

# Fort Sutter Chapter Newsletter

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## From the President

Hello to the Fort Sutter Family,

Well we are in the heart of summer and there are a ton of things and events to do and see, and I'm honored that so many of you decided to spend some of your time with your club members at our last meeting. We had good attendance and I saw some faces in the crowd that I haven't seen for awhile, and some brand-new faces, that's nice. Good job. I hope to see even more of you strangers and new faces at the next meeting.

As most of you know our club has an older membership, it's nice to see some younger people showing up at the meetings and events. I encourage you older members to reach out to a younger rider when the opportunity arises and help build their interest and maybe bring them to a meeting our event and help grow their knowledge of the older machines and riders.

There's lots of thing coming up, so stay tuned.

See ya at the next meeting.

Your President,

Mark Loewen

**Our Next Meeting will be  
Saturday, October 5, 2019**

**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, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President, Mark Loewen. There were 27 members in attendance. There are 149 members as of August 3, 2019. Please welcome our newest members Greg Kolle and Robert Akers who attended the meeting. We have room to grow, remember to tell a friend about the AMCA and Fort Sutter and invite them to our next meeting on October 5, 2019.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Marie Moore provided an update to the financial status and states the Club is in good order.

### Old Business:

- **Fort Sutter July Ride:** On Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>, Rich Ostrander with help from Fort Sutter members attended the Norcal Cycle Swap in Sacramento. Mike "Otto" Deutsch, owner of Norcal Cycle Swap, invited him to attend and bring the Fort Sutter Booth (at no cost) to display and promote the club to those at the event. The cycle swap event is held regularly and provides fellow motorcycle enthusiasts an opportunity to find new, used, and rare parts. Rich O. was there early (5:30 am) to setup the booth. With help from other club members, the booth was positioned in a great spot to promote the AMCA and Fort Sutter. Club merchandise including our most recent Dixon T-shirts was available for purchase. Rich had updated our Club History boards and displayed these next to our booth. 11 T-shirts were sold and 2 potential members AMCA and Fort Sutter were recruited.
- **Dixon:** The Dixon National Show & Swap Meet was reviewed. Karie Schenken said we sold 185 vendor spaces this year which is a club record. Additional vendor spaces will need to be created as the Dixon event continues to grow. Overall, the Dixon meet was success. The weather cooperated with cool mornings and warm afternoons. Note: Looking forward to next year when Fort Sutter will be hosting our 20<sup>th</sup> year providing a National Show & Meet which is the only meet west of Nebraska.
- **Kim (Reed) Edwards:** Kim was in attendance again this month to provide an update on her current project – Early Sacramento Motorcycling. Kim asked again for help with any Ft. Sutter member(s) who can provide stories or photos of old bikes, racing, and meets, she would be grateful if you would contact her at 916-524-7992 or [kimberlyedwards00@comcast.net](mailto:kimberlyedwards00@comcast.net).
- **Fort Sutter Club Logo Sweater:** Eric Olson reported that the NEW "RETRO" Club Sweaters arrived and were available, at the meeting, for everyone to see. If you would like purchase your own retro sweater contact Eric Olson at [sololson@hotmail.com](mailto:sololson@hotmail.com) or Jedd Levin at [nlamc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nlamc@sbcglobal.net). The price is \$280 per sweater, Keep in mind these are "heirloom" quality and will last decades if taken care of, just like our bikes.
- **Tom Green health update:** Rich Hardmeyer reported that Tom's condition hasn't changed. He is comfortable and continues to be in a care facility. We wish Tom the best!
- **Leonard Miller health update:** Rich O. said that Leonard "Lenny" Miller was admitted to the Kaiser Hospital with weak lungs and he will continue to provide a health update at our next meeting. A "Get Well" card was circulated in the room to send to Leonard wishing him a quick recovery.
- **New Business:**
  - Rich Ostrander reported that Shari Pratt will not be the Dixon Merchandise Manager going forward. We would like to thank Shari for her tremendous help with organizing and selling our Club merchandise over the past several years! Rich also reported that Gary Kubodera has volunteered for this position and a motion was made by Rich Ostrander and seconded by Stan Randall. A vote was taken by club members at the meeting and the result was unanimous for Gary becoming our Fort Sutter Merchandise Manager.



