

Fort Sutter Chaplains First  
National Meet Dixon 2001

After hosting an ANCA regional meet in the downtown Sacramento area from 1983 to 1999 it was decided to move the event to a larger venue at the Dixon Fairgrounds. The 2000 event would be a trial run towards our first National meet in 2001. It would be the first National meet west of the Mississippi.

Our theme for 2001 was the celebration of the Indian motorcycles 100th birthday. In our second year at the Dixon site we had just enough vendors to fill the spaces around the outside edge of our vendor field. Today the field is full and additional space utilized.

In 2001 we held technical seminars outside under a canopy, ~~and~~ a well attended field meet, and a ride south of the fairgrounds. Saturday was the only vending day with the banquet held that evening. Sunday was the day for judging. Very few vendors remained on Sunday.

In the fifteen years since that first National meet much has changed. Vendors are setup on Thursday ~~and~~ vend Friday and Saturday. The banquet is held on Friday night and there are no Sunday activities, ~~no~~ ride, no field meet, and the seminars are held in Deverton Hall. Successful Dixon has become. The go to ANCA event west of the Rockies. From humble beginning to what we always thought it would become so many years ago. Thanks ~~to~~ all our ~~volunteers~~ <sup>50</sup> volunteers and vendors for making it happen.

Photos (Story II)

- #1 Our T-shirt for our first national meet at Dixon Fairgrounds 2001 celebrating Indiana's 100<sup>th</sup> year.
- #2 Our food provider for the 2001 meet, The "Big Red Bus".
- #3 Our vendors barely covered the outside ~~perimeter~~ perimeter in 2001. Note all the empty center space.
- #4 Our head judge in 2001 was Dennis Thompson. Here he ~~is~~ is (beard & glasses) giving a seminar on Parkerizing outside under a canopy.
- #5 Part of our 2001 judging staff. L to R (white hat) is Joe Mann, Dave Kaffon (kneeling), Mark Hilton (kneeling), Pete Gagan (dark socks), and Earl Grone.
- #6 2001's field games (which was discontinued several years ago). This is the run and start with Dave Kaffon's daughter (orange tank top) beating the "boys" to their machines.