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President's Comments

Hello Fort Sutter!

Hope all of you are having a great holiday season however you may be celebrating it. In the spirit of the season I'll keep it short and sweet this month and say its been a great year. We celebrated the our 40th annual National AMCA meet, which is a huge milestone in the Antique motorcycle world. It's truly an honor to be a part this event as it is a tapestry of pride woven together by the work of so many past and current members.

There was Board of Directors election earlier this month and I'd like to acknowledge the new changes. As you know, John Markley was stepping down as Secretary as he is the new National President. Jim Schenken has also decided to step down as Vice President, and I want to thank both of them for their years of dedication to club on the frontlines. This club fails to exist if it wasn't for the work of members like them, and they have both set the standard for others to follow. It's not too sad though, as I know both will be lending a hand or giving advice from behind the curtain every now and again!

That being said, I'd like to thank Tom Myers and Joe Giammona, who have decided to take up the banner as our newly elected Board Members. With Tom as our new Secretary and Joe as a new director, I'm excited to see what is in store for the new Board. I'd also like to thank Julie Loewen and Tracy Stahlman for staying on the Board for another term. They are pillars within the club and their hard work should definitely be acknowledged. Julie will stay on as Treasurer and Tracy will shift over to VP. Tracy wrapped his tenure as Road Captain with another great ride in the foothills to the Nevada City Toy Run, which was resounding success. If you missed it, you missed out.

Speaking of rides, a few of us have decided we might try a new program for the new year. Nicknamed "Adopt -a- Ride" (thanks Tracy) the club is asking individual members to volunteer to put together a monthly ride. Who knows the best local roads and haunts better than ourselves? Have an awesome route that you always jam? Let's get the club together and all jam. Got a great destination in your neck of the woods? Let's all go see it.

No real rules, only a few guidelines.

-Our thought is to try to stay off busy freeways as it would encourage the older bikes to come.

-Mileage/destination is up to whoever is setting up the ride.

-Once a person has a month picked and a ride built, info of the route/destination that person provides will be emailed out the month before that ride (minus January, as we may just have to fly by the seat of our pants with timing and weather)

-Club Meetings are the first Saturday of every EVEN month. On those months, you will have to pick another weekend.

-Once you pick a month, the sooner you pick a date helps everyone set their calendars up for the year.

Here's the months available and not already spoken for in 2024; January, February, April, July, August (pending if we have BBQ or not).

Reach out to me soon if you are interested, I'll start compiling dates and getting a master list together. I think this is great way to go ride and make some new memories, because isn't that why we are all doing this in the first place?

As we go down the road, together
Bob Henry

Fort Sutter Meeting Minutes December 2, 2023

- **Call to Order:** The December 2, 2023, meeting was called to order at: 1:08 pm by Bob Henry, Fort Sutter President
- **Welcome New Members at the meeting:** None at the meeting. **Guests: Kathleen Allen** (Mike Laird's wife)
- **Membership:** Julie Loewen reporting for Karie Schenken stated there are: **94** Primary members, **32** Associates, **3** Junior members, and **11** Honorary members for a **total of 144**.
- **Treasury Report:** Julie Loewen reports the treasury, has as of 11/30/2023 total assets of \$31,967.98.
- **Minutes:** A motion was made by Tracy Stahlman and seconded by Mark Loewen to: **Approve the minutes as written for the October 7, 2023, meeting.** The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business

- **Prior Club Rides:** John M. led a ride after the October 7th meeting to Locke (Hwy 160 along the Delta) to lunch and return.
- **Membership:** Karie S. reports Dan Post from Carson City has joined Fort Sutter. He is retired and owns 5 antique motorcycle. Welcome Dan to Fort Sutter.
- **NORCAL Cycle Swap:** Fort Sutter attended the November 12th Cycle Swap. John M. reports that the NORCAL Cycle Swap continues to be a venue to help recruit new members. At the most recent Cycle Swap, there were 2 NEW National memberships and 1 NEW Fort Sutter member, Chris Avila, to Fort Sutter. Members, who most recently attended were, Mike Williams, Tracy Stahlman, Joe Giammona, John Markley and Bob Henry. In addition, other Fort Sutter members stopped by which helped show that Fort Sutter was there in force. If you haven't volunteered to staff the booth, contact Bob H. or Tracy S. for more details.

