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President's Comments

Hello Fort Sutter!

Hope the you all are out enjoying all the fall weather, and getting to put a few miles on the machines before the cold winter sets in. I want to congratulate our own John Markley who is now the new National President! Although we are losing a Secretary it will be nice to have one of our own on the main stage, and we wish nothing but the best for him in this new endeavor. A special thanks to Tom Meyer for stepping up and looking into becoming the new Chapter Secretary. I know myself and others have enjoyed the videos he's posted of our road runs, and appreciate how active he and his wife are in the Chapter. We are still keeping an eye out for a candidate for the enclosed trailer that will eventually replace the storage unit left in Dixon. If you've got any info or leads on a pretty clean trailer you can contact myself, or any Board member. I also want to thank Gary Kubodera for deciding to take on being the Chapter Deputy Judge for our Dixon national event. While not my cup of tea, the National Judging program is a big draw for Dixon. I'm glad someone who has a passion for judging will keep the participating members who use the judging program in good hands with care for those machines for which they hold so dear. His two boys are also involved with the Judging program and it was mentioned by many participants from this years event how nice it was to have people so young interested in old motorcycles. Last thing to bring up is the SoCal's chapters Borrego springs road run. Myself and a bunch of Fort Sutter members have already committed to going, so if you are on the fence, maybe this will help you decide. I'll be building a chopper and bringing another bike for the ride

Cheers!

Bob

**Our Next Club Meeting will be Saturday,
December 2, 2023
1:00 pm meeting
Location to be determined**

Fort Sutter Meeting Minutes October 7, 2023

Call to Order: The October 7, 2023, meeting was called to order at: **11:08** am by Bob Henry, Fort Sutter President

- **Welcome New Members:** _____ **None** _____ **Guests:** **None** at the meeting
- **Membership:** Karie Schenken, Charmain reports there are: **92** Primary members, **22** Associates, **3** Junior members, and **11** Honorary members.
- **Treasury Report:** Julie Loewen was absent. Mark Loewen provided the update and said the Treasury is in good order.
- **Minutes:** A motion was made by **Mark Milton** and seconded by **Mark Loewen** to approve the minutes as written for the June 3rd, and August 12th, 2023, meetings.

Old Business

- Bob reminded everyone that Greg Kolle had passed away on August 17, 2023. Greg joined the Fort Sutter Chapter in 2019, attended our meetings and was always smiling and loved to ride. Bob arranged a nice bouquet of flowers from the Fort Sutter Club to be delivered to the family. Greg will be Missed!
- **Prior Club Rides:** Bob, along with other Fort Sutter riders, attended the Chopper Fest held on September 16th in Stockton. They report it was a good one with many examples of vintage custom Choppers that exemplify the industry's finest craftsmanship. A live auction, food, and beverages were available with many shade trees around to park everyone's bikes.

New Business

- **AMCA National Update:** John Markley announced he has been elected AMCA President for 2024. He stated this year marks his 16 years with the AMCA and the Fort Sutter Chapter. John thanked everyone in the Fort Sutter Club for their support and the opportunity to serve them as the Chapter Secretary and Newsletter Editor. He will continue to be an active member of the Club going forward.
- **October Ride:** John M. to lead Club members to lunch at a Fort Sutter favorite – Al the Wops in Locke after the October 7, 2023, Club meeting.
- **Update regarding Dixon Storage and trailer:** A question was raised asking what is the update regarding Fort Sutter purchasing a trailer? Bob mentioned that Fort Sutter is still looking for a trailer long enough, but nothing has been secured yet. There was mention of Greg Kolle (who passed recently) having a trailer and that it might be available to purchase. Karie S. offered to contact Louise Kolle to inquire if the trailer is available.
- **November Ride: Stay tuned for a ride date.**

