

Trail Gazette

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December Meeting

Holiday Party

At Tim Burn's
in Cottage Grove

December 4th at noon

Lunch Provided
Bring a DESSERT

RSVP to Bill Quaccia
541.944.0491

OTC Activities for 2022

What are our plans for 2022 ?

Have a ride you really like?
A fun moto related activity?
Want to host a garage crawl?

We are scheduling activities for next year. Take an active role in our continued success. Send your suggestions to a club officer.

Club Dues are Due

Oregon Trail Chapter dues run by the calendar year. So pay soon for the 2022 year.

Please send \$15 annual dues to our esteemed Treasurer John Davey.



The Pres Letter

Hello and Happy Holidays!

I want to thank all of you who took the time to vote in our officer elections this year. And I want to say a VERY BIG THANK YOU to our returning officers: Martin Doerfler, VP; John Davey, Treasurer; Tom Nielsen, Secretary and Newsletter Editor; and Bill Quaccia, Activities Coordinator. I appreciate all that you Board peeps do and look forward to serving another year with you all.

And, speaking of our Board, this year will be the last year Tom and I will be serving as officers and serving on the Rally Committee. We have had a good run. It is time for some new blood to take over. I urge you to consider getting involved as an officer or on the Rally Committee. Several other officers have also expressed a desire to have this be their final year. Please remember this is your club, and if you have opinions, we need to hear them. And, we need to hear them before an event occurs, not after the fact. All the officers volunteer their time. All your officers are trying to keep this club going for each and every one of you, not because they like to donate their valuable time for the sake of monthly meetings, monthly club events, our yearly rally and all of the planning and tasks that make everything happen.

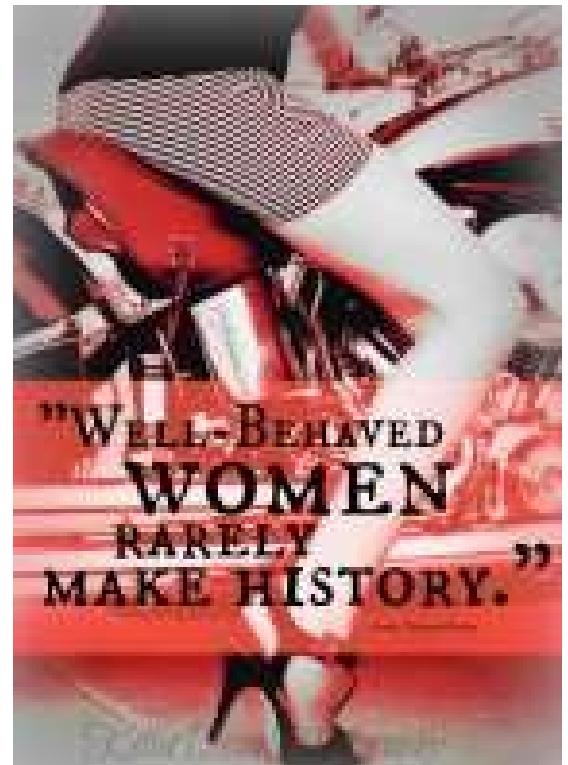
I also want to address the cancellation of our rally this year. Believe me (or not) when I say that nobody had more time and energy invested in that Rally than Tom and me. Nobody. The officers made the decision to cancel because we gave a damn about your health and well-being. We wanted to see you next year. We were disappointed too. In fact, Tom and I called every single person who had registered for our Rally. Note there were only twelve people, folks. Twelve, and the vast majority were from outside our club and outside the state of Oregon. And although they were all disappointed, they thanked us for giving a damn, for having the guts to make that tough call to keep others safe.

In December, the Board will be putting together a calendar outlining next years' activities. I encourage you to call, text, or email me or any other officer with suggested club activities and events for next year. This is your club, and we need and want your input.

As we move into the balance of this year, and look forward to next year, I wish you all joy and peace, and urge you to practice kindness and grace.

Peace out,
Jen

"When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be Alive, to Breathe, to Think, to Enjoy, to Love. To ride a motorcycle." Anonymous





2021 MotoGP in Austin, Texas

By Tom Ruttan

It's always good to have an ulterior motive up your sleeve and in your bag of tricks. When you really want to do something bad but it doesn't fit what is expected of you, that ulterior motive can come in handy.

