

Trail Gazette

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Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America November 12, 2019

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

Officers in Attendance: Jen Nielsen Pres., Martin Doerfler, V.P., Tom Nielsen, Secretary, John Davey, Treasurer, Bill Quaccia, Activities Coordinator.

Attendees: No others.

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence: None Reported.

Treasurer's Report: No update.

Old Business:

- ✓ 2020 Rally Discussion:
 - Jen reported that 15 rooms and 15 RV spots have been put on hold at the Dreamers Lodge Hotel and the Grant County RV Park. The banquet will be at the Outpost Pub & Grill. There is a grassy area near RV park to park trailers for a nominal fee. (Actually, they requested we make a charity donation.) The RV park also confirmed we can place pop-ups along the gravel road by the river for registration.
 - We need to send an ad to the AMCA national magazine to remind people to "SAVE THE DATE." (September 9 – 12).
 - There is a \$75 fee for the banquet room reservation, which is waived if we spend over \$75.

- There is a storage room available at the RV park – fee to be determined.
- Discussed recovery vehicle. Martin has an 8 passenger van and might borrow a particular members trailer who lives in Yamhill and has the initials TW. John has a 16' and 20' trailer that the club could use. Martin volunteered to drive the recovery vehicle one day.
- Tom and Jen to develop a draft rally budget.

New Business:

- ✓ Upcoming Meetings and Activities
 - November 16th meeting is at Kelly's Olympian at 1 PM.
 - December 14th is the holiday party at Tim Burns.
 - January 18th movie "The Great Escape" at Powerland.
 - February 8th is the One Motorcycle Show.

NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, January 18, 2019
1:00 PM
NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum
(at Powerland in museum proper,
not at Texaco)
3995 Brooklake Road, Brooks Oregon

We will be showing the movie
The Great Escape
Free popcorn and soda



- ✓ Discussed future possible meetings:
 - In May there is a Vintage Trials and AHRMA motocross races in Klamath Falls. Alternately, the OVM SWAP Meet is May 17th.
 - June meeting in Bend ?
 - July meeting at Crater Lake?
 - August 23 meeting at Tenino SWAP meet?
 - September 9-12 is our Rally.

Next business meeting/conference call – December 10th at 7 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.

Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America December 14th, 2019

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM at the home of Tim Burns. Conference call was cancelled, and the business meeting conducted prior to the holiday party.

Officers in Attendance: Jen Nielsen Pres., Tom Nielsen, Secretary, John Davey, Treasurer, Bill Quaccia, Activity Coordinator.

Attendees: None.

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence: None Reported.

Treasurer's Report: No update.

Old Business:

- ✓ 2020 Rally Discussion:
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 - Tom and Jen to develop a draft rally budget.

New Business:

- ✓ The One Motorcycle Show theme is around the 100th anniversary of the Indian Scout. Our club has 30 spaces (or more). Indian is sponsoring the event and will pay a mileage stipend. Jen and Tom N will be doing registration again this year. It will be held at Memorial Coliseum in Portland. It runs February 7-9th, 2020.
- ✓ Upcoming Meetings and Activities:

- January 18th Movie "The Great Escape" at Powerland.
- February 8th at the One Motorcycle Show.
- Need to confirm activities for March, April, May, June, July, August, October.
- Ideas from last month still stand as ideas.
- Consider a ride to CC-Coffee/motorcycle shop with a talk by Thor Drake (promoter of One MotoShow and ex-stunt rider).
- Looking for contributions to the newsletter: recent rides, interesting places, restorations, story about a trip, etc.

Next business meeting/conference call – January 14th at 7 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.



Chet Turner and Matt Presley at the November meeting at Kelly's Olympian in Portland. Note motorcycles in background.



Martin Doerfler and Tom Ruttan at the November meeting at Kelly's Olympian in Portland.



The Pres Letter-

Happy New Year to you all! Here's to a year filled with the wealth of friendship and the health of your body, mind, and soul!

I hope you have noticed the changes we have made as your officers to fill our time together with more hanging out and riding and less business talk. This year, we will continue to have our business meeting the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM, via a conference call. All members can participate. The call conference call-in number and code are included on the calendar.