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- **December Ride:** Since Tracy Stahlman could not be at the October 7, 2023, meeting he asked the Club to support the annual Nevada County Toy Run again this year with a \$300 donation. At this level of donation, the Fort Sutter Chapter becomes a Gold level Sponsor. This marks the 33rd year providing needy families in Nevada County with Toys, and food for families. After discussion it was moved by Mark Loewen and seconded by Tunie Crawford to: **Provide a \$300 donation to the Nevada County Toy Run to be held on December 9, 2023. The vote was unanimous and approved.** Julie Loewen, treasurer, will complete the form listing Tracy Stahlman as the contact. Another donation was discussed to provide a \$200 donation to a Sacramento Toy drive. After discussion it was moved by Tunie Crawford and seconded by Tom Myers to: **Fort Sutter to donate \$200 to a Sacramento Toy Drive which will be selected by Tunie Crawford before December 10, 2023.** The motion was approved.
- **Upcoming Events: NORCAL Cycle Swap: November 17th – December 10th**
- **Club Banquet: Saturday, February 10th, 2024:** Tracey Kleber, Banquet coordinator, was absent from the meeting. Bob Henry discussed the idea of providing a discount of \$10.00 per person (both Primary & Associate members) off the banquet price. No discount for guests, however, if a guest joins the AMCA and the Fort Sutter Club they would also receive the discount. The RSVP banquet is attached.
- **Media Postings – Club Facebook page etc.:** Bob Henry asked if someone would like to take over the duties of the media postings (Facebook page etc.) to provide Tracy Stahlman more time to spend on other duties. He also praised him for doing an exceptional job with every task he completes for the club. Tunie Crawford has offered her help and will soon be handling the media posting duties. Thank you, Tracy, and to Tunie for stepping up to handle this important duty!
- **Fort Sutter National Meet in Dixon.** John M. said it is time to create the “Theme Logo” for the 2024 Meet. It was announced at the picnic the “Theme” for 2024 will be to celebrate the “50’s Motorcycles” theme and use it for all Ads, Meet pins, T-shirt logo, etc. The discussion centered on what the new “theme logo” would look like. A suggestion was made to contact Jim Inman to see if he would help design the logo and have it ready so that the advertisement will be completed in early December 2023 to send for use in the National Magazine and all other advertisements.
- **Next Fort Sutter Meeting - December 2, 2023, will include Board elections for 2024-2025.** The following Board members 2-year terms will be ending on 12-31-2023.
 1. Vice President – Jim Schenken
 2. Secretary – John Markley (not running for re-election)
 3. Treasurer – Julie Loewen
 4. Director – Tracy Stahlman
- **Meeting adjourned at: 12:31 pm**



The Nor Cal Chopper Show is a truly unique event that unites motorcycle enthusiasts from across Northern California. We are thrilled to present an extraordinary collection of vintage custom choppers and motorcycles that exemplify the industry's finest craftsmanship. Be sure not to miss the exhilarating live auction, where you'll have the opportunity to bid on some of the most extraordinary custom motorcycles in the world. What sets us apart is that we are not taking any percentage of the auction proceeds. Our goal is to support and uplift the bike building community, embodying our commitment to give back.

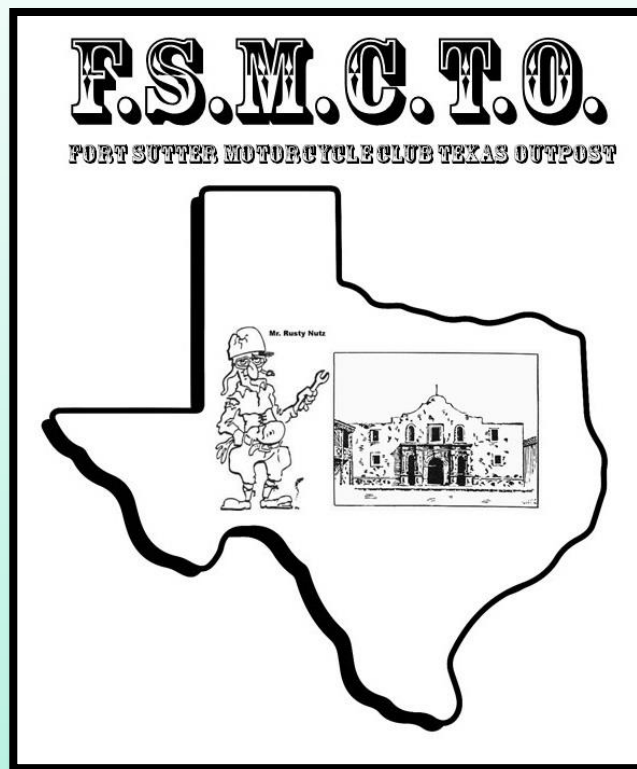
Fort Sutter Club attends the NorCal Chopper Show.....Tracy Stahlman, Ride Captain reported.
Nice club turnout today. Back roads to Waterloo, enjoyed the show, ate some lunch, then rode back through Lockeford, Clements, Ione, Rancho Seco, and Wilton.