It turns out that my son and his family live in Austin, Texas and they have two beautiful kids (aka grandkids to me) that are itchin' for Grandpa to come and spoil them. As it turns out, Austin is the site for an incredible, world-class race track called Circuit of the Americas, or COTA for short. It also turns out that COTA is the only US stop for the MotoGP, the international premier class of Grand Prix motorcycle racing sanctioned by the Federation International de Motorcyclisme (FIM). This is the top dog of motorcycle racing in the world and the top motorcycle manufacturers spend nearly unlimited R & D budgets and roll out their latest technology wizardry to compete in this class. Or like Kenny Roberts once said when asked what the problem was with competing with Honda was: "the problem is they have no budget." Eighteen races held all over the world with only one in the US!

This is the setup for that "ulterior motive". In order to get the kitchen pass to attend the MotoGP, scheduling a trip to visit my son and family was in order. Not that I really needed and excuse or motivation to visit my family there, but motorcycle races sometimes require proper vailing or shielding to secure that kitchen pass without unduly upsetting domestic tranquility.



The Starting Grid for MotoGP

So the stage is set and the proper plans fell into place to visit family in early October, 2021 with a weekend break to visit COTA and the MotoGP. I was there with my friend Kelly, his son Shane and Shane's old high school buddy Jon.

The weather did not look too promising for the couple of days leading up to race weekend with heavy rains and thunderstorms on the Wednesday and Thursday before race weekend. Friday, the practice day for all the teams, started out with a wet track and threatening skies that made many of the teams run rain tires in the morning but by noontime the skies had cleared, the track had dried out and this weather held for the rest of race weekend. If you haven't followed this type of racing, Friday is practice day, Saturday is qualifying where the pole positions (first on the starting grid) are determined as well as the complete starting grid lineup and Sunday is race day.

MotoGP race weekend is actually made up of three racing classes; MotoGP, Moto2 and Moto3. MotoGP is as I described above; the premier class of motorcycle racing. A few years ago they switched from 2-stroke to 4-stroke engines with a 1000cc max capacity, typically V4 or inline 4 configuration with 260 Hp and weighing around 330 lbs. and capable of speeds of 225 mph. Moto2 all have to run the same engine, a Triumph 765cc inline-3 to try to even the playing field in this class. Moto3 is sort of considered the training class for MotoGP with a 250cc single cylinder engine although that class produces some very exciting races.



Kevin Schwantz mixing it up with the GP crowd.



2021 MotoGP in Austin, Texas (cont'd)

It was really exciting to see all these classes practice and race with some absolutely amazing feats of skill, bravery and technical innovations. Hearing these bikes on the boil and flat out is truly impressive and not to be endured long without good earplugs! MotoGP was won by Marc Marquis, 6 time world champion who was in a come-back bid after a serious crash late last season.

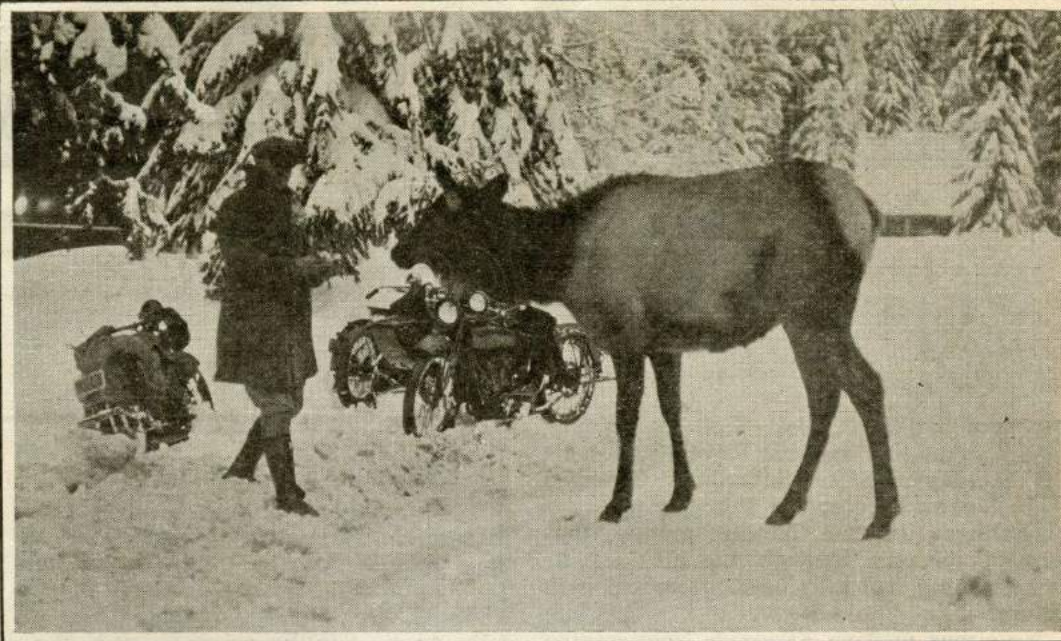
One of the highlights for me was when they opened up the pits for the general public to view the garages housing each race bike for race preparation. A few bikes were out of their garages and were started up for all to hear. The best part of this was when I saw Kevin Schwantz (1993 GP world champion) wandering around and mixing it up with the crowd in full race leathers. He looked as trim as ever (although a bit more grey) and brought back memories of following his career in those heady early days when American racers were still a dominant force in GP racing. All of us old grey beards got really excited at the site of Kevin while the younger folks were wondering what was such a big deal? Generation gap? Nah!!

