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President's Comments

Hello to all,

Well, our sunny California weather continues, and that means our riding days continue. It was nice to see so many of you at the meeting and that a lot of you rode a bike.

We have some club rides coming up, if the weather remains dry, end of the month for February and March, be watching for details. Our planning is still in action for the Dixon meet and our National road run in September. Please sign up to lend a hand in making these great Fort Sutter events.

It's great to see all of you at the meetings, they seem to be growing. I hope this continues and hope to see even more of you at the next meeting.

See you all soon. Get out and ride.

President
 Mark Loewen

**The next Fort Sutter meeting will
 be held on Saturday April 2, 2022,
 1:00 pm sharp.
 Location to be announced**

Fort Sutter Meeting Agenda February 5, 2022

The February 5, 2022, meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by President, Mark Loewen

- **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:** Reports the Chapter continues to have sufficient funds through the current year of 2022.
- **Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes as written for the December 4, 2021, meeting was made by Mark Wiebens and seconded by Greg Wood. The motion was unanimously approved.

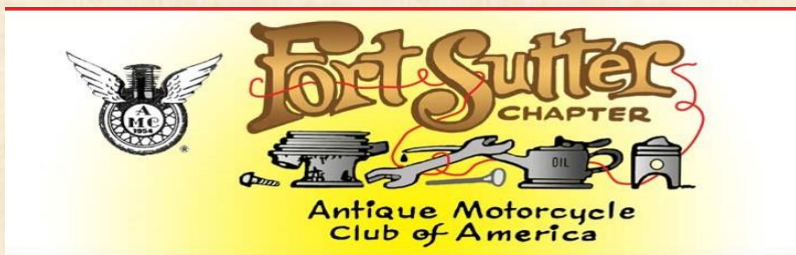
OLD Business:

- **December 11, 2021: Toy Run Nevada City: Tracy Stahlman report:** Report and photos attached to this newsletter. If you haven't been on the Nevada County Toy Run this is a must ride each year.
- **January 15-16, 2022: Placerville "Ride the Line" Bike Show report:** John Markley provided a report on the show held at the Placerville Fairgrounds. On short notice Fort Sutter was contacted to provide antique motorcycle on display for this two show. Additional information in the newsletter.

NEW Business

- **Fort Sutter February – March, Monthly Rides:** Tracy Stahlman said both the February and March rides will be held on either the 26th or 27th (Saturday or Sunday) with the destination either to Lake Berryessa or east to Auburn and points beyond with lunch and return. Stay tuned for more information.
- **Fort Sutter Dixon 2022 National Meet:** Mark Loewen reports the Dixon National Motorcycle Show & Swap meet continues to progress and will be held. John Markley brought flyers for meeting attendees to take and promote the event. He stated that he has confirmed that both food vendors have been confirmed. In addition, the sound system will be provided again by Ken's ProSound. Karie Schenken reports the janitor has also confirmed.
- **Fort Sutter Chapter Judge update:** Bob Henry recently attended a Zoom call with Keith Kizer and other Chapter Deputy Judges to review upcoming changes for the National Judging program for 2022. In particular, the goal is to try and have all motorcycles pre-registered for the events, but no one will be turned away. Judging fees have increased from \$10.00 to \$15.00 for pre-registered and \$20.00 to \$30.00 for non-registered bikes.
- **2022 Fort Sutter Road Run:** Mark Wiebens, Road Run Coordinator: He reports that the Hotel Becket in South Lake Tahoe has been selected. The rates range from \$85.00-\$130.00 and everyone planning on attending should make their reservations as soon as possible. ***The information will be sent with the February Newsletter.*** In addition, Mark W. reports that to register for the Road Run, the information will be available on the AMCA website beginning March 1, 2022. Make sure to select the correct number of days for the Road Run.
- **Annual Banquet/Picnic:** Tracy Kleber, reports the Annual Banquet will now be a Summer Picnic. The tentative date is Saturday July 30th. Stay tuned for more information.
- **Eric Olson, Fort Sutter Director, and previous Chapter Deputy Judge:** Eric was honored at the end of the meeting with a celebratory cake and "You will be missed" card at the meeting. In addition, he came away with two beautiful past Dixon Meet plaques. The reverse side of one included a photoshop of Eric's face over a picture that hangs on the wall of Sam's Hof Brau, our regular meeting location. Pictures of Eric and the awards are in the newsletter. Eric's contributions have been many, and he will be missed by everyone. Eric stated he will continue to be Fort Sutter member but might have to miss a few meetings due to the distance. Smile!
- **Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm**

Coming Soon --- Dixon 2022!
Vendors Register early!



NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND SWAP MEET
Friday & Saturday
June 17 and 18, 2022

Our 20th Year!



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 \$40.00
night
or \$15.00 tent camping

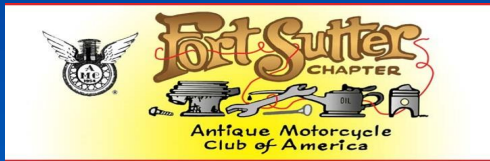
Beginning in 2022
AMCA Judging
Pre-Registration Only

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

Fort Sutter Chapter

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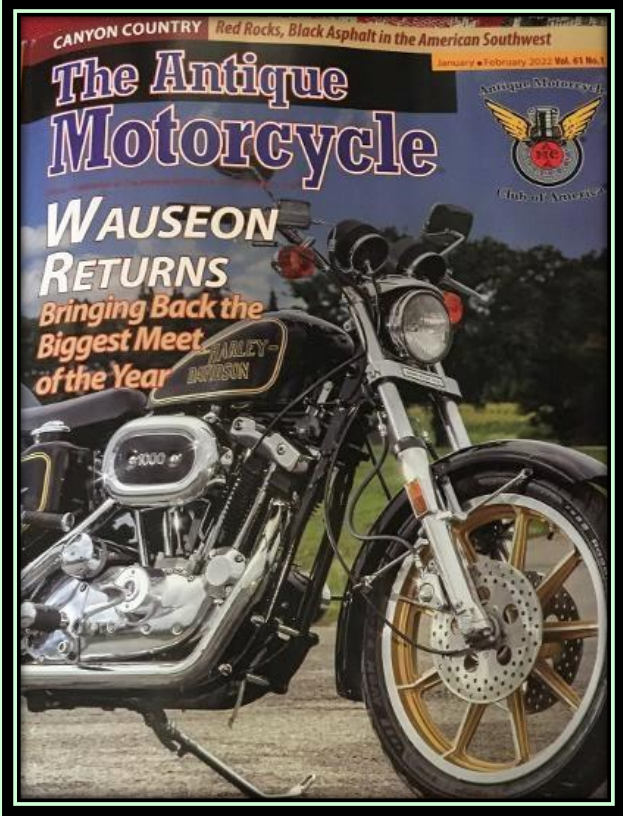
**Fort Sutter Chapter AMCA
2022 Road Run Lake Tahoe,
CA
September 26-27-28, 2022**

**The Fort Sutter Chapter invites riders to enjoy
California's most beautiful areas with scenic
routes, fresh air, friends and old iron rolling
through the mountains!**

**Enjoy 3 days of riding
in the Sierra Nevada Mountain
Host hotel centrally located with trailer parking
Register online at the AMCA website:
www.antiquemotorcycle.org**

**Need more information after
registration contact Mark
Wiebens: (925) 288-0174**

Rich Ostrander's Book Review published in the AMCA Jan – Feb 2022 Magazine



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

Buy the Book

**Sacramento Motorcycling:
A Capital City Tradition**
By Kimberly Reed Edwards

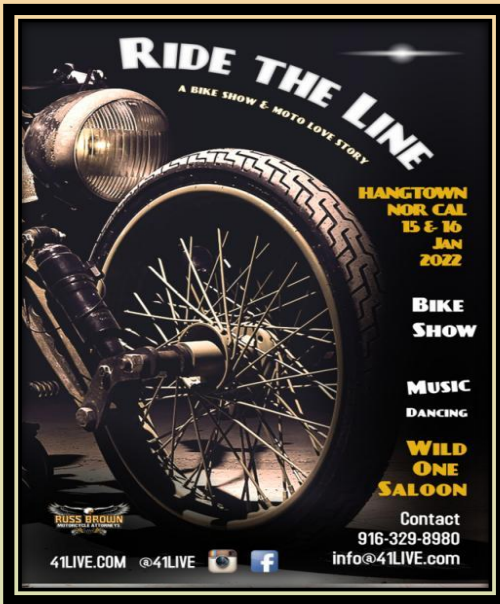
Before TV rose to prominence as our major source of entertainment, people enjoyed their sporting events live and in-person. That meant large crowds would gather for everything from baseball and football games to motorcycle races.

