

## President's Comments

Howdy do, to my Fort Sutter Family and AMCA friends.

Jingle bells are in the air along with a winter chill. Winter's here. So, for a lot of you, riding season is over, well not so fast, here in California, in the land of forest fires, no rain and drought, it's still riding season. Our last club ride had a very good turnout and a great route with good scenery. We also had a stop at the club's good friends' home, Dave K, where he showed us what antique motorcycles are all about. Thanks Dave.

Tracy Stallman, our ride captain, and newest board member has a ride planned for this weekend, a Christmas toy run, always a fun ride. Get out and join him for a good ride and day. Also, congratulations to Bob Henry, along with Tracy, our two new board of director members.

I'm excited for the new year that's on the horizon. The club will be preparing to put on another awesome National meet at Dixon and another National Road Run at Lake Tahoe. I hope to see our great club members get involved and help play a role in both of these grand productions. It's impossible to put on these events without the help and support of the club's membership. Both events are sure to be a good time.

I'd like to share that the club is in good condition, we continue to have a membership of 100 to 120 people. Don't forget it's time to renew your memberships and when you get those new calendars for Christmas get all the Fort Sutter Event dates written down. You don't want to miss out, they will be great.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Get out and ride!

Mark Loewen  
President

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**The next Fort Sutter meeting will be held on Saturday  
February 5, 2021, 1:00 pm sharp.  
Sam's Hof Brau located at 2500 Watt Ave.  
Come early and bring your lunch to the banquet room at  
rear of the restaurant**

## Fort Sutter Meeting December 4, 2021

The December 4, 2021, meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by President, Mark Loewen. In attendance were 27 members including Fort Sutter's newest member, Walt Worthge, from Granite Bay. Walt introduced himself and said he has several antique motorcycles and looks forward to being a member of the Fort Sutter Club. Welcome Walt!

- **Membership: Karie Schenken Chairman:** Karie reports currently there are 72 Primary members, 19 Associates, 2 Junior, and 11 Honorary members for a total of 104.
- **Treasury Report: Julie Loewen Treasurer:** Julie reports the Treasury has sufficient funds and will provide a year end statement after the close of 2021.
- **Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes as written for the October 2, 2021, meeting was made by Rich Ostrander and seconded by Tracy Stahlman. The motion was unanimously approved.

### Old Business:

- **Fort Sutter October 23<sup>rd</sup> Ride:** Update from Rich Ostrander who led the ride while Tracy Stahlman, ride coordinator, was away. Rich provided a short version of the ride at the meeting, however, he has included a full report in this newsletter.

