

Trail Gazette

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Meeting Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America September 16, 2017

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 11 AM at the home of Tom and Cynthia Ruttan, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Officers in Attendance: Along with our Pres Jen were Vice President Chuck Hodson, outgoing secretary Tom Krise, and Treasurer Tom Ruttan.

Attendees: Terry and Norlene Wolbert, Tom Nielsen, Wes and Lisa Winship (new members), Nils Olson, Jim and Laverne Lancaster.

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived.

Correspondence: There was no reported correspondence.

Treasurer Report: Tom R. presented the club financials. Club came out in the black from the rally.

Old Business: The National Rally location will be Cottage Grove, Oregon. Tim Burns has tentatively identified a hotel, an RV camp location, and restaurants. He has met with the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, and they have been very supportive. Tim also has some ideas on ride routes. AWESOME Tim! We discussed committees needing volunteers for the rally: Lodging, Meals, Registration, Advertising, SWAG bag, garbage/recycling, and apparel.

New Business: A motion to donate \$150 to Haggerty Insurance was passed unanimously to support owners of antique motorcycles impacted by the hurricane in Texas.

Jennifer talked to Tori Drake about the upcoming One Show. The location has not yet been confirmed but Tori confirmed that OTC can have some bikes to display. Tom and Jen will help again with registration.

Meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed Tom Ruttan's Triumph display. Tom started up his newly restored 1949 Triumph Grand Prix racing bike.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen

NEXT MEETING:
No Turkey Tech Day
Saturday, November 25, 2017

10:00 AM Bike Maintenance
11:30 AM OTC meeting
12 Noon Potluck
Tom K's Salem, OR

DUES ARE DUE
Please send your \$15 annual dues to Tom Ruttan
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Meeting Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America October 21, 2017

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at the home of Tim Burns', Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Officers in Attendance: Along with our Pres Jen was Treasurer Tom Ruttan and Secretary Rosie Singhose.

Attendees: Paul Wright, Tim Burns, Gene Walker, Jim Singhose, Tom Nielsen, and guests Travis from Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, Larry, and Kevin.

Minutes: Reading of the minutes were waived.

Correspondence: There was no reported correspondence.

Treasurer Report: Tom R. presented the club financials.

Old Business: Discussed the 2018 National Rally. Decided to set the price for the rally at \$130 to be comparable with other national rallies. Tom Ruttan volunteered to take care of rally registration. Tim Burns has started a spreadsheet to track donations from businesses. There was discussion about whether to include a tee shirt, sweatshirt, or button-down shirt as a part of rally registration. There were supporters of each option; no decision was made. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Village Green. There are also other local hotels available for overflow: Best Western and Quality Inn.

New Business.

Jennifer shared that Jackie Colwell and Martha Burke passed away.

The meeting was adjourned and folks wandered through Tim's well stocked garage. Officer's then went to the Village Green and RV park to see the layout, location for the dinner, and get a feel for the accommodations. It all appears to have potential for a great rally location.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen

2018 Meeting Calendar Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA	
Month	Activity
Jan 27	Meeting Texaco Station Brooks
Feb 24	Garage Crawl (location TBA)
Mar 25	Garage Crawl (location TBA)
Apr 28	Meet at Bavarian House in Mt Angel Ride to follow
May 19	Potluck at location TBD Elections
June 30	Meet at Texaco Station Brooks Rally final details
July 26-28	OTC Rally, Cottage Grove
Aug 25	Meeting/Display at local MC Dealer
Sept 29	Ride and Lunch (location TBA)
Oct 27	Garage Crawl (location TBA)
Nov 24	No Turkey Garage Day at Tom K's
Dec 8	Holiday Get Together

The Pres Letter-

We are continuing to throttle up with our preparations for our National Rally in 2018. We have a small group of active members, so we all need contribute in some way to make our rally happen.

The November meeting is No Turkey Tech Day and potluck at Tom Krise's. The meeting will begin at 10 AM with some tech time in Tom's garage. Then we will have a short business meeting at 11:30 AM, followed by a potluck lunch, then more tech time. We are planning a potluck for our December holiday party. More information to follow.

On a sad note, our club lost two longtime members this month: Martha Burke and Jackie Colwell. Jackie's passing has really made me realize that I need to live each and every day. To not wait "till later" for many of the things I want out of life.

I look forward to seeing you on the 25thth.

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*"Sing like no one's listening,
love like you've never been hurt,
dance like nobody's watching,
and live like its heaven on earth."
- Mark Twain*



Garage Crawl

At Home of Tom Ruttan, September 16th

Tom Ruttan's wife Cynthia made appetizers, salads, and dessert and Tom R grilled burgers for a great lunch during a sunny September day. Tom Ruttan had four of his Triumphs on display. Many club members rode their bikes and a highlight was the introduction of a 1966 BMW and sidecar brought by new member Wes Winship.



Tom Ruttan starting up his 1949 Triumph Grand Prix Racer. It sounded great, with classic, non-muffled resonance to the delight of the club, and perhaps the consternation of the neighbors.