New Business

- **AMCA National Update:** John Markley, 2024 AMCA President elect, thanked everyone for their support during his years on the Fort Sutter Board of Directors as the Club Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Both John and Phyllis will remain active members in the Club.
- **December Ride:** Fort Sutter members will meet and ride to Nevada City to participate in the Nevada County Toy Run on Saturday December 9th. Two meet-up locations 1.) 8:00 am at Mel's Diner 3000 J St. Sacramento. 2.) 9:00 am at McDonald's 4211 College Blvd., Rocklin. Refer to flyer for more details. Members were asked to bring one or more UNWRAPPED toys to today's club meeting if not riding. Tracy S. will deliver to the Fairgrounds in Grass Valley. Important: Fort Sutter is a Silver Sponsor with a \$300 donation. Over 1,000 riders, on average, make the Toy Run – Rain or Shine. Who is going?
- **Club Banquet: Saturday, February 10th, 2024: Tracey Kleber update:** Tracy distributed the Banquet Flyers to all members at the December meeting. Additional flyers will be available in the Newsletter and Tracy encouraged everyone to attend. The idea of providing raffle prizes at the banquet was discussed and it was determined that a 50/50 promotion would benefit both the Club and winner. A motion was made by Mark Wiebens and seconded by Margie Siegal to: **Offer a 50/50 drawing at the 2024 Club Banquet.** The motion was unanimously approved. Note: Bob H. announced he received 5 one-year renewals to award Club members either at a meeting or Banquet/picnic.
- **Fort Sutter National Meet in Dixon.** Bob Henry, President, reviewed the National Magazine advertisement for the June 14-15, 2024, National Meet in Dixon. The advertisement is smaller and will be easily seen by members as they read the National Magazine. The free ad will be included in the March/April 2024 issue.

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- **Upcoming Events: NORCAL Cycle Swap: December 10, 2023.** Tracy Stahlman stated he will not be able to attend the Cycle Swap meet due to leading the December 9, 2023, the ride to attend the Nevada County Toy Run, however, the booth is available for others to use at the Swap. Contact Tracy if interested.
- **Fort Sutter purchase of enclosed utility Trailer:** Tracy Stahlman recently discovered a used utility trailer for sale and discussed the need for it's purchase. With rental costs for the storage unit in Dixon increasing, and its distance away from Sacramento, it was determined that a purchase would be worthwhile. The trailer is a Charmac with dimensions of 8.5 x 16' with cabinets and a ramp. After review and discussion of a purchase, a motion was made by Stan Smith and seconded by Rich Ostrander to: **Purchase an enclosed trailer suitable for use by Fort Sutter with a price of no more than \$12,000 including all fees to register .** The motion was unanimously approved.
- **Fort Sutter Club Hats:** Danny Marquis recently met with a company in Placerville that can produce Club hats (red) in two styles. He stated they will be embroidered with Fort Sutter on the front and possibly the AMCA logo on the back. The price per hat is approximately \$20.00. He has ordered two hats for himself and will bring both to the February 2024 meeting.
- **Club Merchandise:** Tracy Stahlman said that it is time to begin ordering merchandise for the Club, to include T-shirts, meet pins, and other items offered for sale at Dixon. Kim Stahlman said she prefers not to design the logos, or other items to be on the merchandise but let others handle this task. Tracy showed logo designs from the past to reflect Fort Sutter logos back in the day. Members were receptive and encouraging for this idea. A motion was made by Bob Henry and seconded by Mark Milton to: **Have Tracy Stahlman continue designing past logo designs and begin the ordering of merchandise.** The motion was unanimously approved.
- **Fort Sutter Club Board of Director Elections:** Nominations began, and the following board members were nominated to fill **four** board of director positions: Joe Giammona, Julie Loewen, Tom Myers, Jim Schenken and Tracy Stahlman. Voting then took place and the following board members were voted in to serve the 2024-2025 term: **Julie Loewen, Tom Myers, Jim Schenken and Tracy Stahlman.** However, Jim Schenken announced he would not serve for this term and **Joe Giammona** was then selected to serve the 2024-2025 term as the fourth Board member. Next, a short break took place, and current 2023 Fort Sutter Board members left the room to nominate and vote for three officer positions that are ending on 12/31/2023. They are the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer positions. After nominations and voting, the following board members will serve as officers for the 2024-2025 term: Tracy Stahlman, Vice President, Julie Loewen, Treasurer, and Tom Myers, Secretary. Congratulations go out to all current and new board members. As we say goodbye to John Markley, we thank him for his years of service, both on the Board as Secretary, and as our Newsletter Editor. As we begin 2024, Tom Myers will assume these duties.

