



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

**Minutes of the General Meeting**

**April 1, 2026**

At 7:00 p.m. President Rick Najera called this meeting to order. Sixteen members were present which included all four officers: Rick Najera, Vice President Benito Mendoza, Treasurer Chris Smith and Secretary Sue Booth. Chris gave the Treasurer's report noting that all expenses for the Holiday Party had been made and we remain in good financial standing. John Basile gave a membership report stating that we have 49 paid members to date. (He compared that to the 55 that we had in 2025.) Rick suggested that any members who are not currently paid up should be dropped from the club's email list. John agreed to do this.

**Old Business**

**Paul Thomas Memorial, March 13** Brad Booth reported that there was an impressive turn out and the "place was packed." There were a fair number of motorcycles that showed up and the buffet was well done. Gary Oliveira added that there were very nice words said about Paul and Manny concluded that the bell ceremony by the firemen was impressive.

Rick commented that there will be a memorial ride for Paul and that Rick has a call into Dave Kelly for organizing this. We will most likely use the Cloverdale hotel that was the Road Run lodging, have a shake down ride on a Friday, and a full day of riding on a Saturday. Probably will be in the early part of May as the weather is usually pleasant then. Look for an email when plans are finalized.

**Manny's 80th Birthday Ride, March 14** Manny emphasized that this was a most memorable birthday and his thanks went out to Haj for organizing it. There were about 50 people and it was truly a great day.

**Plaid is Bad** Chris Carter relayed that was the largest showing ever and that over \$17,000 was raised this year. A lot of people by-passed the house and met at the San Gregorio Store, as it gets a little dicey leaving the Mathews driveway. Gary O. relayed that he followed Brad back from the luncheon and that the backfire from the '48 Indian (along with the flames) were scaring people. Brad commented that the younger crowd does all they can to get that effect from their exhausts. It was glorious weather and a great outing.

**New Business**

**Washington High School Car Show, April 11** It behooves the club to support this as the program teaches motorcycle mechanics and small engine repair. Brad commented that the teacher is really good and includes welding instruction.

**Dream Machines, April 26** An amazing display of everything vehicular. Proceeds go to the Half Moon Bay Senior Center.

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**Board Meeting** We haven't had a Board Meeting since September, so it was agreed to meet at Chris Carter's shop on Wednesday, May 13. Sue will email board members with details.

**Upcoming Dates**

**Washington High Car Show, April 11**

**Sacramento Swap Meet, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Third Street Swap Meet, April 19**

**Dream Machines, April 26**

**Hanford Swap Meet, May 1, 2**

**Niles Spring Fever Car Show, May 3** Gary O. will be setting up a space again this year for our club. He'll have the club banner and a table with chairs. Show up any time after 9 am.

**For the Good of the Club** Chris Carter announced that the Atascadero Ride will be April 30-May 2. It's organized by Dave Bettencourt and there's no fee, just show up. It's usually a great ride and the Fairfield Inn has a special rate for "Antique Motorcycles."

Chris also shared that Victor's wife had recently passed away.

Brad told that he had helped to clear out Reggie's house, and the magazines and books on the tables were for anyone to take.

**50/50 Raffle** No raffle this month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. Next general meeting will be held May 6th at Harry's.

Notes submitted by Sue Booth, Secretary