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President's Comments

February 2025

Hello, 2025!

Some of you may have heard the news that I have been elected President. I appreciate the vote of confidence and only hope not to disappoint.

My history with this club runs deep, though I've only been a member for about ten years. I am the third generation to be part of the club. My grandfather was a member from the beginning-he was a founding member and is in the original picture from 1934. My father was also a member in the late 50s and early 60s, serving as Vice President while Jimmy Jones was President. My grandfather was a Sac PD motor officer, and my dad was a local racer who rode with other club members, including Rich Hardmeyer, Tom Pettibone, Jimmy Jones, and others.

I bring this up because I'm deeply interested in the history of this club and in preserving its future. As President, my focus is to promote our club in the public eye, as well as find new and younger members to help and participate. If you've attended the last couple of meetings, you know that this is a hot topic. I can tell you for sure, nobody wants to cancel or discontinue any part of our activities. That said, we've also established that a small percentage of members are doing most of the work and planning. I hope to change that and am open to suggestions on how to address the issue. We need to be open-minded for the future of the club.

We've said time and time again that "we aren't in this for the money." We also aren't in it to lose money! Operating costs have skyrocketed in the last few years, as you all know. If we can't find members to cover tasks, we must hire out, or we need to modify whatever it is we are doing-including possibly not doing it at all.

That goes for every activity we do, not just Dixon. It's not just about finances, but also about participation. If there's not enough money, we can't afford it; if there's not enough participation, we can't manage it and put on an event worth attending.

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**Our next chapter meeting will be Saturday, April 5, 2025.
Location TBD**

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Enough of that (for now). Like you, I have other projects and passions that take up my time, as well as responsibilities in managing and caring for my aging parents.

As for my bike collection (most of which are not running), it includes three Harleys: a 1949 Flathead, a 1976 Shovelhead, and a 2006 Twin Cam; a 1969 Honda Mini Trail ZSOA; a 1976 Honda CB400F; and a 1975 Suzuki RV125. I enjoy and appreciate all makes and models of motorcycles in all capacities-stock, custom, chopped, bobbed, antique, and new.

That's probably enough from me for now. I hope to see you in the future, either at one of our events or at someone else's, such as the upcoming Oregon Chapter Road Run.

Take care,

Tracy Stahlman, President
Fort Sutter Chapter of AMCA

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Fort Sutter Meeting Minutes February 15, 2025

Call to Order: The February 15, 2025 meeting was called to order at: 1:03 pm by Tracy Stahlman, the new Fort Sutter President.

[Prior to the official beginning of the meeting, John Markley presented Rich Ostrander with his “Well Done” coin from the AMCA. Also present were honorary members Dave Kafton, Rich Hardmeyer, and Jim Moore.]

- **Welcome New Members:** Mike Moore; **Guests:** None; at the meeting
- **Membership:** Karie Schenken, Charmain reports there are: 73 Primary members, 27 Associates, 2 Junior members, and 6 Honorary members.
- **Treasury Report:** The treasurer was not present. Tracy Stahlman gave a brief summary of cash assets which total over \$31,000.
- **Minutes:** A motion was made by John Markley and seconded by Joe Giammona to approve the minutes as written for the December 7, 2024 meeting.

Old Business

- **NORCAL Cycle Swap:** The NORCAL Cycle Swap was on February 2, 2025. The next swap will be April 13, 2025. This is often an opportunity to recruit new chapter members. Contact Bob Henry or Tracy Stahlman if you can help.
- **Event at Iron Steed HD:** Mike Moore (son of long time member Jim Moore and a new member of the Ft. Sutter chapter) represents Harley Davidson in Northern California and Nevada. He described the Iron Steed event as an opportunity to unite people from different aspects of motorcycling. Representatives were present from several national motorcycling organizations including AMA, BMWMOA, Blue Knights, Green Knights, and others. Also present were reps who provide training in both off-road and on-road riding disciplines. Primary speaker at the event was Sean Reilly with Rider 2.0 who provides a track day based skills improvement course. Tracy said that Rider 2.0 might provide a discount if a large enough group from Ft. Sutter signed up. John Markley thanked Mike for spreading the AMCA word.