Museum Help Day at NWVCMM November 21st

On November 21st, OTC members gathered at the NWVCMM at Powerland to help move excess stuff accumulated from the meeting room and downstairs storage room and to generally help declutter the space. After a couple of hours of work, we all had a hearty lunch.



OTC members at NWVCMM: L-R: Nils Olson, Martin Doerfler, John Davey, and Tom Ruttan. Not pictured: Jen Nielsen



Bill Hewitt making overtures to an elk in Rainier National Park during a mid-winter motorcycle outing of the Seattle-Tacoma riders



Motorcyclists Giving the Bird (a ride)

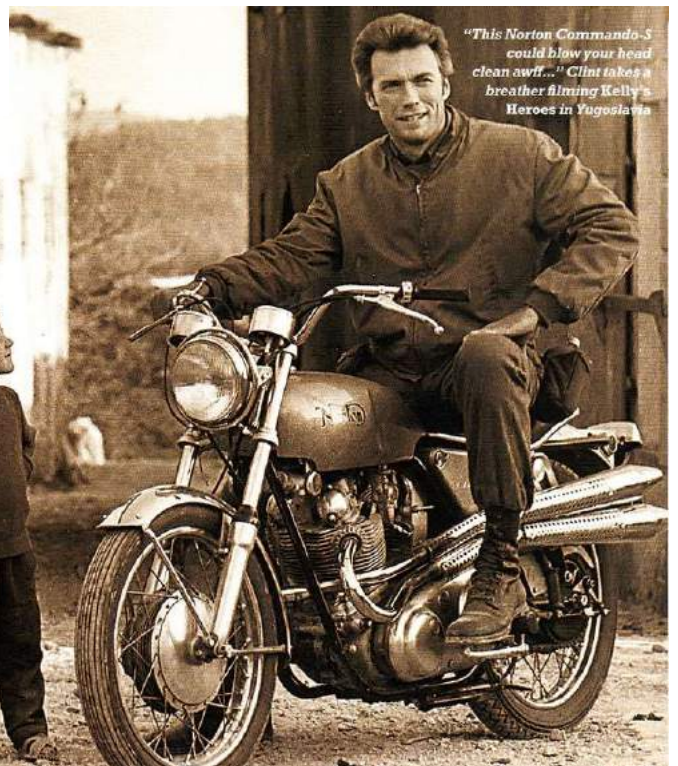
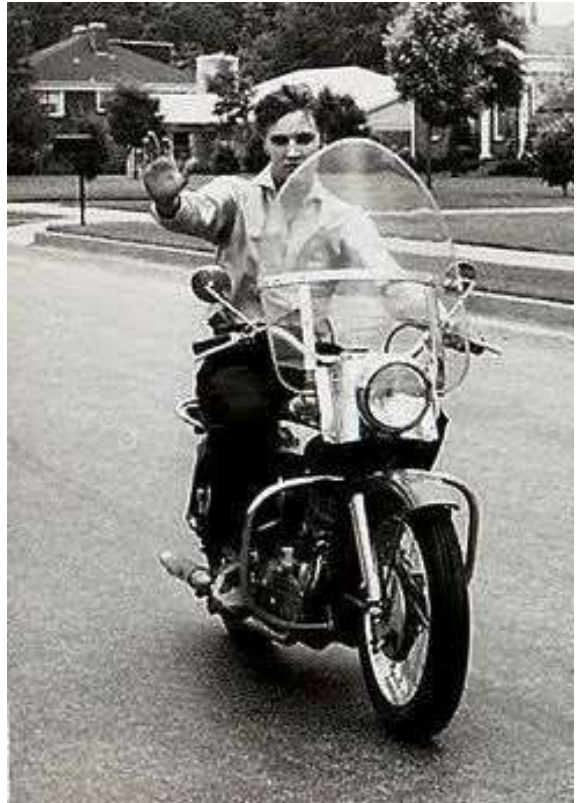
Here are a few of many examples of motorcyclists riding with their fine feathered friends, either as passengers, or as "wing-men." (source: YouTube).