One of the hotbeds of two-wheeled competition in those years was Northern California—specifically the San Francisco Bay area and neighboring San Joaquin Valley. There were racetracks in nearly every town that attracted riders and fans from near and far.

Kimberly Reed Edwards captures this era in "Sacramento Motorcycling: A Capital City Tradition," a well-researched book heavy with excellent photographs. She traces the origins

Kim's Book is packed with Sacramento Motorcycling History - get your own copy! Kim will personally autograph it for you!

Rich's review is very well done with Fort Sutter History highlighted and the many early dealers and motorcycle race legends.



**Ride The Line
Motorcycle
Show
Placerville
Fairgrounds
January 15-
16th 2022**



**Mike
Williams
Fort Sutter
'65 BMW
R60 with
'55 Steib
S350
Sidecar**



**Mark Wiebens – Fort Sutter
1942 HD XA 750 cc Military
1944 HD 74" Flathead**



**Below:
John Markley – Fort Sutter
1965 Yamaha "Big Bear" 250 cc**



**Jim Moore's – Fort Sutter
Triumph**



Fort Sutter Member:
Gary Kubodera
Takes on the
challenge of working
on a "Chopper"

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Before Picture

First photo is the bike brought to me pre-covid. It was a literal mess. The bike was bought in '68 by his father new off the dealership floor and his son wanted to keep as much of the original parts his father put on the bike. It sat for many years after his father started on it. His goal was to finish his father's period Rat Rod bike so he could run to the store and back from time to time and have some fun while doing it.

I mounted the 2" over front end and 21" front tire from Lowbrow Customs-I have to say this, Todd is the man to talk to about these types of builds!

The wiring on the bike was totally fried. I installed Boyer system, solid state regulator, new dual coil and leads, complete new wiring and switches, headlight and LED taillight and plate frame, replaced primary and gearbox drive sprocket seals, de-coked the top end, new premium Amal carbs w/coated slides, custom 1" bars risers and bars, new controls and twistgrip, modified the oil tank with a return line running from the primary vent tube so if the oil in the engine wet-sumpted, it was returned back into the oil tank and added a vent so the primary vent pressure would not blow out the seals in the engine.

*Gary says....
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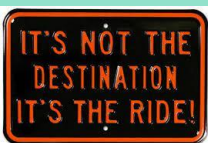
Fort Sutter Member:
Gary Kubodera Takes on working
on the "Chopper"
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Customized the rear bolt-on frame section to mount the solo seat, replaced the rear braking components with NOS new parts, used a pre-unit rear brake lever parts for rear braking and the rear fender and tank were powder coated. He plans to have the rear wheel powder coated and replaced with stainless spokes and nipples to match the front wheel and a set of new pipes. I suggested some fishtails at the rear of the pipes for a period look and a great British sound!

Honestly, I've never been much for working on custom "choppers" and preferred working on stock British bikes over the years, but my first Triumph was a 68 Bonneville, and he was referred by a longtime friend so decided I would try to help him out. I have to say it turned out decent and it put a big smile on his face when he picked it up. I'm sure he will have some fun and memorable times riding this bike!

This bike has also given me a chance to learn and appreciate the work that goes into a bike build like this...and yes it was frustrating at times as well. I've even considered possibly building another bike like this for my son Alex for his 18th birthday...if I can find the right parts at the right price? Guess we will see what turns up in the future.

Thanks, and enjoy all! 😊
Gary





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!

Bill

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559.259.4301

<https://elementfire.com/>

***Update: I met Bill Kitchen at the Mecum Auction on 1/28/22 and viewed the small fire extinguisher – we need to carry one of these!
John Markley***

Below: Watch Jay Leno's YouTube video of the Element fire extinguisher in action - copy and paste to your browser

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBjXecsF860>

**AMCA “Let’s get to know our fellow Members”
Fort Sutter Member & Chapter Deputy Judge
Bob Henry**

Name: **Bob Henry**

City where you live? **North Highlands**

A. How long have you been a Fort Sutter Member? **I joined in Dec 2019**

B. What do/did you do for a living? **I am in the collision repair business, as a Journeyman technician.**

C. When did you first start riding motorcycles or what is your earliest motorcycle memory? **I started riding street in my late teens. My earliest motorcycle memory would have to be riding on the tank of my Pop’s bike around Sacramento when I was very young. He was a single father at the time, so off and away we went, no helmets or nothing!**

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. **Pictures are included at the end.**

E. What do you currently own/ride?

My favorite saying used to be “My other ride is five project bikes that don’t run”, but I’m trying to remedy that.

