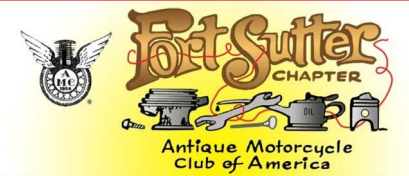




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Fort Sutter Newsletter



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President's Comments

Howdy do, to all you Fort Sutter members and AMCA members.

Well, it looks like we are on track to get back to our normal activities, meetings, rides, open places to stop and eat. Our last meeting, June 5th, was great. We had some of the coolest bikes show up. Thanks to our riding members. We will be planning another fun meeting for August 7th, with prizes and some good eats. I hope to see an even bigger turnout, and more bikes at our next meeting. We are starting to look more like a motorcycle club, Ha-ha.

Our ride to the Ishi chapter meet in Chico was fun only a few of us rode. They had a good turn out of vendors and show bikes. It's always fun to see all your motorcycle friends and get to visit. Nice morning ride, hot afternoon ride home.

The next ride is with all our AMCA friends from all over California. The meeting place is the KOA camp in Cloverdale. June 25, 26, 27. It's sure to be a fun time with good friends.

This October we will be putting up our usual club display of motorcycles for the Sacramento Car Show, at Cal Expo, Oct. 15, 16, 17. Sign up for bikes will start at our next meeting.

So, I hope you and your families are all happy and well, and you all are ready to get back out to our meetings and rides. Get out and be with friends.

Hope to see you all soon.

Fort Sutter President
 Mark Loewen

**The next Fort Sutter meeting will be held on
 Saturday August 7, 2021. Location to be
 announced soon!**

Minutes of the General Meeting June 5, 2021

The Second In-Person meeting for 2021 was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President, Mark Loewen. The meeting was held again at Mark's business shop in South Sacramento. Fort Sutter welcomed new member, Daniel Henry to the club. There were 17 members in attendance. Club membership totals are currently 67 paid members, 2 youth, 14 associates, 11 honorary, for a total of 94. If you haven't renewed, please send in your dues to Karie Schenken in care of: Fort Sutter, AMCA, P.O. Box 1994, Elk Grove, CA 95759. Any questions regarding your membership, please contact her by phone: (916) 686-3874 or by email: karrots66@hotmail.com.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes as written for the April 2021 meeting was made by Mark Wiebens and seconded by Rich Ostrander.

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

Old Business:

- **2021 Fort Sutter Rides:** Mark Loewen talked about the ride to the Ishi swap meet on May 31st. Each year Fort Sutter is invited to attend the swap meet. The Ishi Chapter appreciated the participation and thanked all the riders who attended. This year Mark said that the ride back to Sacramento was hot, but riders were able to cool down and enjoy lunch at Burgers and Brews on the way home. See ride report and photos on additional page(s) in the newsletter for the April & May rides. The June Ride will be to join the Yerba Buena Chapter, along with other surrounding AMCA Chapters for a mini road run based out of the KOA in Cloverdale, CA. More information is listed inside the newsletter. Remember to reference both the **Fort Sutter Facebook page** and the **Fort Sutter website:** www.fortsutteramca.org for daily and weekly updates on club events.
- **Phoenix Road Run:** Mark Wiebens, along with Joe Giammona and his wife Carol, attended the Phoenix Road Run held on June 1-3, 2021. Joe wore the Dixon 2020 National Meet That Never Was T-Shirt which received a lot of attention. People loved it! The rides included seeing Bryce and Zion National Park, along with a ride to the Grand Canyon. The rides were great, and the food served was excellent. Joe stated he was pleasantly surprised with the amount of young people and women who were on this Road Run. In fact, a woman riding a Shovel head earned the longest rider category traveling farther than anyone who rode to the event.
- **New Business**
- **Fort Sutter Chapter Judge:** Eric Olson, currently the Fort Sutter Chapter Judge, is looking for someone to take over his position since he will be moving to Texas. Eric explained how the new online Judging could be done at the Dixon event as early as Thursday for pre-registered bikes. The motorcycle will be at Dixon and the marque expert for that bike will be able to judge from afar through a process called virtual judging. This new process allows the judge to be in another town or state and see the motorcycle on "Zoom" and complete the judging. This process could help increase the number of motorcycles that could be judged during the event. One downside is the bike owner may not have the motorcycle out for viewing on Saturday since they have already completed the judging and left to travel home.
- **Fort Sutter Annual Banquet:** Tracey Kleber reports that local parks are still not taking reservations. However, she believes with CA relaxing Covid-19 restrictions in June, there should then be an opportunity to find a location for the banquet. All attendees were asked at the meeting if either a BBQ or picnic, or an indoor restaurant would be acceptable, and everyone said yes to any suggestions.
- **2022 Dixon National Show & Swap Meet:** Mark Loewen talked about having the Cossacks Motorcycle Drill Team perform during next year's event. The cost could be covered by Russ Brown, Motorcycle Attorney. The Cossacks Motorcycle Drill Team draws a large crowd whenever they perform. Mark stated promoting them through advertising could also be a way to help increase attendance to the Dixon event.
- **Fort Sutter 2022 Road Run:** Mark Wiebens, Road Run coordinator, will be contacting hotels in the Lake Tahoe area. He mentioned that we would be limiting riders to 150 maximum. Mark, also, is researching a caterer that the Yerba Buena has used in the past that would provide the banquet dinner. Volunteers are needed to help plan and work with the Road Run committee. Contact Mark Wiebens at mark.wiebens@pacbell.net or by phone: (925) 288-0174
- **Health Update**
- **Joe Mann:** A Celebration of Life will be held on July 24, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. located at 5164 Lodato Ct. Concord, CA., 94527. Food, beverages and an open microphone will be available for those attending. All who knew Joe are encouraged to attend.
- **Raffle:** At the end of the meeting a raffle was held, and the winner was Rich Kinney who received the Dixon 2020 National Meet That Never Was T-shirt.

Fort Sutter “New” Retro Sweater

Available now - 1 brand new size Large club sweater. This sweater is manufactured in the USA by Jedd Levin, and is an exact copy of the originals worn by Fort Sutter club members in the 40's and 50's. Jedd's sweaters are made in Los Angeles from original patterns from the 40's. The sweater is made of Orlon, which has the look and warmth of wool but the softness of cotton. The sweater is in our original club colors, green and orange with 3" high white lettering, just like the original sweaters seen in the pictures below. This is an “heirloom” quality sweater and will last for decades, if taken care of. Cost for this sweater is \$300. If you would like to purchase it, please contact Eric Olson at sololson@hotmail.com or (916) 549-7757.



New Sweater

**Only one Sweater
available
Size Large – Contact Eric**



Original Fort Sutter Sweater

*Tracy Stahlman proudly
wearing the New Fort
Sutter Retro sweater
during the Renegade
Classics Annual Toy Run
November 23, 2019*

*See above how you can
get yours!*



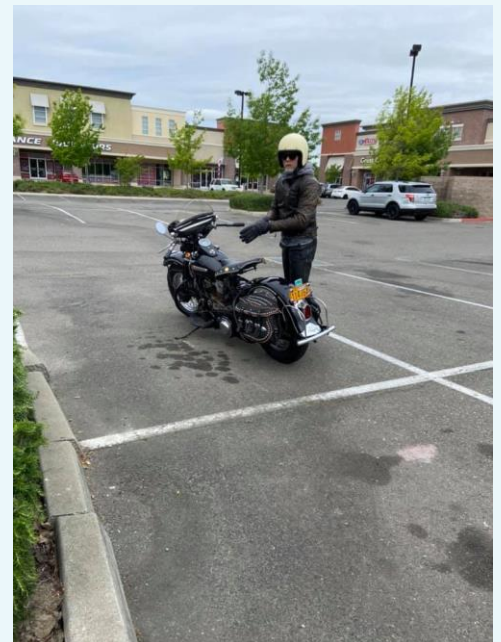
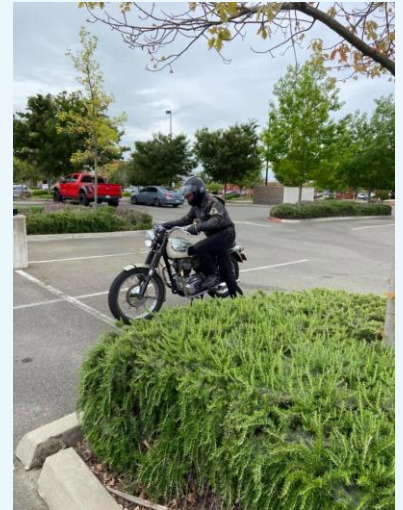
Fort Sutter Club Ride

