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President's Comments

It's hard to believe we are already in June! Half the year is almost history.

June means Dixon is upon us. All the wheels are in motion for this year's national meet. Some at you may not realize how special hosting a national meet or event is. This year were hosting two of them, back to back. Most chapters can't do this or won't do it. We, Fort Sutter, are up to the task. We have a team and group that will put in the work needed to hold successful events.

How do I judge the term "successful event"? By how we tackle our problems and concerns prior to and during the event, and then the praise we get from most that attend our events. We don't judge it by a profit or loss financially. We judge it as teamwork and happy patrons. We will not make everyone happy, but we will always try to make it right. We will strive to improve on our flaws as best we can.

So many times I hear suggestions on what we can do differently, how we can improve this or that, yada yada yada... As president my thoughts are if you aren't behind the scenes doing the work then I'm not interested in your opinion on how we should run our club or our events. If you want change, show up at the meetings, show up at events, help set up, help clean up..... Be an active member.

I do want to personally thank all of you that have given your time and effort to keep the ball rolling. I appreciate all of you and the jobs you are doing or signed up to do in the near future. I've been a little busy with personal things and feel that I'm not pulling my weight at times. That's where you all have picked up the slack and got things done as needed.

We have some work ahead of us but we will pull through and shine as we always do.

Ride safe, see ya soon,

Tracy

***Our next chapter meeting will be Sunday, August 2, 2026,
at Elk Grove Regional Park combined with the chapter picnic.***

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Fort Sutter Meeting Minutes June 6, 2026

Call to Order: The June 6, 2026 meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm with over 20 members present.

- **Welcome New Members: none; Guests: none** at the meeting
- **Membership:** Karie Schenken, Membership Chair, reports there are: 79 Primary members, 30 Associates, 3 Junior members, 5 Honorary members, 1 honorary associate member and 7 honorary past.
- **Treasury Report:** \$37,213 account balance; balance will drop as several payments have just been made; income, mostly from sale of Dixon swap spaces, about \$6,800; Certificate of Deposit holds \$21,495.
- **Minutes:** A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Bob to approve the minutes as written for the April 4, 2026 meeting.

Old Business

- Picnic to be on Sunday, August 2, 2026 at Elk Grove Park space 3A. Membership was offered a choice of McHugh's BBQ w/ TripTip and Chicken, baked beans, corn, and potato salad (\$890); OR Plaza del Sol with House salad, chicken fajitas (\$1080). Members present opted for McHugh's.

New Business

- **National minute:** John Markley spoke about the national stipend for AMCA national meets. AMCA has lost money the last couple of years. The magazine was reduced from 6 issues to 4 per year to reduce printing costs, which will help but might not be enough to put AMCA in the black. The stipend was put in place to ensure new or struggling chapters could host events. However, many chapters in other parts of the country are not having financial issues hosting events, but actually make money. Stipend will still be available on an exception basis for events that need financial help. On another note, national judging is moving to a jot-form based system, all online via cell phone. Eric Olsen will be event chief judge and will learn the jot-form system for judging, and will answer questions about judging. Gary will line up judges and lay out the field.
- **Dixon planning**
 - Dixon swap meet and show: Tracy reports paperwork is done. He is still lining up additional sponsors. Mark Wiebens noted that Yerba Buena will again contribute some support for Dixon.
 - \$500 stipend from AMCA national will no longer be automatic.
 - Tom reported that food vendor permits and the event organizer permit are in place.
 - Striping will commence 7am - 7:30 am on Thursday. Vendor BBQ will be on Thursday evening.
 - National judging status (Gary, in absentia)
 - 34 bikes at pre entry (5 marque bikes, 15 new entries, 4 winners circle bikes)
 - Late registration on Friday will be \$60/bike
 - Smartphones will be used for judging, so there might be a few hiccups but from what Based on feedback from Olie meet, it may be easier once judges have been through the process.
 - No entry into the judging field except the owner when called by a judge. Owners will be barred in the judging area until the judging is completely finished.
 - Trophies for local awards are ready. Thanks to Gary and Bob for these. Bob showed the special theme trophy, Best Knucklehead, to the members.
 - Dixon hats will be available for sale at the meet. Tracy showed a sample of the event T-shirt. Event pins are ready. Banquet arrangements ready.
 - Club members will be needed for clean up, pack up etc.