- **Meeting adjourned at: 12:31 pm**

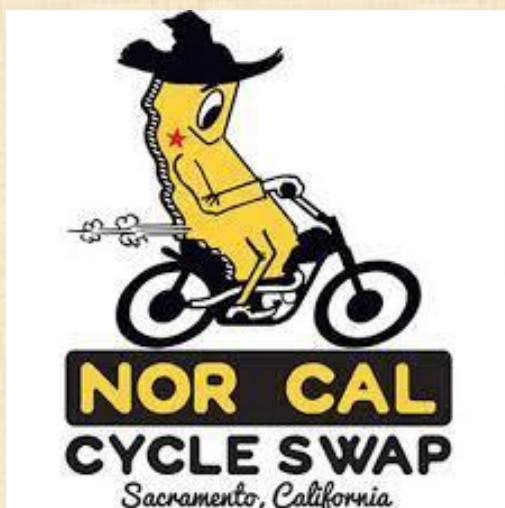
**Our Next Club Meeting will be Saturday,
February 3, 2024
1:00 pm meeting
Location to be determined**



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Selling is telling as they say: Explain why you joined the AMCA, and the Fort Sutter Chapter, Use the brochure as your guide and explain the features and benefits - then ask them to join us today.

Always wear our Club Sweatshirt, or a previous Dixon logo shirt, and especially our Club RED hat. You can do it.....



Fort Sutter Club History Q & A Fun

Do you know the answers?

Left: Where was this picture taken?
What year for this HD – Panhead?
50th Anniversary of what?



Fort Sutter Chapter Swap Meet was located (before Dixon) under something where was it located? The meet was held on Saturday, as well as the banquet. Can you name one restaurant that might be in business today?. On Sunday riders gathered and participated in a Poker Run heading somewhere south. Name the community. What year did Fort Sutter move to Dixon?

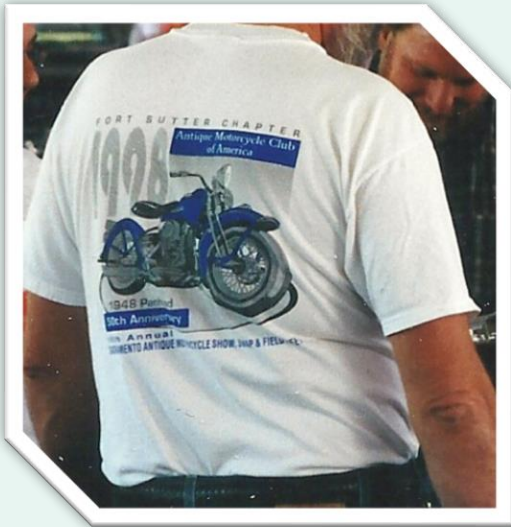
Before John Markley and Tom Green, and others, who was the voice on the microphone pictured below? Hint: JR...XXXXXXX

Below: Where was this picture taken? Can you spot Jim Moore and Mark Milton in the picture below? If yes, where? What model and year for the Indian and H-D? For brownie points who owned these bikes? **Yes, there are probably only a few current members who would know the answers....**