Thank you to our trusty Road Captain [Tracy Stahlman](#)



Eric Olson
Has opened the
Official
Fort Sutter
Motorcycle Texas
Outpost



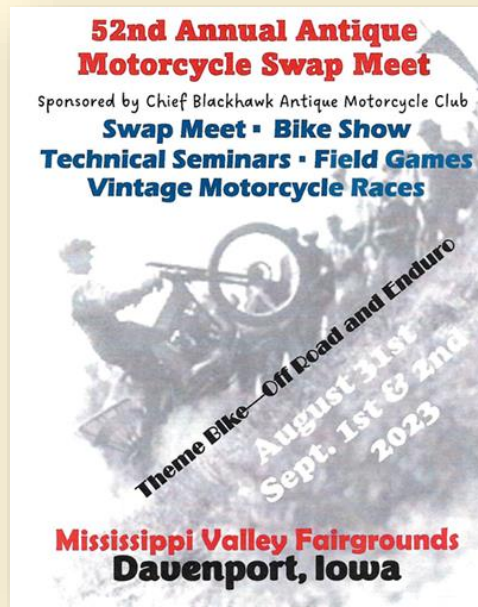
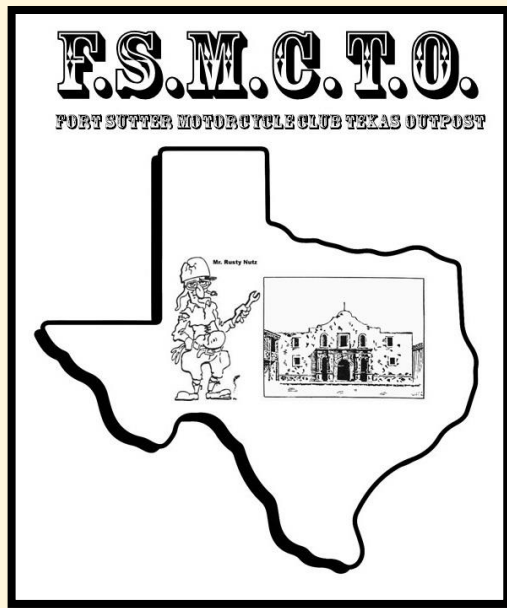
Just in from Eric
He is reporting
back after
traveling to
Davenport, Iowa
Photos and story by Eric

Howdy y'all! Eric Olson checking in from the Texas Outpost. As you can likely guess, my life hasn't slowed down one bit since moving to Texas, and I've been struggling to get my motorcycle fix. Luckily, a new friend asked if I'd be interested in going to the Chief Blackhawk Chapter swap meet up in Davenport Iowa. My answer was a resounding YES! He'd just bought a new (to him) RV, so a trip from Texas to Iowa and back seemed like a perfect way to break it in. This would be my first swap meet outside of Northern California, and from what I'd heard it was a big one.

We set out late Tuesday night, with the GPS telling us we had about 13 hours of drive time ahead. We drove till 3 in the morning, pulled over to catch a little shut-eye, then woke up and continued driving. Total drive time turned out to be more like 15 hours, so we were pretty tired when we finally rolled into the fairgrounds at 9:00 pm on Wednesday night. The grounds were already packed with campers out talking old bikes, and after a couple of cold ones I perked right up and was excited for the next few days ahead. I went to bed with visions of Knuckleheads dancing in my head.

I was awakened at 5 am by the sound of my neighbor firing up his RV and pulling out of his spot. I rubbed my eyes, brewed some coffee, and pulled on my shoes in preparation for a long day of walking. The rumors of it being a huge meet were no exaggeration, with hundreds upon hundreds of vendors on hand. I walked for hours rummaging through parts and talking old bikes with guys from all over the country. Thursday night was finished off by meeting up with an old friend I hadn't seen in years, who just happens to live next door to Davenport in Bettendorf. He owns a restaurant and a couple of bars in town, and he treated us to an excellent dinner and quite a few drinks. I had a great night's sleep after a day full of walking and an evening full of talking.

Story continues >>>



Friday, I continued to walk and see more vendors. I came across the neighbor who left his spot so early on Thursday morning, and it turns out he was moving his rig onto the vending field to set up shop. We talked for a bit, and I found out he lives less than a mile from me back in Lucas Texas. Small world! I continued making my way through the vending field, and I even bumped into some *celebrities*! I met Matt Walksler of Wheels Through Time and Mike Wolfe of American Pickers. Both great guys who were more than happy to chat for a minute about our shared passion for old bikes. After hours and hours (and miles and miles) of walking, I had finally seen everything at the swap meet, and just in time. I made my way over to the dirt track and enjoyed an evening of flat track racing. I particularly enjoyed seeing the vintage bikes on the track, but the more modern bikes were the competitive races and those were the most fun to watch. Once the races were done, we retired to our RV to clean up, as we planned to hit the road early Saturday morning. It was a great way to end the day, and the trip.