Tracy Stahlman, Ride Captain

April 2021

Story and photos courtesy of Tracy

Great ride yesterday up to Colusa. If you haven't ridden Capay valley you are missing out. Triumph, Yamaha, and 4 Harleys on the ride. I turned about 200 miles from my house and back. Thanks Tom Meyers, [Joe Giammona](#), [Jerry Bland](#), Sean Kohmescher, and Rich Ostrander for making the ride. Sorry I only took pics from the start at IHOP.



Copy and paste the below link into your browser to view the ride!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HHq30_xqi7utm1RTiV6qilOMR3GHnqYV/view?fbclid=IwAR0S2CPR3PcXg49a8MG-coaolXjP3GizD34CMsY8WtGGUz2SJLP2iyroTx4

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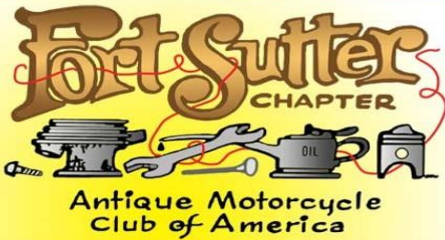
Story and photos courtesy of Tracy

The ride to Ishi. We left at 8 as planned and it was about 200 miles round trip. Thank you to all the members that not only rode but also sold their parts at the swap meet. We had a great chapter showing from the members I saw. Riders and passengers included Sean Kohmescher, Mark Loewen, Kim and Tracy Stahlman, Tom and Jayne Meyers, and Jim and Karie Schenken.

More pics to follow.

Bikes included on the ride included 89 Goldwing w/ sidecar, 71 Harley Shovelhead, 48 HD Panhead, 06 HD Softail





Antique Motorcycle
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NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND SWAP MEET

Friday & Saturday

June 17 and 18, 2022

20th Year!



Event Schedule

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

RV Camping with HOOKUP AVAILABLE
FOR VENDING PRE-REGISTRATION

CALL:

Karie Schenken (916) 803-7732

AND FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

CALL:

Mark Wiebens (925) 288-0174

Beginning in 2022

AMCA Judging

Pre-registration Only

E-mail:

AMCAprereg@gmail.com

Or online:

www.antiquemotorcycle.org

Fort Sutter Chapter

Visit our website: www.fortsutteramca.org

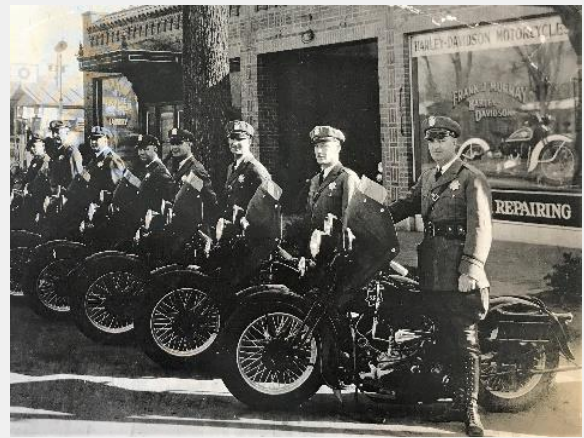
The Circular World of Business, Police, and Motorcycles

Contributed by Kimberly Reed Edwards

Frank J. Murray, Sacramento's first exclusive Harley dealer beginning in 1919 and the man who built speedway racing here in the 30's, was a master at networking. From the early days he made friends with the Sacramento Police Department and the county officers – later part of the CHP. It's likely that he brought some of these relationships with him from his previous employer Kimball-Upson Sporting Goods, which sold Harley during Murray's last three years employed there. Once he opened his own place, he attended to officers' bikes, maintained friendships with them, and took their pictures in front of his place. So knowledgeable and integral to motorcycle policing was he considered, that when the city asked how many miles officers got out of their bikes, officials were directed to the go-to Murray for an answer.



