

Trail Gazette

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March 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes

President Bruce Reichelt, via conference call, called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM at the Powerland Museum in Brooks.

Officers in Attendance:

Chuck Hodson, vice president, and Tom Ruttan, secretary.

Attendees:

Gene Walker, Tom and Jen Nielsen, Terry Wolbert, Garrett Erickson

Reports:

Tom Ruttan presented the treasurers' report.
New member: Garrett Erickson

Old Business:

- Cost of the Road Rally was discussed. It was decided to modify the costs slightly to cover our costs and to make a small profit. Acting upon Gene's suggestion, Tom N motioned and Tom R second Rally costs of \$90 driver and \$45 passenger.
- *Tom K potluck and ride May 14.*

New Business:

- Doc Shuster passed away on March 9th. He will be missed.
- Looking ahead to the details of our Rally, the following assignments were made:
 - Bruce to fill out Road Run 4 Dummies form.
 - Tom R will contact Norlene to see if she will be able to provide our Thursday and Friday meals and provide coffee and donut supplies.
 - Tom N and Jen will add the Rally flyer and registration form to the newsletter beginning in April.

- Jen and Tom will create Rally postcards for others to send out to the Mendin riders and other potential riders.
- Jen and Tom R will add a Paypal button to our webpage for payment of the Rally.
- The following members will place flyers at local motorcycle dealerships:
 - Gene – Harley-Davidson, Salem
 - Tom R – Cascade Moto, Beaverton
 - Tom & Jen – Harley-Davidson, Tigard & Bob Lanphere, Tigard
 - Garrett – Harley-Davidson, Bend
- We will need to have a conference call with the Officers after our April meeting to finalize Rally information.
- Jen will work with Tom K to let people know what food is needed for his potluck and ride.
- Evergreen Chapter has a National Rally in 2017. *Do we want to compete and have our own? Or, do we want to offer our assistance to Evergreen?*
- April meeting will be held in a different location. Officers business meeting and will be at 11:00 AM at the Ram in Wilsonville. Activity will be a visit to the World of Speed, also in Wilsonville. There will be a ride after the World of Speed, weather permitting. Jen motioned, Tom R second. Tom N called and made reservations for us at the Ram.
- For potlucks at Powerland, Tom R will begin the "What is everyone bringing?" email chain.
- The question was asked, "Do we want to continue shows at dealerships?" The general consensus was yes. Tom R will work on getting us a show at Cascade Moto, the Triumph dealership in Beaverton.
- With a motion by Jen and a second by Tom N the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Everyone then went outside to check out new member Garret's bike.



Member Profile

This feature highlights an interview with an OTC member to share interests, information, and stories to help us get to know each other better.

This month's interview is with **Chuck Hodson**, our vice president. Chuck was born in Portland, Oregon and went to Clackamas High School. At the time it was a brand new high school and Chucks' was the first graduating class. His first memory of motorcycles was of the one his dad had in the garage. But his dad would not let him ride it, and when he found out Chuck knew how to start it, his dad sold it. Chuck's first bike was a used 1951 Matchless. Chuck never did learn how to start it properly; he would coast down hills to get it started. He traded in the Matchless for a Triumph twin. He used to enjoy riding around on the trails and one weekend he went to Newberg to try out racing. Chuck did not do well in the qualifying heat and was placed in the "C" race. However, he won first place in that class, and brought the trophy home to show off to his mom. The next time he raced in the "C" race he won again, and again the third time. When *Sidewinders* track opened near Lawnfield Road in Clackamas in about 1955, Chuck raced there. In 1959, he traded in his twin for a new Triumph Bonneville and started to race it. Chuck won the first race with that bike, and the Triumph Dealer (from Sandy Boulevard in Portland, affectionately called the "Sandy Bandit") approached Chuck about sponsoring him. The dealer gave Chuck tips on gearing and other performance improvements. At the end of that year, the dealer said he would give Chuck a new motorcycle the next year. Chuck didn't believe him, but in April 1960, the dealer showed him a new Bonneville in a crate which was his! The year 1961 was a good one: Chuck was the number one racer at the *Sidewinders* track and high point rider in the Open Class. However, that was followed by a serious injury. Chuck fell off his bike and was unconscious for three days. He remembers riding and the handlebars were loose. They folded down, and when he tried to pull them up, while riding of course, he crashed.