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- 92 vendors are signed up for 132 spaces; 24 banquet tickets have been sold. We're roughly ¾ full on vendor spaces.
- Mark Wiebens brought up the question of changing the dates for future years. E.g., Sat/Sun or not Father's Day weekend. That will be discussed further after this year's event.
- **National Road Run 2026:** National road run in September is sold out. Tunie wondered if we could open it up for more entries. The banquet is completely full, but additional riders could be added. We have 135 riders/passengers. No room for more at the banquet, but hotel space is still available. There were questions about how much would be charged for additional riders who do not get the banquet. Some said to charge the same price, and the loss of the banquet is basically their late fee. Others said you can't do that. Tunie suggested possibly opening it up to 175 total.
- **Past events:**
 - Chapter Ride May 21, 2026: Bill had a 150 mile ride around Berryessa from Winters, with 4 riders. He would like to put together more rides if there is interest.
 - Tracy and some others went to ISHI. It was a good event, but small.
- **Upcoming events and club rides**
 - Next meeting August 2, 2026 (Sunday, combined with picnic)
 - NorCal swap - June 7, 2026
- Bob mentioned an interview he did on bandida moto online that people might be interested in. Find it on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BXLY_sdfPg.
- Tracy suggested members might be interested in Jason Momoa's Season 2 episode 3 of "On the Roam". War era knuckleheads were ridden back to HD and donated to the museum. Find it on HBO (Max).

Meeting adjourned at: 2:25 pm

Fort Sutter Chapter Meeting

June 6, 2026

(photos by Tom Myers)

The Ft. Sutter Chapter grilled hot dogs prior to the June meeting and members took the opportunity to share a meal and swap stories.



The special Knucklehead trophy that Bob created for the Dixon meet can be seen in the foreground in the photo below.



During the meeting a couple of videos were suggested that members might be interested in. Bob's interview with Bandida Moto can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BXLX_sdfPg. Tracy recommended Season 2 Episode 3 of Jason Momoa's "On the Roam" (HBO Max) in which war era knuckleheads were ridden back to HD and donated to the museum.

Fort Sutter National Swap Meet and Show Dixon, California June 18-20, 2026

(photos by Joe Giammona, Tracy Stahlman, & Tom Myers)

For over 40 years, summer has meant that the Ft. Sutter Chapter would be organizing the only AMCA National Meet on the West Coast. The chapter once again hosted the meet at the Dixon May Fair grounds. The wind blew and the awnings flew, but by Saturday it had calmed down, and the heat stayed away. Lots of motorcycles were brought out for national judging, and many more were on the lawn for the club awards. And, of course, the field was full of vendors with a huge variety of parts for sale. Many vendors filed into the ground on Thursday and were greeted by the friendly and efficient sign-in crew. The vendor BBQ on Thursday evening is always popular, and we got many compliments to the prep and cooking crew after the event.

The Ft. Sutter tent went up and the merch went on display. People were signing up for club awards almost as soon as the tent was up.



Dixon, continued



Friday saw vendors displaying a variety of parts and motorcycles for sale.



Dixon, continued

The spaghetti feed banquet returned this year on Friday night giving attendees an economical and satisfying meal.



We owe many thanks to our sponsors who provide support for this event. Many of their wares were included in the traditional raffle.



Club memorabilia and some of the unique awards were on display.

Dixon, continued

A special display of Dr. Sprocket's Last Stall honored the late Rich Ostrander, aka Dr. Sprocket. Several motorcycles previously owned and/or built by Rich were on display. In addition, the club award for the Chopper/Bobber/Custom category has been named the Dr. Sprocket Award in Rich's honor.