New Business

- **Dixon planning:**
 - Sign up sheet was circulated for volunteers to take on specific tasks.
 - We are currently committed to the 2025 Dixon events.
 - Need a commitment from someone to haul the club trailer to and from the event.
 - After discussion, it was decided to keep the banquet in Denverton Hall. The meal will be a simplified meal with spaghetti, garlic bread, and caesar salad and cookies for dessert. This allows us to reduce the charge to \$15 which may attract more people to the banquet. (Passed by show of hands of members present with no opposition.)
 - Mark Milton will once again take the lead on the Thursday Dixon bbq.
 - Tracy has decided to purchase a few less event pins this year. Instead of having pins in the vendor packets, their packets will include a coupon good for a pin at the merch booth. This will give us a count of who really wants pins and may increase traffic at the merch booth.
 - Kim asked whether there was a need for red club shirts as supply is limited. No strong interest from members in attendance for more shirts, so no order for shirts will be placed as of now.
- **National Road Run 2026:** We will commit to 2026 National Road Run with Tunie volunteering to take the lead. Tracy suggested gold country rather than Tahoe this time.

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- **National minute:** John Markley had nothing to add beyond the award to Rich earlier.
- **Past events:**
 - Ft. Sutter chapter luncheon: 30 people showed up, it was a good time. Thanks to Tracey Kleber for organizing the event. Next, aim for March 2026 for luncheon to avoid conflict with meetings.
 - Pro-rider series, Iron Steed HD (see above)
 - NorCal swap (see above)
 - Congratulations to Bill Cruz, winner BMW mileage award. He went over 17,000 miles in 2024, and was surprised to also win a cash prize.
- **Upcoming events and club rides**

[For more detailed information on any of the below events, contact Tom Myers and he will provide contacts for the specific event.]

- Bill Cruz suggested potential rides and events
 - Almond festival in Ripon is this coming weekend (Feb 20-23). Bill Cruz thought this might be an interesting destination for a ride. See <https://riponchamber.org/almond-blossom-festival/> for info.
 - Range of Light by the BMW club of CA (an AMA gypsy tour) on 30 Aug - 2 Sep. Online registration closed, but you may be able to get on a waiting list to sign up day of the event.
 - Maxwell car show May 17: a free car show, includes motorcycles. See <https://maxwellcarshow.com/>
 - NorCal swap: April 13
 - Antique motorcycle swap new location: Modesto (used to be Turlock)
 - Next meetings, 1st Saturday of even months: April 5th, June 7th
 - May Madness, San Rafael, CA
 - SoCal AMCA Borrego Springs run is Feb 27 - Mar 1. This is late for registration, but they might still be accepting entries.
 - Phoenix roadrunner AMCA chapter wild west run: April 22-24, see https://www.antiquemotorcycle.org/content.aspx?page_id=4091&club_id=327323&item_id=2440513
 - Oregon Trail AMCA National road run, June 18-20. See https://antiquemotorcycle.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=327323&item_id=2440517. This run is close to full.
 - Iron Steed HD Pro-Rider series events coming up on March 8 and April 12. Contact Iron Steed HD to sign up in advance.
 - Joe Giammona suggested a couple of potential chapter rides in March. and May. March ride around Lake Camanche, Valley Springs and more. May ride to include visiting the free museum in Plymouth, Ca.
- John thanked Tunie for her assistance at the AMCA booth at the Mecum auction.
 - Anyone using social media, please provide links to motorcycle related content to include on Ft. Sutter sites.

Meeting adjourned at: 3:00 pm

Call for judges at Dixon 2025.

Volunteers are needed to assist with national judging at the Dixon 2025 National Swap Meet and Show (June 13-14, 2025). You do not need to be a marque expert in order to help. If you are new to judging, you will be teamed with an experienced judge. If you can help, please contact Gary:

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**Ft. Sutter Luncheon at Chicago Fire Pizza
Folsom, CA
February 1, 2025**

(Photos by Joe Giammona and Jayne Myers)

The annual Ft. Sutter Luncheon was held at Chicago Fire Pizza in Folsom, California on a stormy, rainy day. Thirty chapter members and guests attended and enjoyed each other's company and a nice meal of salad, pizza and pasta. As always, thanks are due to Tracey Kleber for organizing a great event.



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Members helped themselves to pasta and neverending pizza at a buffet style meal. A couple of varieties of cookies, hot out of the oven, finished off the meal.