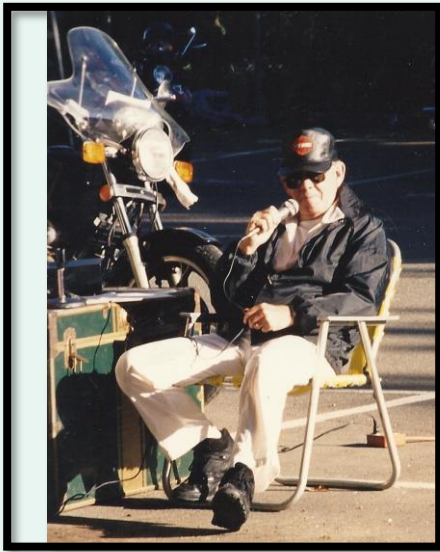


Answers to the Questions >>>> next page

Fort Sutter Club History Answers



Before John Markley and Tom Green, and others, who was the voice on the microphone pictured below?
J.R. Hackley, The first Fort Sutter Honorary Member



Above Right: Where was this picture taken? *In Locke - next to Al the Wop's.*

Can you spot Jim Moore and Mark Milton in the picture below? If yes, where? *Jim Moore with red shirt 8th from left (behind pole) and Mark Milton 2nd from right between Dave Patrick and Tom Lund.*

What model and year for the Indian and H-D? For brownie points who owned these bikes?
The '46 Chief I believe is the year) belonged to Jerry Bland 5th from left. Now owned by Carl Grone. '53 or '54 Panhead belonged to the guy 10th from the left I believe between Carl Grone and Lenny Miller. Sort of looks like Jim Willett?

Do you know the answers?

Rich Ostrander, Club Historian Emeritus, the only member to answer every question – Thanks Rich!

- Where was this picture taken?
Swap Meet was under the X/Y freeway between 22nd and 23rd streets Sacramento.
- What year for this HD – Panhead? *1948 and the First year of the Panhead.*
- The 50th Anniversary of what? *In 1998 the Panhead celebrated it's 50th anniversary – see shirt*
- Can you name one restaurant that might be in business today? *The Pancake Circus at the corner of Broadway and 21st; Sacramento*
- On Sunday riders gathered and participated in a Poker Run heading somewhere south. Name the community. *Locke*
- What year did Fort Sutter move to Dixon? *2000*





Fort Sutter Ride to attend the 32nd Annual Nevada County Toy Run

Fort Sutter Chapter a Silver Sponsor for the 2023 NCTR.....

Photos courtesy of John Markley & Joe Giammona

The Fort Sutter December 9th ride was terrific. Riders included Bob Henry, Tracy & Kim Stahlman, Joe Giammona, Mark & Jeremy Loewen, John Markley, Sean Kohmescher, Danny Marquis, Mike Williams left the Rocklin Meet up location taking beautiful back roads through Lincoln into Auburn and eventually past the Grass Valley Fairground and up to the Government Center in Nevada City. All Riders meet here and leave for the ride through downtown Nevada City and Grass Valley ending at the Grass Valley Fairgrounds. The public is out on both sides of the streets waving and thanking all riders for their contributions to the needy families in Nevada County. The ride is something you must experience yourself. If you have been this ride, you know what I mean.....If you haven't been on the ride see you in December 2024 for the Nevada County Toy Run - their 33rd year!

After dropping off toys at the Fairgrounds the group were back on their bikes headed for a late lunch at Humpty Dumpty's in Grass Valley and then off to head home. GREAT Ride....Thanks go out to Tracy Stahlman for planning and being our ride leader!



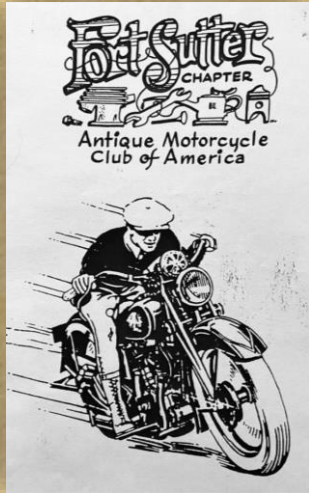
Mike Williams trailered his '57 Cushman to Grass Valley where he met up with the group for the final ride to the starting point in North Nevada City. Nice Truck Mike!



