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## From the President

Greetings All!

Well, Dixon is in the books and it was a great event. I had a wonderful time seeing old friends and meeting so many new people this year. It was fun having the TV news, *Good Morning Sacramento*, show up to promote our event, Thanks Nha. I heard nothing but praise for our meet. From the AMCA to Joe Public I think most people had a good time and it was a successful day for some. I know I found some cool stuff. I believe we had a great meet because of our dedicated club worker bees that make the Dixon show possible. THANKS to all the workers, good job!

O.K., glad Dixon is behind us. Now, what, think about next year. Well, I guess we need to start thinking of our next theme for 2016. How about pre-16 bikes, century bikes. It ties in with the Cannonball for 2016.

Now we are mid-summer and there are so many things and events to do, but what to do? I know, why don't you get your motorcycle out. You know, the reason for being in a motorcycle club and let's see, where to ride? How about Rancho Seco Park August 2 to our combination club meeting and picnic. Yea, that's it! And maybe win a raffle prize while eating a free lunch and picking up a new club T shirt— all sizes \$20. Yea maybe. Hope to you're all there and don't forget to RSVP so we'll be sure to have enough food to feed you can feed you.

Speaking of events and riding, Yerba Buena's Yosemite road run is in September and it sounds like fun. Also it's not too soon to be thinking of which motorcycle your going to display at the Cal Expo car show this Fall.

O.K., enough. I will see you all soon—at the picnic/meeting, on your bike.

Happy Summer and safe rides.

Your Pres.  
*Mark Loewen*

**Our Next Meeting Will Be  
Both a Meeting and Picnic  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2  
Rancho Seco Park  
See Inside for Details**

# Minutes of the General Meeting

## June 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by president, Mark Loewen. There were twenty-three in attendance plus Rich Hardmeyer's brother-in law, Robert Ceccarelli and his wife.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Marie Moore reported our bank account remains healthy. Presently we have 110 paid up members.

**Old Business–Dixon:** Meet Chairman, Jim Moore said that since our last meeting he has discovered that there is a large electronic bill board on Highway 80 just west of the Highway 113 turn-off. The sign can be seen from either direction (east or west) when traveling on 80. The cost is \$125.00 per day per side and the sign company will take care of the required art work After some discussion, it was decided that we will rent space on the sign as follows: On Friday, the 12th we will rent space on both sides of the sign. On Friday the 19th we will rent space on the side that can be seen only by people traveling east.

We have a new food vendor who guarantees to be on site early in the morning to provide breakfast and coffee. The same vendor will also provide food for the judges luncheon or, if the national judges meeting does not become an actual luncheon the judges will be given food coupons which the vendor will honor.

Regarding national judging, Dennis Gill, this years chief judge, wants to rework the schedule so he can have the judges meeting at 10:00 a.m. and then begin the national judging at 12:00 noon. Following a lengthy discussion, Mark Weibens made a motion to change the time for the judges meeting to 10:00 a.m. and then begin the national judging at noon. The motion was passed on a split decision.

**New Business:** It was decided to have our (almost) annual picnic on Saturday or Sunday, August 1st or 2nd and make it not only a picnic but our August meeting as well. Rich Hardmeyer will see if Rancho Seco Park is available. If not, he will try Micke Grove Park.

Finally, a motion was made (M. Moore/Kinney) to donate \$100.00 to the Yerba Buena Chapter to help with their national road run in September. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

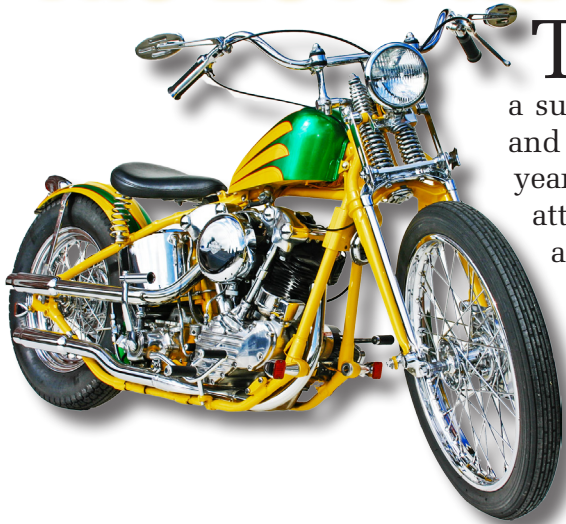
**TOM GREEN**  
Secretary

***Welcome to Our Newest Members  
Who Joined at Dixon***

**Joseph Hoffman, Jr., San Jose • Dino Schumacher, Sacramento  
Allen Siekman, Ben Lomand**

***Remember - It's Coming September 21-23***  
Yerba Buena Chapter's National Road Run in and Around Yosemite  
See the Yerba Buena Website for Details and Registration Form  
[yerbabuenaamca.org](http://yerbabuenaamca.org)

# The 2015 National Meet and Show



The annual Dixon, California National Show and Swap Meet is now in the history books, and all indications show the Meet was a success. The Meet, hosted by the Fort Sutter Chapter of Sacramento and supported by the Yerba Buena and Ishi Chapters grows a little each year and this year was no exception. We set an all time high for vendor's attendance, with folks showing up to rent space and to buy sell, meet and greet.