I arrived home late Saturday night, and it was hard to believe I had crammed so many memories into just a couple of days. I'm certainly glad I was able to make it to Davenport. If you ever get the chance to go, I highly recommend it. And if you're ever in Texas, be sure to look me up. Happy trails to you, until we meet again! Eric



Left
1936 Knucklehead,
first year bike

Right
Pretty unique
sidecar on this
knucklehead



Photos continued from the Chief Blackhawk 52nd Annual Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet – *Photos courtesy of Eric Olson*



L to R
Matt Walksler, from “Wheels Through Time Motorcycle Museum” Maggie Valley, NC & Eric Olson



Custom made skis – this bike was raced on the ice in Alaska

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Flatheads on the Flat Track



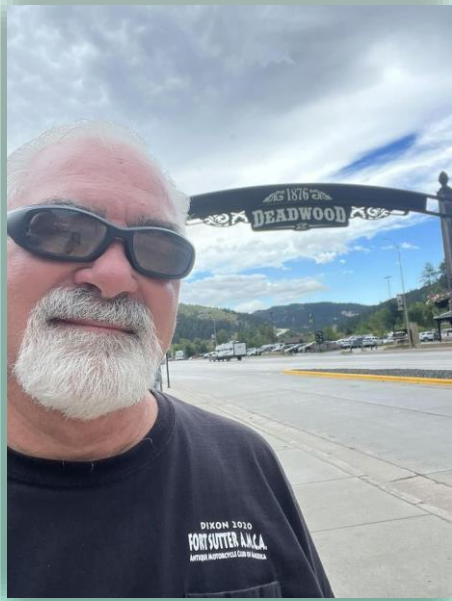
1911 AMERICAN
 Marketed and sold by the Musselman Hub Co. of Chicago, but manufactured and shipped in St. Paul by Joerns-Thiem Motorcycle Mfg. Co. who ended Thiem production in 1914 and under Joerns Motor Mfg. Co. began production of the Cyclone until its bankruptcy in 1916.
 \$85K



Made by the California Motor Co. I'd never heard of them before

Joe Giammona – Fort Sutter Member attends both the Black Hills Chapter and the Sunflower Chapter Road Runs.....Black Hills Chapter highlighted in this issue

Captions and Photos courtesy of Joe G.



Black Hills Chapter Road Run Deadwood S. Dakota October 2023

Check in, 260 registered riders from across the US and 7 other countries



Ride Day 1, woke up to this. By ride time it was scattered showers then cleared up to be a great day!



Knuckleheads ruled. There must have been 30-40 of them here.



Gas stop in Aladdin, one pump and a bar. Population 15.

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Dinner at Jerry Greer's. Very cool place



Rest stop before hitting 10 miles of dirt road



Along the way – better than nothing!



Time to Refresh.....



Downtown Deadwood.....

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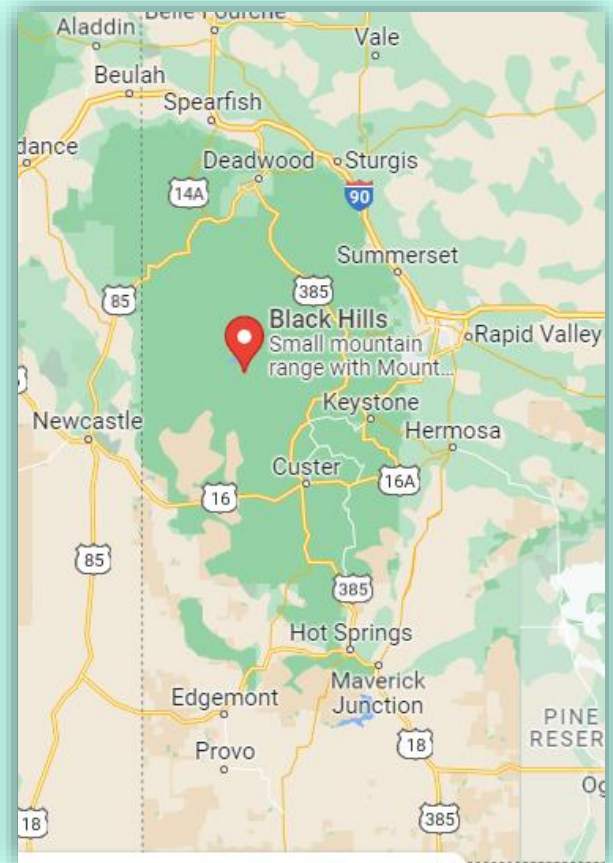


Mt. Moriah Cemetery



James "Wild Bill" Hickok Grave

Final Night Banquet





Fort Sutter "For Sale" Section



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Six cylinder, 1000 cc Engine---6 Carburetors----24 valves---6 into 2 exhaust
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Custom seat, custom mirrors (not shown) custom exhaust.

Some extra parts

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Fort Sutter December Ride
Mark your calendar – details to follow



**Fort Sutter is a Proud Sponsor of the
NCTR to be held on December 9, 2023**