

# Trail Gazette

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## Next Club Gathering:

## Holiday Party

**Saturday, December 14**  
**At Tim's home**

**11:00 AM**

**OTC will provide snacks & lunch,  
a Mexican Buffet**



A Matchless riding two-up gets some air



## The Prez Letter

Happy Holidays everyone-

Hope you had a happy Halloween and great Thanksgiving. It's that time of year to reflect on our good fortune and be with friends and family. Occasionally maybe, sneak off for a holiday ride. As I look back on this past year, I really appreciate the friends I have, the people I've met in our club, and the good times we get together for rides and lounging around. I also realize compared to many places in the world, we are truly blessed with beautiful scenery that is safe from wars and natural disasters.

We had some great rides this past year and hope to do some more in the coming 12 Months. As we close out 2024, we have one more get-together scheduled at Tim Burns' home in Cottage Grove coming up. This is our annual holiday lunch this December 14<sup>th</sup>. So, mark your calendars and join us for lunch. Enjoy some time with like-minded riders, check out Tim's collection, and see what his latest project is.

At this time, we have a very short list of activities for 2025, so if you are up for hosting a garage visit, leading a ride, or have another idea, let us know. Our web page has a running schedule of events and plenty of other information. We also have an Instagram page. We will be hosting a National rally in Cottage Grove this year from June 17-20, so consider that in your plans. In closing, I hope you have a great holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

James McQuiston  
Prez, OTC, AMCA



Winter riding on the Knucklehead



## Newsletter Editor's 10 Year Anniversary

This issue makes it ten years of my producing the OTC newsletter, this being the 60<sup>th</sup> one.

Believe it or not, it's mostly a labor of love – it's a creative outlet that produces something to share with our members. It provides an incentive for me to go searching the web for vintage motorcycle photographs and stories. It's fun to get trip reports and technical stuff from members, which is a learning experience and helps broaden my perspectives, as well as, hopefully, our members too. From Parkerizing to bonded drum brakes; from Florida to the Redwoods; from Maine, Spain, Spo-Kane and back ah-gain.

Best to all,  
Tom Nielsen, NL Editor

## OTC Lunch at Kelly's Olympian, Portland, October 12<sup>th</sup>



OTC member bikes lined up outside of Kelly's.



Nielsen and Nils review some esoteric fine point about the '46 exhaust piping.

## OTC Museum Help Day at NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum, November 9<sup>th</sup>



OTC members L-R Terry Wolbert, James Roy, Nils Olson, Tom Ruttan, Tom & Jen Nielsen, John Davey, kneeling: Andy Franklin, Danny & Chelsea Podkowa. We moved chairs and tables, then swept and mopped the conference and front display rooms. Then we enjoyed a local buffet served with wholesome camaraderie.



Member Bruce Reichelt's 1914 Indian V-Twin on display at the museum.

Members cogitate about a Triumph poster from the museum library.





## An OTC Member's Land Speed Record

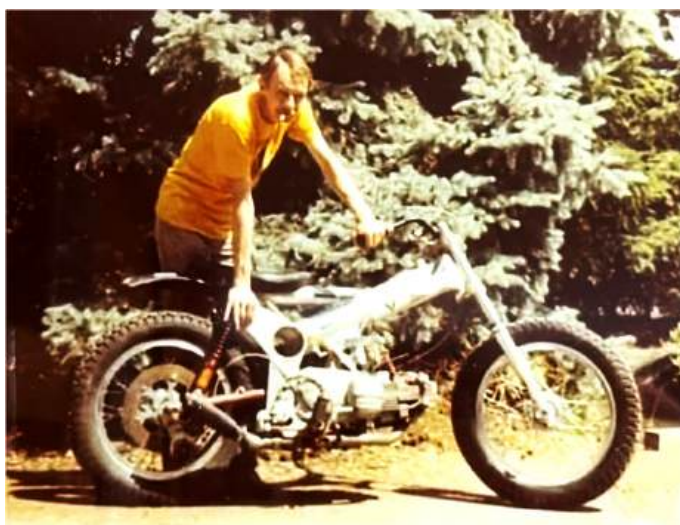
OTC member **Martin Doerfler** set a Land Speed Record of 115.081 mph in the A-PG Class (push-rod gas powered) at the Bonneville Salt Flats in 2008 on a Triumph 500 cc. (Martin was age 68 at the time!)

The Triumph was built with a late style 500 Daytona engine in a lengthened and lowered 1971 Oil in Frame. It had XL 250 Honda front forks, Kawasaki wheels, glass by Bret Edwards Glass from the Past. Best run at Bonneville was 118-ish in 2006, unable to back it up. Best at El Mirage dry lake was 121 plus. Set the Bonneville record of 115.081 in 2008.

Also on this page are some of Martin's other motorcycle builds.



Martin Doerfler setting the LSR in 2008 on his Triumph.