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Dixon National Show & Swap Meet

June 14-15, 2019

Story by Rich Ostrander – Fort Sutter Club Historian

### Honoring Triumph 82nd Year Speed Twin

*Last year I was back east attending the National Road Run in the beautiful Catskills so I couldn't participate in my own Chapter's National Meet. I know it was a tough choice, but someone had to ride those great roads. So this year I was in attendance and what I had missed at home last year was quite evident.*

*This year's theme was the "Triumph Speed Twin" from 1938 to 1966. As the tasking falls to me for the meet pin and t-shirt design I wanted something unique. The pin was a full-size replica of the brass patent tag riveted to a Triumph's cam chest cover only with our meet information on it. The t-shirts were old style white with a large blue Triumph across the shoulders in the correct font and our once local dealer Joe Sarkee's early ad for his shop below it. Joe was an original member of the Fort Sutter Motorcycle Club in 1932 and a founding member of our AMCA Chapter in 1982.*

*It always amazes me that this meets roots go back to a few individuals laying a few old parts on the ground in a parking lot behind a shopping center in 1982. Two more parking lots were utilized with the last one being under a freeway for almost fifteen years. In 2000, we moved to Dixon a small farm town twenty miles west of Sacramento and it's grass covered fairgrounds. Many of our vendors have been with us from the start.*

*This year I volunteered to help a friend thin some of his parts stash, so I was out of most of the festivities and behind a table with old greasy and crusty parts. I did get paroled for a short time everyday and viewed some incredible parts and machines. It was nice to catch up with old friends and some recently minted ones. That is really what these meets are all about. Yes, the hardwares are cool but the people are really what drives the engine so to speak.*

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*Photos from  
the Dixon Meet  
Courtesy of  
Rich Ostrander*

Hap Alzina's Hillclimber  
Indian





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### Honoring Triumph 82nd Year Speed Twin

*Story continued*

*I noticed a younger crowd amongst the gray beards sourcing parts and rolling around on some pretty neat machines. Its encouraging to see this trend as it bodes well for after our race is run. They may have started on choppers just like some of us did, but most are now embracing the crusty bobjobs, racers, and full fendered machines we've grown to love and care for.*

*We had a new food vendor this year to help our long standing "Hot Dog Lady". The judging on Saturday afternoon appeared to go well and came off without a hitch. We were assisted by National Assistant Chief Judge, John Graff, and National Virtual Assistant Chief Judge, Dave Carlton. For many this is the only venue west of Nebraska to get their machines judged by the AMCA format.*

*Also in attendance this year were AMCA Executive Director, Keith Kizer and AMCA National Officers, Dan Krause, our new Vice President, and our own John Markley, new Secretary, a position he fills at our Chapter level. We had 185 vendors this year which we hope grows to 200 for our twentieth National Meet next year. It's amazing to us that we've almost grown to one quarter size of Wauseon, or the old Davenport Meet.*

*I must mention one of the great machines at our meet this year. The Bay Area's legendary slant artist Hap Alzina's Indian hillclimber it it's original as run condition with loads of photographs and hard-won trophies. A cool machine with tons of history behind it.*