### New Business:

- **December Ride:** Tracy Stahlman, ride coordinator, reports that Fort Sutter riders will ride from Sacramento to Nevada City to participate in the annual Nevada County Toy Run on Saturday December 11, 2021. Ride details have been sent to all members previously but is also included in this newsletter.
- **Elections for 2022-2024 Directors.** Voting was held for the four open Board of Director positions for the 2022-2024 term. Nominees were Bob Henry, Julie Loewen, John Markley, Stan Randall, Tracy Stahlman. Ballots were distributed to members in attendance at the December meeting. The following Directors were elected: Bob Henry, Julie Loewen, John Markley, and Tracy Stahlman. Congratulations to the newly elected Board of Directors. After the general meeting, per the Fort Sutter By-laws, a Board meeting was held to nominate and vote for the three open officer positions for the 2022-2024 term, for Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The results are as follows: Jim Schenken, Vice-President, Julie Loewen, Treasurer and John Markley, Secretary. The Fort Sutter Board, along with all Fort Sutter members would like to thank Mark Wiebens, currently Vice-President, and Stan Randall, Director for their contributions to Fort Sutter over the past several years.
- **Fort Sutter Dixon 2022 National Meet: Update:** Mark Loewen reports that the National Meet is currently in the planning stages, and he looks forward to a large turn out for 2022. At this point he mentioned that he will be meeting with the Dixon Fairgrounds to review the rental agreement and ultimately sign the contract. Julie Loewen stated beginning in 2022 that a credit card, or debit card will be accepted to purchase items at the event. This includes purchasing a new or renewing membership, merchandise, or raffle tickets. Julie said this will help increase sales of each item throughout the National Show. Volunteers are needed to help perform certain functions at the event. Contact any Fort Sutter Board of Director to offer your help.
- **Fort Sutter Chapter Judge update:** Eric Olson, current Chapter Deputy Judge, along with his replacement, Bob Henry, provided an update regarding Fort Sutter's National Judging program held during the Dixon National Motorcycle Show & Swap meet. Together, both Eric and Bob, suggested that to help recruit, recognize, and retain local judges for the National Judging, more should be done and offered at each event. Ideas include the following: Breakfast before the Judge's meeting on Saturday morning, lunch vouchers for each judge, provide Fort Sutter Hat (baseball style or wide-brim type) and include a free meet pin. Eric will be providing expense costs for hats at the next meeting.
- **2022 Fort Sutter Road Run:** Mark Wiebens, Road Run coordinator provided an update that included the difficulties being encountered in finding a suitable location for the event in September 2022. Suggestions from the members were to possibly go back to the 2017 Road Run hotel in South Shore. If any member has a contact with a hotel in the vicinity, please contact Mark at (925) 288-0174.
- **Annual Banquet:** Tracey Kleber, Banquet Coordinator: forwarded potential restaurant locations for the Annual Banquet that is tentatively scheduled for February 26, 2022. After a discussion, the members decided that they would rather have a picnic instead of a restaurant dinner for 2022. Potential locations for the picnic will take place and planning to begin for the July or August timeframe.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm

**AMCA Fort Sutter**  
**“Let’s get to know our fellow Members”**

Name: **Walt Worthge**

City where you live? **Granite Bay**

- A. How long have you been a Fort Sutter Member? **Two months. Yerba Buena prior 4 years**
- B. What do/did you do for a living? **Retired General Building Contractor. Owned Knight Construction for 35 years**
- C. When did you first start riding motorcycles or what is your earliest motorcycle memory? Interesting story: ***Years back I forbade my son to buy a motorcycle. I did not understand his desire nor need. He was going off to college and wanted one for commuting. Since he was old enough, I realized I could not stop him, so I agreed to the purchase. Fast forward ten years. I was waiting for my truck to be repaired at my mechanic’s shop. I ventured up onto a large wooden storage catwalk. Way back in a corner was an old dusty tarp covering what seemed to be a bike. Upon lifting the tarp, I discovered an old 1924 Indian Scout motorcycle. It had been stored there for over 50 years! I immediately fell in love with this machine. It took a year to track down the owner and another year to convince ( beg) him to sell. Now mind you, I had never ridden a motorcycle let alone know the first thing about a vintage one. I offered a price on the condition that he help and teach me how to restore it. What a fantastic journey I had over the next 5 years! I met many enthusiasts, scoured swap meets and traversed the internet in search of the needed parts. Finally with the help of many wonderful people, the Scout transformed from an expensive paperweight to a fully operational motorcycle. Now I had to figure out how to ride the thing. After weeks of practice on my driveway, I took her out onto our street and rode around the block. Now I ride the back roads around Lake Folsom with the biggest smile of satisfaction I have ever had!!!***

***My love for Indians***





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Name: **Walt Worthge**

D. Please provide any pictures of your first motorcycle. If none, include pictures of your current bike(s) with notation of year, make and model.