We start off 2020 with a movie at the NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum in Brooks. Join us for "The Great Escape" on January 18th at 1:00 PM. On February 8th, we will be meeting at 10:00 AM at the Indian Display in the Exhibit Hall of the Memorial Coliseum at the One Motorcycle Show. Indian Motorcycles is again sponsoring the OneShow. This year is the 100th Anniversary of the Indian Scout. Thor Drake has asked for Tom's and my help to find Scouts to showcase. Thus far, we have 6. If you know of anyone with a Scout, please let me know. So far, we have 17 antique bikes for display - a long way from having 1 bike by 1 member 4 years ago! I am still looking for more bikes. Please contact me if you have a bike you would like to display at the show.

Be sure to check out the club calendar on page 8. As you can see, we have a few months to fill with activities. Contact Bill Quaccia or me by phone, email or text with some ideas. This is YOUR club, so please provide input if there is something you really want the club to do.

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you in the year ahead. Let's have some fun hanging out and enjoying our common love - motorcycles!!

Peace out folks,
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*"Note to self: Never ride a motorcycle in stilettos and a miniskirt."
— Maggie Grace*



John Barrong and his Harley-Davidson VL frame with 1937 UL motor that John rode to the December holiday party..

The One Motorcycle Show February 7 – 9, 2020 Memorial Coliseum

**200+ bikes * 10,000 beers * 5,000 high-fives
15 race classes * 5 bands * 70 vendors**

The One Motorcycle Show is a display for motorcycles, art show, race, and cultural celebration of the motorcycle. From scratch-built, to customs, to pure-stock antiques, the show has it all. But more than that, it's a gathering for all types of folks: young, old, mild and wild.

Tickets for Saturday 9 AM to 3 PM are \$12 – Available in advance (avoid the line, see link below) or at the show. Tickets for other times and for the races, see link:
<https://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/hfv1xz>

OTC will be meeting at 10 AM on Saturday, February 8th inside the coliseum in the Exhibit Hall at the main Indian Motorcycle display.

Indian is a major sponsor of the OneShow and 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the Indian Scout. OTC is helping gather antique motorcycles for display at the show and we already have many bikes. If you have an Indian Scout, in ANY condition (more patina the better), please contact Jen to get it into the show.



The 2019 Holiday Party

This year's holiday party was on December 14th at the home of Tim and Diane Burns at Tim's shop and showroom. We had a great showing of members to enjoy Tim's many fine motorcycles and the Indian fare we had for buffet. We had some new members attend as well as several prospective members.



Attendees at the holiday party, L-R: Chicago Linn, Melinda Sargent, Larry Sargent, John Davey, Bill Quaccia, Bruce Lamont, Jim Singhose, Tom Nielsen, Rosie Singhose, prospective member, Terry Wolbert, Susan Wright, Hoss Marlin, Jen Nielsen, Paul Wright, Tim Burns, Diane Burns, and John Barrong.



Don't Forget Winona

By Martin Doerfler

Winona, Arizona is a pretty forgettable dot on the map about 15 miles east of Flagstaff that Bobby Troup discovered was just the right thing to make his "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" rhyme work. We were there 'cause that's the exit you take off I-40 to get to Cinder Mountain Cycle. And, even if you're not going to visit the weirdest motorcycle shop in Arizona, any exit off I-40 is a good one.

We had driven from Salem via I-5 to Sacramento, overnighted with our grandson and then on to El Mirage dry lake to see old land speed racing friends (more later). At Barstow, California we hit 80 mile per hour – trucks included – I-40. And very few minutes into the 6 hour plus drive to Flagstaff we realized that it's a truckers world and we only live in it. Tractor trailer convoys doing 80 on the downhills and plugging the left lane at 35 on the uphill made for a long angry drive - so we - my wife and I in our old Chevy Astro – were more than happy to bail off I-40 at the Winona exit.

Then the fun began. After a bit of relaxing two-lane blacktop, we found Cinder Mountain Cycle owner John waiting at his driveway to lead us to the shop. "Just a little washboard for the first two miles" he said. I grew up in Central Oregon, so I know washboard, but I've never been rattled this hard for this long in only two miles. To be fair, the last half mile to John's home, shops, wrecking yard, and shooting range wasn't too bad and when our teeth stopped chattering, I realized that we had come to a motorcycle mecca, a scroungers Shangri-la. I beheld literally acres of old scooters, a race track or two and at least three buildings that might be John's house, but turned out to be storage for more motorcycles and cover for shooters at his rifle and pistol ranges. (I never could figure out where he lived.) "Forty-two years off the grid" he said. No doubt. And forty-two years of collecting and building motorcycles. Antiques, road racers,



drag racers, flat trackers, motocrossers. A very eclectic enthusiast is John.