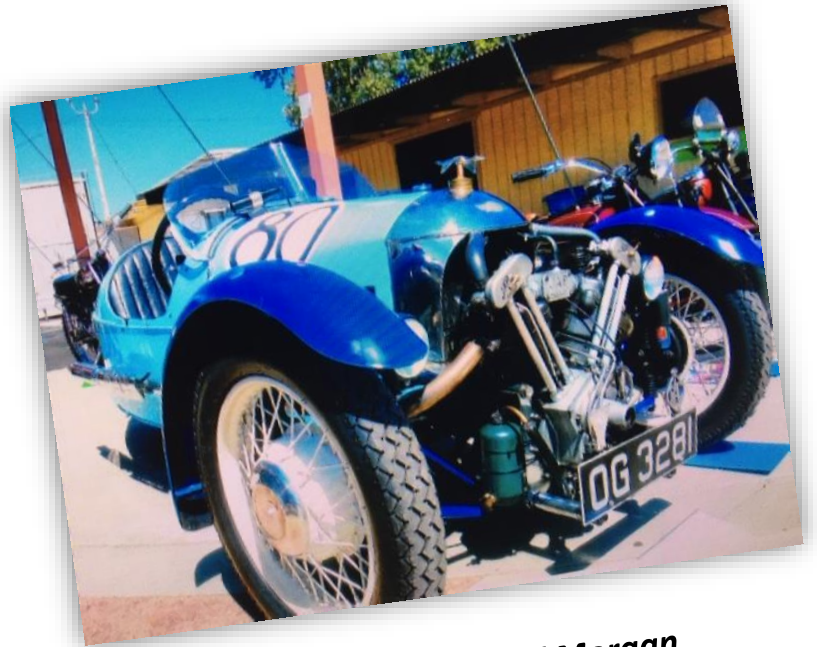
*I saw allot of great Triumphs spread throughout the grounds attesting to their long-lasting popularity. It was another successful meet made to look easy to put on by all the chapter members who give so much of their time and hard work while all those in attendance enjoy the fruit of that labor. We hope to see you back again next year for our twentieth. Safe travels all..... Rich*



**Fort Sutter Member Jerry Bland and his Triumphs**

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***Ultra Race 1917 single cylinder HD***



***English JAP powered Morgan  
up for the judge's thoughts***



***Beautiful 36-39 Indian Chief  
up for judging***



***1930 Indian 101 Scout  
being judged***



***Rare HD 100 Baja being judged***



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*A cool trio of Honda's up for judging*



*Nice period correct generator H-D Shovelhead  
Chopper on single leg VL frame.*



*Rick Najera  
had this  
nice S.F.  
period  
panhead  
Harley  
Chopper up  
for sale*

Cool little  
Honda 50cc  
being judged



One of  
185  
Parts  
Vendors





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**Enjoy the  
pictures of  
Fort Sutter  
Dixon 2019**





**Special Recognition  
And Club Awards  
Fort Sutter 2019 Chapter Meet**

**Most Unique**

**Stefan Fisher.....1943 BMW R75 w sidecar**

**Period Modified**

- 1. Dylan Marlar...1969 Harley Custom Shovelhead**
- 2. Denis Magri.....1946 Vindian**
- 3. Steve tucker.....1979 Yamaha RD 400**

**Oldest Motorcycle**

**Wes Allen.....1910 Marvel**

**Best Accessorized**

**Joe Manns.....1954 Harley Davidson FLHF**

**Best American Motorcycle**

**Ray Atkinson.....1920 Harley Davidson Model W**

**Best British Motorcycle**

**Tony Catania.....1927 BSA 500 Deluxe**

**Best European Motorcycle**

**Eugene Garcin.....1929 BMW R63**

**Best Japanese Motorcycle**

**Don Stockett.....1970 Honda CL350**

**Best Rat Bike**

**Darrell Collier.....1945 Harley Davidson FL**

**Best Competition Bike**

**Gary Roper.....1926 Indian Scott**

**BEST OF SHOW**

**Richard Scardigli...1939 Desert Sled Triumph**

**Longest Distance Ridden**

- 1. Dakota Gracey.....714 miles, Tehachapi, CA**
- 2. Thomas Gracey...380 miles, Independence, CA**
- 3. John Laws.....277 miles, French Gulch, CA**