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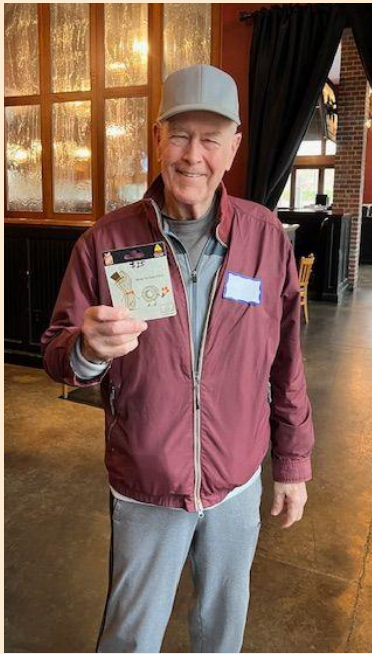
Tracy had a special, antique Fort Sutter emblem that he presented to Bob Henry in honor of his service to the club as president.

To top things off, several raffle prizes were handed out.



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More raffle prizes:



**Pro-rider series at Iron Steed HD
Vacaville, CA
February 8, 2025
(photos by Joe Giammona)**

Ft. Sutter member Mike Moore arranged to have several Ft. Sutter members attend the first of the Pro-rider series of talks at Iron Steed Harley-Davidson. Mike explained that this event brought together representatives from many different motorcycling organizations so that they could give brief introductions to the group. Groups represented included the AMA, BMWMOA, the Blue Knights, the Green Knights, and others. Also present were reps who provide training in both off-road and on-road riding disciplines. Primary speaker at the event was Sean Reilly with Rider 2.0 who provides a track day based skills improvement course. Tracy Stahlman had the opportunity to introduce the AMCA mission and the Ft. Sutter chapter to this group.



Ft. Sutter Chapter Meeting

February 15, 2025

(photos by Joe Giammona)

Over 20 members attended Ft. Sutter chapter meeting. In addition to covering topics related to Dixon and other events, Rich Ostrander was honored with the presentation of a “Well Done” coin from AMCA President, John Markley. Honorary members Dave Kafton, Jim Moore, and Rich Hardmeyer were also present.

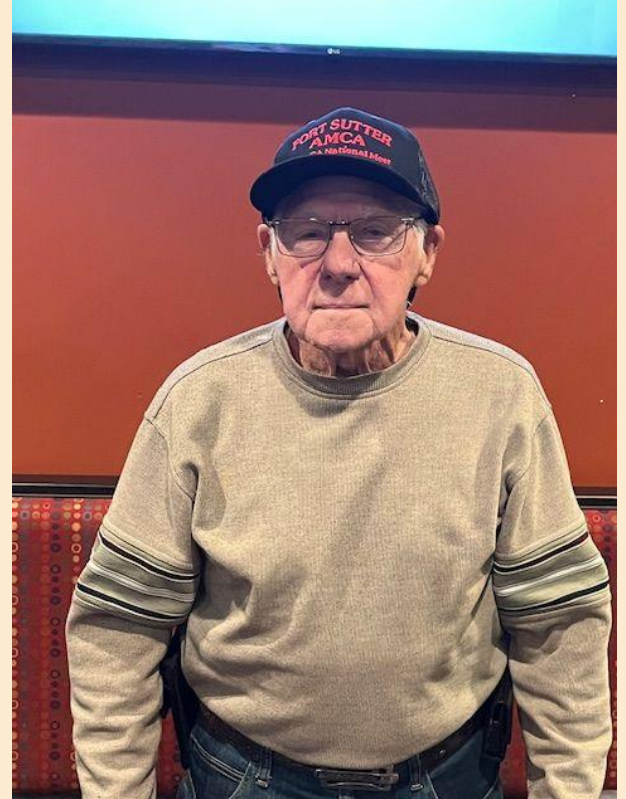


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In a rare win, Jim Schenken took home an AMCA pennant from the raffle.



Rich Hardmeyer won one of the new black Ft. Sutter hats.



Motorcycle lift for sale

For sale:

Air/Hydraulic high rise motorcycle lift bench.