County cops outside Murray's place, 1924
Frank and Gladys Murray Archives



Over his many decades in business, Murray
could always be found in the company of officers.

Sacramento Police Department

But motorcycle law enforcement in Sacramento didn't begin with Murray. A decade before he opened his dealership, in 1909 to be exact, city officials discussed purchasing two motorcycles to catch speeders on L Street and along the perimeter of the city that allowed for fast getaways. The bikes to be purchased would be shared by four cops on alternating shifts. So, in early 1910, Mayor Beard and Chief of Police Ahern authorized purchase of two bikes at \$265 each from one Harry Kiessig, former gunsmith at Kimball-Upson Sporting Goods. Kiessig now had a shop at 513 J advertising motorcycles, firearms and locksmith services. He touted the firm as "The Motorcycle Experts," agents for the Reading Standard "the only practical American mechanical inlet valve motorcycle" and the Duck, "the fast and famous two-cycle motorcycle."

There seems to be no evidence of what type of cycles Kiessig planned to provide or if they would be Reading Standard or Duck.

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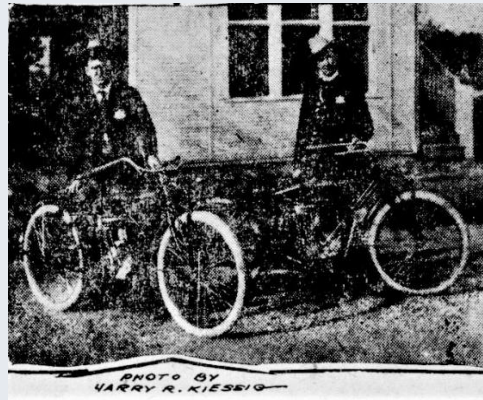
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But after the purchases were made by the city, officials waited for Kiessig to come through. And they waited. The bikes didn't arrive and didn't arrive. Spring turned into hot summer months followed by fall. The delay was a mystery. The newspapers reported the absence of a satisfactory answer from Kiessig. Finally, the bikes somehow appeared, presumably from Kiessig. Reporters lit up the newsprint with coverage of faster patrolling, but not of the make and model of the bikes he delivered. One account told of one of the two bikes losing a pedal on the very first day and sending Officer Reath to the ground in a heap. Finally, in the August 17, 1910, *Sacramento Union*, headlined,

