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Club of America**

# Fort Sutter Newsletter



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## President's Comments

Hello Fort Sutter!

Hope everyone is having a great beginning to their new year. I've got too many irons in the fire to count but I'm looking forward to hopefully getting a few of the motorcycle ones done. Speaking of irons, the Chapter is firing up the engines for our 2024 Dixon National event. Key members have already put the gears of war into motion, but there's still plenty of places you can volunteer to help. In whatever capacity you can, it's always much appreciated as this event does not happen without those efforts. There's trophies to build, fields to line and etc, so just reach out to me and let's get you in the mix if you haven't signed up already.

It was nice to see a large turn out at February's meeting, at a nice new place to meet up also. We decided to have our next meeting at the same location, so it should be easy for everyone to attend.

Looking forward seeing everyone at the Borrego road run, it sounds like it's gonna be a lot of fun.

-Bob Henry

**Our Next Club Meeting will be  
Saturday, April 6, 2024  
1:00 pm meeting  
Location to be determined**

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# Fort Sutter Meeting Minutes February 3, 2024

**Call to Order:** The February 3, 2024, meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Bob Henry, Fort Sutter President

- **Welcome New Members: None. One Guest,** Scott Elander attended the meeting
- **Membership:** Karie Schenken, Charmain reports there are: 58 Primary members, 21 Associates, 3 Junior members, and 11 Honorary members, for a total of 93 members.
- **Treasury Report:** Julie reported that the balance in the club account is below average due to the significant expenditure for the trailer purchase.
- **Minutes:** A motion was made by Carl Grone and seconded by Mark Loewen to approve the minutes as written for the December 2, 2023 meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

## Old Business

- **NORCAL Cycle Swap:** The next NORCAL Cycle Swap will be on February 4, 2024, but there will be no Ft Sutter booth this month. However, despite the forecast rain, Bob Henry plans to attend.
- **AMCA National Update:** John Markley, who is now serving as AMCA National President, reports that he has been informed that the National meet, currently being held in Music City, (Nashville, TN) is going well. ACE Hardware has donated some gift cards for promotional purposes. John reports that there will be national representation at the Yerba Buena National Road Run to be held in the Napa area in September 2024. John attended the recent Mecum auctions and found that the spin-to-win wheel was a good tool to attract interest in the AMCA and Ft. Sutter chapter, creating an opportunity to recruit new members. If anyone is interested in manning the AMCA booth at similar events in the future, contact John.
- **2024-2026 Board elections.** Elections held in December installed the following new and continuing board members and officers as of January 1, 2024:
  1. President Bob Henry
  2. Vice President Tracy Stahlman
  3. Secretary Tom Myers
  4. Treasurer Julie Loewen
  5. Director Karie Schenken
  6. Director Joe Giammona
  7. Director Mark Loewen

Ed. note: As of press time, club ride has been postponed to Feb. 25.

## New Business

- **February Ride:** Bill Cruz will lead a ride **February 17**. Meet at McDonald's, 800 Riverpoint Cir, West Sacramento, CA 95605, just off Reed Ave., near Ikea. Leave at 8:30 am. Ride is about 140 miles long. Bill would like some feedback on length of rides (e.g., what's too long for the antique bikes). He would like to hear if any members are interested in mid-week rides as he plans on riding a lot this year. There may be potential for a chase vehicle for some rides. He mentioned the Maxwell free car show on May 18. This show has no class for motorcycles, but might be able to display some anyway.
- **Club Banquet: Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Deadline to RSVP was yesterday.** Tracey Kleber reports that 23 members are signed up for the banquet. Future consideration may be given to different venue in order to reduce costs.
- **Fort Sutter National Meet in Dixon.** Sign-up sheets for Dixon tasks were circulated. Chairs are being sought for various tasks. Note that set up day is June 13, 2024; event dates are June 14 -15. Russ Brown is a tentative sponsor. Volunteers are needed to build club award for Dixon. This year trophies will be awarded for only first place in each category. Ribbons will be given out for other placings. Categories will be best European (no separate British), American, and Japanese. Other awards will be best chopper (rather than period modified), best rat bike, and most unique. A motion was made by Mark Loewen, and seconded by Danny Marquis, to keep vendor price at \$65 for 2024. The motion passed without opposition.

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(continued)**

- **Trailer update:** The trailer purchase has been completed, a 16 footer for which the club paid \$8,500. Through the unflagging efforts of Tracy Stahlman, the trailer is decked out with shelving and is filled with supplies from the storage unit. There is room for some expansion of storage, and it could potentially be use as a chase vehicle, with room for 2 or 3 motorcycles. The trailer has a ramp and side access. Replacing the storage unit with the trailer results in a monthly savings for the club of about \$160. Note that a volunteer is needed to tow the trailer to and from the Dixon event.
  
- **Club Hats:** Danny Marquis discussed and showed some examples of club hat in red which would be \$20 for embroidered with flex fit, or \$15 for snap back. Also discussed were Dixon event hats in black. These would be generic Dixon event hats which would not include the event year.
  
- **Club T-shirts:** Tracy Stahlman is preparing to order club T-shirts. Shirts will be red for sale to members @ \$20 and will have logo on back and branding on pocket. A list was circulated at the meeting for members to indicate interest and size.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:16 pm.**

## Fort Sutter February 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Meeting at Round Table Pizza in Sacramento

There were 26 Members and 1 guest at the February 3rd Club Meeting. Many attendees had lunch together prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Below, Bob Henry presides over the meeting.



Topics discussed included the trailer purchase, Dixon, club T-shirts and caps, and others.



Bill Cruz discussed the club ride coming up on February 17 and the possibility of having additional rides mid-week.

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# Fort Sutter's Annual Banquet, February 10, 2024 at Cattlemen's in Rancho Cordova



*A couple dozen members got together for a great meal and camaraderie at our annual banquet.*



*A great meal included hors d'oeuvres of chicken wings, calamari, fried onion strings, and potato wedges. Then green salad followed by entrees of steak or chicken with baked potato and veggies, or vegetarian ravioli, with side of beans. Dessert choices were chocolate cake, cheesecake or carrot cake.*



**(Banquet, continued)**

**Wheel share some good times together.**



**Above: Jim Schenken, Mark Loewen, Andy Kleber, Mike Williams, and Jeremy Loewen**



**Above: Mike Laird and Kathleen Allen**



**Right: Tracy Stahlman, Sean Kohmescher, Stan and Pauline Smith, Kim Stahlman**

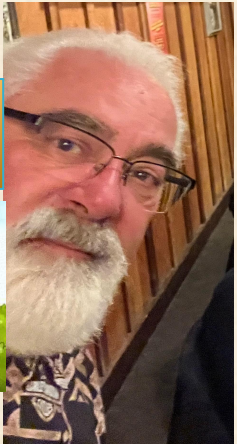
**(Banquet, continued)**



***Congratulations to Mike, the raffle winner.***



***Thanks to our photographer, Joe Giammona.***



***A toast to Tracey Kleber for organizing a great get together.***

# Fort Sutter National Swap Meet and Show

June 14-15, 2024

Dixon Fairgrounds,  
Dixon California

Celebrating The Fabulous Fifties

For Vendor, Camping and  
National Judging information  
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