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President's Comments

Hello Fort Sutter!

As the afterglow of our National event fades my thoughts constantly cycle back to the pride, I have to be a part of this Chapter. The event was a resounding success, and it could not have happened without the combined effort of our Board of Directors and our amazing volunteers. Over 180 swap spots were sold, 48 motorcycles were judged in the National Judging program, and we had very few issues (save one teenager and a single moped)! Parts were bought, old friends hung out and new ones were made. If you didn't make it out to Dixon, you really missed out.

I want to take this moment to thank everyone who helped make Dixon a reality. Without the volunteers, we would not be able to have such a great event. Many people within the Chapter sacrifice a good portion, if not all, of their event experience just to make sure our guests and vendors have the best possible time. Having now seen the operational muster that must be executed to host this event, it must be acknowledged how much is given by all who donate their time before, during, and after the event.

On the heels of that point, I want to ask all the Chapter members to consider a few things. The face of motorcycling is changing. The world we live in is changing. The ways and means of yesterday may not apply to tomorrow. The solutions for tomorrow require our thoughts and efforts today, some easy, some very hard. I look back at the history of our Chapter and see all the work many people have put into it over many decades. I catch myself wondering how they might have handled diversity, but realize those struggles are in the past, and the new challenges are ours alone to face. I'm not saying this to discourage, but more to illustrate the opportunity this gives each and every one of us to help form the future of our Chapter.

Also, it's not all doom-and gloom of course! Just wanted to plant a few things in your ears and get us thinking about the future. Every member has a chance to contribute to our Chapter and leave their own impression on the future of it. How Kool is that! I look forward to future, on this road we ride, together. Cheers!

Bob

***Our Next Club Meeting will
be Saturday, August 12, 2023
1:00 pm meeting
Location to be determined***

***A SPECIAL EDITION of the
Newsletter honoring our
40th Year of Swaps & Shows
will be coming out in a
separate email.
Our Biggest Event so Far!***

Fort Sutter Meeting Minutes June 3, 2023

- **Call to Order:** The June 3, 2023, meeting was called to order at: 1:02pm by Bob Henry, Fort Sutter President
- **Welcome New Members:** Danny Marquis **Guests:**
- **Membership:** Karie Schenken, Charmain reported that there are: 79 Primary members, 29 Associates. **3** Junior members, and 11 Honorary members.
- **Treasury Report:** Julie reported that the treasury is in good order. However, continued attention to watch expenses is ongoing.
- **Minutes:** A motion was made by Mark Loewen and seconded by Gary Kubodera to approve the April 1, 2023, as written. Motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business

- **Prior Club Rides:**
 1. **May Ride Meetup:** Held on May 13, 2023. Bob H. stated there was a good turnout. However, some members had to sit at separate tables. Otherwise, a great opportunity for Club members to be together.
 2. **Fort Sutter Club Ride:** Bob H. reported that the club ride was to travel from Sacramento and attend the ISHI Chapters 15th annual Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet in Chico and return. The Club ride details from Ride Captain Tracy Stahlman is included elsewhere in the newsletter. Gordon Matthews, ISHI Chapter stated he was very appreciative of Fort Sutter attending the meet and looks forward to seeing everyone in Dixon in June.