**“Police Motorcycles Can
Go Mile in Less than a
Minute”**



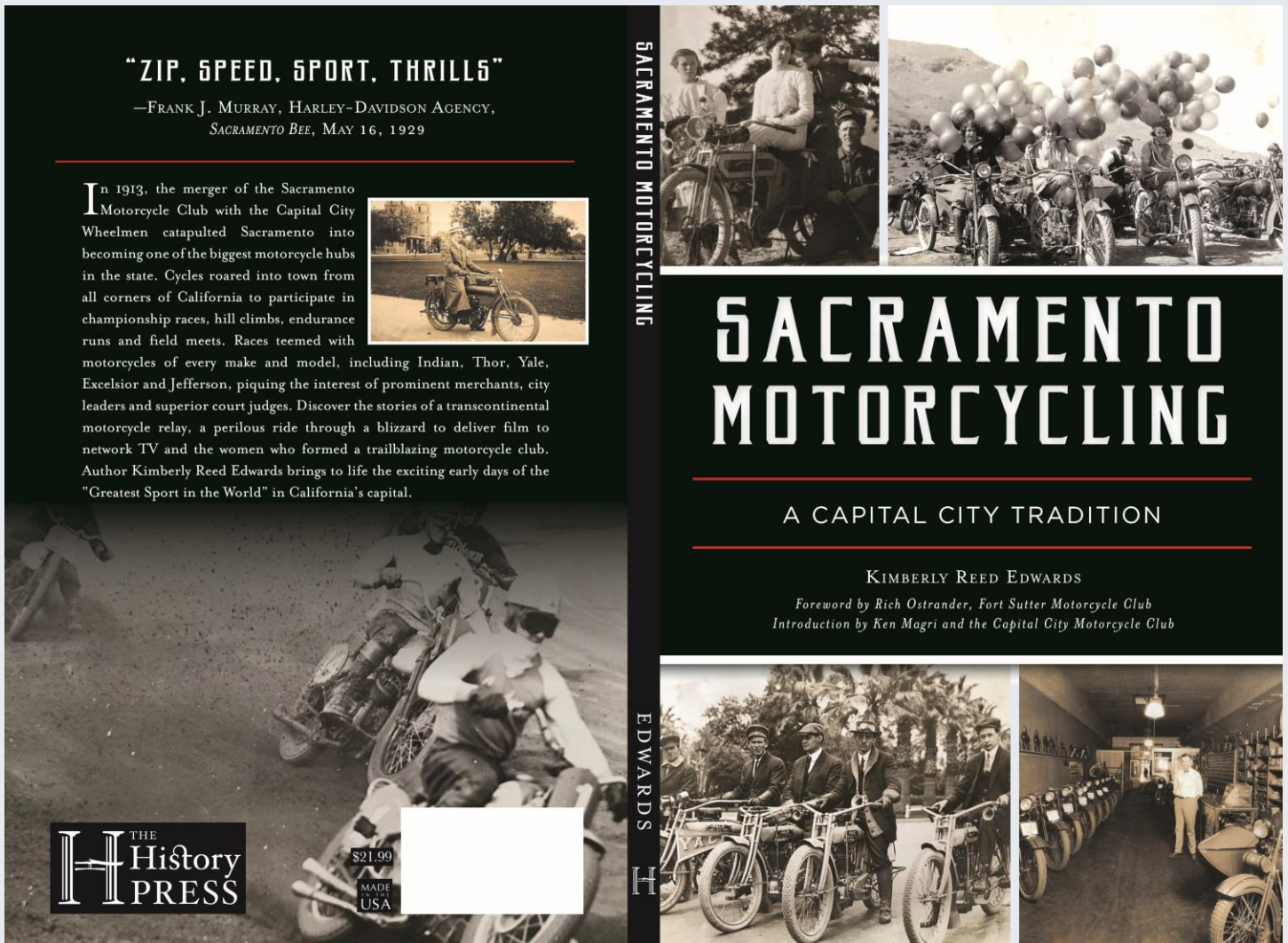
**Proud Patrolmen Reith
and Sitton
August 17, 1910,
*Sacramento Union***

The newspaper revealed the bikes as Indian. Since Hiram Cameron at 4th and J had not yet started his Indian business, it's hard to know where Kiessig might have secured the purchases, but maybe from a dealer in the Central Valley or from San Francisco Indian distributor C.C. Hopkins.

Sacramento's new motorcycle cops caught many speeders, including Adolph Teichert, gubernatorial candidate Hiram W. Johnson, and Capital City Motorcycle Club members. With this success, the motorcycle became a regular part of policing. Within mere months of delivery of the two motorcycles, Kiessig was advertising "See the new Indian at 1929 6th Street," so he may have struck a deal for himself stemming from the two bikes. But by 1913, the year Cameron opened his Indian Agency, Kiessig was selling only autos. Soon he returned to the firearms department at Kimball-Upson Sporting Goods, where a young Frank Murray worked. In 1919, Murray left Kimball-Upson and opened his Harley dealership at 507 J Street, taking and keeping the loyalty of many officers.

*Kim's book **Sacramento Motorcycling a Capital Tradition (1910-60)** will be published next month by the History Press. An event showcasing the book will be held as a fundraiser at the California Automobile Museum Saturday July 17, 2021, 2-4 pm.*

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The Fort Sutter July ride will be a short ride (route TBD soon) and to join Kim at the California Automobile Museum for the fundraiser.

SFO Museum Hosts an Exhibition of 14 Vintage Motorcycles International Terminal

Departures - Level 3

Feb 11, 2021 - Sep 19, 2021

SFO Museum, located in the San Francisco International Airport, is currently hosting an exhibit called "Early American Motorcycles" that features 14 motorcycles built before 1916. Check out stunning photos of these beautiful machines.