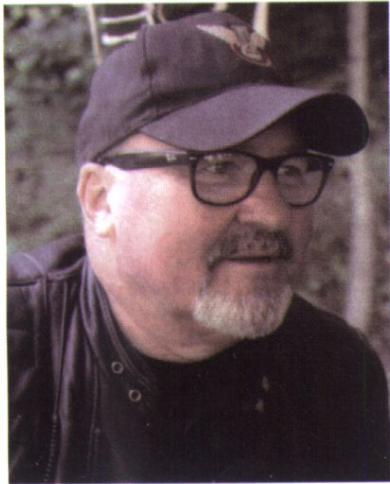
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Contact Louise Kolle at kolle3@comcast.net

Dr Sprecket's Column

BOOZEFIGHTERS



It's funny how sometimes you're just taking a ride and things happen – just out of the blue – that have an impact for years to come. In 1991 I had left Sacramento for a ride to SoCal via Hwy 120 over the Sierras through Yosemite and down Hwy 395 with a stop over at my mother-in-law's place in Bishop.

The next day I'm just about to drop into the Panamint Valley – just one mountain pass from Death Valley –

when I spied a “like new” 1957 FLH in original paint parked with its rider sitting on a rock looking like the man in the Marlboro commercials. Leather bomber jacket, pilot shades, smoking a cigarette.

That was my introduction to Dale Walksler of the Wheels Through Time Museum in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. We've been good friends ever since but the best part was yet to come.

I met up with a bunch of old friends later that same day when I finally reached Furnace Creek. They were participating in the annual Death Valley antique motorcycle run. It just so happened that Dale was there for the run too. He had a truck down in Redondo Beach picking up a bike for his museum and he'd be heading back east the next day. I ask him who had the bike and he said it was a guy named “Rotten Richard”. You could have knocked me over, it's a small world indeed. The same Richard I served with in the Air Force and who sold me my first chopper.

The next day my bike split a seam in its factory Sportster tank and I was stuck big time. Up steps an old friend, 'J.D.' Cameron, and says “I'm leaving early in the morning for L.A. Load that thing into the back of my pickup and I'll drop you at the H-D dealer

in Palmdale and you can get another tank there.”

At 4am he bangs on my door and tells me to get out of bed as he's leaving PDQ. He then goes and climbs in the passenger seat and states, “You're driving, I'm sleeping. Take the back road through the desert to Barstow. Keep it under 1,800 rpm.”

I find myself at the wheel of his hotrod Dodge pickup that he had just run at Bonneville for the Mopar factory. It had a tweaked Cummins diesel that at 1,800 rpm was cruising at 80 mph down a dirt road through the desert in pitch black with its KC lights ablaze.

We were at the H-D dealership at 9am sharp when they opened the doors. I unloaded my bike, said adios to John and an hour later with a new tank afixed to my top bar I was headed to L.A.

How would I have known then that a few years later J.D. Cameron's grandson Craig and I would meet one afternoon in a Virginia City, Nevada saloon while I was on another ride and become great friends. And we've put more than a few miles under our seats together since then.

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"C.B.'s" Lake Job. 2

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1 - Gil Armas on his super clean VL bobjob, circa 1940s.

2 - C.B. Clausen rides "Brute Jr." at Rosemond dry lakes.

3 - Goldie (Boozette) and Curly Cantlon in L.A. Bobjobs don't get much better than Curly's '47.

4 - BFMC member Jimmie Kimble's '36 EL bobjob.

5 - C.B. Clausen with friends and his great '36 bobjob.



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J.D. Cameron was an original Boozefighter who built quite a few formidable JDH cutdowns in his day. Craig now has a couple of them as does Dee Cameron, John's son and Craig's uncle. Dee also has John's Crocker-powered, British-gearboxed cutdown that the AMA outlawed from competition in the States. John would race it south of the border on weekends in Ensenada, Mexico.

Another original Boozefighter I came to know was Gil Armas. A couple of friends, myself and Gil hauled our bikes up to rural northeast Washington state for another antique motorcycle road run a few years back. Gil was hauling his single leg VL-framed 90 inch Knucklehead with a Honda disc brake front fork. When I'd drive through a town I'd lose Gil's

truck and run into him again when we passed out the other side. When we got where we were going I asked him what was up with that. He told me he hadn't renewed his license for over twenty years and didn't want to meet a cop. Old ways die hard. Gil was a small man and it was all he could do to start that bike of his.

Gil and C.B. Clausen are claimed to be the Boozefighters that were the first to successfully install a set of ULH flywheels into a Knuckle motor to produce an 80" stroker. C.B. was the BFMC's first president and went on to set many records on the SoCal dry lakes with his famous "Brute Jr." stroker Knuck before starting his successful Motorcycle Supply Company.

