

Trail Gazette

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Meeting Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America January 28, 2017

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 11:07am at the Old Gas Station at Brooks Powerland.

Officers in Attendance:

Officers attending were Jen and Tom Krise, secretary.

Attendees:

Gene Walker, Bruce Reichelt, Paul Wright, Nils Olson, Tim Burns, and Newsletter Editor Tom Nielsen. It was noted that there were three past presidents attending.

Minutes:

Tom K. read the last meeting minutes. They stood as read.

Correspondence:

Tom K. noted that there was no correspondence.

Treasurer Report:

Tom R., though absent, had submitted a financial report, and the club is operating in the black.

Old Business:

The One Moto Show: We've been given space for six or seven motorcycles. Jen and Tom N. are working show registration. Jen called out for volunteers to stay near our bikes and answer questions about Oregon Trail Chapter. Nils offered to take 9-3 Sunday, and Tom K. 3-9 Saturday (note: as of the time of the writing, family business calls me out of town, and I will be unable to attend the show—Tom K).

Oregon Trail Trailer Committee: Discussion on type of trailer, e.g. enclosed vs. flatbed, new vs. used, rental vs. ownership, costs, who would have access, insurance, liability, registration, and utility.

Tom N. motioned and Tom K. 2nd, we: Increase the budget for trailer purchase to \$2000 to purchase a flatbed trailer with a lockable tool box. Motion passed.

Road Run 2017 Committee: Jen wants a run committee meeting soon in McMinnville, the site for this summer's run. We will discuss lodging and camping sites, routes, the coordination our 2017 OTC road run and Evergreen's National, and ideas for our 2018 national. It was agreed that the three Toms, Gene, and Jen will meet the next weekend to discuss places and details of the rally.

**NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, February 25,
2017
11 AM**

Garage Crawl at Tim Burn's
In Cottage Grove



New Business:

Jen motioned and Gene 2nd we print promotional posters with a budget of \$50. Motion passed.

Bruce gave a short informational talk about counterfeits of antique motorcycle publications. Counterfeit printing is theft from the authors and publishers. He displayed a counterfeit restoration manual and pointed out clues of inauthenticity, such as visual flaws in the images or print of the master copy reproduced in the fakes, and the low-quality of the images.

OTC member Tim Burns of Cottage Grove graciously offered to host the next club meeting and garage crawl Saturday, February 25th, with a meeting at 11 am.

We adjourned at 12:01pm.
Respectfully submitted by Tom Krise, Secretary.

The Pres Letter-

Hello Members!
Some great happenings this month.

In January, the Road Run Committee was busy. We visited McMinnville and found a very nice RV park to be our headquarters. Olde Stone Village RV Park on Highway 18. It has 71 RV sites, we reserved some for the rally. The RV park is next to the Evergreen Aviation Museum, which will have added camping spaces for tents and RVs (dry camp). Nearness to the Aviation museum will also be a draw for attendees. The RV park has free showers/restrooms, a laundry, a nice clubhouse, a heated pool, and free Wi-Fi.

We have three themes for rides at the rally: a shake down ride on Thursday; Tom K will work out a route around Hagg Lake. On Friday, a ride to the coast, also planned by Tom K. On Saturday, a wine-country tour planned by Tom R. A tentative plan for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday is to have dinner at the clubhouse or the outdoor gazebo at the RV park.

A budget for the rally was set based on the costs incurred in 2016. We will need OTC members to contact local bike shops for door prizes. Likely candidates include Paradise HD, Cascade Moto, Portland HD Speed Shop, and See-See Coffee. We will also need OTC members with contacts at the local BMW dealer and Bob Lanphere to ask those dealers for a donation. "SWAG" bags (free goodies) will be given to riders at registration: examples include a string backpack with a magnet advertising our 2018 National Rally, a hat or tee shirt, and stickers from local dealers.

Our club had a great showing at the One Moto Show. Six members displayed their bikes. Thanks so much to Nils Olson, Tom Ruttan, Michael Tilson, Terry Wolbert, and Chuck Hodson. You guys are awesome! For those that asked and did not get in, thanks and I have your names for next year. Tom and I helped again with registration and am quite sure Thor and Tori Drake will again use our services. We heard Thor, an avid racer and all around crazy bike rider, was thoroughly impressed when our own Chuck Hodson rode his 1914 Indian up the ramp to the second floor where bikes were displayed. He was the **only one** to do so.