New Business

- **AMCA National Update:** John Markley, AMCA National Secretary, was pleased to announce the AMCA total membership has grown to 13,300+ members. Congratulations to all Chapters for helping achieve the growth! In addition, John mentioned the AMCA will be introducing a new concept called “Groups” in early 2024. The first groups will be the Honda, Harley-Davidson, and Indian Groups. More information will be provided on the AMCA Website. John also announced AMCA National will now be providing all Chapters who hold a National Meet will be provided a \$250 stipend to help offset Vendor appreciation BBQ’s.
- **Upcoming Fort Sutter Rides :** No ride planned in June - However, for the July meetup it will be a lunch near the Delta. Possibly a run to Al the Wops in Locke for lunch. Stay tuned for date and ride details.
- **Dixon discussion – Bob Henry: 1.)** Bob reviewed the Volunteer list vs. Job Duties to make sure there were enough volunteers for each duty. The list was distributed to attract additional volunteers haven’t had an opportunity to sign up. **2.)** For Swap Meet vendors Karie stated there are now 149 spaces confirmed. There is additional room available on the south lawn if needed. **3.)** Bob thanked local Fort Sutter members for their help creating the National and Local awards that will be awarded at the Dixon Meet. Most of the awards already completed were on display for meeting attendees to view. Rich O. stated he was very pleased to see them and congratulated those that created the trophies. Bob announced that the 2023 “Best Rat Bike” award (created by Dave Kafton) will be awarded posthumously to Greg Wood. Going forward the Best Rat Bike award will be called the “Greg Wood Rat Bike Award” in honor of Greg. **4.)** For National Judging Gary Kubodera suggested that announcements be made each day before Saturday morning to attract additional National Judges to help on Saturday.
- **Annual Picnic:** Tracey Kleber, Banquet/Picnic coordinator stated the picnic on Saturday August 12, 2023, is confirmed. A discussion was held regarding expenses and how members can help offset some of the expenses providing an annual picnic. The consensus of the members at the meeting was to charge a nominal fee for both the member and any non-members. Another suggestion was to raffle off some raffle prizes at the picnic to help offset expenses. After discussion, a motion was made by Karie Schenken and seconded by Julie Loewen to: **Charge a fee of \$10.00 for each attendee including Club members and non club members to help offset the cost of the picnic.** The vote was unanimous, and the motion was approved.
- **Yerba Buena AMCA “75TH Anniversary Panhead Reunion:** The Two-day ride scheduled for June 11-13, 2023, was reviewed and if anyone is interested contact the hotel listed on the flyer included in this newsletter.
- **Meeting adjourned at:** 2:27 pm



NorCal Swap Meet
Sunday May 12, 2023

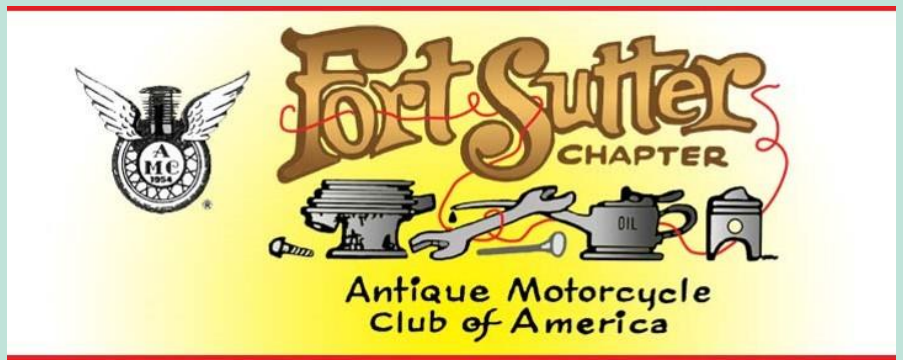
Breaking News!

John commented that the Fort Sutter Club has helped recruit 3 NEW Club members since attending the Sunday NORCAL Cycle Swap since December 2022. What a great way to promote the AMCA and Fort Sutter.

What a GREAT venue to recruit new AMCA members and especially recruit NEW Fort Sutter Club Members.

*See you at the next
Swap MEET*

- July 9th
- September 17th
- November 12th
- December 10th



Tracy Stahlman says.....

Thank you, Dan Henry, for bringing your bike out to the Swap Meet. Thank you, Bob & Amanda, and John Markley for helping promote our Club. Several members stopped in and said hey. The Kafton's (Dave) we're also out there selling their parts and pieces.



**15th Annual Chico
Motorcycle Show
& Swap Meet**
May 28, 2023
7:30 AM - 2 PM

Free Ride in Bike Show
Best of Show Awarded Open to All

CHICO
Elks Lodge #423
1706 Mammoth Ave., Chico California
For more information & registration call, text or email
Elks Rider (970) 592-2583 kuzak39@yahoo.com
For event info call or email Elks at (530) 878-4126
@elkschico@facebook.com or visit us on Facebook at

VENDORS
20'X10' SPACE
Prepaid \$35 at the gate \$40
Vendor set up starts 7 AM

NO HOST BAR BY THE ELKS

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To attend the ISHI Chapter's 15th Annual
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Sunday May 28, 2023



Joe Giammona riding along to Chico with the main group.



