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## From the President

Hello to all our Fort Sutter members. My name is Mark Loewen, your newly appointed president, antique motorcycle enthusiast, Cannonball rider, and student of two wheels with an engine. After the purchase and revival of my first old bike, I wanted to find like minded people to learn more about these old gems and people to ride with. I'm glad I found the Fort Sutter club, it truly changed my life—from just the association with our members.

I would like to give many thanks to Rich Hardmeyer for years of commitment to the club as our former president and, now, as a current board member and the host of a very nice open house/Christmas party. I saw a lot of you there. Good time, good food, and lots to see. Good job, Rich and Barbara.

A new year of activities and events is upon us and coming fast. Our annual dinner is almost here and I hope to see you all there. If we haven't met, come say, "Hi" and tell me what kind of two wheel fun you're in to. And, of course, there is always Dixon. We ironed out many issues at our last meeting and, with everyone's help and participation, we will have another smooth running, successful meet.

I love to ride my motorcycles and admire them but it is more fun to ride them. And, when you're riding with friends and you are all on old bikes it's extra fun. I think, as a club, we need to work on this. It doesn't have to be like a national event, just a simple Saturday or Sunday—meet somewhere and ride to a lunch destination. Fifty or so miles, eat something and head back. Sounds like a pretty good way to spend a day to me. Think about it. The weather isn't making it impossible.

I'm excited for a new year of motorcycling and events and I hope everyone else is too. The way our weather has been we can ride comfortably almost any time. So dust it off and get out and ride.

*Mark Loewen*  
President, Fort Sutter Chapter

Our Next Meeting Will Be  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

At Sam's Hof Brau  
Watt and El Camino Avenues  
**Lunch at Noon • Meeting at 1:00 p.m.**

# Minutes of the General Meeting

## December 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by president, Rich Hardmeyer. There were thirty-one members in attendance plus guests, George and Shannon Visman

**Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting will stand as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marie Moore reported that our bank account remains healthy and we currently have 119 paid members.

**Old Business:** Tracey Kleber reported that, in response to the membership's desire to find a new location for the annual dinner, she has narrowed it down to two choices: Either the Spaghetti Factory on J Street or Cattlemen's at Highway 50 and Hazel. After comparing costs, location, parking, and menus, it was decided to go with Cattlemen's and hold the dinner on Saturday the 28th of February. It was further decided that we would charge guests \$28.00 (our cost) while charging all paid up members and associated members \$25.00  
NOTE: Later in the month a decision by the board of directors changed the cost for members and associate members to \$23.00. Finally, a motion was made (Hardmeyer/Moore) to authorize spending up to \$300.00 for raffle prizes keeping in mind that, this year, the membership prefers to have fewer but more valuable prizes.

- Election: Out going directors were Rich Hardmeyer, Dave Kafton and Mark Loewen. Running for office were Rich Hardmeyer, Jim Inman, Dave Kafton, Gary Kubodera, Mark Loewen, and Bob Pratt. The final result of the election was: Rich Hardmeyer, Dave Kafton, and Mark Loewen. \*\*

- At the October meeting a committee was formed to investigate the possibility of dropping Dixon's "national meet" classification and reverting back to just being a regional meet. Committee chairman, Jim Inman reported that, after weighing the various pros and cons, it was decided that continuing on as a "national" was the best way to go as it added "validity and prestige" to our meet. However, Jim also pointed out that the committee felt we needed to improve our national judging procedure and listed seven areas of concern. In reply president, Hardmeyer said we will be working with Jim's seven point list during the coming months to improve our judging procedure.

- The second committee that was formed at the October meeting concerned itself with moving the meet from Dixon to Lodi. Chairman, Mark Wiebens said that the committee recommended staying in Dixon but wanted to see a few changes such as paying to have the venue cleaned after the meet [this was voted on and approved at the October meeting] and adding more and better food vendors.

**New Business:** It was decided that this year we will drop the "People's Choice" award at Dixon and instead will present a "Best of Show" award chosen by our own judges.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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\*\*Following the regular meeting a board meeting was held to select the officers for the coming term. The results were: President, Mark Loewen; Vice President, Mark Wiebens; Treasurer, Marie Moore; Secretary, Tom Green; Newsletter Editor, Tom Green, Sergeant at Arms, Jim Moore, Chief Judge, Dennis Gill.

**TOM GREEN**  
Secretary

### **YOUR DUES ARE DO!**

Last month Membership Director, Karie Schenken mailed out dues statements. If you did not receive yours contact her at (916) 686-3874  
E-mail: karrots66@hotmail.com

Better yet, send your \$15.00 dues payment to:  
Karie Schenken  
9413 Ringe Circle  
Elk Grove, CA 95624

### **New Venue ♦ New Menu**

This year's annual will be held

**Saturday, February 28**  
**Cattlemen's Restaurant**  
12409 Folsom Blvd - Highway 50 at Hazel

For all the details turn the page

Reservation Form  
**Fort Sutter Chapter Dinner**  
**Saturday, February 28th**

👉 **New Menu – New Venue** 👈

This year, by popular demand, we're moving to a new location and expanding the menu. In addition, to keep costs in line with previous years, we're offering a discount. The price for all **PAID UP** Members and Associate Members will be \$23.00. Guests will be \$28.00 which is our cost.