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**"Happiness isn't around the corner.
It is the corner!"**

2017 Meeting Calendar Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA	
Month	Activity
Feb 25	Garage Crawl, Tim Burns
Mar 25	Garage Crawl, Terry Wolbert
Apr 29	Ride and Lunch - need a Ride Guide
May 20	Potluck at Tom Ks Elections
June 24	Meeting, Ride to Bavarian House in Mt Angel
July 20-22	OTC Rally, McMinnville
Aug 26	Scavenger Hunt Ride
Sept 30	Meeting/Display at local MC Dealer
Oct 21	Garage Crawl (location TBA)
Nov 25	No Turkey Garage Day at Tom K's
Dec 9	Holiday Get Together



The One Moto Show, February 10-12

By Tom Nielsen

This year's show started at 8 AM for Jen and me. We helped with checking in the participants and handing out the goodie bag to builders. As in the past, it was a lot of fun to meet the variety of builders from all over the country and all manner of machines, from strictly stock to outlandish customs. Café racers were probably the most common, fewer choppers this year, and many more stock bikes.



Tom and Jen Nielsen and Tori Drake at check-in.

As builders checked in, we confirmed the details on their machine, filled out an aluminum ID label for each bike, and gave them a Santa-worthy SWAG bag that contained a powerful LED light, a Leatherman tool, dry fit tee shirt, long sleeve tee, Red Cloud Key Chain, a HD beanie, numerous stickers, and some contained an insulated drink mug; all inside a heavy duty string back pack. Builders then rolled their bikes to a line to get photographed. They then made their way around the building and up the ramp to the second floor to be placed for display. Our own Chuck Hodson has the distinction of bringing what I believe was the oldest motorcycle. He was also distinguished in that he rode his 1914 Indian up the ramp to the second story, much to the delight of Thor Drake, the event organizer. Chuck related that Thor was at the top of the ramp and was all grins and clapping as Chuck charged up the ramp.

This year's event was in a new location, a two story warehouse on Columbia Boulevard called the Pickle Factory. It previously was a foundry and OTC's own Michael Tillson worked their when he

was in high school. The layout had multiple food purveyors, motorcycle accessory vendors, and artists spread throughout the facility. Sponsors included Harley-Davidson, BMW, Danner boots, ICON, See-See Coffee, Pabst, Union Wine, Alta Motors, Red Cloud Collective, Bell, American Flat Track Racers, and Iron and Air Magazine.



Chuck Hodson unloading his 1914 Indian

Motorcycle brands included Ariel, Honda, Velocette, Triumph, Buell, Honda, Norton, Indian, Husqvarna, Saracen, Alta, Bultaco, Cappa Montesa, Maico, Vespa, Suzuki, Hodoka, Yamaha, Harley-Davidson, Indian, Moto Guzzi, Kawasaki, BSA, BMW, Ducati, and Flying Merkel. We have a copy of the working list of registered bikes, and easily half of them qualify as antiques. Besides OTC, OVM and the Mount Scott club also had bikes on display.



A Harley-Davidson Knuclehead bobber



The One Moto Show (cont'd)



OTC members Tom Ruttan, Michael Tilson, and Nils Olson waiting in the line to be photographed

Once the bikes were placed, and the art and vendors set up, the old foundry was transformed into a Moto-art gallery. The bikes were placed on raised white platforms and spread in different wings and floors of the building. There were over 15,000 attendees viewing the approximately 180 motorcycles. I understand from people who attended that the line to enter moved quickly. The feeling of the event was very upbeat and even with all the participants, it did not feel crowded. At the display of OTC bikes, members took shifts through the three days of the show. We had seventeen individuals sign up for information about the club !