*National judging results will appear in the national magazine later this year.*



**L to R  
Mark Loewen presenting Stefan Fisher  
Award for  
Most Unique  
1943 BMW R75 w-sidecar**



**L to R  
Mark Loewen presenting Wes Allen  
Award for Oldest Motorcycle**





Fort Sutter Local Awards  
and AMCA National Judging  
Dixon, 2019



L to R  
Fort Sutter Local  
Judges  
Rich Hardmeyer,  
Mark Wiebens,  
and Mark Milton



L to R  
Stan Randall receiving Junior First award for his 1984  
Harley Davidson XLX Sportster from Dave Carleton,  
AMCA National Virtual Assistant Chief Judge



L to R  
AMCA National Virtual Assistant  
Chief Judge, Dave Carleton  
congratulating Don Stockett

R to L  
Special **"Thank You"** goes to  
John Graff, AMCA National Assistant Chief Judge, Keith Kizer,  
AMCA Executive Director and Dave Carleton, AMCA Virtual  
Assistant Chief Judge for their support and help with National  
Judging at Dixon, 2019



**AMCA Judging**  
Excerpt from the AMCA Handbook of  
Judging

*The overall objective of AMCA judging is to evaluate an antique (35 years or older) motorcycle that was series produced and is in original unrestored condition or has been restored to the same showroom state as when the dealer received the motorcycle from the factory.*



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**Fort Sutter / AMA Racing Legends!  
1950's – '70's**

**Left to Right  
Lynn Stahlman Jr. (Walt), Jerry Bland, Tom Pettibone, Rich  
Hardmeyer, George Carter, Jim Jones, Ken Heuser**





**Fort Sutter attends  
the Sacramento  
NORCAL Cycle Swap  
July 21, 2019**



**NORCAL Cycle Swap: Great opportunity to:**  
Buy, sell, trade. New, used and one-of-a-kind. Vintage, custom, one-off and antique. British, Japanese, European and American Big Twin. Dirt, drags, track and street. You name it—you'll probably find it at the NorCal Cycle Swap. This event is owned by two motorcycle loving friends, Hater and Otto



Above and below pictures Rich Ostrander (white shirt) and Stan Randall discussing Fort Sutter's Sacramento History

**Fort Sutter member Rich Ostrander says let's attend the Cycle Swap and promote the AMCA and Fort Sutter! This would be Great opportunity to promote and sell our Dixon T-shirts, sell memberships and recruit new Fort Sutter Members. And, at no cost since Otto from the Cycle Swap invited us for FREE!**

**On July 21<sup>st</sup> with help from Fort Sutter members the Fort Sutter was there with our Booth and T-Shirts, and our Club History boards to help tell Fort Sutter's motorcycle club story & history. At the end of the show we sold 10+ shirts and received a commitment for at least two new Fort Sutter members who will attend our August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting! Great Job Rich.....and thanks to all who helped!**



Bobbers were in attendance



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Fort Sutter will be back!  
Thanks Otto!

Fort Sutter attends the Sacramento  
NORCAL Cycle Swap July 21, 2019



Mike "Otto" Deutsch, Owner NORCAL Cycle Swap,  
with Rich Ostrander (right) posing for picture



John Markley's 1979 Honda CB 750F won the  
"metric" category! Huh? John was surprised to learn  
this event was also a bike show sponsored by Biltwell  
Motorcycle Parts and Accessories.

\$250 Gift card.....Thank you very much!