E. What do you currently own/ride?



**1924 Indian Scout**



**1925 Indian Prince**

F. What bike(s) would you most like to own? Why? **Burt Monroe’s 1920 Scout**

G. What is something interesting about you that others might not already know? **Hobbies include Antique wood boat restoration, Rowing, Biking, travel. Pole vaulted in High School, at UCLA, competed in Masters for years, coached for 15 years.**

H. Who inspires (or inspired) you, past or present? Why or how? **I believe that I am who I am because of all those I have met and experienced over the years. Everyone has left an impression (good and bad) on me.**

I. What is one thing you would still like to do in your life that you have not done yet? **It would be hard to choose just one item off my Bucket list. they are all important to me one way or the other. Since the question is asked from an antique motorcycle club, I would say the one thing I want to do is Ride my ‘24 in a cannon ball ride across the country. I am in the process of collecting all the spare parts necessary for the journey. So, if any of you are willing to “part with some parts” please let me know**

# Upcoming Rides and Events

Fort Sutter Rides watch for updates through emails



Tracy Stahlman Ride Coordinator

Ride Details:

The group will leave from 4211 Sierra College Blvd.

McDonalds/Chevron

Kickstands up at 9:45

From there back roads to Grass Valley and Nevada City

Must be to the Rood center by noon.

950 Maidu Ave.

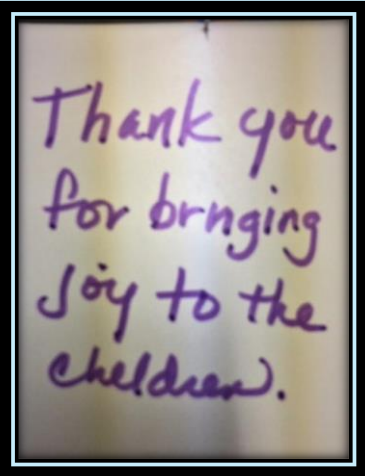
Lunch spot after toy drop off.

Location announced at the ride:

Tracy says ---

Join us this year!

*A Nice way to help benefit local families in need*



**SACRAMENTO MOTORCYCLING  
A CAPITAL CITY TRADITION  
BY KIMBERLY REED EDWARDS**

*A book review by Rich  
Ostrander to be  
published in the AMCA  
Magazine early 2022*

Before radio became one of the main sources of entertainment and television was still over the horizon, sporting events captured large numbers of spectators. One of the largest was motorcycle racing on board tracks, dirt ovals, hillclimbs and club field events.

Northern California's Bay area and neighboring San Joaquin Valley had racetracks in almost every city and town. Most events were sponsored by local dealers and clubs. Riders from near and far, plus Joe and Joan Citizen who would never sit in a saddle, would attend these events usually held on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

Through Kimberly Reed Edwards well researched book heavy with excellent photographs you will be in Northern California, especially the Sacramento area from the turn of the century to 1960.

Starting with the Capitol City Wheelman bicycle club in 1886 which along with the Sacramento Motorcycle club became the Capitol City Motorcycle club in 1913 and is still active today. The other major club in town was the Fort Sutter Motorcycle club founded in 1934 and still active today under the Antique Motorcycle Club of America. Up until the 1960's both clubs were active in field meets, hillclimbs, endurance and dirt track races.

Many local events were sponsored by local dealers like Frank J. Murray Harley Davidson, started in 1919 until 1950 when the reins were handed to Armando Magri, a successful racer. Joe Sarkees, the first Triumph dealer on the west coast in 1949 was also an active sponsor along with Al Lauer, a former racer who sold the Indian brand. Kimberly's father, Jim Reed purchased the Indian brand from Al in 1952.

A prominent early dealer for Excelsior, William Langley, started the ball rolling when he sponsored the first race in Sacramento in 1911 at the Ag Park track. Many national racing stars came to compete here like Charles Balke, Bob Perry, Jake DeRosier, Roy Seymour, Don Johns and Shrimp Burns from nearby Oakland, CA.

In later years names like Joe Petrali, Paul Albrecht, Armando Magri, Cy Homer, Mario Stillo, Sam Arena, Gene Rhyme, Sprouts Elder, Lammy Lamoreoux and the Milne brothers would ply their trade here.