Chuck also raced at the *Speedway Inc.*, a quarter mile track off Marine Drive in Portland. One year Chuck was in a race there that was televised. Chuck continued to race at *Speedway Inc.* until they closed in the late 70s. One year, Floyd Tayne, a local Harley dealer, had Chuck race a Sprint at the mud track at Terminal 4 – this was in the St. Johns area, since developed into Rivergate. The annual New Year's Day scramble was a popular race that Chuck

participated in regularly. In the 1970s, Chuck also took up hill climbing on his 500 cc and 650 cc Triumphs. Those races were in Corbett and Gaston as well as Manning (off Highway 26). Chuck traveled to California for hill climbing, bringing his 500 and 650 bikes to race in their respective classes. For five years Chuck won the hill climbing event with one or the other of those bikes, and one year one with each of them. After that race, he hurriedly drove back from California to be in Portland in time for



another race on Sunday. It was rained out. So Chuck checked the paper to see how they reported on his wins in California – not a word. One year, Chuck was staying at his friend Ron's home. Ron was a local hill climber who lived in the area. After Chuck won a race, he was at the track's cash window collecting his winnings. One of the other racers, looking for any edge or bit of luck said to Ron, "Hey, at the next race, can I stay at your house?"



Chuck has been into restoration pretty much all the years he's had bikes. He tuned his own race bikes. And to earn a little cash, he would buy a non-runner, fix it up, and sell it. Chuck's favorite brand is Triumph and he currently has several. He is now working on a 1955 Triumph, one of 200 brought into the U.S. These days, Chuck enjoys the comradery and competition of trials and motocross races. Chuck has two grown sons, and they both enjoy motorcycling and trail riding.



**Contributed by Tom Krise,
our faithful and loyal secretary**

CATCHING UP WITH MIKE GORRNO

Mike Gorrno is an Air Force Veteran, an accomplished artist, and an enthusiastic motorcyclist, particularly with, but not limited to, a certain Milwaukie brand.

Mike crafts professional-quality pencil portraits by commission. While many clients pose with their motorcycles, Mike has also incorporated a variety of backgrounds provided, including landscapes, pets, automobiles and trucks. Mike's portfolio also include celebrity portraits. An AMCA member and advertiser in the club magazine, THE ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLE, Mike makes his home in Concord, California with his lovely wife, Marcy.

I first met Mike and Marcy a few years back when they attended an Oregon Trail Chapter Road Run held at Spirit Mountain Casino, west of Salem. At the time he was riding a swift Panhead Bob Job, named "Shorty." We've kept in touch. We caught up with each other April 6th.

How did this all start with the portraits? You do produce work of high quality, and for most, with a skill level that comes neither quickly nor easily. Have you had any formal education or training in this? Any people stand out in your path that helped you to get where you are today?

When I was in the Air Force, I did some illustrating, mostly easy stuff. My Aunt Geneva was an oil painter. She had been stricken with Polio and lost use of some parts of her body. She had to train herself to paint left handed since she was right-handed by birth. As a youngster, I would sit and watch her paint, and I'm sure she hand me some pencils or Crayons and some blank paper. That's where I got started. All through Elementary and High School I took a lot of art classes, probably because they were easy.

When surveying your work, I see mostly portraits of average people with their classic motorcycles, and celebrities. Has this always been your favorite subject matters? While you usually work from photographs, have you ever had a celebrity sit for you?

I've always done pencil portraits of people, small commission stuff. Then in the early eighties I was exposed to Country Music! A night club here in Concord opened up called the Country Palace. They brought in big stars of country and I worked there as a security guy. I got to know David Frizzell and Shelly West, and when they returned from touring after their #1 hit, *You're The Reason God Made*

Oklahoma. I did their portrait as a welcome-home gift.

Then I got the idea to do country artists that were performing at local Bay Area venues and see if I could get their autographs on the art. I have had the opportunity with Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings Merle Haggard, Mel Tillis, George Jones and Johnny Cash, to drop a few names.

I know your garage currently holds a Harley, Yamaha and a Suzuki. Tell me a little about your motorcycling history. Start at the beginning.

When I got sober in 2001, I started pursuing riding, collecting and enjoying motorcycles. I've had Panheads, Sportsters, Gold Wings, You name it. Well, one thing led me to join the AMCA and I found a new-niche market! They have been some of the greatest challenges for me to do and I enjoy each one. They take quite some time to complete but, as I do, I catalog the prints and have a very nice little family!

Thank you Mike. Any last thoughts?

As we move faster and further towards technology and the future, there is a lot to be said about the past. It's lineage, it's offerings and it's history and time line. There seems to be almost a reprieve or a sense of ease when we go back or reflect to a simpler time. I have been fortunate to capture some of those times with my art. Remember, that as we move forward, there will always be someone blazing the trail ahead, and the funny thing is, they did it long-ago!