Celebrities on Motorcycles

Who are these familiar faces on two wheels? Answers on page 7.





**2021 Activity Calendar
Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA**

Month	Activity
2 nd Tuesday Each Month 7 PM	OTC Business Conference Call All members welcome Call 971-256-0996, then enter code 412341
December 4 at NOON	Holiday Party At Tim's in Cottage Grove. Food provided. Bring a dessert
January	Movie Night at NWVCM, Powerland, Brooks, OR Details TBA
Feb - Dec	Activities to be Announced Suggestions Welcome

Celebrities on Motorcycles

From page 6
Upper Right: Elvis Presley
Center Left: Scarlett Johansson
Lower Right: Clint Eastwood

DISCOUNTS FOR AMCA & OTC

Lowbrow Customs gives a **10% discount** to all AMCA members. When ordering online, enter the code MWR4U2 in the top right corner of page when checking out where it says gift card or coupon code.

SEE SEE COFFEE gives **10% off** to all OTC/AMCA members. Just show your AMCA member card. Good for beverages and food.

Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists

OVM monthly meetings at 11 AM on second Saturday of month at Horse Brass Pub in Portland.
<http://www.oregonvintage.org>

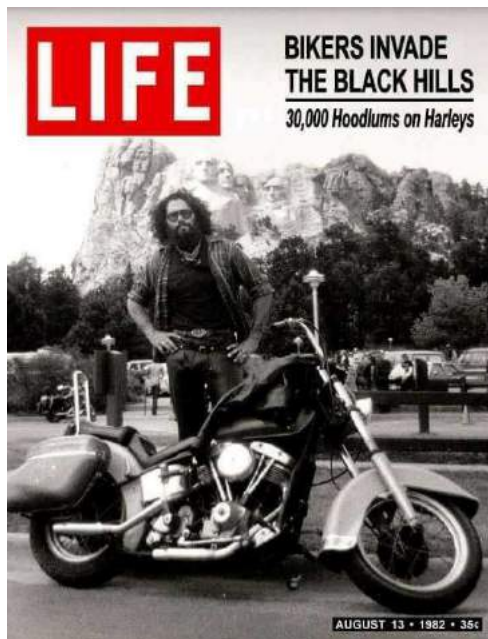
Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiast

Portland Chapter on the third Saturday of Every Month at noon at See See Coffee at 1642 Sandy Blvd., 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 tomandjen@shadyapple.com

Thanks, Tom





Races, Chases, & Crashes: A Complete Guide to Car Movies and Bike Flicks, 1994. A book review.

