



Antique Motorcycle
Club of America

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.....

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AMCA Fort Sutter Chapter Historian*

John Schaefer (Big John)

John was a member of the LA 45's Motorcycle Club when Paul Bigsby of Crocker Motorcycle and Bigsby wammy bar frame. Master machinist, machine shop owner, and instructor at LA Technical Institute. He built many race motors for some of the Top Expert motorcycle racers. He served more than once as President of our Chapter and helped with many of our numerous activities and events. John passed in 2015.



John Schaefer (left with red shirt while attending the Fort Sutter picnic in 1984)