

Trail Gazette

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**Next Club Gathering:
Saturday, February 17th**

Cherry City Classic
*Invitational Bike Show,
Flat Track Racing
Live Music, Vendors*
Show opens 10 AM, races start 6 PM

Multiple OTC bikes are in the show

**OTC members are meeting for the show at
noon and for races at 5:00 PM just inside
the Jackman Long Building**

Fees for Show, Parking, and Races

Salem Fairgrounds
2330 17th St NE, Salem, OR

<https://cherrycityclassic.com/>



Oregon Trail Chapter
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The Prez Letter

Greetings

Hope all is well, that you have survived the wet and cold that has been dished out by mother nature. It was a good time to seek shelter in the cave and do some much needed work on the bike(s). For me it meant a lot of time moving and organizing the new shop to a state where I have finally started putting my '78 Bonneville back together. As I look around the shop, I see several other projects waiting so I won't be short of something to do for the foreseeable future. And that is a good thing.

Note that there are races at Salem fairgrounds on the 17th of this month. There is also a Bike show with several of our bikes. Saturday the 17th our club chapter will gather for a "meet up" visit at noon if you want to go the show, and meet at 5 PM if you want to go to the races. For either, meet at the front entrance of the Jackman-Long building.

Salem Fairgrounds: 2330 17th St NE,
Salem, OR.

Check out the events calendar. There are several other events spread out this next year. We will have a rally based out of Cottage Grove in July. We will have a flyer for this as soon as we pin down more details. It will be three days, similar to other rallies we have hosted.

So fire 'em up and ride 'em! See you out there.

James McQuiston
OTC President
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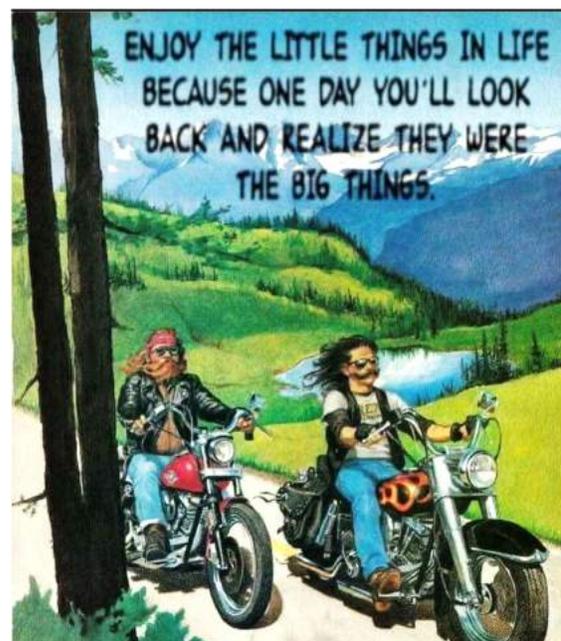
2024 National Road Runs

AMCA's 40th Anniversary season celebrating the club's first National Road Run is just around the corner. For 2024 AMCA has five National Road Runs spanning from California to New Jersey and from February to October.

The SoCal Chapter Road Run is Feb 29-Mar 2 in Borrego Springs.

Contact **Richard Coffin at 808-780-2636**,
email rvcoffin@hotmail.com

SoCal link:
<http://www.socalamca.com/upcoming-ride-registration>





Road Trips By James McQuiston

Last summer my wife and I took an east coast trip. We rolled in some American history, glass artistry, and motorcycles. After flying to New Jersey and spending a couple days around Manhattan, we opted for a rental car and proceeded on our journey down the coastal states. Jefferson's Monticello gave a taste of the old life and fantastic views of the valley and once majestic plantation.

We made a stop at the **MotorcyclePedia** museum in Newburgh, New York. If ever in the area, it is a must see. There are over 650 bikes, and the largest collection Indians in the world. One floor has a bike representing every year they were in production. I highly recommend it. We were there on a Tuesday and had the run of the place.

While in Pennsylvania we stopped at the **Antique Automobile Club of America Museum** in Hershey Museum. It had some fantastic old cars and a nice collection of bikes from 30's to 50's. I could not resist showing the Tuckers display. They have several cars and engines (these cars were powered by helicopter engines) on display with quite a bit of memorabilia. I have never seen one and it was quite well represented. These are extremely rare and from an era that a lot of our bikes come from.





Road Trip (cont'd)

We tooled down the pike way to North Carolina and stopped for a few hours at the **Wheels through Time**. This was a treat. Not only are there some incredible bikes, the display is like walking into a massive old barn or workshop. They start up machines regularly and you can smell them. It's pretty cool to hear a board tracker or old OFFY race car fire up. After Tee shirts and a BBQ down the road, and we were off to the next destination.



Post New Year's Ride to Prineville Reservoir By James McQuiston



OTC members and guests take a break on the scenic ride to Prineville Reservoir.