By Bill Quaccia

Bad, Bad Motorcycle Movies (and their effect on the youth of America)

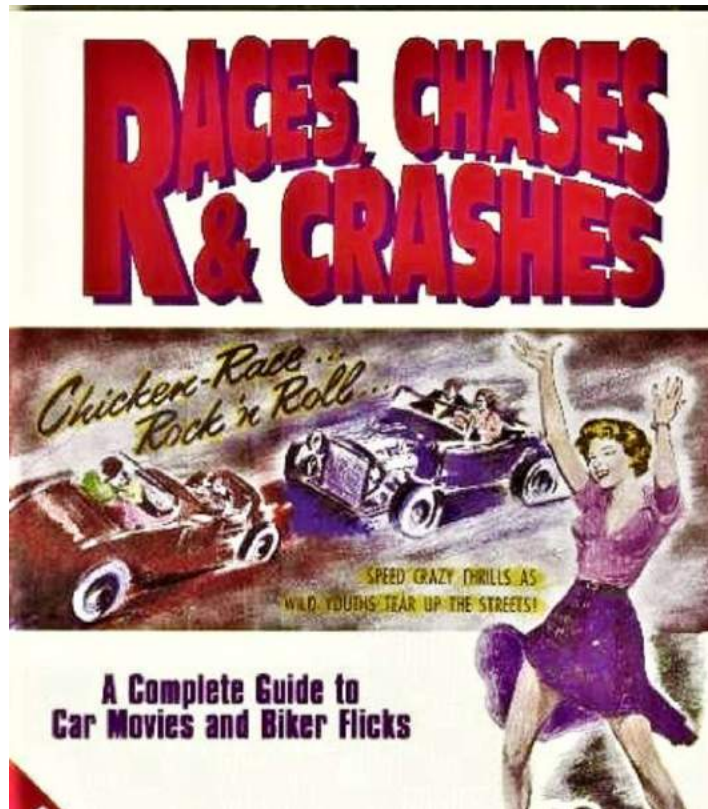
Once upon a time in our youth, images and events conspired to shape the adult we were to become. It might have started with seeing the older lads on the block with their Panheads, Bonneville's and Atlases and been nurtured by Saturday Matinee motorcycle movies. As bad as they were, seeing the machinery on screen gave hope of actually owning a cycle one day.

I chipped in a buck or two to watch these masterpieces at the drive-in. I tried to respectfully observe the big guys in the neighborhood polishing their Hogs and pretending to ignore their groupie girls.

After years of mowing grass and pumping gas I got me a Triumph (in pieces but it WAS a Triumph). I may have been fixated on Triumph because the least rude biker on my street rode a Bonneville and let us kids watch him do maintenance as long as we didn't speak or touch anything. What does this have to do with bad motorcycle movies? Well, it was probably the watching of Easy Rider, Wild Angels and such that compelled me to trade my rebuilt '56 Tiger for a ratty old Panhead that got me stopped by the CHP every time I rode it. The proceeds of the Pan sale to an Oakland Angel purchased a You-meet-the-nicest-etc. Honda and the cops haven't bothered me since.

But I digress, once my life became more settled, I started collecting all things motorcycle including manuals, handbooks, tools and eventually VCRs. I thought I had a decent collection until I read "Races, Chases & Crashes a Complete Guide to Car Movies and Biker Flicks." Yikes, there are/were literally hundreds of good, bad and worse films. I would recommend this guide to all motor movies for winter reading and as a reference source.

This 1994 paperback is still available on Amazon.





CLASSIFIEDS

From Martin Doerfler:

Bit off more than I can chew. Must sell one or the other.

01. Ex-Gene Walker 1956 Harley KHK. Still a project, but an exceptionally nice one. Engine and transmission fresh. Near perfect chrome, all new cad, straight, original tins ready for paint. Call for details and many more pictures. \$11,000
02. Potential show winner (IMHO) 1942 WLA stroker in custom hardtail with BSA four speed. Engine fresh, Truett and Osbourne 4.5 inch stroked flywheels, new rods, cylinders, heads, oversized intake valves, WLDR cams, magneto. Gennie S model gas tank with switch, LED lights (legal-ish, not to see with). Starts easy, runs, rides, stops. Untitled, bill of sale. \$5,500

Trades plus cash for either bike? You bet. Honda 305 Dream, Honda 550, Suzuki 750, BMW R-50/75, BSA pre-unit single, engine work on my A-65, early Falcon Ranchero, ?. My tastes are eclectic, but it must have wire wheels (not the Falcon).

Call - text preferred -

Martin in Keizer (503) 999-5930

acegarage@comcast.net.

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Classifieds

OTC members get one, half-page ad with a photo for motorcycle related items each newsletter issue. Additional half-page ads and non-OTC members are \$10 each. Ads run for two issues.