*1912 Flying Merkel Twin-Cylinder Racer
(Photo's courtesy of SFO Museum)*

*1912
Excelsior
Auto-Cycle
Model 4B*



Early American Motorcycles

Early American motorcycles reflect a bygone era of mechanical innovation and bold industrial design. Along with the automobile, the motorcycle was one of the earliest and most exciting applications of another invention, the gasoline-powered internal combustion engine. Motorcycle technology progressed rapidly during the early 1900s, and as motorcycling gained traction, riding evolved from a novelty to a hobby, sport, and reliable source of transportation. By the 1910s, there were approximately 100 motorcycle manufacturers in the United States, all vying for consumer attention with distinctive attributes and designs.



Visit the L.A. Airport Museum International Terminal to view



“First Lady of Motorcycling” Dorothy “Dot” Robinson on her 1937 Harley-Davidson ‘45 1937

Courtesy of Betty Robinson Fauls and Cris Sommer Simmons, *The American Motorcycle Girls*

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Jefferson twin-cylinder racer 1914

Copy and paste to view entire collection: <https://www.sformuseum.org/exhibitions/early-american-motorcycles>



Terminal 3 SFO Airport

Departures - Level 2 Mar 01, 2021 - Oct 03, 2021

Early Women Motorcyclists

For the past century, inspirational women have paved the way for other motorcyclists to follow in their tracks. In 1915, Effie Hotchkiss (1889–1966) and her mother Avis (1863–1958) departed New York for San Francisco in a sidecar-equipped Harley-Davidson and became the first women to ride across the United States on a motorcycle. The next year, sisters Augusta (1884–1959) and Adeline (1889–1949) Van Buren took a daring trip over a similar route and became the first women to ride across the United States solo on motorcycles. In the 1930s, Dorothy “Dot” Robinson (1912–1999) regularly challenged male competitors in endurance and sidecar races, and during the Second World War, rode as a military dispatch rider with a select group of women. Riding her famous pink Harley-Davidson after the war, Dot Robinson was considered the “First Lady of Motorcycling” and acted as longtime president of the Motor Maids, motorcycling’s first and most prestigious club for women.

For more information copy and paste below to your browser.

<https://www.sfomuseum.org/exhibitions/early-women-motorcyclists>

Upcoming Rides and Events

Fort Sutter Rides watch for announcement through emails –

Fort Sutter members
this is our June Ride!

Tracy and several others
already have made
reservations at the KOA

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Yerba Buena AMCA Announces
7- Chapter Cloverdale Road Run
When: June 25, 26, and 27
Where: Cloverdale/Healdsburg KOA
1166 Asti Ridge Road
Cloverdale, Sonoma County

Lodging information: (707) 894-3337
Reservations: (800) 368-4558
Email: clovkoa@sonic.net

Early Planning Ride Schedule

- Friday late afternoon short ride
- Saturday long ride to the Coast for lunch
- Sunday shorter ride to Clear Lake, Back in time for 2:00 pm checkout

We are thinking about dinner options, let us know if you have any good ideas!

We will keep you posted as details get firmed up

Email or call so we can plan snacks/meals and keep you posted as plans get firmed up

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A poster for the "Third Annual Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet". The background is a sepia-toned image of a vintage motorcycle. The text is as follows:

**THIRD ANNUAL
ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE
SWAP MEET**
SEPTEMBER 12th
**STANISLAUS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
TURLOCK, CA**

Public entry \$2
Vendor's pre-registration \$10
Day of event registration \$20
Vendor space is 20' x 20'
Vendors Setup September 11 & 12
Saturday night 5pm to 10 PM.
September 12 set up 5 AM to 7 AM
Gates open at 7am to public
Overnight tent camping free
All years and brands of motorcycles welcome
Beer and tacos on-site

SPONSORS:
CIC
Road Dog Cycle
Cen-Cal Laser Leveling
Modesto Cycle Service
Stockton Power Sports
Binford's Custom Cycles
Honda Kawasaki KTM of Modesto
Mitchell's Modesto Harley-Davidson

THIEVES WILL BE BEATEN ON-SITE

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<https://www.hanfordcycleswap.com/2021>