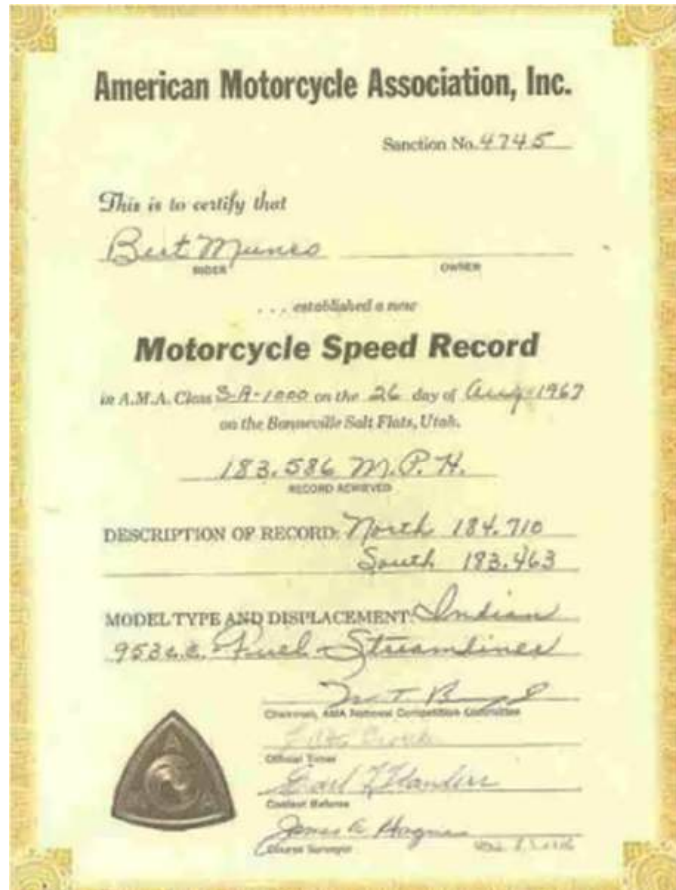


Martin Doerfler and his Aermacchi 350 cc flat tracker that he built in 1972. Martin sold this bike to a friend who crashed it. The frame and engine survived, and the engine is now in the blue Aermacchi shown at right, owned by Chris Kerber.





Stuart "Stu" Morley of the 1962 BSA Wrecking Crew.



Burt Monroe's 1967 Land Speed Record of 183.586 mph on his Indian 953 cc Fuel Streamliner.

Source: <https://bonnevilleracing.com/motorcycle-land-speed-records/>

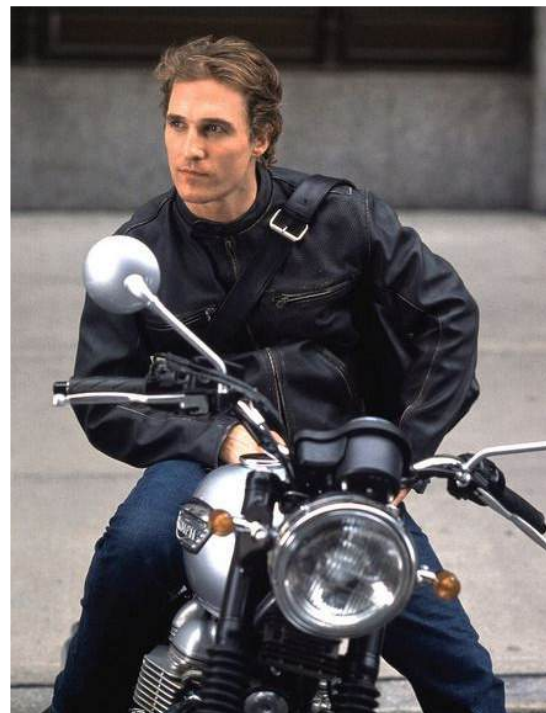


1939 Harley-Davidson UL



## Celebrities on Motorcycles

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





## OTC Schedule of Events 2024

Date	Event
Dec 14 11 AM	<b>Holiday Party</b> – at home of Tim Burns, Cottage Grove

## Upcoming OTC Events for 2025

To all members,  
If you have any suggestions for an event in 2025,  
please contact one of our officers with your idea(s).

## DISCOUNTS FOR AMCA & OTC

### One Moto Café

(formerly 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  
<http://www.vmemc.org>

## Celebrities on Motorcycles

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Upper Right: Babe Ruth

Center Left: Sidney Poitier

Lower Right: Matthew McConaughey



## Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists

OVM monthly meetings at noon on second Saturday of month at Horse Brass Pub in Portland.

<http://www.oregonvintage.org>

## SUBMISSIONS TO NEWSLETTER:

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 Editor



## CLASSIFIEDS

### FOR SALE:

1980 Harley-Davidson FLT. Runs well. New tires, starter, front brake pads. Specialty plates. Clear title. \$5,600.  
2016 Honda CRF250L Dual Sport. 520 miles. Clear title. \$4,400.

**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

In the August-September newsletter, it was mistakenly stated there was not a meeting in July. There was a meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>, and the minutes for that meeting are in the July-August newsletter.

## Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America, October 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by President James McQuiston at 7:02 pm.

