



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

Minutes of the General Meeting

March 1, 2023

This meeting was called to order by President Rick Najera at 7:00 p.m. All four club officers plus thirteen club members were in attendance. Brian Davis gave the Treasurer's report stating that we have two new club members, Jeff Morris of Livermore and Tony Taylor in the Santa Cruz area. He also got quite a few renewals at the Holiday Dinner. We currently have 83 paid members. Ricky announced that Vince Spadaro volunteered to call past members to encourage them to join again, but he's not sure if this boost in membership is due to that. Brian concluded that the club remains in good financial standing.

Old Business

Crab Dinner Brad Booth declared that Vince Spadaro is getting crabs out of Oregon due to our problem of having crabs cooked in Half Moon Bay for a stiff fee. Vince can get them cooked, cleaned and cracked for \$8/lb. We are looking at 40 crabs at a total cost of around \$650. Brad will be picking up clam chowder at Old Port Lobster Shack in Portola Valley at a cost of \$5/cup, total of approximately \$250. With the cost of crab and soup adding up to \$900ish, we should have extra money to cover other expenses. So far, we have 40 people signed up for the dinner. Ricky added that this is not an "eat and run affair." Everyone has an obligation to the Club for set up and/or clean up. Show up early or stay late, but help us to be invited back again to Chris' "dining establishment".

New Year's Day Ride, TBD Mario DiSalvo opened with "everything between Santa Cruz and Half Moon Bay is gone." Washouts, trees down, etc. We'll probably have to wait until April to schedule something. However, he continued, there is always San Juan Bautista. Or Gary Oliveira could set up something in East Bay. Mucho Bill wants us to swing through his place as a lunch stop and he has quite an impressive collection. There's also North Bay and Paul has some terrific roads up there. So, something will get on the calendar.

Yerba Buena Nat'l Run 2024 Ricky stated that our goal is to be booked for our road run by next January. Paul Thomas has found a hotel that will book 50 rooms for us (it's a 160 room hotel). It's a little further up from Santa Rosa, and he's got routes in that zone. Ricky noted we will also need banquet facilities and we should consider \$50/head, all in (taxes, tips, etc.) for the dinner. We'll need a caterer for lunches each day and that should run no more than \$15/day per person. One hundred and fifty dollars is the going rate right now to register. Ted Morris asked, "If we charge \$180, would we get fewer sign-ups?" Brian Davis pointed out that we charged \$160 for the Monterey ride. He suggested that we watch other chapters this year and see what they charge. Chris Carter indicated that we could set a date for payment at a certain amount and anyone registering after that would pay a higher amount. Ricky added that we should make it cheaper for non-riders, too, but that California is inherently more expensive. Ted Morris explained that he had gone to the Boulder Creek area and found three hotels that would work for us. The Brookdale Lodge would even serve breakfast and has a banquet facility. The Masood Lodge has camping facilities, as well, and the Brookdale has a huge trailer

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space up above behind the swimming pool. Mario asked Benito if his caterer from the Monterey run would be able to help us out with lunches on the road for this. Benito said he'd check. Brian Davis commented that our last road run was in the Santa Cruz area and it might be nice to go to a different area. "We haven't been up to the North Bay for a road run since 2011." Ricky concluded that we've got time for people to keep looking, but right now, we have two good options.

New Business

Dixon T-Shirts Ricky advocated that anyone who wants their bike on the next t-shirt should send an image to him or bring it to the next meeting. He'll then give the pics to Tom Clark and Tom can figure out what would make a good design.

Club Roster Brian Davis opened with a comment about the chapter roster getting sent out once in a while in the past or if somebody asked. He now has found a way through "groups.io" to have a roster available online to members. He believes we should ask members, "Are you okay with your personal information being available to other members?" No action was decided upon.

Good of the Club Ted Morris recently had business with a shop in Santa Clara called "Throwback Cycles" and its owner, Josh. He's a younger guy into choppers, and it might be good to have him come to a ride or a meeting so that the "younger crowd" is aware of our club. It was suggested Josh be invited to join the New Year's Day ride when that happens.

Brian Davis recently called Jeff Gorman of "Bulldog Brothers" and ordered a 12 volt coil. He ordered it on Monday and received it on Wednesday, quick! Manny Fernandez commented that, indeed, those are great coils—they look old but they are 12v.

Ricky had the new club t-shirts for sale. The club logo is on the front with a pocket and it says "Yerba Buena" across the back. \$20 each.

Upcoming Dates

Crab Dinner, March 4

Plaid is Bad, March 26

New Year's Day Ride, Date TBD

Military Bike Showcase, Plymouth CA April 26

Antique Truck Show, Plymouth CA April 28, 29

50/50 Raffle Ricky Najera won \$28.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Next general meeting will be held April 5th at Harry's.

Notes submitted by Sue Booth, Secretary

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