From Tim Burns:

Looking to buy any pre-1970 Oregon or California motorcycle license plates.

Looking to buy any pre-1985 Harley motorcycles, basket cases, or parts piles.

Tim in Cottage Grove (408) 687-0635



Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America August 29, 2021. Special Board Meeting

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM by conference call. The purpose of this meeting was to review status of fires and COVID prior to the rally.

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

Other Attendees: Tom Ruttan

Treasurer's Report, Minutes, Correspondence, and Old/New Business: No reports for the special meeting.

Rally Status:

- ✓ *Air quality at John Day is good. No fires are threatening the area or major routes to John Day.*
- ✓ *All in attendance voted to proceed with rally.*
- ✓ *Tom R reported that a person he knew who attended Tenino SWAP meet contracted COVID.*
- ✓ *Reviewed resources for rally: who would bring pop-ups, tables, donations, Costco run, copies for maps and hand-outs, and drivers for recovery vehicle. John can bring a trailer.*
- ✓ *Number of participants registered was 19 (including officers who had not yet registered).*

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.
Minutes by Tom Nielsen.

Special Correspondence: Pres Jen Nielsen individually contacted board members to schedule a special board call/meeting on September 6 at 6:00 pm to discuss moving forward with the rally based on recent surge in COVID cases and deaths in Oregon and the rally area of Grant County. An email was sent September 6th to board members that outlined items for discussion and is summarized below:

Because of the following factors, the board will meet today by conference call at 6 PM to vote on holding our rally at John Day.

1. The high incidence of COVID in Oregon and Grant County.
2. The Grant County area has limited ICU and hospital beds under normal conditions.
3. We have some "precious gems," persons over 70 and 80 years old, in our club and signed up for our rally. We do not want to put them at risk.

4. The safety of rally participants should be of utmost importance. Under current conditions, there are too many factors limiting our ability to host the safest possible rally.

If we vote to cancel the rally, we need to decide on the following:

1. Contacting all rally participants, refund their entry fees, confirm mailing address.
2. Return or hold until next year of purchases for food goods, SWAG, raffle items?
3. Contacting Russ Brown and others regarding their donations.
4. Placing ads on website for donating vendors.
5. Officer elections by email and select few by mail.

If we vote to hold the rally, we need a new rally champion(s) to coordinate registration, breakfasts, banquet, ride briefings, recovery vehicle, elections, and other miscellaneous.

On a personal note, in addition to the above factors, those below contributed to the Nielsen's decision not to attend:

1. There will be many instances for potential COVID exposure: registration, socializing, breakfasts, the banquet, and rider briefings. Additionally, I (Jen) typically have personal contact with EVERY participant. I have pre-existing conditions.
2. Our son, the doctor, and other close relatives who are nurses, have shared some horrible, first-hand COVID experiences. Some as recently as last week. Our son expressed grave concern about our safety at this rally.
3. Break-through cases among the vaccinated account for about 16% of cases in Oregon.
4. Our recent experience with a meeting and event with another volunteer organization. Too many people ignored basic precautions. Each of these put us at some risk. We cannot control other people's actions, and we personally do not want to go to an event that is supposed to be fun, and have to play the role of public-health police.

As you all know, Tom and I have put a lot of time and energy into making this rally a success. We are conflicted, and have been for some time. Our decision not to attend the rally and potentially cancel it is not a decision we made without a lot of agonizing. We do believe cancelling the rally is the right decision.



Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America September 6, 2021 Special Board Meeting

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM by conference call. The purpose of this meeting was to vote on whether to hold the rally in light of recent surge in COVID cases.

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

Treasurer's Report, Minutes, Correspondence, and Old/New Business: No reports for the special meeting.

Rally Status: Reviewed the email of September 6th. Jennifer made a motion to cancel the rally. Bill seconded the motion. Discussion: The experiences at NWVCMR Rendezvous was that masks were not consistent and people did not all respect social distancing. Masks were not present at the Tenino SWAP meet. One does not know whether people are vaccinated. The hospital bed availability in John Day and Grant County was disputed. Conducted a roll call vote on whether to cancel rally:

John Davey – Nay
Martin Doerfler – Yea
Bill Quaccia – Yea
Tom Nielsen – Yea
Jen Nielsen – Yea

Motion carried.

