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From the President

The swap meet is over and it was a big success; we had more vendors than ever before. There was a very good turn out for this year's theme—Competition Motorcycles. I was very surprised how many of the competition bikes were dragsters. It was very hard to choose the best competition show bike for the club award. However, there weren't as many bikes entered for national judging, as there were last year. As usual there were not very many British or European vendors selling parts. Don Harrell, from Visalia, was the only one selling a large quantity of British parts. He is a big help to people building British bikes. The club decided not to have a field meet this year because we could see from last year's turnout the interest just isn't there anymore.

Every meet always has some minor and major problems. This is the first time we had water faucets get broken when trucks backed into them. One of them was right in back of the FSMC booth. Water was shooting into the air about six feet high and flooding the area in and around the tent. I went to my truck and got a round chisel and a rag and pushed it into the broken pipe, it slowed the flow of water down but the ground around the tent was all muddy and I was all wet from head to foot. By the time the maintenance men found the shut valve, Tom Green's area was a muddy mess so we put some cardboard down and continued on.

One of the good things that happened was that our AMCA president, Richard Spagnolli presented Jim Moore with a plaque honoring him and giving him a lifetime membership in the AMCA. He also mentioned how much work Marie Moore did for the clubs.

I want to thank all the members that helped put the Dixon meet on. It was a good event and it seemed every one had a good time.

Your President,
Richard Hardmeyer

Our Next Meeting Will Be
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

At Sam's Hof Brau
Watt and El Camino Avenues

Lunch at Noon • Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**Remember! If you have lunch, take
your food into our meeting room.**

Minutes of the General Meeting

June 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by president, Rich Hardmeyer. There were twenty-two members in attendance plus three guests: Bob Ceccarelli, as well as potential Dixon vendors, Jeff Salwasser and Mary Egle from Resurrection Cycles.

Minutes: Following the time honored tradition, the minutes of the last meeting will stand as written.

Treasurer's Report: Marie Moore reported, to date, we have sold 109 vendor spaces and have fourteen tentatively sold leaving sixteen spaces still available.

Old Business: The rest of the meeting dealt with our upcoming Dixon meet. Chairman, Jim Moore reported that AMCA president, Richard Spagnolli, magazine editor, Bill Wood, national chief Judge, Don Zurick will be attending the meet.

We will be holding a technical seminar at 10 a.m. Friday morning, hopefully conducted by Red Fred Johansen. Don Zurick will hold a judging seminar at 1:00 p.m. Friday and Richard Spagnolli will hold his "Town Hall Meeting" at 10:00 a.m. Saturday.

Food for the Thursday and Friday dinners will be handled by Buckhorn Catering.

It has been confirmed that Larry Dishong will be Friday night's guest speaker. He will put on a presentation revolving around his fate the late racer, builder, and museum owner Stan Dishong. Marie Moore mentioned that we still need to find someone who can loan us a Power Point unit that Larry can use.

Carl Grone will help Rich Hardmeyer pick up supplies from the storage unit.

On Saturday, July 5 a critique of the Dixon meet, attended by almost all of the various sub-chairs, was held at the Hof Brau.

Following the meeting a board meeting was held and the following motions were made and passed:

- The budget for raffle prizes was set at \$400.00. The money will be made available immediately so the prize committee, consisting of John and Phyllis Markley can begin selecting and buying prizes.
- A budget of \$400.00 was set for next year's trophies.
- Next year we will charge the usual \$45.00 per vendor space for pre-registered vendors but will increase the fee to \$50.00 for those registering at the gate.
- We will split the cost of repairing the broken water pipes with the responsible parties.

TOM GREEN
Secretary

Welcome to our four newest members!

Dean Hummer – Petaluma

Dan Schlosser – Grass Valley

Fred Lythgoe – Sacramento

Michael Clinton – Lincoln

FAST IRON IN DIXON



JUNE 20 AND 21, 2014

When I met national magazine editor, Bill Wood at the meet on Friday I was delighted to hear he was planning on taking pictures and writing his own article for the national magazine. “Hey! That’s great. Gets me off the hook I thought.” Then I realized that while I wouldn’t have to furnish a story and pictures for the magazine, I still had our newsletter to deal with. That presented problem because it’s hard to play the “roving reporter” when tied, with a short chain, to the Fort Sutter booth, seeing only what’s in front of you and not knowing what’s going on behind. Spending a good portion of Saturday up to your shoe laces in mud doesn’t help either. . .more on that later.

Back in December when Dave Kafton, last year’s meet chairman announced, that “competition bikes” had been selected as this year’s theme, he had no way of knowing that he had selected a winner. As it would turn out, even though it just barely edged out 2011 when we featured knuckle heads, the competition theme gave us the best results yet.