**Cattlemen's Restaurant**

12409 Folsom Blvd. Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

**No Host Cocktails 6:00 p.m. ♦ Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

**We Have Four Choices**

All selections include a baked potato, seasonal vegetables, all you can eat salad, sourdough bread, ranch style beans, coffee or tea.

- ♦ **Teriyaki Chicken Breast**   ♦ **10 oz. Sirloin Steak**
- ♦ **10 oz. Fillet of Salmon**   ♦ **Pesto Spinach & Cheese Ravioli**

**Member(s) Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your choice(s) below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Member Terriyaki Chicken(s)** @ \$23.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Guest Terriyaki Chicken(s)** @ \$28.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Member Sirloin Steak(s)** @ \$23.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Guest Sirloin Steak(s)** @ \$28.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Member Salmon Fillet(s)** @ \$23.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Guest Salmon Fillet(s)** @ \$28.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Member Ravioli(s)** @ \$23.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Guest Ravioli(s)** @ \$28.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check Payable to: Fort Sutter Chapter, AMCA**

**R.S.V.P. No Later Than February 20rd!**

**Please cut or copy and mail to:**

Tracey Kleber  
C/O Travelstore  
1750 Howe Ave, Suite 320  
Sacramento, CA 95825

# CHRISTMAS AT THE HARDMEYER'S, 2014

In years past there was one thing you could count on, if the Hardmeyers were holding their biennial Christmas party, there was going to be rain but this year it turned out to be a crisp sunny day.

With their home—even the shop—decorated as only Rich and Barbara can, great food, Rich's display of old bikes plus a few cars and bikes brought by guests, and many old friends it was a terrific afternoon.

From all who attended, a sincere thank you for once again offering your hospitality. The only thing we regret is that it looks like this Christmas tradition, one we've grown to look forward to and enjoy, has come to an end.

Why? Well, as Rich said, "The Christmas decorations are getting old and worn out and so are we."

We can't speak for the decorations, Rich but we all hope that you and Barb will get another spurt of energy by 2016.



Mark and Julie Loewen in front of just one of the many Christmas trees Barb and Rich decorated.



Shari and Bob Pratt enjoying the amazing selection of food.



The most unusual thing on display in the shop was this mini dragster.



Taking advantage of the good weather, Jeff Sierck arrived on his Indian



while Jim Moore preferred the comfort of his "Merc."

**AMCA, FORT SUTTER CHAPTER'S 15th ANNUAL**  
***NATIONAL SHOW & SWAP MEET***  
**June 19 and 20, 2015**



**Dixon Fairgrounds, Dixon, California**  
**25 Miles West of Sacramento**  
**Just South of Interstate 80**

**Honoring  
Vintage Period  
Modifieds**

**VENDOR INFORMATION**

Spaces are 15' x 30' and are \$45.00 for 2 days

Gates open for vendors at 6:00 P.M. Thursday, June 18  
Vendors are encouraged to pre-register.

- ◆ All vendors must be AMCA members. All Commercial vendors must have a resale permit to sell. Bring it with you, this permit must be with you on site.
- ◆ Only antique motorcycles and parts 35 years and older and related items are permitted for sale. This is an official AMCA policy and will be strictly enforced.
- ◆ No alcohol, glass containers or ground fires allowed.
- ◆ All dogs must be leashed.

**FOR VENDING PRE-REGISTRATION CALL:**

Jim & Marie Moore  
(530) 622-6531

**FOR GENERAL INFORMATION CALL:**

Jim Moore (530) 622-6531  
Mark Wiebens (925) 288-0174

**SEND YOUR FEE FOR A RESERVED SPACE TO:**

Fort Sutter Chapter, AMCA (Check Payable to Same)  
P.O. Box 469 Placerville, CA 95667

***Please Include a Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope***

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Thursday** - Gates will be open for vendors at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 18.

**Friday** - Swap Meet, Vending, Bike Corral, Technical Seminar, Friday Evening Banquet.

**Saturday** - Swap Meet, Vending, Bike Corral, Technical Seminar, National Judging and Awards.

**FOR NATIONAL JUDGING PRE-REGISTRATION**

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**JUDGING PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**— JUNE 5, 2015 - \$10.00 FEE PER BIKE —**

You may also register at the meet until 10:00 a.m., Saturday but there will be a \$20.00 Fee

**AREA MOTELS**

Super 8, Dixon (707) 678-3399  
Motel 6 Dixon (707) 693-0606  
Best Western, Dixon (707) 678-1400  
Dixon Motel, Dixon (707) 678-3332

**CAMPING ON GROUNDS WITH SHOWERS & RV HOOKUP AVAILABLE**  
**Banquet Tickets, Meet T-shirts and Pins Will be Available on Site**



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