you are available to bring a bike or two for the public to enjoy, and also if you have a few hours to donate to be at our booth to answer questions about the club and keep an eye on the motorcycles. We especially need help on Friday and Saturday afternoon and evenings. You will receive a day parking and admittance pass courtesy of the promoters.

Tom is making up the signage for each bike and the promoters make up the larger signs for each bike, so we would like to know as soon as possible who and what we have to work with on those dates.

Bikes go in for display on Thursday the 17th and stay until Sunday 6:00 p.m. The show is open to the public Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

WE ALREADY HAVE MEMBERS WHO ARE BRINGING BIKES BUT

WE NEED MORE!

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF OUR BOOTH BUT

WE NEED MORE OF THEM TOO!

Please call or e-mail Jim and Marie with your information....530-622-6531 or jandmmoore@att.net

...Thank you, *Jim & Marie*



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MOTORCYCLE FOR SALE: 1951 Matchless G-9 twin sidecar outfit with Wasitonian GP left side mounted sidecar. Zeppelin style look. Has locking rear boot and comes with both covers and frame for rain cover option. Engine and gear box recently rebuilt by known AJS/Matchless club member here in the states. Outfit bought and imported about five years ago from the UK AJS/Matchless Club Store. Titled in my name so no funny paperwork to deal with. Can provide import documents if wanted. Comes with complete original tool kit, spares, and instruction manuals. Still has original UK plates on it. Bike and sidecar are in black trim. Also have restored chrome and red silver lined tank with badge.

Call Gary in Sacramento (208) 755-2011

PARTS FOR SALE: One pre-war factory Triumph tool kit and one 50s AJS/Matchless tool kit with all original tools. Two Thapex/APE tire pumps in original box—fits various British bikes. Also have several other AMC Triumph spares.

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