

Trail Gazette

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Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America January 14, 2020

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:03 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: Tom Ruttan.

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence: Various calls were received by officers about the One Show.

Treasurer's Report: Club remains in the black.

Old Business:

- ✓ 2020 Rally Discussion:
 - Tom N and Jen developed a 2020 rally budget. Reviewed with board members. We need a minimum of 26 attendees to break even using entry fee of \$120/\$60 for rider/passengers, assuming we receive donations covering the cost for water and copies (as done in 2019 for maps, handout, misc). If club pays for water and copies, break even is 31 attendees.
 - We plan on having continental breakfast on three days again this year. Lunches are not provided by club – nor are dinners except the banquet on Saturday.
 - We will have an ice cream social after registration on Wednesday and evening snacks on Thursday and Friday.

- We submitted an ad to the AMCA national magazine to remind people to “SAVE THE DATE” (September 9 – 12) for our rally.

One Moto Show.

- Have a good number of antiques bikes.
- 2020 is 100th anniversary of the Indian Scout and Thor Drake asked us to get as many as possible – so far have eight Scouts.
- We are looking for more Harleys – so far, only one.
- ✓ Need activities for March, April, and October. Reviewed some options.
- ✓ Tom and Jen plan to be on trip end of March through April.

New Business:

- ✓ Upcoming Meetings and Activities
 - January 18th movie “The Great Escape” at Powerland.
 - February 7-9th is the One Motorcycle Show.
- ✓ Discussed future possible meetings.

Next business meeting/conference call – February 11th at 7 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.

MARCH MEETING: CANCELLED

April Meeting

Eugene Area Ride and Lunch

Details to be announced pending status of governor's Stay-Home order.



Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America February 11th, 2020

No conference call was held.

The Movie “The Great Escape”

By Tom Nielsen

Club members met on January 18th at the Powerland Museum to enjoy the movie “The Great Escape.” The 1963 movie is based on historical events of an escape of 76 Allied POWs from a German Camp, Stalag Luft III, during World War II. Some interesting facts:

The cast included numerous veterans. Among them, Donald Pleasance, was an RAF radio operator. His bomber was shot down in August 1944 and he was a POW in a German camp. When he made some suggestions during filming of the movie to the director, he was politely asked to keep his opinions to himself. Until the director learned he had been a POW, and then requested his technical advice.

The actor that played the German commandant, Hannes Messemer, served in the German army and was in a Russian POW camp.

Steve McQueen did a lot of the motorcycle riding in the film, including several scenes portraying German riders. For example, when McQueen’s character strings a wire across the road to flip a German motorcyclist, McQueen performed that stunt wearing a German uniform. During the

motorcycle chase scenes, he would often outrun the actors following him and had to slow down. Members of the cast often took the motorcycles to the local town (it was filmed in Bavaria). McQueen (and others) was caught and briefly jailed for speeding through a speed trap. The famous 60-foot jump over the barbed wire fence was performed by Bud Ekins. The motorcycle scenes were not based on historical events, but were added at McQueen’s suggestion.



Taking a ride during filming of “The Great Escape”
L-R: James Coburn, James Garner, Steve McQueen, and director John Sturges.



OTC members at January 18th meeting for the movie: “The Great Escape.”
L-R: Bruce Reichelt, Martin Doerfler, John Davey, Tom Krise, Chuck Hodson, Tom Ruttan, and Ozzie.
Not pictured: Hoss Marlin, Larry & Melinda Sargent. Bike is a 1927 Indian Ace Four.



The Pres Letter-

Howdy ho neighbors!

I kinda feel like Wilson from “Home Improvement.” You know, looking over the fence the way he did was a great example of social distancing!

I hope this newsletter finds you all taking care of yourselves. To be completely honest, the 3 + weeks I have been in lockdown (my term for being at home) I have been very content. I have a full pantry of baking essentials and have been creating variations on the peanutbutter cookie, among other new concoctions! I have also been able to pitch in more on the myriad of home projects we have going on. And, I’ve been trying out our new toys – electric bicycles! Don’t knock em till you’ve tried em!!

We will be keeping you all posted on our upcoming club events. If we don’t do a planned event this year, we will roll it onto next year’s calendar. Take care, be safe, and smile.

Peace out,
Jen

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*“People change, things go wrong, shit happens.
But the ride goes on.”
Stars Stripes & Pipes*



Motorcycle mechanics in the age of COVID-19 (not really, that’s Larry McBride tuning a Top Fuel 1,500 HP bike with Nitro).



