

Trail Gazette

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Meeting Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America November 13, 2018

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM via conference call.

Officers in Attendance: Jen Nielsen Pres., Tom Nielsen V.P., John Davey Secretary, and Tim Burns, Activities Coordinator.

Attendees: No others

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived.

Correspondence: Tim Burns has a possible new member.

Treasurer's Report: Garrett had reported via email that the club was very much in the black. Active memberships is 34.

Old Business:

- ✓ Tom Ruttan to do a mockup of the bricks memorializing deceased OTC members.
- ✓ Discussed possible locations for the 2019 Rally:
 - Blue River area. John Davey has work in that area and will check out the condition of Aufderheide Road.
 - Astoria area. There are cool museums and other entertainment in the area. Tom N, Jen, and Tom R will do a recon for potential motels and RV camping.
 - To report back on findings by Dec 10.
- ✓ Still trying to confirm with Betty Marie, sidecar racer, to do a presentation along with her sidecar movie for the January meeting activity.

New Business:

- ✓ To get flowers for Norlene for her preparing the holiday dinner.
- ✓ To advertise for openings for rally committee in next newsletter. Currently committee includes all officers plus Tom Ruttan and Tom Krise.
- ✓ Tom N will review significant motions/action items from previous meeting minutes and summarize for officers.
- ✓ Eugene Harley-Davidson is conducting a trivia night this Saturday.
- ✓ World of Speed is doing the History of Harley – OTC should consider participating.

Next general member meeting is No-Tech Turkey Day at Tom Krise's on November 24. Next officer conference call is December 11.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Minutes by John Davey. [At general member meeting of Nov 24th, Jennifer gave a summary of the above to members – ed].

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, January 19, 2019

2:00 PM

Powerland: NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum

3995 Brooklake Road, Brooks Oregon

- Tour of the museum
- Movie: **Either** (email or call Jen with your preference):
 - *The World's Fastest Indian* – 2005 **or**
 - *The Wild One* - 1953



Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America December 11, 2018

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Officers in Attendance: Jen Nielsen Pres., Tom Nielsen V.P., Garrett Erickson Treasurer, John Davey Secretary, and Tim Burns Activities Coordinator.

Attendees: Tom Ruttan.

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived.

Correspondence: Garrett received some membership renewals.

Treasurer's Report: Garrett reported that the club was very much in the black. Some discussion about balance when he assumed treasurers duties.

Old Business:

- ✓ Regarding memorial bricks at Powerland, we will need two large bricks to fit proposed names. Bricks have already been purchased and are displayed for Roy Burke, Ken Edmiston, Lydian Ascenzi, and Floyd Hoenselaar. To add Don Woodard, Doc Schuster, Jackie Colwell, Pat Smith, Chuck Beberness, Howard Dawson, Mike Smith, and Art White. The club had previously approved \$150. To fit the eight new names, will need two large bricks, or \$500. Moved to add \$350 to brick budget. Motion Passed unanimously: officers approved (via email) and members approved (at the December holiday party).
- ✓ Rally Updates:
 - John Davey checked out condition of Aufderheide Road at Blue River. Because of fire damage, it will not be ready in time for rally.
 - Tom N, Jen, and Tom R spent a day in Astoria, Warrenton, and Ilwaco area looking for motel and RV accommodations. The motels and RV parks in the area are expensive and want deposits for all rooms/sites in advance. There are no RV campgrounds in Astoria proper. Stopped in Clatskanie and found the Clatskanie River Inn – it has a banquet room, pool, continental breakfast, and small RV park on site. The motel adjoins a Mexican Restaurant, pizza place, and a NAPA. "RV Outdoor Adventures" is 2.6 miles away – they have 27 full hookup sites and six tent sites. They will require payment in

advance. From Clatskanie, there are several potential rides, including across the ferry from Westport to Cathlamet and into SW Washington, to Astoria, along 101 and the coast, and down to Wildlife Areas and State Forests around Jewell. Clatskanie appears to have the greatest potential.

- Tom N and Jen will not be on the rally committee this year because of other commitments. Jen suggested the rally committee have a rally specific call in January. It was scheduled for January 15.

New Business:

- ✓ Tom N and Jen met with Thor and Tori Drake, organizers of the *One Motorcycle Show* and owners of See See MotoCafe. They are increasing the number of antique motorcycles at the *One Show* to twenty. They asked Tom and Jen to coordinate with other AMCA/vintage motorcycle clubs to show their bikes. The theme is Indian Motorcycles. They also said our club could have meetings or club events at See See Motorcycle Café during off hours for free. They offered their sidecar rig with an espresso machine that we could have for our rally! (see more details in One Show article later in this newsletter.)