Our early birds start showing up the evening before the official Friday opening and we again treated them with a welcome feast, this time an excellent Mexican dinner put on by the Yerba Buena Chapter.

We discovered by Friday morning that it was clear we would have to expand beyond our usual swap space areas but we were ready for such a contingency and through some creative work by

Marie Moore, our Meet Registrar and her crew, we managed accommodated everyone.

Our food vendors and banquet caterer all assured everyone was fed and watered. With temperatures reaching the mid to high 90's, there was plenty of need to stay hydrated and take advantage of shade.

We were graced by the participation of our National President, Richard Spagnolli, Executive Director, Keith Kizer and our Deputy National, Judge Carl Olsen.

This year's event theme was "Period Modified Motorcycles." To promote the theme we used Jim Schenken's 1947 knucklehead on the mailers, handouts, our electronic sign board and even the meet T-shirts and pins. It seemed to have worked as the high number of modifieds we attracted led to some extremely interesting and unusually creative examples for everyone to enjoy, but creating a real challenge for our judges when selecting the Vintage Modified and other special recognition awards. The turnout for display bikes and special award candidate bikes was almost a record breaker.

We also had a significant increase in gate attendance. We feel some of this was the result of advertising on local television and, for the first time, on an electronic highway billboard on nearby Highway 80. We still offer free walk in attendance, but our gate volunteers insure everyone knows we are happy to accept a contribution and almost everyone contributes, some generously exceeding the suggested \$2.00 donation.

The Dixon Meet is still the one and only National Meet west of the Mississippi and, therefore, the only venue offering AMCA National Judging for our members. Our twenty-four judges led by National Deputy Judge, Carl Olsen and Chapter Deputy Judge, Dennis Gill assisted by AMCA President, Richard Spagolli and AMCA Executive Director, Keith Kizer, were presented with an excellent array of vintage motorcycles, all putting their best "wheel" forward. A total of thirty-three motorcycles in all categories were judged and their owners presented with the appropriate awards.

This year we were presented with some operating costs increases, but attendance feedback was positive, and it appears the 2015 Dixon Meet was another success. We're looking forward to an even bigger event in 2016.



This year, for the first time, we rented space on this electronic bill board on Highway 80 just west of the Highway 113 turnoff. There is no way of knowing for sure what effect it had on drawing the public but we do know we got at least one new vendor because of it.

Jim Moore

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND CLUB AWARDS Fort Sutter Chapter Meet

## MOST UNIQUE

Allen Siekman ..... 1952 Honda Cub F

## PERIOD MODIFIED

1. Joe Koopersmith.....H-D 1936 Knucklehead
2. Jeff Sierck.....1937 Indian Sport Scout
3. Greg Wood..... 1948 H-D Panhead

## OLDEST MOTORCYCLE

Bob Clift..... 1911 Indian Little Twin

## BEST ACCESSORIZED

Joe Mans..... 1959 H-D FLH

## BEST AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE

Don Violette ..... 1924 Indian Scout

## BEST BRITISH MOTORCYCLE

Don Martin..... 1953 Ariel Square Four Mark II

## BEST EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE

Jan Wenneberg ..... 1949 Nimbus

## BEST JAPANESE MOTORCYCLE

Terry Lind..... 1976 Honda Super Sport

## BEST RAT BIKE

George Hood.....1921 H-D "J"

## BEST COMPETITION MOTORCYCLE

Bentley Conway.....1956 BSA Goldstar Flat Tracker

## BEST OF SHOW

Wes Allen ..... 1912 Marsh-Metz

## LONGEST DISTANCE RIDDEN

1. Bruce Reichelt..... 757 Miles 1971 BMW R75/5
2. Tom O’Ryan.....530 Miles 1942 Knucklehead “E”
3. Kevin O’Ryan .....516 Miles 1951 Knucklehead “F”

## FIELD MEET

Not held this year



Chapter President, Mark Loewen, left and National President Richard Spagnolli, right present Wes Allen the “Best of Show” trophy for his 1912 Marsh-Mets.

