12th Annual National Antique Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet Dixon May Fair Grounds ~ 15,16 June

~ the Raz Report ~

This year was another outstanding swap meet and show put together by the Antique Motorcycle Club of America, Fort Sutter Chapter (amcafortsutter.org)

This year's featured model was the FLATHEAD. I'm not a big FLATHEAD fan, never liked the design, and, with the advent of OHV engines before I was born, I never had much use for them, my personal favorite model, above all others made in the past, present and future is... the KNUCKLEHEAD!!! I also like trumpets.



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There is, however, one Harley flathead that is on my wish list, that's an XA... rare but really unique, a copy of a German BMW for use in the desert during WW II.



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Gary: "Just think... once upon a time this bike was someone's pride and joy..." Raz: "It could be again..."



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There were LOTS of nice bikes... and *VARIETY*... Thor, Excelsior, James, Zenith, Velocette, Bultaco,... Arial... I've heard that if you ride one of these to a social event that you will have good reception...

MANY of these old bikes are "runners" and some "runners" are not all that cooperative, a LOT of old K-models here, also flatheads - these were great race bikes!



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Lots of good old stuff still around if you need it... old air cleaners, sthmorthner tanks, nice vented brake drum (trumpet maybe???), springer front ends (I do like the girder front end that came on some VL's and UL's which were there for \$3K),...



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... dog bone risers in abundance, cam covers, mouse traps, and, \$40 gets you a spare tire mount for your side hack - I see a lot of side hacks without a spare tire mount, and... WOW!!! a covey of rigid frames!!!



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Kiwi is remanufacturing an Indian...



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Babydoll: "eyyy Raz... look familiar???" (my knuck ended up brown after many frustrating attempts to re-create a previous candy apple burgundy)



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Harley-Davidson... the "Cadillac" of motorcycles... now that's a BACK PORCH!!! I thought I had a decent back porch on my '80 Tour-Glide, but this one has room for a devan!!! You reckon he's got a really small engine sproket, like 19 teeth?



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Saw an Indian trike with a contraption on a front end that I've never seen before... wonder what it does? (answer at end of report)



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A Hudson pick-up truck... no, it's not for sale... [sigh]... only one of the coolest pickups around!!!



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I'm amazed at the number of choppers here... WAIT!!! WHAT??? These dudes look waaaay too young to be with these bikes... or... did I just step into a time warp??? shades of The Twilight Zone DO DO DO DO DO DO DO



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Saw a '59 Duo-Glide almost identical to the my 1st Harley in 1964 (mine had the "Buddy Seat").



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That contraption on the trike... it's a tow bar typically used by an automotive service department for attaching trike to back bumper of a car to be delivered to a customer.

Next, The 13th Annual National Antique Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet - June, 2013 - don't miss it... the cost is a bargain... (donation - let your conscience be your guide)... the distance... 25 miles west of Sacramento...

Would you like to see more?... go to the photos page at www.russellrazholder.com for over 400 photos of this event.

KNUCKLEHEADS FOREVER!