Tracy – You could probably fit more toys on your bike? Yes?



Fort Sutter Ride to attend the 32nd Annual Nevada County Toy Run



1,500+ bikes to ready to rumble through the streets of Nevada City and Grass Valley



Hey, both guys are on a Cushman.....are they? Nah!



Santa needed help due to the reindeer off on vacation.....



Mrs. Santa Claus Ready to Ride

**Fort Sutter Ride to attend the 32nd
Annual Nevada County Toy Run**



**Left
Tracy & Kim
Stahlman waiting
for the Ride to
begin**



**Right
Mark & Jeremy
Loewen and Kim
Stahlman smiling
and ready to ride!**

**Right Picture
L to R
Back row Mike Williams,
Jeremy & Mark Loewen
Front Row
Sean Kohmescher, Bob Henry,
John Markley and Danny
Marquis notice the jackets
(they sure did feel good)**



**L to R
Mike Williams
Danny Marquis
Joe Giammona
Our Red Club
Hats fit right in
during the
Holiday Season!**

December 9th
32nd Annual
ACTR
-2023-
Sac Meet#1 8 am Mel's 3000 J st
Rocklin Meet#2 9am McDonalds 4211 Sierra College Blvd

Fort Sutter Ride to attend the 32nd Annual Nevada County Toy Run



The Ride starts through downtown Nevada City

.....Hey, that looks like Mike Williams, Fort Sutter Member in front on his '57 Cushman with John Markley following with hundreds of motorcycles behind on the way to the Grass Valley Fairgrounds to drop off the Toys.



Over the last few years, the Nevada County Toy run has served over 1,000 families and more than 2,000 children. At the 2023 Toy Run it was estimated to have 1,700 motorcycles bringing Toys and Food to over 400+ families and 1,000 children who wouldn't have a Christmas without the generosity of everyone who participated.

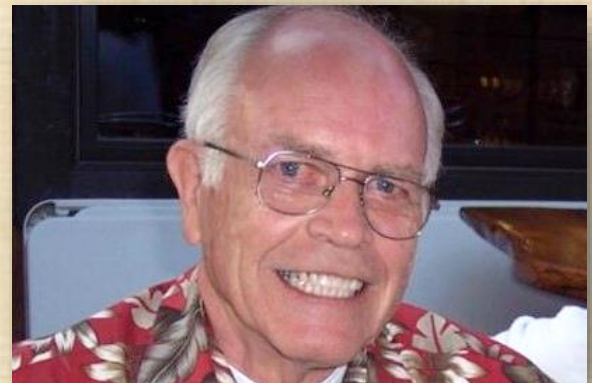
Remembrance of Club Members

Remembrance words from Rich Ostrander & John Markley

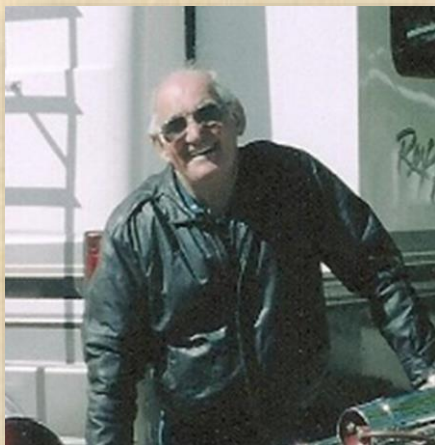


Marie Moore
Known as "Mom" to all members.
Also, an event organizer, taskmaster,
and the club treasurer

In Memory
Marie Moore
Tom Green
Jerry Cordy
George Hood
Ron Sabey
Joe Manns
Lenny Miller
Greg Wood
Greg Kolle



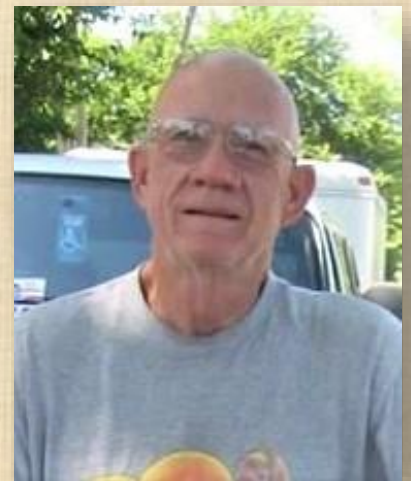
Tom Green
Will always be remembered as
the voice of Dixon and the club
Newsletter editor for years



Jerry Cordy
Remembered for his generous
nature and always offering a
helping hand.