There were plenty of people waiting when the gates opened at 7:00 a.m. Friday morning. There to greet them, and collect a donation to the cause, were Ken and Joyce Heuser. This year Ken and Joyce went above and beyond the call, working the gate single-handedly all day both Friday and Saturday.

The T-shirt booth staffed by our merchandise manager, Shari Pratt and husband, Bob was doing an amazingly good business selling the Jim Inman designed T’s. By noon on Friday we were wondering if there would be enough shirts to get us through Saturday—there were but just barely.

Also on Friday morning there was a well received technical seminar conducted by national technical director, Red Fred Johansen. Later in the afternoon AMCA chief judge, Don Dzurick put on a judging refresher course.

Friday evening’s banquet went well. Karie Schenken had Denver-ton all set up with a little help from father-in-law Ed Schenken who can now

change the slogan on his website to, “Specializing in early HD parts *and table decorations.*” Guest Speaker Larry Dishong’s presentation chronicling the life of his late father, Stan who was a well known racer, builder, designer, motorcycle dealer and, in his later life a museum owner was well done and quite informative. John and Phyllis



In recognition of his thirteen years of service as a national director, meet director, Jim Moore received an award from President Spagnolli making him an honorary AMCA member.

Markley capped off the evening with one of the best raffles ever. But the highlight of the evening—at least for one person in the audience—was AMCA president, Richard Spagnolli presenting meet chairman, Jim Moore with an award making him an honorary member of the AMCA in recognition of his thirteen years of service as a national director.

Saturday morning started off busier than ever. Marie Moore, with the help of Phyllis Markley and Karie Schenken, was still busy registering late arriving vendors. In fact so many arrived we had to find some “overflow space” and ended up placing a few vendors on the south lawn.

Things were going along quite nicely. President

Spagnolli was planning on holding a “town hall meeting at 10:00 a.m. So, by mutual agreement we decided to start promoting the event over the PA system at 9:00 a.m. I had just finished the first announcement when from behind me I hear, “We’re going to unplug you before you get electrocuted!” Turning around, I see Jim Moore and Rich Hardmeyer standing in the middle of a mini-gyser. I’d been too busy to notice that a



Guest speaker, Larry Dishong giving a Powerpoint presentation on the life of his father, well known racer and builder, Stan Dishong.

vendor had backed into and broken a water pipe. The spray from the pipe was shooting into the electrical box that was mounted directly behind it and, as the water got deeper, submerging the extension cord and amplifier cable.

Great! I can’t make any announcements, and water is flooding into the Fort Sutter booth but at least I’m not going to be electrocuted. While Rich is getting soaked trying to plug the hole in the pipe, Jim and Greg Wood are frantically running around trying to find the fair’s maintenance man. It took a good fifteen minutes to find the guy but, wouldn’t you know it, he didn’t have a clue where the shut off valve was. Finally, and I’m not sure how, they located the valve and the special wrench required to operate it, got the water turned off and the power hooked up again. But by now it’s almost 10:00 a.m. and too late to give much publicity to president Spagnolli’s “town hall meeting. As a result, he had a small—very small—turn out and for that we apologize.

By 10:30 a.m. (while I’m sitting in the booth wondering how mud can be slippery and sticky at the same time) there were seventy-seven bikes on the south lawn. The majority, so it seemed, were dragsters with a few hill climbers, flat trackers, and road racers sprinkled in among the usual non-

competition machines.

National judging seemed to go well with our new chief judge, Dave Kafton in control. However, while we were up on the number of bikes displayed on the lawn Saturday morning, we were down slightly on the number of machines for national judging.

As usual there are many people to thank not



With his cell phone, Bob Pratt managed to get a shot of Jim Moore and Rich Hardmeyer trying to turn the tie

already mentioned. Among them: The Yerba Buena Chapter that once again shared the cost of the Thursday night dinner with us and also provided a raffle prize for Friday’s banquet. Bob Pratt and crew for field layout, Greg Wood for taking care of the clean up, both during and after the meet. And then there’s Rich Kinney. I’m not sure exactly what his position is but he seems to be everywhere at once, directing traffic, putting up signs, and just about anything else that needs doing.

Sure, there were a few complaints, mostly about food, or lack of same, but they are easy fixes and will be resolved for next year.

From my limited perspective that’s about it. In the next issue of the national magazine we should see Bill Wood’s article on the our meet and then we might find out what else went on.

TOM



National magazine editor, Bill Wood takes a photo of Larry Feece's 1899 DeDion Pugeot, the oldest bike at the meet.



Jim Holyoake's 1973 Montessa Capra VR250



As advertised, John and David Bozzi's, "The Thing" arrived early Saturday morning.



