



**Yerba Buena Chapter
Antique Motorcycle Club of America**

Minutes of the General Meeting

August 4, 2021

This meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. at Harry's Hofbrau by Treasurer, Jeff Beam. There were ten members present, which included two officers (Treasurer and Secretary). The President and Vice President were absent. There was one guest, Scott Kirskey, introduced by Sue Booth; he is her neighbor and is rebuilding a 1946 Indian. Treasurer, Jeff Beam, reported that there was one new member added last month and that we now have 69 current members. He added that the club is in good financial standing.

Old Business

Yerba Buena Memorial Ride, July 10 Mario DiSalvo reported on this ride. There were four members (Brian Davis, Bill Huth, Gary Oliveira and Mario) who showed up for the outing. They had a good time taking some roads on the back side of Half Moon Bay. They ended up at Apple Jack's for lunch. Mario set up the ride to begin in Half Moon Bay hoping to get more north bay riders, but to no avail; this event usually starts in Los Gatos. All in all, a good ride despite small numbers.

International Motorcycle Show, July 16 & 17 Mark Wiebens headed the AMCA presence at this show. He stated that they had 12 bikes on display from both Yerba Buena and Ft. Sutter. It was a mix of Panheads, Shovelhead, Flathead and some really early bikes. They gave out quite a lot of material as many people were interested in AMCA. Greg Woods relayed that they got to ride around the track for three laps, but Mark admitted he ran out of gas part way through. He also said they were supposed to be like parade laps, but that the laps kept getting faster and faster. With Greg and he riding the two oldest bikes in the pack, it became quite a challenge. He then told about the e-bikes that were on display and how their acceleration is so quick. Manny Fernandez commented that "you really need to put playing cards in the spokes." A discussion ensued about e-bikes.

Racing at Laguna Seca, July 16-18 Sue Booth read an email from Victor Martino which reported on the AMCA bikes present at the Vintage Moto Fest Cycle Show. Victor included a picture which showed the trophy winners: Ken Davis, 1961 Ducati Bronco (Merced), Gary Kubodera, CT110 (Fort Sutter Chapter), Victor Martino, 1952 Panhead (Yerba Buena Chapter), and Ed and Joe Bussing, 1939 Triumph Speed Twin (Yerba Buena Chapter).

Yellowstone National Road Run, July 21-23 Mario let us know four things about this event: the hotel/venue was good with a big banquet hall and good food, all of the people were nice/friendly and it was old home week seeing so many known faces, the weather was too hot and the roads were too straight. They did end up at one old mining town, Red Lodge, at around 6000 feet and that was pretty cool, but most of the rides were just flat out 65 mph and straight. Mario's '65 Pan broke down (Lithium battery died) on the first day, but he did get to ride in the air-conditioned chase truck. Ricky who was there said to retune the Pan and that he knew a guy, Moser who goes to the salt flats, and he is the king of timing. So, the timing guru did Mario's bike and now "it'll start if you blow it a kiss". There were two riders who had health issues: one was hit by another rider and was air-lifted out, had an induced coma,

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but was released to go home by the end of the run. The second rider had heat stroke and got violently ill in the chase truck. The chase truck driver made him throw up in his helmet. Good times in the wild west.

New Business

Comstock Chapter Road Run, September 30-October 2 Sue Booth showed the flyer for this event in Minden, Nevada and since many were interested and hadn't received it, she will attach it to the meeting minutes when they are sent out.

Nominations Jeff Beam revealed that the Vice President, Treasurer and four board members (Ken Brostko, Rick Rutledge, Vince Spadaro and Ted Morris), as well as South Road Captain, Benito Mendoza, are up for election in October. Jeff announced that he will not run for his position again. Members who were present thanked him for all his work over the years. He said he will type up a summary of his duties for the next meeting. The Chapter has September to contemplate nominations and the vote will be in October.

Upcoming Dates

August 8 Rigid Ride Sponsored by BSA Club. Leaves Alpine Inn at 9:15 a.m.

August 14 Jimmy's Car Show at Hellman Hollow, San Francisco

August 28 & 29 – Born Free This is a chopper show with invitations for bike builders that takes place at Lake Irvine in SoCal. Mario and Mark Wiebens will tend the Yerba Buena/Ft. Sutter booth.

September 30-October 2 Comstock Chapter Road Run

October 28-31 Big Time Sonoma 2, Santa Rosa Fairgrounds

For the Good of the Club

Gary Oliveira presented fliers for two car shows in Niles. One is "The Hot August Car Show" this Sunday, August 8, from 9-3. The second is on August 29, "The Antique Fair" which sometimes has motorcycle parts. Either way, he suggested a stop at Bronco Billy's pizza for lunch—really good food.

Chris mentioned that the "Steve and Steve" duo who presented at our last meeting will be getting us information soon about their Big Time Sonoma 2 event. Along with that will be discounts for our chapter for the weekend.

Victor closed with the thought that "the best things in life are simple things"; after forty years, he has put two brakes on his motorcycle. Mark Wiebens added, "Your drum has trouble with overheating, and you're putting two brakes on it?" Victor said he's getting ready for the Cannonball next month (at which Mark is driving the trouble truck). Good luck, gents.

50/50 Raffle (saved for next meeting)

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Next general meeting will be held September 1, 2021.

Notes submitted by Sue Booth, Secretary