L to R below

Eric Olson, Stan Randall, and XXXXX and  
his 111111982 Yamaha 650 Seca at the  
Fort Sutter Booth



Greg Wood's  
XXXX Harley  
Davidson  
sitting  
proudly in  
the Bike  
show area





# 3rd Annual Comstock Classic Run

Minden, Nevada  
September 17 thru 19, 2019

Join the Comstock Chapter for 3 great days of riding  
before heading to Monterey for the  
Yerba Buena AMCA National Road Run

Holiday Inn Express, Minden, Nevada  
Reserve your room  
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(775) 782-7500  
Reference Comstock Chapter AMCA



**Museum Tour**

**Antique Motorcycles**

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Awards**

**Banquet  
Wednesday Night**

**50/50 Poker Run**

**AMCA Membership  
Required**

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Visit the website to learn more and register for the Road Run  
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# YERBA BUENA CHAPTER

Antique Motorcycle Club of America

## MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL ROAD RUN

SEPTEMBER 22-26, 2019



Our Monterey Bay National Road Run is coming this September! Three days of great riding in the Monterey, CA area, including Highway 1 and Big Sur! Advance registration is highly recommended. On-site registration is available, although T-Shirts and Goody Bags are not guaranteed for late registrations and there is an additional charge.

[Register Here](#) (link will take you to the AMCA Road Run registration site)

### What you get

Your pre-paid entry fee includes three days of rides, hospitality area with snacks and refreshments, catered lunch each day, chase truck with on-board mechanic, and Wednesday night banquet. Rider fee includes T-shirt and goody bag.

### Entry fees

Rider: \$150 in advance, \$160 after Aug. 23rd (includes lunches, banquet, T-shirt, goody bag)

Passenger: \$85 (includes lunches and banquet)

Banquet Only: \$60 (no rides, lunches, T-shirt or goody bag)

Extra T-shirts: \$15

**Rider fee is \$160 after Aug. 23rd. Entries received after August 23rd do not include T-shirts or goody bag.**

### AMCA membership, Proof of Insurance, Proof of Registration Required!

You must be an AMCA member to register and participate. **Proof of insurance and registration required by the AMCA. You MUST provide proof of insurance and registration at Check-in to participate in Road Run activities.**

### Daily Schedule

Sunday: Check-in from 2:00 to 6:00 pm.

Monday: Ride begins at 9:00 am. Catered lunch. Hospitality area open before and after the ride.

Tuesday: Ride begins at 9:00 am. Catered lunch. Hospitality area open before and after the ride.

Wednesday: Ride begins at 9:00 am. Catered lunch. Banquet Wednesday night. Hospitality area open before and after the ride.

### Registration

Online registration is through the AMCA. [Click here to access the AMCA Road Run Registration page](#). You can order additional T-Shirts and Banquet tickets there as well.

### Lodging (note: Host Hotel changed as of Jan. 31, 2019)

#### Host hotel:

Motel 6 (800) 544-4866

100 Reservation Rd.

Marina, CA 93933

#### Group code AMCA or GP97LLY8EL

(use the second code if the operator doesn't find AMCA)

**AMCA group rate - Single Queen bed is \$79.99 + tax per night, 2 Full beds is \$83.99 + tax per night**

#### Other nearby lodging:

Comfort Inn (0.3 mi.): (831) 883-4000

Holiday Inn Express (0.3 mi): (831) 884-2500

Sanctuary Beach Resort (0.5 mi): (831) 883-9478



## Upcoming Motorcycle Events

### **September 15, 2019 (Sunday)**

#### **Antique Motorcycle Swapmeet**

Stanislaus County Fair, 900 N. Broadway, Turlock, CA.

### **October 12, 2019 (Saturday)**

#### **El Camino Vintage Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet**

For Antique & Vintage Motorcycles/Parts/Items over 30 years and older  
El Camino College located at 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA

### **October 13, 2019 (Sunday)**

NORCAL Cycle Swap

West Wind Sacramento 6 Drive-in

9616 Oates Drive, Sacramento, CA

### **October 18 – 20, 2019 (Friday – Sunday)**

Sacramento International Auto Show

Cal-Expo Sacramento

1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, CA

(Fort Sutter to display their Antique Motorcycles)

*This section open to Fort Sutter Members to help sell their items. Motorcycles – parts – tools*

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