

Fort Sutter Chapter Newsletter

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From the President

Hello to my Fort Sutter and AMCA family,

So I'm sure your all sick of sitting around and wondering when we can all come out and play with our toys and see all our friends. I'm sure tired of wondering and waiting.

Since we can't have meeting or our event the Fort Sutter board of directors will continue to have conference calls and discuss club business. If you have any concerns or club business that needs to be addressed, please let me or one of the board members know so it can be taken care of.

Since the Governors order is still in place and we still can't meet we will have to continue this way for now and hope we can all come together soon.

The Sacramento car show in October and is still being planned and would like us to attend as usual. Stay tuned for a sign up in a few months and keep you fingers crossed and hope we can get back to normal.

I hope all of you and your families are well and safe. Remember riding a motorcycle is becoming more safer than ever, Social distancing at it's best.

Stay safe, stay well.

See you all soon.

Fort Sutter President

Mark Loewen

**Our Next Meeting has been "Postponed"
Please be safe - stay tuned for further updates**

*You are near,
Even if we don't
See you.
You are with us,
Even if you are far
away,
You are in our hearts!
We miss you and
Thank you for being
our friend...*

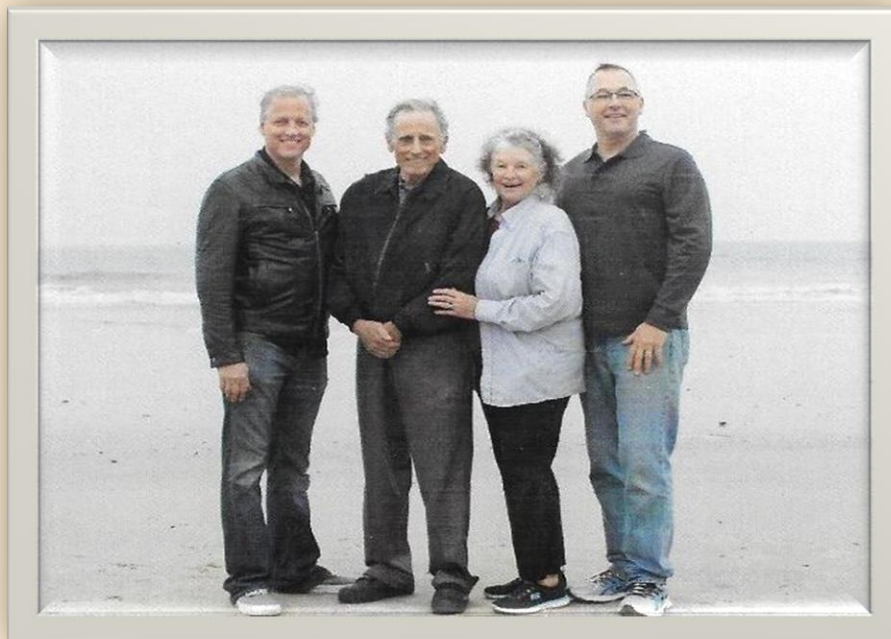


From Jim Moore

I want to extend my deep appreciation to the Fort Sutter Chapter members who contributed to the tribute to my wife Marie, which appeared in the May/June issue of *The Antique Motorcycle*. Marie was a natural at volunteering for projects and making use of her many talents for organization. The driving force in her life was her love of people and she derived much satisfaction from introducing order, direction and success to all the projects she took on. She was my life's companion and I miss her dearly. We were married 59 years and raised two sons of whom I am very proud.

A celebration of life will be planned at a later date when her friends and family can [gather.in](#) relative safety.

Thanks specifically to John Markley, Rich Ostrander and Rich Hardmeyer for their heartfelt expressions, and thanks to all the Chapter and National members whose support has meant so much to both of us.



Left to Right
Jeff, Jim,
Marie, Mike



Fort Sutter Celebrates the 1st Dixon National Meet – June 2001

*Photos and story by Tracy Stahlman
Fort Sutter Club Historian*

On The Cover... At the AMA's Vintage Days West, which was held Last April at Sears Point, the Fort Sutter Chapter, AMCA sponsored a display of ZS Indian motorcycles. We were honored to have been paid a visit by Bill Tuman and Bobby Hill, the original "Indian Wrecking Crew". Before the points system was inaugurated in 1954, the Number One Plate was awarded to the winner of the Springfield Mile. Bobby (on the right) was the National Champion in 1951 and 1952 and Bill carried the Number One Plate in 1953. During their visit, both Bill and Bobby, proved to be true gentlemen who are still great ambassadors for our sport, willing to take pictures with, and give autographs to all who asked. We thank you both.