Next general member meeting is the holiday party and Terry and Norlene Wolberts on December 15. Next officer conference call is January 8th at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Minutes by John Davey. [At the general member meeting of December 15th, Jennifer gave a summary of the above items to members. Members voted unanimously to increase memorial brick budget by \$350 – ed].



OTC members Tom Ruttan, Tim Burns, Jen Nielsen, Paul Wright, Melinda & Larry Sargent, John Davey, and Nils Olson at the Donald Café in October.



The Pres Letter-

Happy New Year!!

Our conference call business meetings have been going very well. I invite you to call in and join us. Our calls are 7:00 PM the second Tuesday of the month. The call-in number and codes are printed in the calendar.

We are working on the activities for our monthly meetings. A few months still need an idea and a host. Please let me know or Tim Burns if you are interested in hosting or have an idea. Remember, it just needs to be motorcycle related and can be on any weekend day of the month. Check out the calendar to see the months we have open.

Tom and I are in *One Show* mode. We had a great meeting with Thor and Tori Drake, the creators and force behind the One Show, in December. This year the theme is Indian, as Indian Motorcycles is the primary sponsor. The one Show is February 8,9 & 10. Our club meeting is Saturday the 8th. We will meet for lunch then head to the One Show. We will let you know where and when we will be meeting for lunch.

Just a gentle reminder. our club is just that, "OUR CLUB." We all need to be a part of its continuance- even in a small way. So please, get involved. To those of you already involved, THANK YOU.

I wish all of you the best for the new year. May you have many rides with many friends this new year.

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"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass: it's about learning how to ride in the rain!"
— Anonymous

2019 The One Moto Show

By Tom Nielsen

This years *One Motorcycle Show* will be February 8, 9, and 10th at 900 N. Columbia Blvd in Portland (at the old pickle factory). On December 6th, Jen and I met with the organizers of the show, Thor and Tori Drake. We met in the upstairs office of See See Coffee. This was the first time I had seen Thor outside of the *One Show*, where he had pretty much been running around with his hair on fire. Meeting him in a more relaxed atmosphere, I saw another side of Thor: well spoken and thoughtful. The show this year has a theme of Indian Motorcycles, who are sponsoring the event. As always, all brands are welcome. This year the bikes are to be displayed more by genre: customs, choppers, antiques, Indians, etc., for example, and each genre will have its own room. Thor said he had already been in touch with another AMCA club, and asked Jen and me to contact other antique or vintage clubs to try to get twenty of the older bikes. So if you are interested in showing off your bike to many people, contact Jen. She has a list started of owners and their bikes for the show. The One Show attracts all manner of folks, from young to old, mild to wild. Beside motorcycles, there is music, artists and vendors of bike related stuff, races, food, and beer. It is a celebration of the art of the motorcycle.

<http://www.the1moto.com/>



Chuck Hodson
and
Tom Ruttan
at the 2016 One
Show



2018 OTC Holiday Gathering

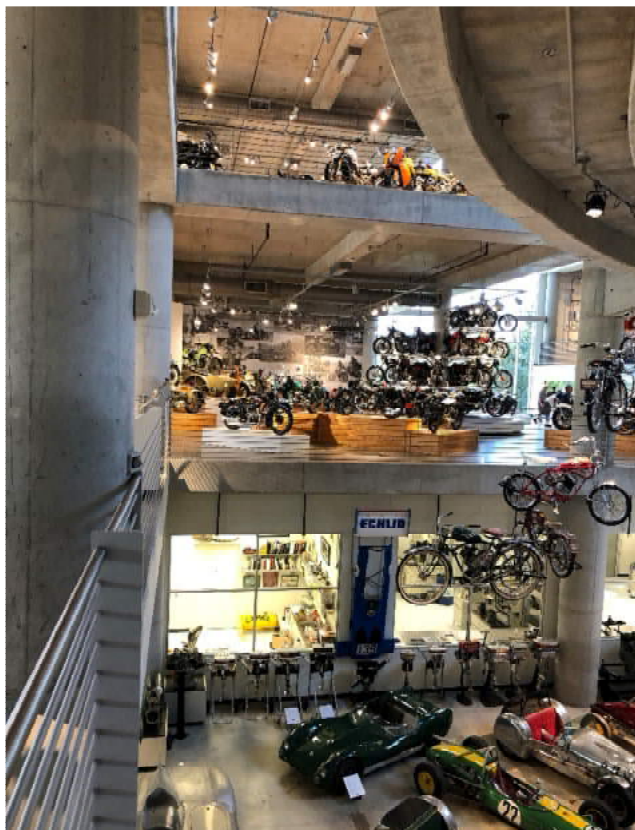
By Tom Nielsen

The annual OTC holiday party was held at Terry and Norlene Wolberts on Saturday, December 15th. There was a nice group of OTC members attending, including a strong contingent from Eugene & Cottage Grove. Several member prospects also attended. Highlights included tours of Terry's well provisioned and organized shop and his impressive collection of motorcycles and parts.