Tracy & Kim Stahlman ready to ride to Chico



Beautiful BMW with side car
Now this is riding in style!



L to R = Joe Avila and Kim Stahlman

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 For more information & prepayment call, text or email
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Tracy Stahlman – Fort Sutter Ride Captain

We made it home safe from our ride to Ishi's swap meet and bike show. Members Kim Stahlman, Joe Giammona, Bill Cruz, Andy Rzad, and friend Joe Avila, and myself met up and enjoyed the back roads and minimal traffic and perfect riding weather and temps. Several other members drove up also giving Fort Sutter a strong showing. Lots of inquiries about the Dixon event and excited for its arrival soon.



L to R
 Bill Cruz – Andy Rzad Bob Henry



Lots of Shade for displaying the bikes



Beautiful 1972 Yamaha XS-650



Sweet Custom Triumph

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Jim Moore – Joe Avila – Rich Ostrander

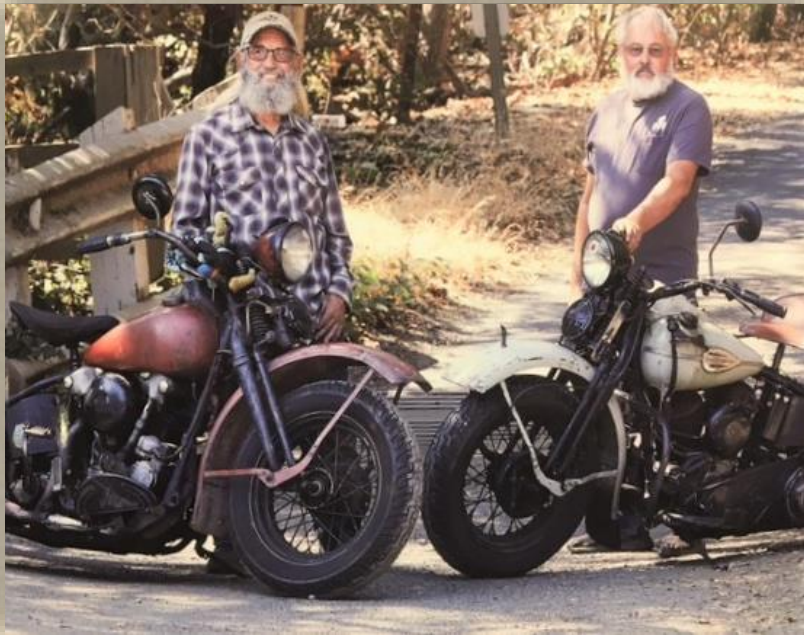
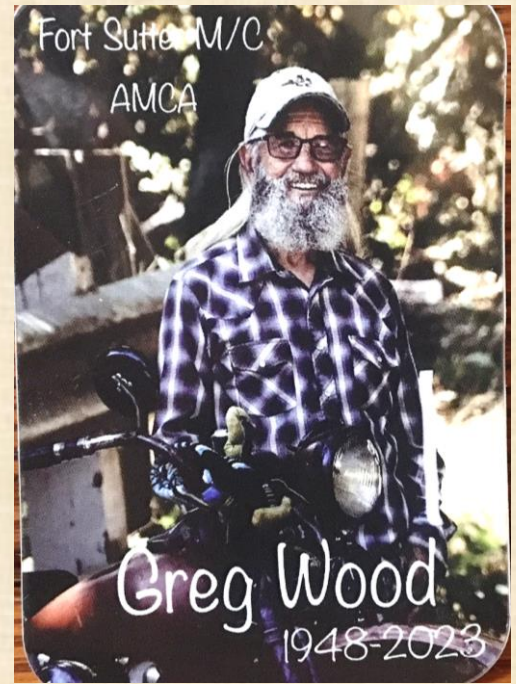


Wes Allen with one of his Century bikes proudly displayed on the grass lawn.