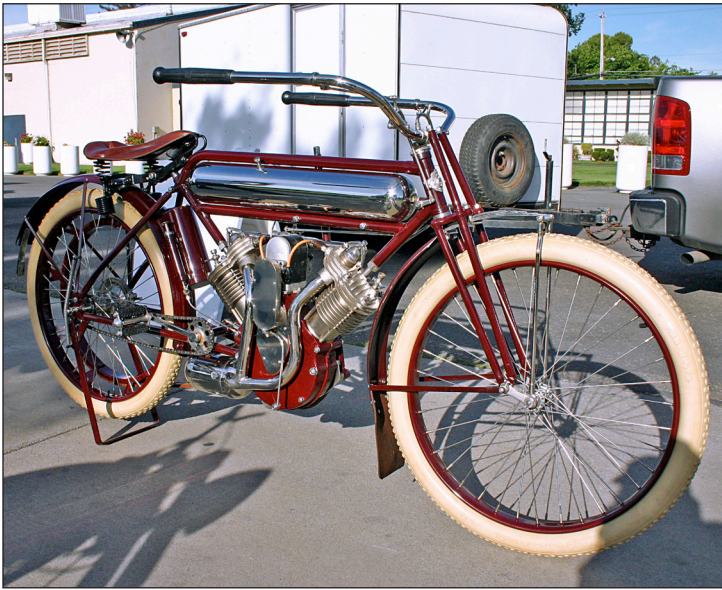


On Friday, AMCA President Richard Spagnolli and Executive Director Keith Kirtz (Standing) held a well attended town hall meeting.



AMCA Director Rick Najera’s 1958 Panhead . . .with chrome.

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



Although this year's theme was "modifieds" by Saturday morning there were still a good number of stock antiques parked on the south lawn. Among them two bikes never before seen in Dixon. Wes Allen's 1912 Marsh-Metz and this beautifully restored, late model Scott Flying Squirrel.



George (Captain America) Hood took home the trophy for Best Rat with his 1921 Harley "J" model.



AMCA President, Richard Spagnolli addressing the audience at the Friday night banquet.



Again this year the Yerba Buena Chapter raffled off a hydraulic motorcycle lift. Last year our chapter president, Mark Loewen was the lucky winner



Bob Pratt displaying this year's meet T-shirt. We had almost a complete sell out.



Richard Kinney (red shirt) and Keith Kizer (blue shirt) handling national judging registration on Friday.



Another bike (literally a bike) never before see in Dixon was Allen Siekman's very rare 1952 Honda Cub F. Allen took home the trophy for having the most unique bike at the meet.



Representative of this year's theme was Mike Diamond's 1953 Panhead bobber.



Bob Clift's 1911 Indian Little Twin took oldest bike honors.



Ken Stephens 1933 Harley VLD.



Dick Crawford entered four Doodlebugs in national judging. ". . .If you're going to deduct points on this one, then try the next one."

*This notice was sent out via E-mail last week so, assuming you received it, consider this a reminder. If you are planning on attending please contact Mark ASAP!*

# **Fort Sutter**

## **August Meeting and Picnic**

### **Sunday, August 2**

#### **Rancho Seco Park**

Starting at 11:00 a.m. ★ Lunch at 1:00 p.m.

The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and soft drinks

**Free to Paid Up**  
**Fort Sutter Chapter Members**

Guests \$5.00 per person • Children under 10 are free

**ENTRANCE FEE TO THE PARK**

\$10.00 per car load • Seniors \$8.00 per car load

Motorcycle Parking \$5.00

There are picnic tables but it would be a good idea to bring your own favorite folding chair or blanket.

 **R.S.V.P.** 

Please contact Mark Loewen

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by July 17 if you will be attending

**WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO BUY!**

### **Directions**

From Sacramento take Highway 99 south to Twin Cities Road (Highway 104).

Go east on Twin Cities for approximately 10 miles until you come to the entrance. Take the road around the lake to picnic area 2-C

***Late Breaking News! Mark Loewen just announced that new club T-shirts will be available at the picnic. All sizes \$20.00***



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Last month we lost an old friend and long time supporter

## ROBERT EUGENE STARK

JANUARY 28, 1934 - JUNE 29, 2015

Following is an excerpt from his obituary, written by his son, Gary

Robert Eugene Stark passed away June 29, 2015 surrounded by family and friends. He is survived by his son, Gary, daughter-in-law, Dana and three granddaughters, Caitlyn, Kelly and Shaylea as well as many other "sons" he mentored through the years.

He was born in Bath, Ohio to Charles and Lois Stark on January 28, 1934. He now joins his wife, Mary Lou ("Shorty") who preceded him in death in October 2014. Early in their marriage, he was an aerospace engineer working on the lunar surveyor in Florida, then moved to California in the early 1960's. His father, Charles was an Indian motorcycle dealer in Akron, Ohio and Bob followed in his footsteps as has his son, Gary. In the world of Indian Motorcycles, he became known as Mr. Indian, being a world-renowned, expert restorer and parts manufacturer.

He was generous with his time and expertise, never turning away anyone wanting to hear about the history of Indian motorcycles, needing a helping hand or seeking advice. He built a museum that housed his extensive collection of beautifully restored Indian motorcycles, vintage cars, boats and bicycles and maintained a restoration and parts shop.

His love of Indian motorcycles led him on wonderful adventures around the world and into lives of many unique, loyal Indian enthusiasts who became lifetime friends. He was an avid member of the T-Bird Early Birds Club as well as several other clubs, restoring several classic T-Birds, driving them around the country and loaning them out for homecomings, weddings, parades. He built and flew model airplanes from the time he was a child and had an amazing collection. He was a loyal patriot and generous to people from all walks of life, always seeing the best in people. He loved his dogs and took in many strays over the years that became loyal companions to him.