



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

Minutes of the General Meeting

October 6, 2021

This meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. at Harry's Hofbrau by President, Rick Najera. There were 24 members present, which included all four officers and two guests, Steve Stasiefski and Steve Elstins, of Big Time Sonoma. Treasurer, Jeff Beam, reported that there were two renewals last month and that we now have 74 current members. We had no expenses in September and the club is in good financial standing.

Old Business

Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Sept. 12 Benito Mendoza told us that that it was a hot day. Ricky said he did very well, but that a lot of the sales were between the vendors. The organizers need to do more with advertising and getting the public to attend. Ideas were exchanged about getting the word out: ads in trade press, flyers at bike shops, offer something to raffle. Vince Spadaro commented that it's a good swap meet with reasonable costs for vendor space and it could turn into something really good. Ricky stated that Tim has the date for next year and, as that approaches next October, we should be looking at how to help them get attendance up.

Still Here, Sept. 18-19 Manny Fernandez said that the "69 Mile Ride" Saturday was very exciting. The riders met at Casper's, rode past the Claremont and ran back roads that ended up at Port Costa for lunch. There were some scooters from Born Free and the guy ahead of him lost an exhaust pipe that went bouncing down the road. Manny added that it was a thrill to be heading towards the Bay Bridge thru Berkeley with stopped traffic, and all the bikes were splitting lanes like crazy. Ricky made note that the beginning was madness at its best—around 100 riders and no one stopping for lights. He also told us about the Sunday bike show behind the Clam House in San Francisco. Lots of people showed up and then went to Parkside. Vince relayed that he hadn't seen that many choppers (40 something) in the city in a long time.

Antique Autos in History Park (San Jose), Sept. 19 No one present had attended.

Comstock Classic, Sept. 30- Oct. 2 Brian Davis reported that this ride had good representation: seven from So Cal, 1 from Oregon and 3 from Yerba Buena. A total of about 25 riders attended in all. The first ride on Thursday went through Markleeville, over Monitor Pass and down Hwy 395 to Bridgeport for lunch. Friday's outing went over Kingsbury Grade to Tahoe, up the east side of the lake, and then over to Virginia City for lunch. The Saturday event was a tour of the National Auto Museum in Reno where the Comstock Chapter had 28 bikes on display. It was a well-done exhibit and then you were free to view the vintage cars from the Harrah collection.

Richmond Hells Angels, Oct. 5 Ricky explained that this was held at the Antioch Fairgrounds. There was a wheelie contest and a hot rod car show. The wheelies were amazing – they would "rip a block before they put them down, straight up with sparks flying".

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Cannonball 2021 Victor Boocock regaled his experiences of the Cannonball. It started in Michigan near the Canadian border and finished in Brownsville, Texas. It was a bit of a panic to get his bike ready to go in time, waiting for pistons right up to the wire. Riding the route was like being on a farm the whole way, with crops of everything from tobacco and cotton to pine trees. When he stopped at a country store, he couldn't understand them too well. There was one dark tunnel in Tennessee (no lights at all and a turn mid-way) where five riders went down. He also noted that there was some real rain, the tail-end of a hurricane, and it actually cancelled one day where the roads were blocked in Alabama. Mark Wiebens summarized that of the 88 starting riders, 36 finished with perfect scores; a route from north to south is perhaps not as challenging as a cross-county one. The winner was a 1911 Harley that was outfitted with some inconspicuous high-tech items and Victor finished fifth overall.

Big Time Sonoma 2, Oct. 28-31 Steve and Steve presented this event one more time to us. There have been a few changes. Thursday holds a sponsored evening by Bear Republic Brewing (Racer 5 beer) at a restaurant in Rohnert Park. The restaurant will be closed to outsiders and for \$40 you can get three beers and a buffet dinner. Also added will be a demo day with KTM where they will have vans/trailers with 15 or so motorcycles. You can test drive (in a group) any bike of your choice. And finally, the swap meet vendor price is being dropped from \$65 to \$50.

New Business

Hot Rods at the Beach, Nov 6 Steve Peters, a Yerba Buena member from Santa Cruz, let us know that this event will be held November 6th, rain or shine, from 8-3. The organizers are looking for vendors and they have allowed motorcycles the last couple of years. Steve was asking if Yerba Buena wants to have a booth (cost of \$100 which could be offset by donating merchandise). Registration is \$15 to show a bike or hot rod (they usually have 50-60) and the profits go to a scholarship for individuals learning vehicle restoration. It will be held at the parking lot at Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. The club showed interest but no commitment was made at this time.

Elections -- Nominations Brain Davis announced he was not running for Vice President. Vince nominated Mario DiSalvo for Vice President and Brad Booth seconded. Ted Morris nominated Benito Mendoza and Mark Wiebens seconded. **Benito Mendoza was elected by acclimation.** Rick Najera nominated Brian Davis for Treasurer and Vince Spadaro seconded. Rich Trevino was nominated by Brad Booth and Brian Davis seconded. **Brian Davis was elected by acclimation.** The Board of Director incumbents (Ted Morris, Rick Rutledge and Vince Spadaro) will be voted on next month as well as two new nominations to Board: Rich Trevino and Gary Olivera.

Positions being held for another year are: President (Rick Najera), Secretary (Sue Booth), Board of Directors (Brad Booth, Chris Carter, Clay Hudson and Brian Stearns), Road Captain—North (Paul Thomas), Ride Coordinator – South (Mario DiSalvo), Merchandise Manager (Jack Clark) and Website Wizard (Brian Davis).

Club Ride, Oct. 8 Paul Thomas is coordinating a North Bay Ride starting at the Basque Bakery in Sonoma Square at 9:30. Lunch will be in Calistoga.

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Upcoming Dates

October 10 Sacramento Swap Meet West Wind Drive-In, Sacramento

October 15-17 Not an *Indian* Run (Indians Only)

October 17 Hunters Point Swap Meet

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

For the Good of the Club Members acknowledged Chris Carter as Grand Marshall for the Big Time Sonoma 2 weekend.

50/50 Raffle

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Next general meeting will be held November 3, 2021.

Notes submitted by Sue Booth, Secretary