Joe Manns
Was bigger than life. A
man of many talents and
willing to share them.



George Hood was a curmudgeon
and proud of it with a vast array
of talents and a great
conversationalist



Ron Sabey – a quiet
force of positive energy.

Remembrance of Club Members

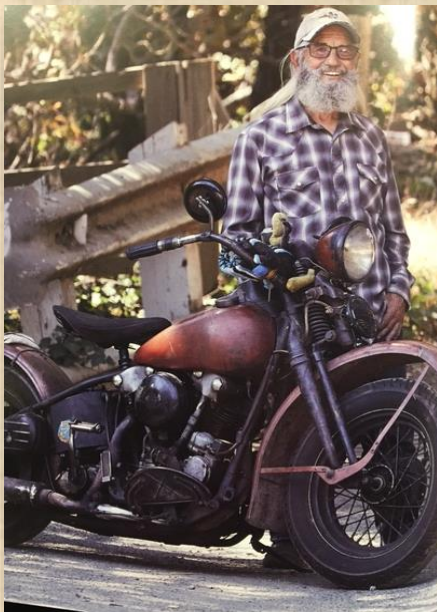
Remembrance words from Rich Ostrander & John Markley



Arvil Leonard "Lenny" Miller attending the Seven Springs, PA - AMCA National Road Run – July '06 on his 1926 JD
Notice the prosthetic leg strapped on the rear.



Gone to soon – You will all be missed!



Greg Wood
He rode his trusty & rusty '44 H-D almost everywhere. Greg's love extended to Birds and tortoises and was loved by so many.



Greg Kolle was always friendly, smiling and loved to talk about motorcycles. At the recent Fort Sutter picnic Greg said how much he appreciated Fort Sutter members accepting him into the Club.....He will be missed.....

Remembering our last Road Run.....2022



Fort Sutter invited riders from all over the Country to beautiful Lake Tahoe for 3 days of riding. Our neighboring Comstock Chapter helped sponsor the Road Run.

***How would you describe motorcycle riding?
Answer: From a fellow AMCA member
Motorcycle riding is a combination of exhilaration, fear, relaxation, and pleasure that changes you! Riding with other AMCA members makes memories forever.....
Would you agree?***



Hotel Becket, South Lake Tahoe

The Road Run base hotel was centrally located in South Lake Tahoe just south of the Nevada State Line. Lake Tahoe was only 2 blocks away, the Lake Tahoe Balloons were only 5.5 miles away, Close to the Lake Tahoe Boat rides ----- However, right across the street was shopping, restaurants, Heavenly Ski Resort and the heavenly alpine views.

The Fort Sutter Road Run planning team put together a fantastic Road Run with all the right pieces coming together. For anyone that hasn't experienced an AMCA Chapter Road Run make it a point to mark your calendar and register for a Road Run in 2023.

Fort Sutter "For Sale" Section



HONDA CBX 1982

Good Condition-----All Original

Six cylinder, 1000 cc Engine---6 Carburetors----24 valves---6 into 2 exhaust
29,750 Original Miles-----Approximately 3000 miles on the tires
Battery one year old-----All six carburetor's rebuilt at 27,900 miles
Corbin Seat-----Some extra parts

\$9,500 obo

Phone (916) 716-4661 (leave message if no answer, I will return your call)

FOR SALE



HARLEY DAVIDSON AERMACCHI

1972 350CC SX---Modified

\$5,500 OBO

Alloy rims, dual cam front brake, later model head & 5 speed transmission.

Custom seat, custom mirrors (not shown) custom exhaust.

Some extra parts

Call (916) 716-4661 --- leave message if no answer, I will call back

*Your 2023 Fort Sutter Board of
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Wishes Everyone*



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