Barber Vintage Motorcycle Festival

By Tom Ruttan

Every October, for the last 14 years, the Barber Motorsports Museum in Birmingham, Alabama holds a Vintage Motorcycle Festival. In addition to the Barber Museum as the centerpiece of the event, there is a vintage motorcycle race put on by the American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association (AHRMA), a large swap meet, bike shows, seminars, vendor displays and a bike auction. This has been on my bucket list for some time so I decided this was the year to do it and for three days this October (October 5, 6, & 7, 2018 to be specific) I attended this amazing event.



Inside the Barber Museum

First a little background on the museum. The Barber Museum is the largest motorcycle museum in the world with over 1,600 motorcycles and vintage racing cars. It was established in 1994 and moved to its current location in 2003. The 230,000 square foot building, consisting of five levels, is a work of art in its own right. It has an ultra-modern look to it but does a wonderful job of displaying vintage machines dating back as far as 1904 up to modern production and racing motorcycles. It is situated on the 880 acre Barber Motorsports Park that includes a world class 16 turn, 2.38 miles car & motorcycle road race track, a proving grounds and an off-road race course.



View of the Barber Race Track

The road race track can be seen through the large windows of the museum. George Barber, who is a successful Alabama businessman and entrepreneur, started with a private collection in 1988 and had the vision to create over the years one of the great motorsport museums in the world.

This was my first time in Alabama and I was impressed with the beautiful green countryside around Birmingham, as well as the spacious, uncrowded land in and around the Motorsport Park. It was fitting for the occasion that the rental car company gave us a new Dodge Charger with a 5.7L Hemi V-8 380 HP motor. It made for lots of fun commuting to the festival!

This was a well-attended event with thousands of spectators, a large portion who rode there on motorcycles. Despite the crowds, it was well organized and easy to see all the events, thanks to a constant stream of shuttle buses. I was quite



Barber Vintage Motorcycle Festival (cont'd)

impressed with the swap meets size and wide variety of parts, bikes and different brands. It had grown so much that they had to put it in two areas, each of which is bigger than most motorcycle swap meets I have attended on the West Coast.

The event was sponsored by Triumph Motorcycles, so Triumph had a large presence in the vendor area along with a lot of other interesting motorcycle product booths. Royal Enfield (now a company owned and located in India) had a very impressive display of their current machines, including their new 750cc twin Interceptor model. I thought they did a good job with this design and it looked great.

The Antique Motorcycle Club of America (AMCA) had a nice bike show made up from vintage bikes from local AMCA chapters in the region. Motorcycle Classics magazine sponsored another bike show as well, along with judging and trophies presented. I also attended several seminars, including wheel building by Kenny Buchanan from Buchanan Wheels & Spokes and British motorcycle maintenance and restoration by John Healy of Coventry Spares and Don Hutchinson of Hutchinson Cycle. Bonham's held a vintage motorcycle auction during the festival and I managed to keep my hands firmly in my pockets and not buy anything. It was not without temptations however, including a 1947 Triumph Tiger 100 and a 1936 Brough Superior SS80. If you ever get the chance to attend this festival or to just visit the Barber Museum, don't pass it up!



Appropriate Rental Car to visit the Barber Museum

2018-2019 Meeting Calendar Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA	
Month	Activity
Jan 19 2 PM	Powerland – Museum Tour and Movie. Tom & Jen Host
Feb 9	Meet for Lunch in Portland Then to One Show Tom & Jen Host
Mar	Garage Crawl Tim Burns host
April	Host Needed
May	Bend-(Tentative) Garrett Erickson-Host
June	Host Needed
July 17-20	Rally
August	Museum of Speed Moto Day Tom K Host (Tentative)
Sept	Eastern Oregon Ride Tom R Host (Tentative)

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 tomandjen@shadyapple.com

Thanks, Tom



Santa and Elf Spotted at Vista House

By Tom Nielsen

A pleasant surprise of meeting with Thor and Tori was that they invited us to join them for their ugly sweater ride to the Vista House. This gave us the opportunity to continue a tradition started by the previous owner of my FLT of riding through town dressed as Santa. Jen took the elf role. It was a pleasant and mostly dry ride from downtown Portland along Marine Drive and out the Old Columbia Highway. Within a quarter mile of Vista House, however, the wind from the gorge was unbelievably strong. We parked the bikes in out of the wind because it literally could blow you over. Walking from the shelter of trees to the Vista House was done in short steps, often squatting to make a low profile. After the ride, the group stopped for lunch and a group photo.