Late in the day, having seen only a portion of John's amazing operation, we did the deal I'd driven 1,500 miles to make - selling my Triumph 500 flat tracker and taking in a Honda 150 motocrosser – bid John farewell and rattled our way back to Winona and Flagstaff to find a motel for the night. "Yes, we'll take it, surely the railroad won't run all night and there's a Pizza joint next door".

Next morning, after little sleep – the RR does run all night - and a lot of heartburn, we were off to the Grand Canyon and Zion. Indescribably awesome both. As in, how many time can you say a "holy sh*t !" ?

One day is not nearly enough in that country but we had a time schedule, so after a short as possible stretch of I-15, we overnighted in Beaver, UT (the Crazy Cow Cafe is not as cool as it sounds) and headed northwest across the high lonesome to Ely, Nevada and Highway 50, billed by the state as the "Loneliest Road in America". Balderdash! It's kinda lonely, but Nevada has many lonelier.



Don't Forget Winona (cont'd)

At Eureka (The Owl Club is as cool as it sounds) we turned north to Carlin (another lonely stretch) onto I-80 and west to Winnemucca, then 95 north to overnight with our old Best Western friends Ryan and Rory in Burns and home the next day.

The whole beautiful – minus the I-somethings - trip I had been thinking about old friends. In particular the two we surprised with the stop at El Mirage, my land speed racing buddy Bob and his wife Judy. They had welcomed us to the dry lake the first time we competed there in 2003. Even though they raced a car (multiple record setting Mazda powered '27 ford street roadster) and we raced bikes, we became great long distance friends. And now the distance grows longer. Bob is 83 and Judy whispered as we said goodbye, in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. He may not remember me the next time. He may forget the times he helped me navigate the byzantine club structure of land speed racing or the day he helped me onto the tailgate of his truck after I had destroyed my Suzuki in a 150 plus mile per hour crash. "Did you shut the gas off?" I asked. He laughed and told me the gas tank was about a hundred yards from the rest of the bike so no problem. He may forget that, so I will do the remembering for both is us. I won't forget you Old Prozac.

And, I won't forget Winona.



Celebrity Couples on Motorcycles -

Who are these familiar faces on two wheels?
Answers on page 8.





Vintage Motorcycles in Portugal

By James McQuiston

My wife and I recently went to Portugal. While in search of lunch, we stumbled on a vintage bike club. It looked like a small museum and was unlocked. So I ventured inside. A lone couple was having a lunch while tending the bikes. It is a gathering spot for a couple of local vintage racing clubs. A nice display is rotated through and provides a cool environment. Checkout the Bonneville Beer Tap (we all want one of these). This was located in Sentra, Portugal (about 15miles from Lisbon up in the hills). There was a nice group of British bikes and another group of motocross bikes.





2020 Meeting Calendar Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA	
Month	Activity
Every Month	OTC Business Conference Call All members welcome Call 971-256-0996, then enter code 412341
Jan 18 1 PM	Movie "The Great Escape" at NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum (Powerland), Brooks, OR
Feb 8 10 AM	The One Moto Show Meet inside the coliseum in the Exhibit Hall at the main Indian Motorcycle display
March	TBA
April	TBA
May	OVM SWAP MEET Corvallis, OR or AHRMA Races , Klamath Falls, OR
June	Bend, OR details pending
July	Crater Lake Ride , details pending

Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists

OVM meets on the second Saturday of every month at noon at Horse Brass Pub, 4534 SE Belmont St., Portland, OR
<http://www.oregonvintage.org>

Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiast

Portland Chapter on the second Tuesday of Every Month at 6:00 PM at Yurs Bar and Grill, 717 NW 16th Ave., Portland, OR
<http://www.vmemc.org>

OTC Web Site Update

Check out our updated website.
Old photos were archived.
Photos from our 2019 events were added.
Check it out.
<http://www.antiquemotorcycleoregon.com>

Celebrities on Motorcycles

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Top: Richard Gere and Debra Winger

Lower Right: Paul and Linda McCarthy

Lower Left: Clint Eastwood and Sandra Locke



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