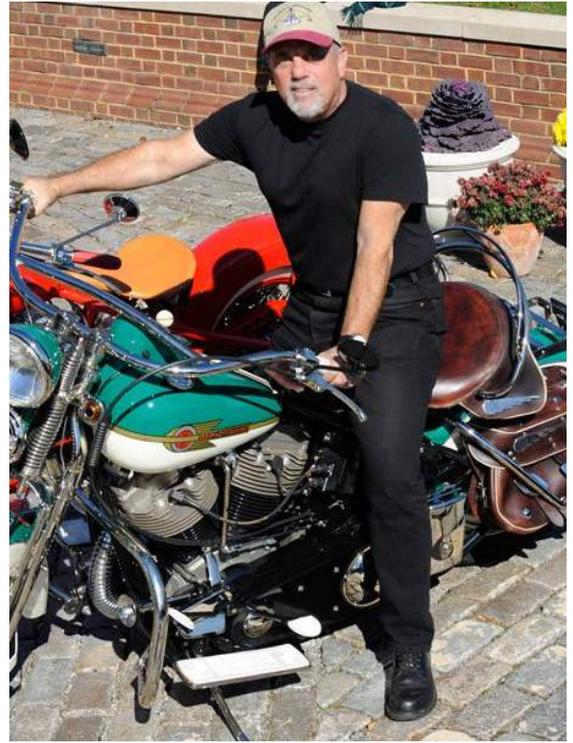


Kris Thompson, left, and his "new" 1965 HD Panhead



Celebrities on Motorcycles

Who are these familiar faces on two wheels? Answers on page 6.





OTC Schedule of Events 2024

Date	Event
Feb 17 Noon show 5 PM Races	Cherry City Classic - Flat Track Races & Bike Show, Salem Fairgrounds*
Mar	Garage Crawl, TBA
Apr 21	One Moto Show, Zidell Yard, Portland *
May 4-5	Steel Stampede Vintage Races and Trials, Crooked River Ranch, Terrebonne *
May 17-18	OVM Swap Meet & Ride, Salem Fairgrounds *
June	Ride - TBA
June 14-15	Swap Meet & Bike Show - Fort Sutter Chapter, AMCA, Dixon, CA *
July 15-19	OTC Rally/Road Run - Cottage Grove
Aug 10	Western Antique Airplane & Automobile Museum fly-in & Muscle Car show, Hood River *
Aug 16-17	Swap Meet - Evergreen Chapter, AMCA, Tenino, WA*
Aug 24	Bike show in Bend sponsored 6-Volt
Sep 9-13	OTC 3-Day Club Ride, John Day, OR
Oct	Lunch at Kelly's Olympian, Portland - TBD
Nov	Museum (NWVCMM) Help Day, Brooks - TBD
Dec	Holiday Party, Cottage Grove - TBD

Dates shown where known. As schedules firm up, will post in newsletter

* Event of interest, not OTC sponsored.

NWVCMM - Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum

Celebrities on Motorcycles

From page 5

Upper Right: Billy Joel

Center Left: Dennis Hopper

Lower Right: Janis Joplin



DISCOUNTS FOR AMCA & OTC

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

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>

Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists

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

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Please submit article contributions, classified advertisements, photos, trip reports, and suggestions. Prefer Word or Adobe PDF for text and .jpg or PDF for graphics to

Thanks, Tom Nielsen, Editor



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE:

1980 Harley-Davidson FLT. Runs well. New tires, starter, front brake pads. Specialty plates. Clear title.

2016 Honda CRF250L Dual Sport. 600 miles. Plates good through 4/24. Clear title.

Tom in Portland metro

WANTED:

Oregon motorcycle license plates.
Top dollar paid.

Panhead or generator Shovelhead motors, frames, forks, transmissions, etc.

Tim in Cottage Grove (408) 687-0635

Posting in our Classified Ads

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.

Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America January 10, 2024

Meeting called to order by President James McQuiston at 7:00 pm.

Officers in Attendance: James McQuiston Pres., Tim Burns VP, Danny Podkowa Secretary, John Davey Treasurer.

Other Attendees: Martin Doerfler, Tom and Jennifer Nielsen.

Treasurer's report: John reported one membership renewal. Robert Williams did not cash refund check. McKenzie Food Pantry check is still outstanding. Jen shared their treasurer has been out but will check in again on the status. New membership from Samuel Gates; posted to January accounting. Samuel's application did not indicate AMCA membership. John will confirm he is AMCA member and report to Tom for roster update. Club is in the black. A few more membership renewals are on the way.

Correspondence:

- ✓ Jennifer reported call with McKenzie Food Pantry re: outstanding check.
- ✓ James spoke to Keith Kizer about effort for a rally versus a meet. Keith said a meet was more work intensive.