1.) My main squeeze is my bone stock “85 FXRT Sport Glide.

2.) I also own a complete 1946 Indian Chief (that’s a very slow project – I’m replacing all the repop ‘70’s parts.

3.) 1967 FLH that many here will recognize with, a Police do-up I added,

4.) 1978 FXE Crazy Franks 1980’s style chopper I cloned from photos.

5.) There is also a long bike Panhead chopper in the mix

6.) Also, a ‘77 Coney Island style Barge project that I’ve been collecting NOS chrome trim rail for almost five years.

7.) I have a very early stages UL project being built from a bottom end I purchased out of Lenny’s stuff and an original offset springer that I have.

8.) Recently purchased a complete 1954 FLE Panhead that I’m finishing and riding as is, since it has come character and soul just as she sits.

F. What bike(s) would you most like to own?

That’s a tough question, my collection is growing so I’m less about volume, more about interesting rides. If I had to quantify it, older Harleys are what I really like and what I am tooled up to work on.

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G. What is something interesting about you that others might not already know?

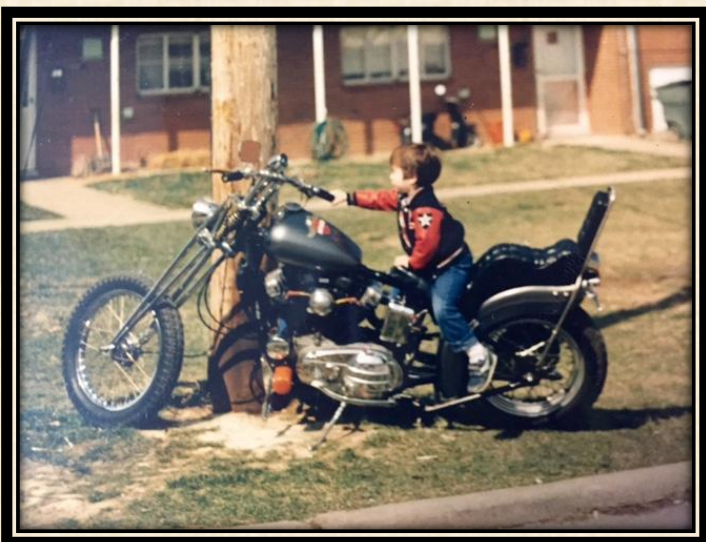
I always wanted to build movie models for a living, but that didn’t pan out. I built cars and custom bicycles for festivals like Burning man and Wasteland, although they were usually just for myself or friends. I am starting to follow a long-time dream of writing Science Fiction stories and movie model/character building. It’s a dream that I thought was long dead, but recent events have stirred the creative again. Never give up on your dreams!

H. Who inspires (or inspired) you, past or present? Why or how?

First and foremost, it was my Pops love of Harleys when I was young that planted the seed. We built my first Harley chopper together and that’s inspiration I’ll always have. It would be a disservice not to mention Rich Ostrander as a present inspiration as he’s the reason I’m even here writing this. A chance encounter over parts has led to a great friendship along with kind mentoring as I try to navigate entering the antique motorcycle world. He really opened my mind and showed me what was out there as I had no real prior exposure. I’ve never had the real chance to be actively part of something bigger than myself, but when I hear Rich’s stories of the past and people that have come before, I feel a connection and responsibility as a new link in that chain.

I. What is one thing you would still like to do in your life that you have not done yet?

I’d like to eventually publish my Sci-fi stories and sell it to a one of the big movie houses or game companies for big money so I could have more time and money to work on my motorcycles!