Wes Winship's 1966 BMW with sidecar



Garage Crawl

At Home of Tim Burns, October 21st

We had a great lunch of pizza, chicken wings, and salad. Tim's wife Diane provided pastries and coffee. The head of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce attended and he volunteered time and resources to help make our 2018 rally a success. Your steady newsletter editor got drawn into a deep conversation about people's behavior around motorcycles (thanks Rosie 😊) and neglected to take many photographs.



Tim Burn's 1946 Harley-Davidson Model EL



Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride September 24th

Portland had 398 riders and raised \$24,072. We beat out the nation of South Africa and were just edged out by Ireland!! Worldwide, 95,166 riders raised \$4,852,657 to help fight prostate cancer and promote men's mental health. All funds raised are invested by the Movember Foundation, the largest fundraiser for fighting prostate cancer in the world. Thanks to the many of you who sponsored me for the ride.

The route in Portland this year followed Willamette Drive to the St Johns Bridge and then SE along Skyline Boulevard, through Washington Park to downtown to Macadam, across the Sellwood Bridge, around Eastmoreland Golf Course and Reed College, north on 99 to east on Burnside to Chavez, then back to downtown. It was quite a sight to see all manner of folks dressed up and riding vintage, classic, as well as modern motorcycles. The local chapter of the woman's riding club the *Torque Wenches* led the ride and provided traffic control.



Staging machines outside of the starting point at Two Stroke Coffee on NE Lombard. This is just of fraction of those assembled.



Looking dapper, Tom and Jen awaiting the start.

Jen left her bike at home and rode pillion with a skirt !!

That is our "Ol' Blue" in background – a 1980 Harley-Davidson FLT.

Our 2018 National Rally

Plans are coming together for our National Rally set for July 26-28 in Cottage Grove. Tim Burns has done a tremendous amount of work getting the club to where we are. When you see Tim, make sure you tell him thanks!

Our headquarters will be The Village Green, where we have RV spaces and hotel rooms reserved. Tent camping and additional dry RV camping is just across the road at the Aviation Museum. Evening meals will be onsite Thursday and Friday. Our banquet will be a buffet held at Stacey's Covered Bridge Restaurant. Tim and others are working on a covered bridge ride, a coast ride, and a countryside ride. A few extra "just-in-case" rides are in the works as well, which will provide backups in case we run into road closure issues.

The Aviation Museum is hosting a pancake breakfast for us and will give us an opportunity to have our bikes on display. We have also been asked to participate in a parade of old cars on Saturday, prior to our banquet.

We have a Chair for the Apparel Committee (Tom K), the Food/Meals Committee (Norlene), Registration (Tom R), and the Swag Bag Committee (Tim/Jen), but we do need someone to take over coordinating Lodging and Advertising. These last two are well in the works, but some of us need items lifted from our already full plates. Please contact Tim or Jen and let us know how and where you can help. Thank you in advance.



Halloween Fun

Tom Krise held his annual Halloween Party on October 28th. Tom's recovering from knee surgery, but that did not stop him from hosting a wonderful pot-luck party, managed by his lovely wife Stephanie. The party goers wandered into Tom's garage for an impromptu tour of antique bikes. We encountered some celebrity motorcycle fans.



The Celtic God of the Sea, whose realm includes the Isle of Mann. He has been known to frequent the annual TT Motorcycle Race. He is shown behind a "work-in-progress" Indian.



Wonder Woman with her main squeeze, Captain Steve Trevor, on a 1953 Indian Chief.

Upcoming Motorcycle Events – Antique and Others of Interest

Date	Event
Nov 25	No Turkey Garage Day at Tom K's 10 Tech 11:30 meeting 12 Noon Potluck
Dec 3	ABATE Toy Run Gather Fred Meyer Corporate Parking Lot 9 AM 3800 SE 22nd Ave., Portland Oregon 97202 www.Abatetoyrun.com
Dec 9	OTC Holiday Get Together Details to come
Jan 1	Polar Bear Ride Meet at Cycle Gear 8930 SE Stark Street Portland, Oregon http://www.pdxpolarbearrun.com/polarbearrun-home.html
Jan 13	Easy Riders Bike Show Tour Sacramento, California http://www.easyridersevents.com/
Feb 9-11	One Show 900 North Columbia Blvd Portland, Oregon www.the1moto.com

Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists

OVM meets on the Second Saturday of Every Month at noon at Columbia River Brewing, 1728 NE 40th, Portland OR 97212
<http://www.oregonvintage.org/>

Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiast

Portland Chapter on the second Tuesday of Every Month at 7:00 PM noon at the Rambler, 4205 N Mississippi Ave, Portland OR
<http://www.vmemc.org/>

SUBMISSIONS TO NEWSLETTER:

Please submit article contributions, classified advertisements, photos, trip reports, and suggestions by the second Thursday of each month. Prefer Word or Adobe PDF for text and .jpg or PDF for graphics to
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Thanks, Tom

Request for a Loaner

We received an inquiry from an AMCA member in Wisconsin who is planning to attend our 2018 National run. He is looking for someone to loan him a bike to ride on our run. In exchange he will loan a bike for their national run in 2018. His name is David Zigmont and can be reached at 847.401.4340. Their ride is just after Davenport so someone can get a twofer.



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