It wasn't all dragsters. At least one Weslake speedway bike showed up.



AMCA president, Richard Spagnolli prepares to judge a BMW



Although it could be, Jerry Bland's Triumph flat tracker is not just for show. He has recently be turning laps at the Lodi Cycle Bowl.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND CLUB AWARDS Fort Sutter Chapter Meet

MOST UNIQUE

Louis Fisher 1937 Indian Scout

PERIOD MODIFIED

1. Rick Jantz 1952 Harley-Davidson 45' Magnum
2. Greg Wood 1948 Harley-Davidson Panhead
3. North West 1965 Honda

OLDEST MOTORCYCLE

Larry Feece 1899 DeDion Peugeot

BEST ACCESSORIZED

Pat Taylor 1948 Harley-Davidson UL

BEST AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE

Paul L. Venne 1914 61" Excelsior

BEST BRITISH MOTORCYCLE

Fred Mork 1939 Matchless Model X Twin

BEST EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE

Rich Butler 1951 Bauer B150

BEST JAPANESE MOTORCYCLE

Don Stockett 1970 Honda CB750

BEST RAT BIKE

Fred Aldred 1969 Harley-Davidson Flathead

BEST COMPETITION MOTORCYCLE

Fred Mork 1972 Harley-Davidson XR750 Road Racer

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Rick Jantz 1952 Harley-Davidson 45' Magnum

LONGEST DISTANCE RIDDEN

1. Rick Cromer 552.1 Miles 1948 Harley-Davidson FL
2. Dave Mull 552.0 Miles 1960 Harley-Davidson FLH
3. Frank Marqvett..250.0 Miles 1970 Harley-Davidson FLH

FIELD MEET

Not held this year



It was good to see Charter Member, John Schaefer out and about. Six days later, in a "Gentlemen Start Your Engines" kind of moment, John was made the honorary starter for vintage night at the Auburn Speedway.



Gus Lauer's (son of Al) Indian flat tracker never made it to the south lawn.



Best competition bike award went to Fred Mork's 1972 XR750 road racer previously owned by Cal Rayborn.



From one end of the speed scale to the other: Besides the 1899 Peugeot Larry Feece also brought a 1946 Vincent road racer.

National judging results will appear in the national magazine later this year.

6th Annual Ishi Chapter Swap Meet

May 25, 2014 Chico, CA

Photos and Story by Rich Ostrander

Rick Haner, Gordon Matthews, Greg Wood and the rest of the Ishi crew put on one of the smallest AMCA swap meets but it's big in location and laid back attitude. For the life of me I can't see why it can't gather more support from the Sacramento and Bay area groups.

Terry Marsh brought down a bunch of nice old parts from Klamath Falls, Oregon along with the old STF boys from Yuba City. I saw Jeff and Jim Moore walking among the vendors.

This year Chris Canterbury of Boxer Metal made three cool awards for the club judging. Ishi had a good hot dog vendor to fill your food needs and the Elks Lodge bar was open for those with a thirst. The Ishi Chapter is only eight years old but this is their sixth swap meet and it's a good one.

There was a fair amount of nice machinery up for awards but Budd Schwab from Chico and a couple of friends had the best display with nine Matchless and AJS restorations from 1952 to 1966. Not bikes you see every day. I sure hope in the future some of the other AMCA members from outside the Chico Area discover this small jewel of a meet.



Greg Wood watching the sign-in table with Chris Canterbury's kool awards in the foreground.



Bud Schwab (Chico), Don Martin (Oroville), and friends nice collection of AJS and Matchless (mostly scramblers).



A view down the well shaded vendors row.



More of the Matchless/AJS collection.

One Last Picture



When Roland Badertscher, showed up at the registration table, Karie and Marie immediately dug up an old copy of the National Magazine he had appeared in and asked for an autograph. Lucky for them I'm running out of space. The urge to make some comment about screaming teen age girls is almost overwhelming. . .but it could have been fun.



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Coming Up. . .

Norcal Motorcycle Swap Meet
Sunday, August 10 and September 12
Westwind Drive In
9616 Oates Drive, Sacramento

5 Chapter Ride
Ride the Santa Cruz
Mountains and the Central Coast
September 26–27
For the Details Call:
Mario (408) 888-7224 • Brian (408) 489-7224

Sacramento Auto Show
At Cal Expo
Friday, October 17 thru Sunday, October 19
We will be looking for bikes for our exhibit
plus volunteers to staff the show

Classified Ad

For Sale: 1934 Harley-Davidson single, also known as a "Pup." Not restored but running. \$11,500 OBO. Dick Phillips (916) 991-3912