WELCOME TO THE 2001 NATIONAL MEET

**THE FORT SUTTER CHAPTER
HONORS THE 100th YEAR OF**

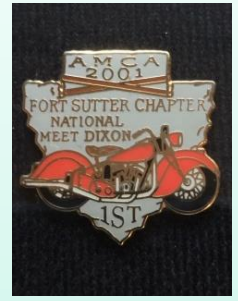
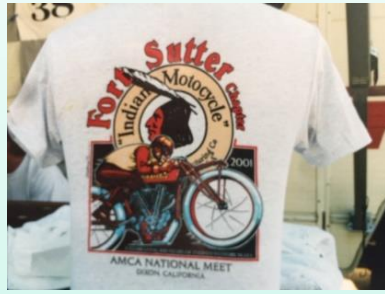
Indian
MOTORCYCLES

The Indian Wrecking Crew – See Inside

SOUVENIR PROGRAM

June 22, 23, 24, 2001

Dixon Fair Grounds, Dixon California



I was asked to write something about our first national meet held at the Dixon Fairgrounds in 2001, 20 years ago. It's weird to write about an event that was 20 years ago, but even more strange that I wasn't there.



Looking through newsletters, photos, and programs from the event was not only a step back in time, but I got to put names to faces I've only heard about but never got to meet. The meet was shadowed by the passing of Armando Magri on April 20th, just prior to the Dixon meet. We have endured the same type of loss with the passing of Marie Moore earlier this year.

The show itself went well. There were several field meet events on the grass where contestants showed off their skills as a rider, placing straws in bottles, rings on cones, and hanging clothespins, all while in motion. 34 machines were judged with 1 senior, 23 junior firsts and 2 junior seconds awarded. There were several speakers, seminars, a barbeque, and served 125 at the banquet. There were 72 vendors, the local Boy Scouts assisted in parking and the Dixon High School baseball team sold ice cream from a Cushman 3 wheel vending cycle. The National sent President Bob McClean, National Chief Judge Peter Heintz and National Treasurer Peter Gagan to check out our meet.



From what I've read and seen in photos, the event went well and was received by others very positively. The theme was celebrating the 100th anniversary of Indian motorcycles. Almost a dozen awards were given to Indians that dated from 1902-1951.

Our chapter dates back to 1932. We became part of the AMCA in 1982. The biggest and most important part of Fort Sutter is the members and their contributions and support. Photos show that active members in 2001 included "Shorty" Thompkins, who passed away in September after the meet at 80 years old, Jack Gormley, Bud Catlett, Rich Ostrander, Jim Moore, Rich Hardmeyer, Mark Milton, Gary Kubodera, Carl Grone, Dick Crawford, and Tom Green. I'm sure there are others and I apologize if I overlooked you.



I bring this up because it's the members dedication to Fort Sutter that makes us shine and stand out of the crowd. These same people are talked about as much today as they were 20 years ago. It's members like these that keep the club up and running. Here's to another 20 years! Even though our 20th anniversary at Dixon was cancelled, we will motor on. We will get past this and will have a get together (another meet) in June 2021. I can't wait to read about our events in another 20 years. Remember don't hide them, ride them!

Tracy Stahlman, Club Historian

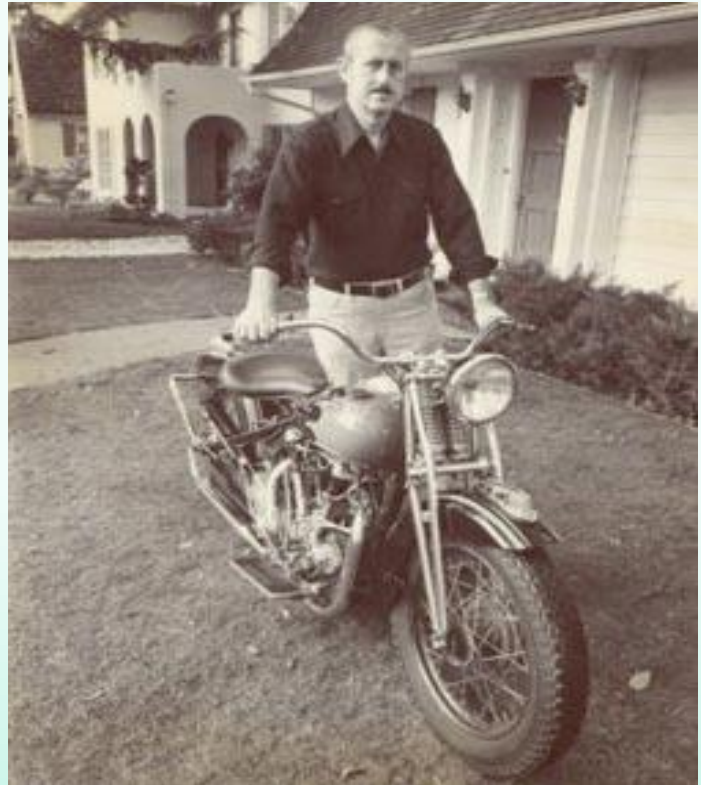


Honoring Fort Sutter Charter Members.....