Fort Sutter members enjoying the shade on the grass lawn.





Greg with his Best Friend Mark Williams posing in front of their '44's from the Roller Magazine article "Double Trouble"

Each year at our Dixon Show Greg would overnight in the North lawn area. He would be my sound man making sure all announcements would be heard. Always doing what he could to help others. He was appreciative of receiving the newsletter in the mail since he didn't have a computer. He rode his trusty & rusty bike long distances and whenever possible. Not sure how many miles were ridden on his '44 Harley-Davidson but there must be many.

John Markley

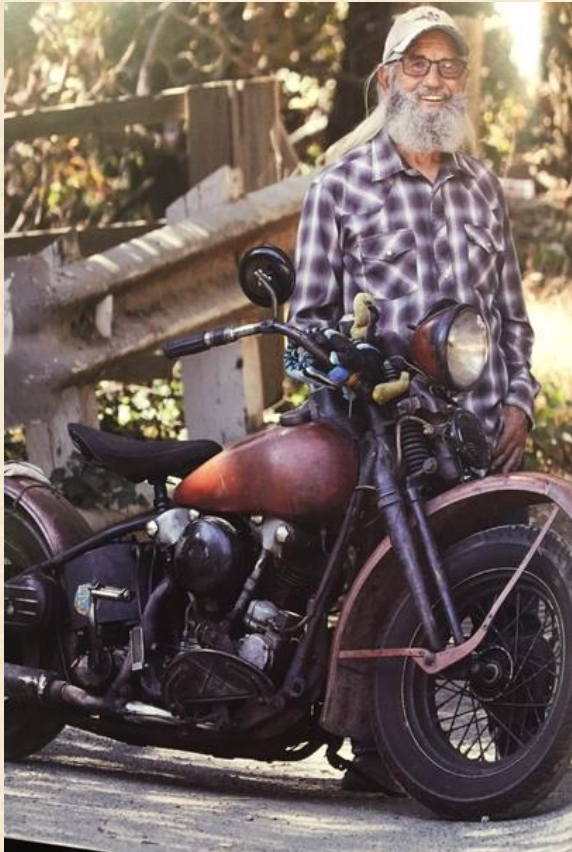


Greg with his Best Rat Bike award at the 2022 Dixon Motorcycle Show.....check out his smile.

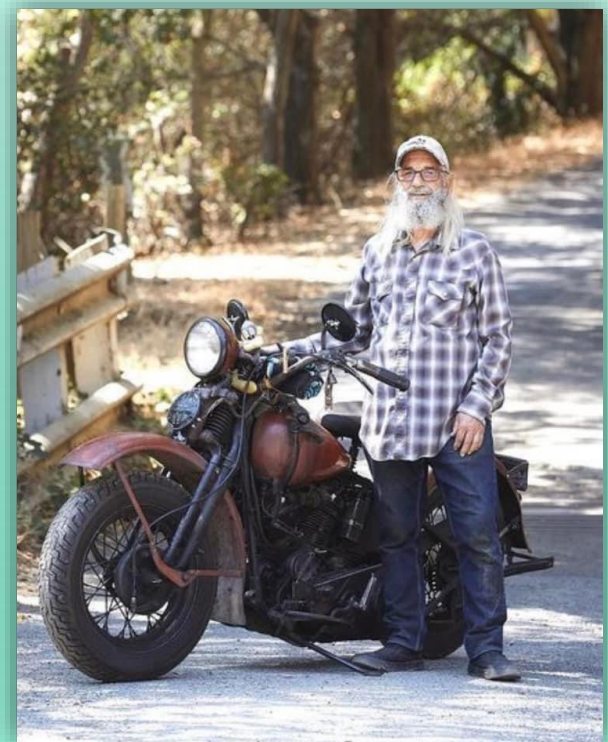
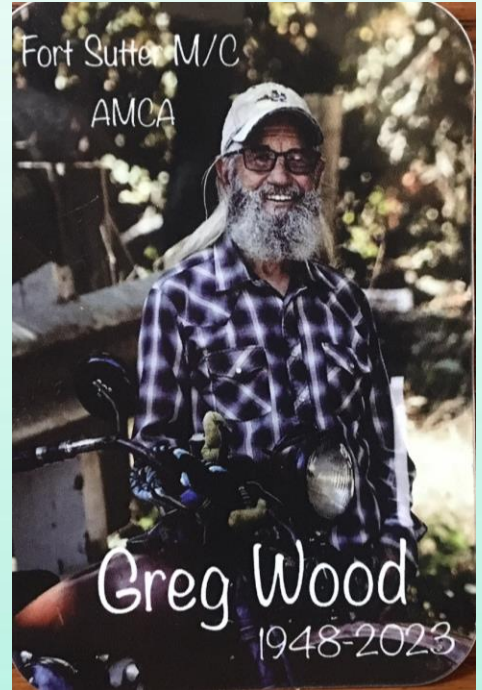
Greg's love extended to Birds and tortoises as well as motorcycles