Me when I was 3 on Dad’s Chopper



My first Harley Chopper

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My 78 Crazy Frank clone

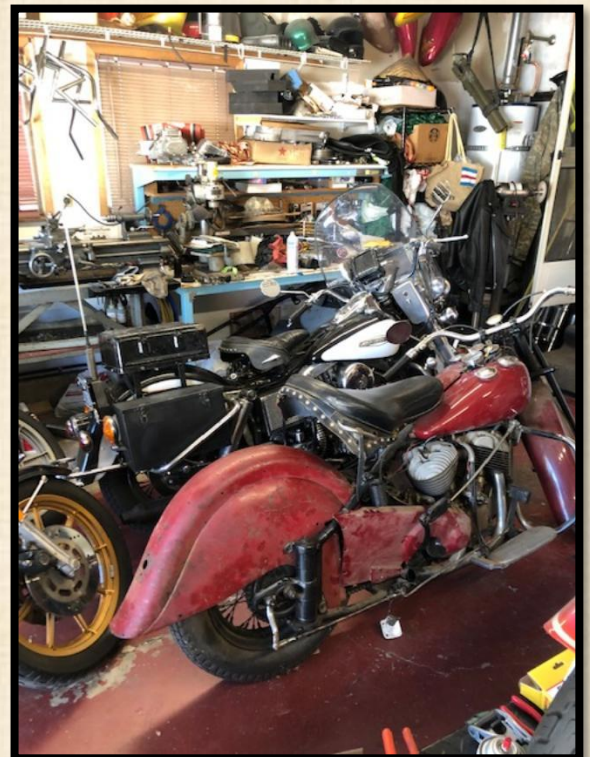
1967 Harley-Davidson FLH



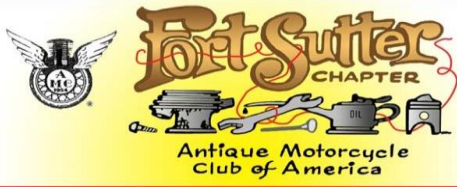
First Panhead back together in 2020
with new updates



The mess in the garage – right now!

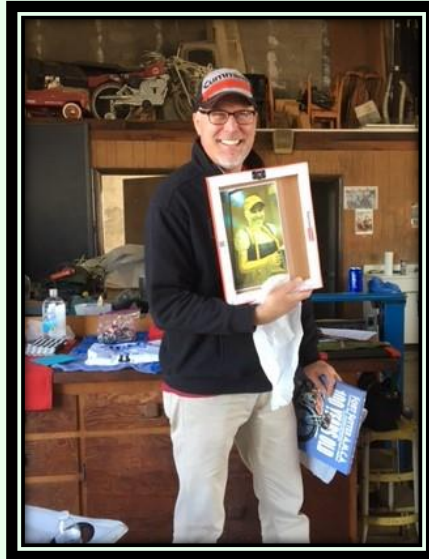
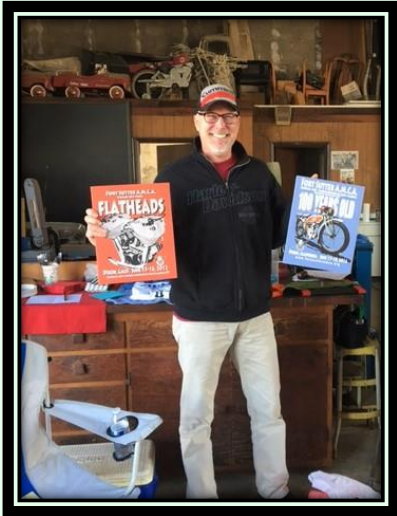


My '46 & '67 in the garage



February 5, 2022, Meeting held at Mark Loewen's Business in South Sacramento

Congratulations to Eric Olson who is moving to Texas in March 2022. His Contributions to Fort Sutter and the AMCA are many. He will be missed by everyone. Eric says he will continue to be a member of Fort Sutter – However, attending the regular meetings every other month might be difficult. Smile!



*Eric ready to enjoy a piece of cake!
And yes, we all enjoyed one as well.*

Eric was presented with two wall décor Dixon Meet Flyers from the past. On the reverse side (middle picture) is a photo taken from Sam's Hof Brau that might be Eric – take a closer look by zooming up to see clearer. Is that Eric? He laughed and said he will always remember Fort Sutter every time he looks at the reverse side of this wall décor plaque.



L to R

Bob Henry and Daniel Henry

The motorcycle built by Daniel is a 1963 XLCH bored over 20 with Factory performance camshafts and a vintage "S&S Super "B" carburetor
Daniel started the bike and it sure sounds like it can fly down the road!



Gary Kubodera and his son Gabe ready to leave for home after the meeting on a nice Triumph Bonneville.

Fort Sutter members Photos from the February 5th meeting



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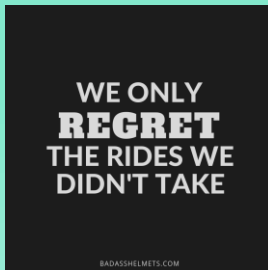
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Jeremy Loewen and Greg Wood checking out the bikes -



A beautiful day for riding to the club meeting!