Old Business:

- ✓ Web transition –
 - Tom exchanged emails with Geoff at Club Express; Geoff said he should have a draft by the end of the week. Tom sent Geoff templates to get started and will add a video tab.
 - Tom added to the current website a link to a YouTube channel he created with videos of mostly club member bikes running and added a link to the OTC website on the YouTube channel. Since starting the YouTube Channel, it's had 19K hits (in two weeks) and 39 subscribers! Plan is to upload about one video a week.

New Business:

- ✓ Roster – James and Tom
 - By the third week of January, have a cutoff for members to submit dues for Tom to update roster based on who has renewed. James can submit updated roster to national by the end of January.
 - We will begin sending the annual waiver with the dues email. Tom will prepare the waiver based on the one used at 2023 rally, with effective dates of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 and location: "All OTC Events and locations." To add a column in the roster noting that the member's waiver was completed.
 - An Excel file of the updated roster will be shared with all officers and a PDF of the roster will be distributed to the members. The PDF will not include addresses but will list City/State and, if authorized by the member, their bikes, phone, and email.
- ✓ Dues – Tom
 - Danny will send a reminder about dues and the upcoming movie at NWVCMM.
 - Danny will attach the waiver to the 'dues reminder' email.
- ✓ Holding a National Rally – James
 - National looking for chapters to conduct 2025 national rallies. Should we do that instead of the Cottage Grove rally this summer? James spoke with Keith Kizer, who suggested a Rally, as it's not as intensive as a Meet.
 - Jen recommended tabling this discussion until all have had an opportunity to read through and see what is involved in



organizing a national rally. Circle back next month and discuss then. Event guidelines are available: AMCA National and another by the Evergreen Chapter are on our website. Jen said she will not be able to help this year due to other commitments.

- Tom: What we call “rallies” are technically ‘road runs.’ Concern about running a national is that we don’t have the ‘horsepower’ to put on a national rally. A national rally requires much more work and staffing because they are more involved and attract more folks. We had 90 riders and over 100 at the banquet at our 2018 national. We had our hands full with 35 riders in 2023. Evergreen Chapter had 25 committee members to put on their national in Colville. They have 80 members to draw from, we have 40.
- John stated he really likes to meet folks and ride, not interested in taking on more work.
- Group agreed to go with the previous plan of having a local rally. John Day was a great example. During 2024, we should see if we can recruit members and then can consider a national in 2025 if enough members help.

✓ 2024 Events

- **January movie.** Decided to reschedule movie to January 20 because of expected snowstorm on 13th. Tom N will confirm with Tom Ruttan that NWVCM is available on 20th. Danny will await the green light from Tom N before sending the email notice to members.
- **February 17th – Cherry City Classic.**
 - Bike show in the Jackman-Long building; heated and fully covered.
 - Motorcycle races next door, covered but open sides – not heated.
 - Danny can inquire about OTC showing bikes.
 - Club members to meet February 17th, 5 pm at the front entrance of the Jackman-Long building on the Salem Fairgrounds.
- **March – Garage Crawl TBD.** Martin is possible. Suggestion for Danny to host. Danny to confirm his work schedule and circle back with an answer.
- **April 20th – The One Motorcycle Show**
 - Club meet up like last year.
 - Tom has not heard from Keith about a display. Jen will follow up with Keith

about getting a display that can be for the West Coast.

- Nielsen’s meeting with One Moto event managers on February 1st.
- OTC can have six bikes. Tim can provide 3, Danny one, and have two openings. Tim can supplement if needed.
- **May 4th – 5th – Steel Stampede**
 - Deschutes Expo in Redmond (new location).
 - Organized by 6 Volt Cycle.
 - OTC website has been updated with the new location.
 - James will have an OTC banner and bikes there.
- **May 17th – 19th – OVM Spring Ride, Swap Meet, and Show**
 - May 17th is the OVM ride, May 18th is the show and swap meet.
 - We typically set up our pop-up with table and club banner.
 - Last year, members showed up at various times. Suggested having a lunch so members are all at booth at same time. Need to confirm.
- **May 18th – Flat Track/open traction practice**
 - Organized by 6 Volt Cycle.
 - Deschutes Expo in Redmond.
- **June TBD**
 - James spoke with Jason and a few others, one of whom is a High Desert Museum curator.
 - Possible ride to High Desert Museum. James is waiting to hear from the curator about their schedule.
- **July 15th – 19th – AMCA Road Rally in Cottage Grove**
 - Tim will work on accommodations, etc. 12-15 room block recommended
 - Plan to advertise in the AMCA website as a notice under Events.
 - Anticipate 40-50 people.
 - Rides on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
 - Tom reviewed previous (2018) rides in Cottage Grove. The first day’s ride was a shakedown and only 42 miles. Rides on days 2 and 3 have many turns and would need lots of signs for