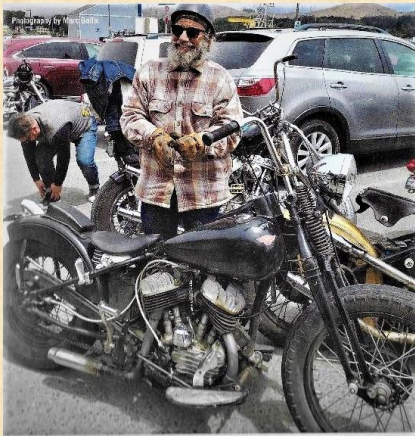


**Rest in
Peace
Brother
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You will be
missed!**



Celebration of *Life* *Greg Wood*





Greg Wood's Celebration of Life June 10, 2023

By Rich Ostrander

A gathering of Greg's extended family (friends and actual family members), took place at one of his best friend Gary's rustic farm located in the beautiful Sacramento Delta on Saturday. It was the type of event Greg would have loved to attend if only he wasn't busy elsewhere.

He was taken from us in a tragic vehicle accident just a week or so before one of his favorite meets put on in Chico by the Ishi Chapter . Weeks later would be his next favorite, the annual Dixon National meet. He was sorely missed at Chico and even more so at Dixon.

Greg was a long time AMCA member of the Ishi, Yerba Buena and Fort Sutter Chapters. At the celebration of life were three of his very best long-time friends; Gary, Mark Wiebens and Gordon Matthews. His daughter, Rachel and grandson Sean, were on hand along with many, many friends and fellow chapter members. Great food was shared along with many memories of Greg's interaction with all in attendance at swap meets, shows, road runs and other events and visits. I remembered along with his grandson Sean, (full grown man now), how he would push around a popcorn machine at Dixon when he was just 12 years old under his grandfather's supervision of course. Greg's son Mile's rode in on Greg's "screaming yellow" Panhead chopper but most of my memories are of him astride his "war era" Knucklehead. It has won so many "rat bike" awards at Dixon that from now on that award will be officially titled the Greg Wood Rat Bike Award.

When most citizens would see long hair and bearded Greg on his Harley, they probably would never gauge the real depth of the man. Keeper of pigeons, turtles, fish and other small creatures of this earth. You never know a person until you really know a person. One never knows what awaits us so as I said at the gathering, call that old friend you haven't seen or talked to in awhile, tell someone you care about that you care, and help a friend in need. You never know what awaits just down the road. It just might make their day and yours. See you down the road Greg.

Celebration
of *Life*
Greg Wood

**Fort Sutter Club & Greg's
Family Members**



FOR SALE
1949 WL H-D "Bob job"



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1949 WL H-D "Bob job"



Contact info: Rich
(drsprocket@att.net)
or 916-995-1934.
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A FOOTNOTE....