While meeting these local dealers, riders, racers and club members, you will experience their lifestyle and adventures. So, find a comfortable chair, sit back and enjoy the ride through one of the most interesting and exciting times in motorcycling history.



Ride Photos next  
two pages

## CHAPTER RIDE OCT 23, 2021

Tracy Stahlman, our Chapter Road Captain, was off acquiring more venison for his freezer, so a substitute was called for to plan the Chapter's October ride. I made the mistake of volunteering.

A date was set, a route was selected, a lunch stop planned and then for the first time in what has seemed like forever, the skies opened, and it poured. As luck would have it though our Saturday ride was rain free. The route was one of my favorites through the upper Delta and ending with an open house at Dave Kafton's place.

I'm glad more than a few of the riders had never been there. It's like an E-ticket ride at Disneyland. You can spend a couple of days there and not see everything. Dave had a newly restored red and white '65 Pan he had just finished, but the real treasure for me is his ultra-rare 1910 ½ Yale twin that we found in Uncle Lenny's stash. Trust Dave to getting it in running shape someday soon.

We met up with some other Chapter members at Dave's and after a good visit we proceeded around the corner (a couple of miles in the country) to the German Guys restaurant in a spot in the road named Waterloo on Highway 88 between Lodi and Stockton. The food and adult beverages were served to us on the patio/beer garden, and both were excellent. I highly recommend a stop there when out and about. A shout out to the Chapter for pitching in on the bill, a fine gesture. Conversation was lively, a few new friends made, and a good time shared by like-minded wheel spinners.

We left each to his own direction home with Bob and I heading west to the river road and north to Sacramento. I made it just west of the Highway 99 overpass when the FXB stopped dead. Kafton's was less than a mile away and my riding partner is a deft mechanic so not to worry. Plus, a fellow rider in his work truck loaded with tools stopped and wanted to help. Even Dave and Jim Inman came over to assist. The tank had gas and was passing it over to the carb, but the carb was bone dry. Once the carb was removed and thoroughly inspected the hung valve and seat were reset and the empty bowl was filling again much to my relief. It now runs better than it ever has and its potato, potato, potato is back. My thanks to all for the help, especially Bob.

# Fort Sutter Chapter October 23, 2021 "Ride Photos"



Group Photo outside Dave Kafton's home  
L to R

Greg - Joe Giammona – Rich Ostrander – Mark Wiebens – Jeremy Loewen – Greg Wood  
– Dave Kafton – Jim Inman – Mark Loewen – Bob Henry – Mike Williams



German Guys Restaurant  
I believe they are hungry!



Sitting outside enjoying the company while waiting for lunch



# October Ride Photos – Dave Kafton's home



Dave Kafton's Restored '65 Harley Davidson Electra Glide



Kafton's 1910 1/2 Yale Twin with a Reading Standard in the background



Dave's collection of early license plates



Mark Loewen's '26 JD – #68  
Jeremy Loewen's '87 Harley Sportster Custom

Dave William's BMW



L – R Greg's Indian – Rich's '81 FXB Sturgis –  
Joe G's – Bob Henry's '85 FXT



Mark Wiebens received information regarding a new type of Fire Extinguisher for our Motorcycles and other uses. Sample will be view at Fort Sutter's next meeting on February 5, 2022

## Element Fire Extinguisher for Motorcycles and Home

<https://elementfire.com/>

Hello Mark!

Thanks for the JD info yesterday!

As promised, here's the details on AMCA Chapter discounts of the Element products.

1. 10% discount to individual purchases or 20% discount on sales of 10 units, or more. All sales are subject to shipping and CA sales tax. To get the 20% discount, shipment must be to one location.
2. We take PayPal (our preference) or personal checks for payment.
3. Individual shipping runs about \$10 each. Combined shipping of 15 units, as an example, runs around \$36 . . . so much cheaper. Also, if someone wants to pick them up (Visalia, CA), they're welcome to without shipping charges.
4. All Element Fire Extinguishers come with one plastic mount. We found mounting under the license plate to work well . . . so you'd need two mounts each. They are \$2 each before the discount.
5. The link to the products and prices, before discount, is below.
6. If your members would like these before Christmas, I'd need the order and payment no later than the 15th.