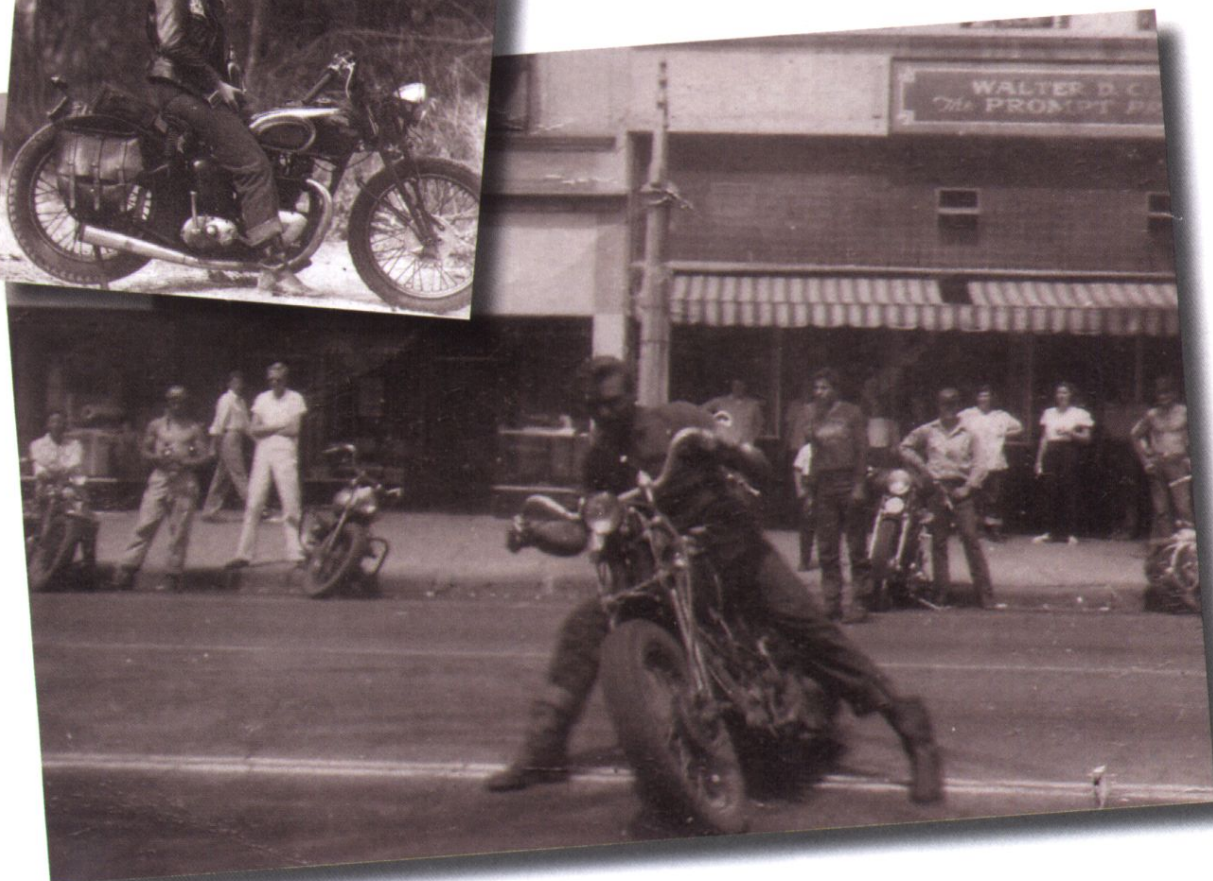
In 1958 ex-Boozefighter Jim Hunter rode C.B.'s "Brute" streamliner to a speed of 224.74 mph at Bonneville. The Boozefighters only existed from 1946 to 1954 but for those eight years they took it to the limit. Their racing, road runs and club get togethers were as lively as any of that era. Especially their 1947 4th of July weekend in Hollister. It made the legend.

Enjoy these photographs. Many are from John's personal album thanks to his grandson Craig. Remember, you never know who you'll meet - or where. Down the road...



Left - A Boozette on her Triumph enjoying a little refreshment.

Below - BFMC member Little Bobby Kelton, Hollister, July 4th 1947.





Above - Yellowjackets, Galloping Gooses and Boozefighters meet, January 18, 1948.



Left - C.B. Clausen doing a little jig at a stop for a tire repair on the BFMC trailer, Corona, 1946.



Curly Sally & Les 1945