Visit our Fort Sutter Website for more history...www.fortsutteramca.org

Fort Sutter Charter Members

1. **Jack Gormley (Digger)**
2. Francis Thompkins (Shorty)
3. William Seadler (Bill)
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)



Jack Gormley
The motorcycle is a Crocker

Jack Gormley (Digger) was Fort Sutter's 1st founding member. He was a collector of old cars, motorcycles, guns, and tether cars. Jack was a member of the local Thunderbolts car club. Jack restored and flew a PT 22 Ryan aircraft. He was also an AMCA National Board Member for many years and became an honorary member.

Jack also served as President and Vice President for the Fort Sutter Chapter. He performed many duties during his tenure. For Dixon's National Show & Swap Meet he was responsible for securing the Club Awards and show "pins", as well as, helping when and where needed. Jack passed away in 2011.



**Antique Motorcycle
Club of America**

2020 AMCA National Meets & Road Run Schedule

*Refer to AMCA website for further
cancellations or postponements*

The remaining 2020 events are still on the calendar!

July 21-24

Billings, MT * Yellowstone Chapter **National Road Run**

July 31-August 1

Terryville, CT * Yankee Chapter National Meet

August 12-14

East Troy, WI * Badger Heritage Chapter **National Road Run**

August 29-30

Bulli, AUSTRALIA * Australia Chapter BULLI Show Grounds

September 8-10

Detroit Lakes, MN * Roosevelt Chapter **National Road Run**

October 2-3

Upperco, MD * Chesapeake Chapter National Meet

October 26-28

Fallbrook, CA * Los Angeles Chapter **National Road Run**

**Margie Siegal – Fort Sutter Member
asks:
Small motorcycle needs a lift**

"If you are trailering bikes to the
Fallbrook Road Run in October and
have room for a 350 Aermacchi, please
contact Margie Siegal at (510) 654-
1933 or msnorton@yahoo.com. Will pay
fair share of gas and expenses. Plan to
ride my modern bike to event"



Visit www.AntiqueMotorcycle.org for links to each event and Event Details.



FORT SUTTER NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND SWAP MEET Friday & Saturday June 18 and 19, 2021



AMCA Judging Pre-Registration Only

E-mail: AMCAprereg@gmail.com
Or online:
www.antiquemotorcycle.org

Friday - Swap Meet, Vending, Display of Antique
Motorcycles
Saturday - Swap Meet, Vending, Display of Antique
Motorcycles, National Judging and Awards

**Dixon Fairgrounds–Dixon, California
25 Miles West of Sacramento
Just South of Interstate 80**

Fort Sutter Chapter

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Upcoming Events

1.)



Well, it's not the regular swap, BUT we are having a POP-UP SWAP at our awesome sponsor, Iron Steed Harley-Davidson!

Sunday, June 7th at 100 Auto Center Dr., Vacaville, CA. A VERY LIMITED AMOUNT of vendor spots are available. ONLINE ONLY!! We WILL sell out. If you show up to vend without reserving a space online, you'll be turned away.

GENERAL ADMISSION IS FREE. 8 am, show up, buy some stuff, and have a good time!

More questions? Want to reserve one of those few spots??? Hit the website at www.thecycleswap.com

- 2.) Born Free – September 26th & 27, 2020 held at the Oak Canyon Ranch 5305 Santiago Canyon Road Silverado, CA 92676. Born-Free is the Woodstock of the motorcycle scene: the world's biggest gathering for riders of vintage custom motorcycles. Every season the community celebrates a shared passion for building and riding motorcycles. website: <https://www.bornfreeshow.com/about/>
- 3.) El Camino Vintage Motorcycle Show – The El Camino Vintage Motorcycle Show will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 in Torrance, California. This Torrance motorcycle event is held at El Camino College and is one of the West Coast's largest and oldest antique to classic bike shows and swaps. <https://www.elcaminoshow.com/>
- SACAUTOSHOW** – October 16, 17 & 18, 2020 at Cal Expo Sacramento
- 4.) Fort Sutter members invited to display their Antique Motorcycles – no charge to Club. The Auto Show proceeds support local children's charities and Shriners hospital's for Children. Sign up sheet will be forth coming as the date gets closer.