



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

Yerba Buena Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2023

This meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Rick Najera, President, at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City. In attendance were 13 board members: Ricky Najera, Benito Mendoza, Brian Davis, Sue Booth, (the four officers), John Basile, Brad Booth, Chris Carter, Mario DiSalvo, Clay Hudson, Gary Oliveira, Rick Rutledge, Vince Spadaro, Brian Stearns, and one chapter member, Sabina Cuago.

National move towards "Groups": Brian Davis explained this concept that was presented at a national level meeting. The AMCA is looking to set up virtual groups based on interest so that members can communicate with others who share that same interest (i.e., Japanese bikes, Harleys, Brit bikes, etc.) but might not be in their own chapter. Brian concluded that this probably doesn't affect our chapter very much, nor does it detract from us. Clay Hudson made the observation that a virtual group venue would be a way to bring in a younger crowd of bike owners to the AMCA.

2024 Road Run: The Yerba Buena road run will be September 22-25, 2024. Ricky announced that we need to settle on a location. The options are the Santa Cruz area and North Bay. Ricky and Brian Davis agreed that The Panhead Reunion ride had roads that were very cool; they would just need to be longer. Those who were on that ride agreed that the hotel, Cambria Hotel, wasn't going to work for our purposes. Although really nice, it was expensive and not well staffed. Brian Davis mentioned that the location, Rohnert Park, was good because it was easy to get out of town. Chris Carter asked if we would rather be in a big town or in something smaller like Cloverdale. Rick answered that Cloverdale would work, too, because then you can get cheaper hotel rates. Chris also queried when our deadline was for submitting our location to National. Rick responded that we have to be in time for the January magazine when the road runs are posted. It was put to a vote if North Bay should be the road run location and it was carried unanimously. Mario DiSalvo pointed out that Ricky should give Ted Morris a call on this, so that Ted can let Brookside Lodge know we won't be needing them for this road run. (Brian Davis noted that we should keep that locale in our "back pocket" for a five-chapter ride.) Rick and Paul Thomas will work on cementing a hotel for those dates. Benito Mendoza will check with his caterer to see if he would consider working up that far. Mario wondered if we would have a cap on how many people we can accommodate. Rick replied, "No cap. The more the merrier." He also pointed out the runs back east get as many as 200 riders.

Road Run T-shirts Brian Davis enlightened us on the information from a national meeting held May 9th regarding road run t-shirts for 2024. Since next year will be the 40th anniversary of AMCA road runs, they are hoping to have some unity on t-shirts for the five road runs. There will be a logo that can go on a pocket or sleeve of each shirt. The vendor national uses was also discussed (MotorMaker1.com) and they have a short sleeve tee with printing on back and front for \$10 each. Rick will call Keith Kizer and let him know that we're onboard with the logo and possibly the vendor.

Brian added that National also wants us vigilant for people who don't pay for the run and yet go on the rides and eat our food. National is pushing for a mandatory wristband as proof of payment and insurance.

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Mario disclosed that we never did a New Year's Ride nor a Memorial Ride due to various factors. He is reserving July 22nd as a date for a ride with an alternate date of July 29th. Although a route has not been decided, he proposed several options: something towards Santa Cruz or Half Moon Bay, something in the east with Gary Oliveira, or something down south with Benito. Brian Davis asked which region would get the best draw--last time there were only four riders. Route to be determined.

Gary reminded us that he's putting together an outing that ties in with the Niles car show on August 13. He'll have a canopy and secured bike parking for that event.

Chris Carter got a call from Dave Bettencourt who is putting together a ride on September 7-9 in Minden. The base hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express (same hotel used by the Comstock Chapter). Other dates were mentioned as well: Black Hills Road Run is September 5-7, Turlock Swap Meet is September 10th, and the Nor Cal Chopper show will be in Stockton on September 16.

Rick told us that the Greg Wood t-shirts for our club sold well at Dixon; we made \$1260 and the cost was only \$1498. We still have some and they will be brought to next Wednesday's meeting. Everyone agreed that Tom Clark did another fantastic job!

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Notes submitted by Sue Booth