The Ugly Sweater riders pose at lunch break after enduring winds at Vista House.



Team Oregon Precision Handling Clinic

By Tom Nielsen

I was fortunate to be invited to a Team Oregon pilot training session in September. The clinic was two days long, consisting of riding exercises similar to the training and competitions done by police motor officers. Of the 12 participants, 10 were Team Oregon Instructors. The bikes ridden varied from Harley cruisers, adventure bikes, touring bikes, dual-sports, and an electric bike. The goal was to improve motorcycle handling at low speeds and execute tight turns and U turns. This was the last in the pilot series—the intent was to refine the course before offering it to the public. Due to hand injuries, I was unable to ride, but I did film the two days. The first link below will direct you to video files in One Drive. The files are in two main categories:

- Folders by exercise (Iron Cross, Keyhole, Brake & Escape, etc.) containing videos showing riders completing those exercises.
- Under the folder “Individual” are subfolders with names of each participant. Here, I changed my filming approach by taping individuals in each exercise as opposed to filming multiple folks in an exercise. This allows an individual to look in his subfolder and see his performance in multiple exercises. For the rest of us, it gives a broad slice of the exercises.

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Team Oregon is offering the course in two levels, a starter and an advanced, one half day each. Cost is \$99 per person. A group course could also be arranged for OTC members. In 2019, the course is offered on May 4 and June 1 in Albany. Additionally, three courses are to be offered in Gresham and one in Redmond, dates TBA.

See links below for the course description and Team Oregon video.

<http://team-oregon.org/advanced/maneuvering/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=td2SHBDR2xw>



2019: TEN YEARS OF THE ONE MOTO SHOW

Motorcycles, music, art, vendor booths, food, racing, stunts, builder awards

Featuring over 200 custom, classic, concept and rare motorcycles from all over the world. But more than that, it's a cultural gathering for all types of folks: young, old, mild and wild. **Ten years ago, we hosted the very first One Motorcycle Show** in an old abandoned warehouse. The show is crafted to celebrate the weird, rare, and unconventional bikes that we love in a way that everyone can enjoy. We started out with no idea how we'd pull this off, let alone what might happen afterwards, or the expectation we'd be doing it for the next 10 years. It's hard to believe how this has all come together! Our driving force to keep going is the feeling that we're adding to something that we love. We want to give back to motorcycling. We want to be inclusive and inspire people to participate.

February 8, 9, 10

900 N. Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR
For tickets and more information:
<http://www.the1moto.com/>

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
January 8	7 pm OTC Board Business Conference Call All OTC members invited: 971-256-0996, Code 412341
January 13	Phoenix Road Run Chapter AMCA Swap Meet Phoenix AZ stan_char@cox.net
Jan 19 2 PM	Car & Motorcycle Museum Tour and Move: <i>The Worlds Fastest Indian or The Wild One</i> Antique Powerland, Brooks
February 8-10	The One Motorcycle Show 900 North Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR www.the1moto.com
February 9	OTC Meeting and Lunch, then to One Show Lunch location TBA in Portland, OR
February 12	7 pm OTC Board Business Conference Call All OTC members invited: 971-256-0996, Code 412341
March 12	7 pm OTC Board Business Conference Call All OTC members invited: 971-256-0996, Code 412341
March TBA	Garage Crawl Home of Tim Burns, Cottage Grove, OR
March 23-24	Idaho Vintage Motorcycle Club Caldwell, ID https://www.idahovintagemotorcycleclub.org/
April 9	7 pm OTC Board Business Conference Call All OTC members invited: 971-256-0996, Code 412341
April 27	Washington Vintage Motorcyclists Swap Meet Lynnwood, WA washingtonvintagemotorcyclists.org/northwest-motorcycle-classic-3/

Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists

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

Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiast

Portland Chapter on the second Tuesday of Every Month at 6:00 PM Ecliptic Brewing, 825 N Cook St., Portland OR
<http://www.vmemc.org>