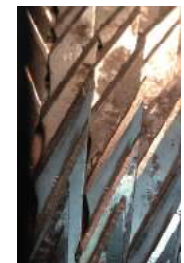
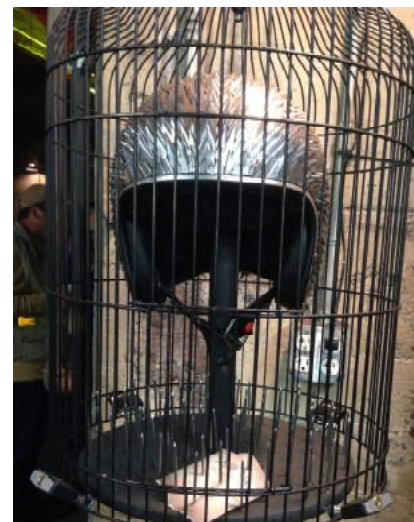
1937 HD with sidecar on the main floor



Another Harley-Davidson Knuclehead bobber



Builders line up their bikes to be photographed



Helmet Art. Note detail above, the surface is covered with 1,349 Exacto blades. Title:

"Inherent Risk"

The One Moto Show (cont'd)



Tom Ruttan and Jen Nielsen at the OTC's display of our bikes at the One Moto Show



View of main entrance to the One Moto Show



Salt City Builds 1979 Honda CX500



Ron Saunder's 1969 BSA Rocket 3



OTC Member Bikes at the One Moto Show

- 1914 Indian – Chuck Hodson
- 1939 Harley-Davidson EL – Nils Olsen
- 1947 Velocettes (two) – Terry Wolbert
- 1949 Triumph Grand Prix Factory Racer – Tom Ruttan
- 1951 Ariel – Michael Tilson
- 1959 Ariel - Jim Lancaster
- 1969 BSA Rocket 3 – Ron Saunders
- 1978 Harley-Davidson XLH – Jen Nielsen



Staff Jokes

- 401K Statement Analysts: Douse and Burnham
- Accounts Payable Clerk, Moscow Office: Dasha Chekhov
- Adopted Son from Sweden: Bjorn A. Payne Diaz
- Air-Quality Monitor: Carmine Dioxide
- Air Traffic Controller- Ulanda U. Lucky
- Art Critic: Phyllis Steen
- Bolt Tightener: Tilda Plierslip
- Clothing Designer: Hugh Jass
- Caffeine Addiction Counselor: Bruno Moore
- Director of Cadillac Steering: Toulouse Toultrack
- Jump Starting Expert: Stan Wellback
- Race Team Driver: Andy Zoff
- Senior Citizen Driving Instructor: Tonya Blinkeroff

Courtesy Car Talk website

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 and Jen



WANTED

Vintage motorcycle to partially or fully restore. Prefer 500cc and up, and 1950s and earlier Lou 360-356-4300 Vancouver, WA

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Feb 25 11 AM	OTC Club Meeting, Garage Crawl, Tim Burns, Cottage Grove, Oregon
Feb 25	AHRMA Cahuilla Creek MX and Trials Anza, California http://www.ahrma.org
Mar 10-12	14th Annual Inland NW Motorcycle Show & Sale Spokane County Fair & Expo Center http://spokanemotorcycleshow.com/
Mar 18	Arena Cross Motorcycle Racing Moto Center, Portland Oregon http://www.arenacross.com/
Mar 18-19	41st Annual Vintage Motorcycle Rally & Show 2207 Blaine St., Caldwell, Idaho 18 th : Ride and Dinner 19 th : Show and Swap Meet, noon – 4 PM Up to 195 bikes in past, draws from six states Preregistration required for space http://www.idahovintagemotorcycleclub.org/
Apr 2	26th Annual Rose City 250 Starts at Beaverton Motorcycle, sign-in 5:30-8 AM http://www.rose-city-mc.org/RCFrameset.html
April 22	14th Annual Washington Vintage Motorcycle Club Swap Meet and Show Opens 8 AM on Saturday at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon, WA. Admission is \$2 per person; parking an additional \$5 per car. http://www.washingtonvintagemotorcyclists.org/swappics.html/
April 22-24	Historic Cup Roadrace Series Willow Springs Int'l Raceway; Rosamond, CA http://www.ahrma.org/schedules-results/
April 28-29	Historic Cup Roadrace Series Sonoma Raceway; Sonoma, CA http://www.ahrma.org/schedules-results/

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/>

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/>