2020 One Motorcycle Show

By Tom Nielsen

This year's One Motorcycle Show (One Show) was held at Veterans Memorial Coliseum on February 7, 8, and 9th. One of the many sponsors was Indian Motorcycle. Because 2020 was the 100th Anniversary of the Indian Scout, Thor Drake asked Jennifer if she could round-up some old Scouts for display. In meetings preparing for the One Show, Thor also said this year they would dedicate a room to vintage and antique motorcycles. We could invite as many as we could get, and as for Scouts, any condition, the more patina the better. So Jen and I started polling AMCA and other vintage bike club members to get bikes and especially Scouts. We were able to get nine Scouts and well over 40 antique bikes. A total of 265 motorcycles were registered, not counting racing bikes and vendor bikes.



Thor Drake, head honcho of the One Moto Show and owner of See See Motor Coffee of Portland.



On the Wednesday before the show, we met with the production team, who were new to the One Show - they turned out to be the best ever. The leaders of the production team reviewed logistics, staffing, security, first aid, and other details. We did a tour of the coliseum to view the main bike display in the exhibit hall and layout for the concourse. The exhibit hall was

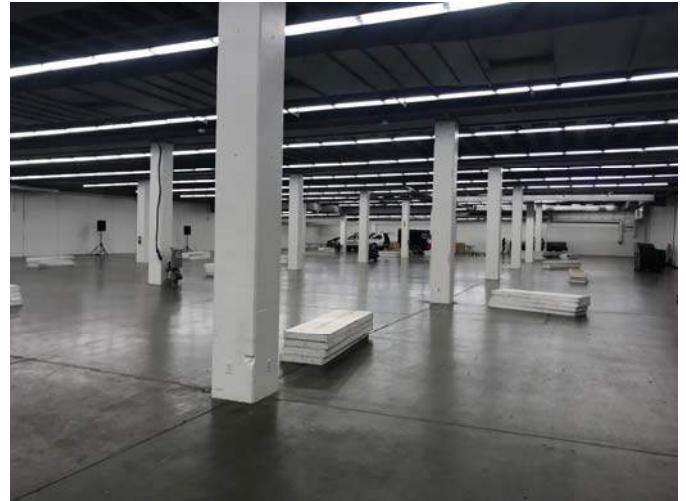


Exhibit Hall at Memorial Coliseum empty with bike platforms getting ready for the One Show.

empty, except for volunteers moving bike platforms and setting up booths.

The room for the vintage bikes was about 50 feet by 35 feet. It had square carpet tiles, which made a handy grid to help us layout spaces for the bikes. Jen and I placed blue painter tape to designate walkways and numbered bike locations in the room. We assigned slots in the vintage room to emphasize the Scouts and Indian bikes, as well as accommodate tables for the NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum, Vahan Dinihanian's 1918 Indian, as well as OTC, and OVM clubs/members.



The arena at Memorial Coliseum filled with dirt, being worked into a track for the races.



2020 One Motorcycle Show (cont'd)

Jen had been assembling the master list of bike entrants for months. It was maintained on a shared drive and she and Thor went back and forth adding and refining the list. We also had a separate list of vintage bikes. The day prior to the show, we had copies of the list printed on 11x17 paper of the 6-1/2 pages of bikes. We also prepared a checklist for the stations at builder check-in, spare bike tags,



Left: Jen Nielsen verifies info on another builder. One down, 264 to go.

Below: The line of builders waiting to check in.



signs for OTC bikes, etc. This year we had six volunteers to escort bikes from the check-in table to either the vintage room, the exhibit hall, or the main concourse. Two other volunteers helped direct builders with unloading and parking. For check-in, we had four folks that had builders complete a waiver, verify contact and bike information, complete a tag for the bike, assign a number, provide wrist bands, and hand out SWAG bags and oil diapers (as needed for incontinent bikes).

This being the first year at the coliseum there were some teething pains. Unloading and

staging and parking were sometimes a challenge for builders. But overall, I think it was a resounding success. The unofficial attendee count was 60,000 people. The coliseum courts/ice arena was cleared out and loads and loads of dirt were brought in for the flat track races. It was fantastic to be able to watch the races from the arena and be able to see the entire track. The bands were in a separate room, which meant that the noise was more muted than in previous years (at previous One Shows, the music was so loud you could not carry on a conversation). Now you could easily talk in the main exhibit hall and vintage room.



Indian Scout in Exhibit Hall. photo by Trevor Ryan



Vahan Dinihanian's 1918 Indian Powerplus in the Vintage Room. This bike was ridden by Erling Hangerud for 11,800 miles from Portland to Boston, and as far south as Tia Juana and as far north as Detroit in 1919.