I built this '45 from Lenny Miller's parts stash. The air cleaner backing plate was engraved, "Randy Milne". Lenny's first bike, a '45 Harley, came from Randy when they both, along with me, joined the Fort Sutter Antique M/C chapter in '82-'83. Randy and I worked at the Sacramento Army Depot after he had moved here from Washington state. In Washington he was a member of the Cossack's M/C drill team. He didn't stay here long and returned to Washington. Randy came down with his son David for the Dixon National meet and to pick up a couple of machines from the Bay area for their collection. He learned I was selling the '45 so they took it back up to Washington with them, so the air cleaner went home after forty years.
Go figure....

SACRAMENTO SPEEDWAY MOTORCYCLE RACING

HISTORY

Courtesy of Rich Ostrander Fort Sutter Historian, Emeritus

Around 1923 Speedway motorcycle racing was introduced to the world. The first major countries involved were Australia and England, soon followed by the United States. One of the first and best racers was “Sprouts” Elder from Fresno, CA. He won many races and titles in Australia and Britain. Many consider him the father of American broadsliding. He became the U.S. AMA Champion in 1925 and the (unofficial) World champion in 1931. When he retired, he became a CHP officer in the Fresno area.

The first speedway machines were powered by Rudge’s and JAP’s (1930 designs). Down the line came the potent JAWA’s (around 1970) which are still raced today. Even Harley-Davidson and Crocker tried their hand at it in the early 1930’s. Around 1974 the English made the Weslake motor and brought it to the JAWA’s bigtime. In 1979 it won the World championship weighing 170 lbs. with one gear and no brakes on methanol at 500 cc’s. These big singles reached close to 90 mph while broadsliding a 1/10th to ¼ mile track. A handful for sure.



After Sprouts Elder came a super trio of American speedway jockey’s, Jack Milne and his brother Cordy and their good friend Wilber “Lammy” Lamoreux all from Southern CA. They took 1st, 2nd and 3rd on speedway tracks in Australia, England and the U.S. all through the 1930’s. In 1937 Jack became the first American to win the Speedway World championship during competition at Wembley Stadium in England. That didn’t happen again until Bruce Penhall took the same crown in 1981 and 1982 for America. Speedway racing is still a sport today and active in Australia, England, parts of America as well as Poland, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Denmark, Sweden and a few other countries.

Story continues >>>>>>

SACRAMENTO SPEEDWAY MOTORCYCLE RACING HISTORY

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Jack and Cordy Milne along with “Lammy” opened a motorcycle shop in Pasadena, CA after their racing days came to an end. The shop was very successful. Jack later was the big push behind the 1960’s development of the Costa Mesa Speedway track which is still operating today.

Sacramento’s speedway motorcycle racing history is some of the first and most contested in the U.S. Frank J. Murray, the Sacramento Harley-Davidson dealer since 1919, and with the help of “Sprouts” Elder, they started a speedway racing program in 1933 at Sacramento City Jr. college stadium, now known as Hughes Stadium. Five to eight thousand spectators would show up on Friday nights to watch such acclaimed jockeys as Jack and Cordy Milne, Lammy Lamoreaux Bo Lisman, Earl Farrand, “PeeWee” McCullum, Leonard Andres, Gene Rhyne, and Sam Arena. A few Sacramento “hot” shoes also plied their trade at the local stadium as well, Cy Homer, Paul Albrecht, Whitey and Shorty Thompkins, plus Otto and Al Lauer. Murray kept his program active for most of the thirties. Later in 1946 Al Lauer revived the Hughes Stadium program until it faded away before the fifties arrived. He later started a program at the California State fairgrounds (Cal Expo) in the early 1970’s before that also faded away.



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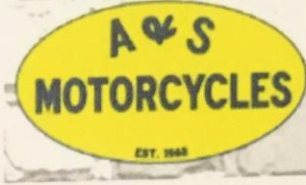
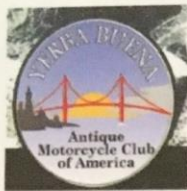
Arvil Leonard Miller raced speedway astride a JAWA powered machine from the mid-seventies until the early eighties. He also started his own speedway promotion company and sponsored a few local talents. The last machine he raced was this late 1970's British Weslake powered machine that he acquired from the late, great, first American World Champion (1937), Jack Milne's stable. It is presented here in it's "as found" condition to help educate attendees about the little-known sport of American speedway motorcycle racing and it's 100-year-old history. The machine was donated by the Leonard Miller family to the Fort Sutter Chapter AMCA to further this endeavor.