Should you, or anyone, have questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Thanks!

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# For Sale

## 1946 Harley Davidson Sidecar w/ancillary parts

John

I joined the chapter some time back, but never got to any events other than Dixon.

I'm forced to make a move for health reasons; therefore, I'm looking to sell my 1946 Harley Davidson Sidecar.

Details:

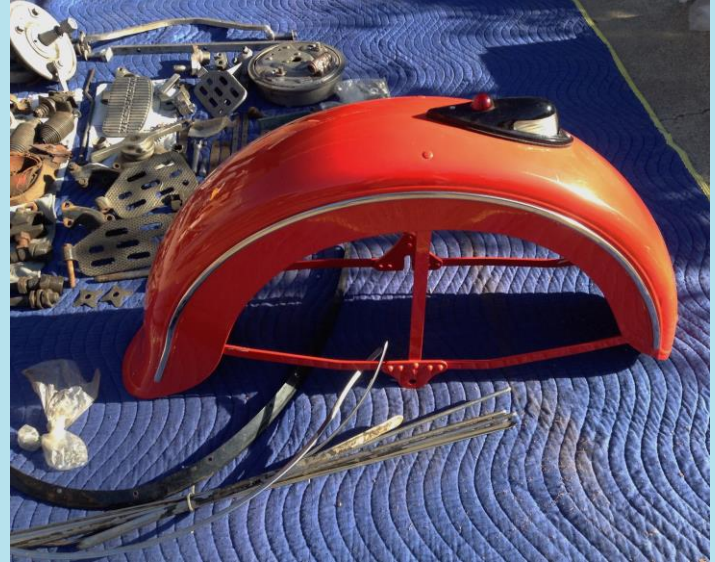
Not assembled, body in good condition, fender in excellent condition, I estimate 95% complete complement of parts. The seats are reproduction but appear true to detail. Many extra parts, mechanical brake & juice brake assembly.

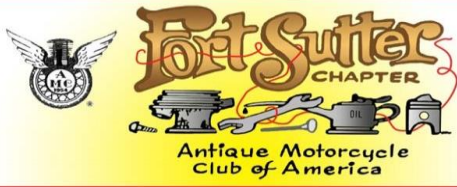
Photos attached for reference.

I'm asking \$3,500 if it goes to an AMCA member. I'm also going to list on Haggerty, E-Bay & Craigslist. My preference is that it goes to a person who can finish the restoration or at least mount it and get some road time. Sadly, I cannot complete this project.

Please circulate through the chapter, if you have any ideas about other ways to sell this, please let me know.

Best  
Michael Torchia  
Email: [m\\_torchia@comcast.net](mailto:m_torchia@comcast.net)

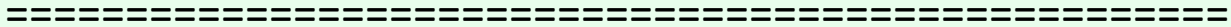




## Fort Sutter Members For Sale Section

Harley Scat/Hummer late '50's/early '60's complete chassis w/motor minus fuel tank \$200. BSA 350 single early '50's frame, motor, transmission, extra parts \$200. Old large brass cash register, fair to good condition \$200.

Contact: Rich Ostrander (916) 995-1934



### Reward Stolen Vintage CA License Plate

I wanted to let both of you know that I had my Calif. 1935 YOM 31 91 license plate ripped right off the back of my bike while it was sitting out in front of my mother in-laws house on 11/19/21 in the middle of the afternoon. I know I probably won't see it again, but I thought I should try to put the word out to as many people as I can. I'll leave all my personal information below and you are free to pass it on. I'd also like to ask, if you know of anyone that is interested in selling a 1935 Ca. plate, I'd appreciate you giving them my information too.

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