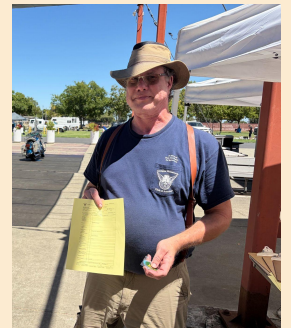


Dixon, continued

As usual, national judging took place next to Denver Hall. There were a number of first timers being judged in addition some returning in the hopes of achieving their next level. Thanks to all those who volunteered as judges, with special thanks to Eric Olsen, Keith Kizer, and Gary Fleshman-Kubodera who headed the judging team.



Mike, Tom, and Gary, himself, each received recognition in national judging.



Dixon, continued

Dozens of bikes were spread out across the lawn for local and special recognition awards.



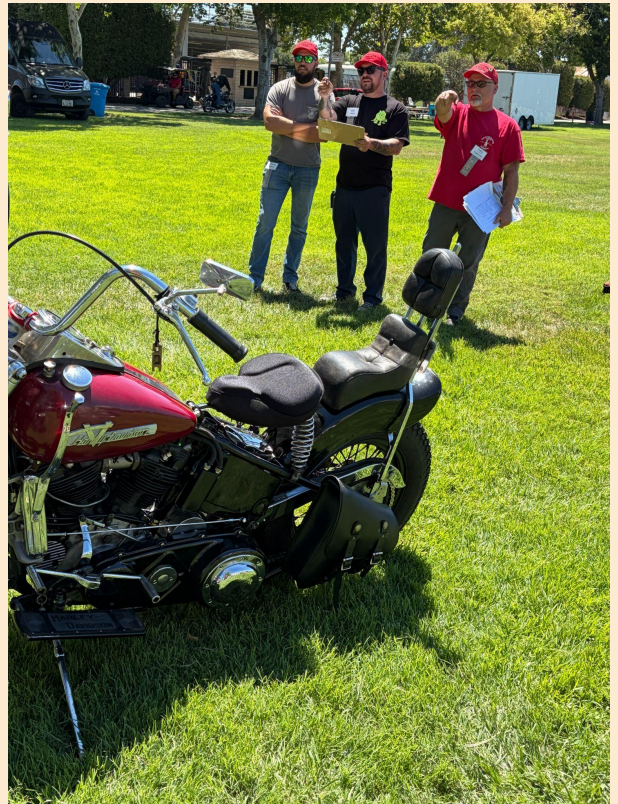
Dixon, continued

Just some of the goings on at this year's event.



Dixon, continued

The bikes were scrutinized by several Ft. Sutter members to determine recipients of more than a dozen awards.



Dixon, continued

President Tracy Stahlman presented the following awards to the winners.



Period Modified 1st
Mark Loewen
1991 H-D FXR



Period Modified 2nd
Dave Kafton
1937 H-D EL Knucklehead



Period Modified 3rd
Ralph Ribera
1957 H-D FL



Dixon, continued



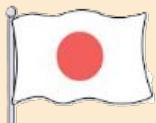
Best American
Bob Clift
1941 Indian Four



Best British
Richard Stevens
1952 Triumph TR5



Best European
David Milne
1969 BMW R69 w/ sidecar



Best Japanese
Robert Proctor
1965 Hodaka Ace 90

Dixon, continued



Greg Wood Award for Best Rat bike
Vickie Milton
1971 Honda SL70



Best Competition
George Carter/Steve Norberg
1962 Honda 125 CB92



Dr. Sprocket Award for Best Chopper
Dave Kafton
1937 H-D Knucklehead



Oldest Motorcycle
Galen McGhee
1927 Excelsior

Dixon, continued



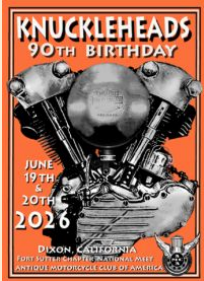
Most Unique
Chris Ranuio
1972 H-D X-90 "Shortster"



Best of Show
Dave Kafton
1937 H-D Knucklehead



Best Knucklehead
Stefano Ranuio
1946 H-D Knucklehead



Longest Ridden (not pictured):
1st: John Laws, 1947 Indian Chief, 380 miles
2nd: Napa Dave Mull, 1942 H-D FLH, 380 miles
3rd: Muddy Waters, 1966 H-D FLH, 305 miles