Arvil Leonard Miller's
1970's British Weslake
acquired from Jack Milne



Arvil Leonard Miller's
1970's British Weslake
donated by the Leonard
Miller family to the AMCA
Fort Sutter Club

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**AMCA NATIONAL
MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND
SWAP MEET**



Celebrates 40 Years of Swap Meets & Shows 1983-2023

**Friday & Saturday
June 16 and 17, 2023**

Friday
Swap Meet, Vending, Display of Antique
Motorcycles, Banquet

Saturday
Swap Meet, Vending,
Display of Antique Motorcycles
AMCA National Judging and Awards
Local Chapter Judging Awards

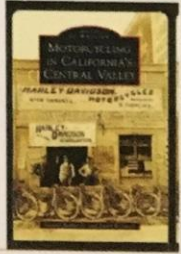
Dixon Fairgrounds, Dixon California
25 Miles West of Sacramento
Just south of Interstate 80
Vendor Spaces = 15'x30'
\$65.00 2 days = Pre-registered before the event
\$75.00 2 days = at the gate (if not pre-registered)
Gates open for Vendors at 12 NOON
On Thursday, June 15th

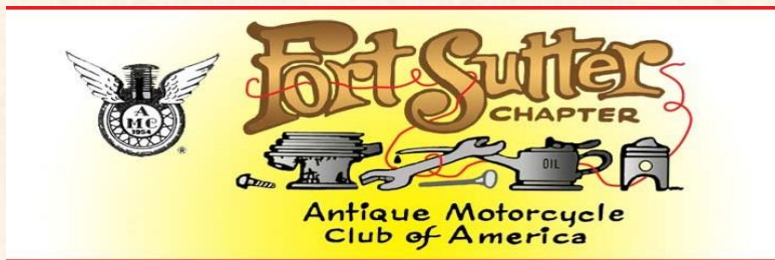
AMCA National Judging
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Register online:
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NO Onsite Registration

RV or Vehicle Camping with or without HOOKUPS Available
\$45.00 per night or \$20.00 tent camping per night

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Mark Weibens (925) 288-0174





Fort Sutter “For Sale” Section

*Each Newsletter all Fort Sutter Members are welcome to list “For Sale” Motorcycles or Parts
Must send your information for inclusion into the Newsletter no later than 2 days after the
most recent Club meeting to*

John Markley Club Newsletter editor – email: Jmark1142@aol.com

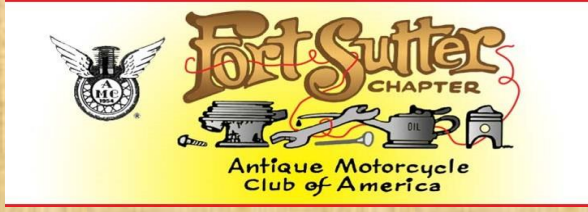
1979 T140D Triumph Bonneville Special



1979 Triumph Bonneville Special with Matching #'s

New Battery starts right up sounds and runs great!. All electrics work with no issues. Great tires and brakes. Bike appears original with 15K miles and has the rare factory original 2 into 1 exhaust and factory silencer. Current tags till April 2024 and titled in my name. No funky paperwork! Asking \$5,000 OBO. A great opportunity to own a very nice, correct, and beautiful vintage Triumph 750 twin that runs great with no issues! Bike located in North Sacramento. Contact me for additional photos and questions.

Thanks, Gary: (208) 755-2011



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very soon!

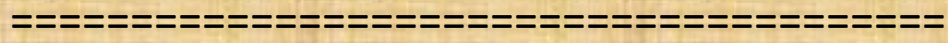
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In Memory of Uncle Lenny & Greg Wood