Action Items:

1. Reviewed list of participants and compared those paid with names on AMCA website.
2. Tom and Jen will contact participants individually by phone and confirm their addresses. Tom will send a list to John who will send refund checks.
3. Tom will send a club wide email notifying of cancellation.
4. John will return dry goods.
5. SWAG items and raffle prizes will be retained for next year. Select items that have a shelf life will be returned.
6. Jen will contact Russ Brown and Laverne Lancaster to determine their wishes for their donations.
7. Tom will prepare ballots by email and select few by mail for officer elections.
8. John will still be going to John Day. We can let some folks know that a select few people will attend but it is not sanctioned by OTC.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.

Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America October 13, 2021

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM by conference call.

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

Other Attendees: Tom Ruttan.

Treasurer's Report: Club remains in the black. John sent out ten checks to 14 rally participants.

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence:

- ✓ Tom and Jen called all rally participants of rally cancellation. All were disappointed; some appreciative that we cared about their welfare.
- ✓ Jen called vendors and donors and all said to hold onto donations until next year (this included Russ Brown, Cycle Gear, and Laverne Lancaster).
- ✓ Tom N prepared inventory of rally prizes, SWAG, etc and sent to officers. The inventory can be used for planning next year's rally.

Old Business:

- ✓ Reviewed upcoming events:
 - Oct is ride to Markum Inn in Mt Angel - lunch. Was rescheduled for October 17th.
 - Nov 13 museum help day at NWVCMR.
 - Dec holiday party at Tim Burns in Cottage Grove. Bill Q to coordinate the event.
- ✓ Officer elections. Tom R received the ballots. There were 12 votes, incumbents retain their seats.

New Business:

- ✓ John D sent out all rally refunds.
- ✓ Jen announced this will be her last year as an officer and as rally chair. She is willing to maintain website if no one else interested. Tom N announced this will be last year as officer and on rally committee. We can assist with rally flyer and advertisement. We will be involved with club but not in a leadership capacity.
- ✓ We will need a new rally chair for 2022 – polled officers and there was some interest but no commitment at this time.



- ✓ If current officers do not wish to continue, please try to recruit someone for your position.

Next business meeting/conference call – November 9th at 7 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.

Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America November 9, 2021

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM by conference call.

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

Other Attendees: Tom Ruttan and Bruce Reichelt.

Treasurer's Report: Club remains in the black. All refunds for rally completed. Amazon returns showed in account. Need to check on who's paid up on dues. John to send out reminder to members. Tom N to add dues reminder in newsletter. Bruce requested a list of member numbers. John will send out.

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence:

- ✓ Tom and Jen's email had a hiccup on notice for October meeting. It was delayed and came out a month late. Jen sent notice to members of issue.
- ✓ Keith Kizer of AMCA reached out that AMCA will provide SWAG for 2022 rally. We don't know what AMCA will provide. Jen will notify next year's rally chair.

Old Business:

- ✓ Reviewed upcoming events:
 - Nov 21st museum help day at NWVCMM. Was rescheduled. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by 19th. There is stuff to be moved out of meeting room and de-cluttering.
 - Dec 4th is holiday party at Tim Burns. Food will be provided. Folks should bring dessert to share.
- ✓ Rally 2022. Have openings for committee and chair. Martin suggested developing job descriptions. Tom N noted that there is a "to-do" list that also covers what needs to be accomplished.

New Business:

- ✓ Museum help day. See above.
- ✓ Need to brainstorm schedule for 2022;
 - Typically January is a movie at NWVCMM at Powerland. There were several suggestions including "Electra-glide in Blue," some of Peter Fonda's B-movies about motos, the "Then Came Bronson" pilot. Bill Q has several on VCR. John said he has a VCR player. Will make a decision at December board meeting.
 - Need suggestions for activities for rest of year. Rides were suggested such as across McKenzie Pass, Blue River to Sisters. Jen requested each officer come up with four suggested activities for next year.
- ✓ Request newsletter contributions. Tom R will do an article on the Moto GP races in Texas he attended. Bill Q will do an article on moto movies. Jen will do some holiday fun items and requested each officer send a unique item about themselves.
- ✓ Tom Krise is getting a new knee today.

Next business meeting/conference call is December 14th at 7 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.