2020 One Motorcycle Show (cont'd)



Left: Matt Presley and Nils Olson and ??? in the Vintage Room.
Photo by Sara Ryan.



Left: 1946 Indian Chief, owned by James Beyer, Missoula, MT.
Photo by Sara Ryan





2020 One Motorcycle Show (cont'd)

The One Show also had art exhibits by local high school students and they gave away scholarships to those kids.

The national rep for Indian motorcycles personally thanked Jen for facilitating the display of the old Scouts. She also introduced me to the marketing person for the World of Speed, who gave me contact information of their curator, which is cool because of the overlap with NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum and OTC. Without a doubt, this was my favorite One Show.



Above. 1963 Harley Davidson WLA frame with a 45 ci flathead from a servicer. The "Salty Dog" salt flats racer owned by North West and Jimmy Guerrero of San Mateo, CA



Above and Right: Bikes in Exhibit Hall



R&R after One Show. Tom and Jen Nielsen with Mike Braughton and Jim Meadows, latter two of Comstock AMCA of Reno NV. Mike and Jim brought two Indian Scouts and helped place bikes during builder check-in.



1964 Harley-Davidson FL custom.



2020 One Motorcycle Show (cont'd)

Celebrities on Motorcycles -

Who are these familiar faces on two wheels?
Answers on page 9.



Flat Track racers in the arena at the Memorial Coliseum.



Photo by Trevor Ryan

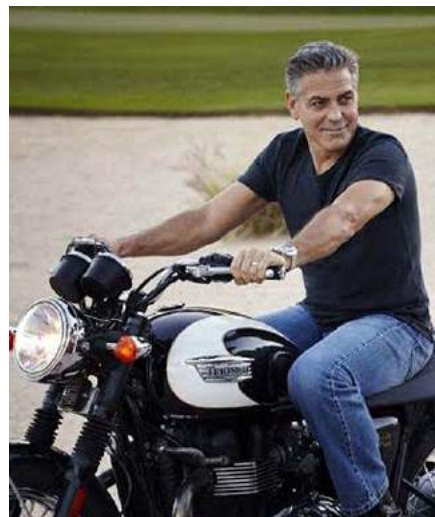
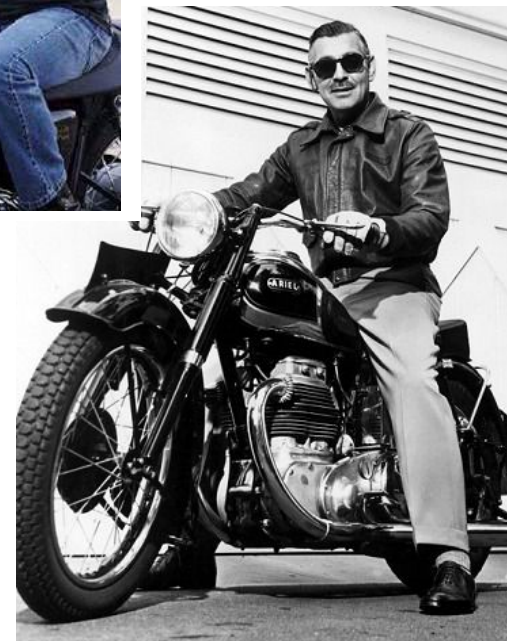


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2020 Meeting Calendar Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA	
Month	Activity
Every Month 2 nd Tuesday	OTC Business Conference Call All members welcome Call 971-256-0996, then enter code 412341
March	Cancelled
April	Eugene Area Ride and Lunch <i>Details pending Governor's "Stay Home-Stay Safe" policy</i>
May	OVM SWAP MEET <i>Corvallis, OR</i>
June	Bend, OR <i>details pending</i>
July	Crater Lake Ride , <i>details pending</i>



Photo by Scott Toepfer

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>

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>



Recent Harley-Davidson barn find / restoration by Jim Singhose. Rosie reports: "A barn find that was all in rusty pieces. Jim has had so much fun working on that thing. She looks rough but runs great." Note tractor seat 😊

Celebrities on Motorcycles

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Top: Babe Ruth
Center: George Clooney
Lower: Clark Gable

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Thanks, Tom



NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND SWAP MEET

20th Year!
2001 - 2020

Friday & Saturday
June 19 and 20, 2020



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Pre-Registration Only

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Or online:
www.antiquemotorcycle.org

Friday - Swap Meet, Vending, Display of Antique Motorcycles

Saturday - Swap Meet, Vending, Display of Antique Motorcycles, National Judging and Awards

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