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

**Other Attendees:** Tom Nielsen, Newsletter Editor.

### Treasurer's report:

No new expenses or new members.. Balance remains in the black.

**Correspondence:** None reported.

### Old Business:

- ✓ **August 10: Ride to Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum (WAAAM)**
  - Fun ride out on Washington Highway 14.

- Excellent curation of antique airplanes, cars, and motorcycles.
- Road back into Portland by way up and around Mt. Hood and along the historic Barlow Road (parallel to Highway 26).
- ✓ **August 16-17: Tenino Swap Meet**
  - Hosted by Evergreen Chapter, AMCA.
  - Tim Burns, Tom & Jen Nielsen, Danny & Chelsea Podkowa, Terry Wolbert, Terry & Esperanza Martin, and Andrew Meislin (and other OTC members) attended.
  - Tim was a vendor and shared that it was a little slower this year than last.
- ✓ **August 17: Boring Cornfield Concourse**
  - Andy Franklin hosted at his home, sponsored by the Oregon Moto Guzzi Owners Club. Other clubs were invited including OTC, Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists, British Death Fleet MC, the Flying Fifteen MC, and the Oregon Norton Enthusiasts.
  - A lot of bikes showed up, great food, and a great ride!
  - Mike Tyler, President of the Oregon Norton Enthusiasts, OVM member, and author of The Mighty Garage YouTube channel made a great video recap of the event.
- ✓ **August 31: Hot Pipes Motorcycle Show**
  - Fantastic inaugural show; intimate and quaint. Great turnout – lots of Central Oregon support!
  - Approximately 50 bikes overall: choppers, custom, and antique (Chris Thompson showed a couple of bikes).
  - Jason Koschnitzke (6 Volt) served up 'Chicago Style' hot dogs to represent his hometown.
  - Various vendors attended.
- ✓ **September 10: John Day Club Ride**
  - John and James attended as well as Chet Turner, Scott Smith, and some non-members.
  - A little smokey and rained the second day, but the rain helped to clear the smoke out.
  - Nice riding!
- ✓ **Tim's Summer Adventure:**
  - Travels to Davenport Swap meet → Harley Davidson Museum → Gilmore Car Museum → Competition Distributing → Banks Museum → NYC → Jersey Shore → Barber Motorsports → Twisted Oz Museum → Rocky Mountain MC Museum.
  - Each day was a different motorcycle adventure. Be on the lookout for a complete write-up from Tim!





### **New Business:**

- ✓ **2024 Events:**
  - **October 12: Kelly's Olympian Lunch.**
  - **November TBD: Museum Help Day at NWVCM.** Tom will work on coordinating a date with Tom Ruttan.
  - **December 14: Holiday Gathering.** Mexican Buffet at Tim's!
- ✓ **2025 National Rally:**
  - Tim, James, John, and Danny will discuss the details and planning on 10/10 at 7pm.
  - Rally dates are scheduled for June 18-20, 2025. Registration is scheduled for June 17.
  - Advertising in the national magazine set for January 2025.
- ✓ **Other issues/concerns:**
  - Officer elections. To send out ballots soon.

Next phone call: November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

## **Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America, November 12, 2024**

Meeting called to order by President James McQuiston at 7:03 pm.

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

**Other Attendees:** None

### **Treasurer's report:**

Quiet month, no new expenses or members.  
Balance remains in the black.

**Correspondence:** None reported.

### **Old Business:**

- ✓ November 9 was museum help day at the NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum. Went well. Helped clean up, had lunch and great conversations. The centerpiece was a 1914 Indian owned by Bruce Reichelt.

### **New Business:**

- ✓ **2024 Events:**
  - December 14 is the Holiday Gathering at Tim's. Will be having a Mexican buffet.
- ✓ **Future discussions:**
  - The Cherry City Classic in Salem will be March 22-23, 2025.
  - The One Moto Show in Portland will be May 2-4, 2025.
- ✓ **2025 National Rally**
  - John sent Keith Kizer the completed registration questionnaire and followed up with a few emails.
  - Tim has begun sourcing food and swag vendors. Otherwise, no new updates.
  - Danny provided a graphic for Save the Date ad in National Rally.
  - Keith provided examples of tri-fold maps other chapters have used. The thought is to use the same maps from last year.
  - Decided not to order event shirts.
  - Will need two sweeper trucks and drivers. John offered his vehicle and trailer.
  - James will contact Keith Kizer for a contact at Quality Label for license plate toppers.
  - John is working on a spreadsheet merge from prior rally financials. James will forward more information to John to add.
- ✓ **Other Issues/Concerns**
  - Officer election results: officers remain the same for next year.

Next phone call: December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.  
Minutes by Danny Podkowa.

AMCA / OREGON TRAIL CHAPTER

PRESENTS

NATIONAL ROADRUN  
**TREES TO THE SEA**

Cottage Grove, Oregon

June 17-20, 2025

SAVE THE DATE!!

DORENA COVERED BRIDGE BUILT 1945

WEIGHT LIMIT 3 TONS



Registration opens February