<http://www.gorrnoart.com/>





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NEXT OTC MEETING: April 23, 2016

**11 AM Officers Business Meeting & Lunch-
Ram Restaurant, Wilsonville, Oregon
(all members welcome)
29800 SW Boones Ferry Rd
503.570.0200**

**High Noonish - Social Meeting
World of Speed, Wilsonville, Oregon
27490 SW 95th Ave, Wilsonville
503.563.6444 \$10 admission**

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/>

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
April 23	OVM Piccolo Ride Portland, Oregon 250 cc and smaller, scooters also http://www.oregonvintage.org/calendar.php
April 23	Washington Vintage Motorcyclists Swap Meet & Bike Show Skagit County Fairgrounds, Mt. Vernon, Washington www.washingtonvintagemotorcyclists.org
April 30- May 1	Steel Stampede, Crooked River Ranch, Vintage Trials and Motocross-AHMRA Terrebonne, OR www.steelstampede.org
May 1	Classic & Vintage Swap Meet & Show & Shine Cloverdale County Fairgrounds Agriplex Building, Vancouver, B.C. http://www.classicbikeswapmeet.com/
May 21	OVM Swap Meet Corvallis, Oregon http://www.oregonvintage.org/calendar.php
June 3-5	Reno Street Vibrations Reno, Nevada roadshowsreno.com/sv_spring.php
June 10- 12	Redwood Run Piercy, California http://www.redwoodrun.org/
June 17- 19	Chief Joseph Rally Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day, Oregon http://www.bmwro.org/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=301799&item_id=476064
June 17- 18	Fort Sutter National Motorcycle show and Swap Meet Dixon Fairgrounds, Dixon, California http://www.amcafortsutter.org/events.html
July 21- 23	AMCA OTC Mountain Hop Rally Holiday Farm RV Park antiquemotorcycleoregon.com

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/>

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
nielsents@comcast.net Thanks, Tom and Jen



Mountain Hop Road Rally AMCA Oregon Trail Chapter

July 21-23, 2016

\$90 Rider/\$45 Passenger

Bring your vintage motorcycle and see old motorcycles on display Join the Oregon Trail Chapter for three days of antique motorcycle riding through some of the most beautiful scenery in the Pacific Northwest. Departing each morning from Holiday Farm RV Resort in Blue River, Oregon, located 1-hour east of I-5. Enjoy rides with other enthusiasts in truly unique landscapes.

Registration includes: Coffee & Donuts Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. Dinner Thursday, Friday & Saturday. Raffle & Door Prizes Saturday

RV camping : Holiday Farm RV Resort 541.822.3726

Lodging: Harbick's Country Inn (cabins) 541. 822.3805

Let them know you are with the OTC Motorcycle group

Thursday: Registration Opens at 12:00 Noon

Shake Down Ride: Gather 2:30 PM, Depart 3:00 PM
~ 50 miles, Return approx 5:30 pm 6:00 PM Dinner

Friday: 7:00 AM Coffee, Donuts & Registration

Ride: Gather 8:30 AM, Depart 9:00 AM. Approx 100 miles

Lunch on your own, Return approx 4:30 PM

5:30 PM Dinner On-site

Saturday: 7:00 AM Coffee, Donuts & Registration

Ride: Gather 8:30 AM, Depart 9:00 AM. Approx 100 miles

Lunch on your own, Return approx 4:30 PM

4:30 PM Dinner at Fort Hill Restaurant, Raffle, Door Prizes

** per AMCA regulations, OTC will **not** be providing alcoholic beverages

Hosted by: Oregon Trail Chapter

Antique Motorcycle Club of America

Questions: Tom Ruttan 503-621-8943, tgruttan@gmail.com

Go online to **antiquemotorcycleoregon.com**

to download registration form.





Registration Form

Road Rally

Oregon Trail Chapter

Antique Motorcycle Club of America July 21 - 23 2016

**Bring your vintage motorcycle and see old motorcycles on display
Ride Oregon's beautiful highways and vista-filled windy back roads**

Join the Oregon Trail Chapter for three days of antique motorcycle riding through unique landscapes in the scenic Cascade Mountains including the famed Aufderheide Road. Departing each morning from

Holiday Farm RV Resort/Harbicks Motel
Blue River, Oregon on the McKenzie River Hwy 126
One hour east of I-5

Enjoy rides with other enthusiasts in truly unique landscapes.

Visit www.antiquemotorcycleoregon.com to learn more. Registration closes July 1, 2016



Rider	AMCA # Required	Birthdate
Passenger	AMCA # Optional	Birthdate
Address	City	State Zip
Phone	Email:	Chapter:
Year/Model bike	Distance Ridden	Or Hauled
\$90 per rider (snacks, refreshments, and three dinners)		\$
\$45 per passenger (snacks, refreshments, and three dinners)		\$
Make checks payable to Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA		Total \$

Pay online www.antiquemotorcycleoregon.com and mail this form to:

Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA, 3761 SW Olson Ct., Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034

Questions? Call Tom Ruttan 503-621-8943, or email him at tgruttan@gmail.com

Holiday Farm RV Resort

54432 McKenzie Highway
Rainbow, OR 97413

GUEST REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of nights you would like to stay: _____

RV Type: Class A Class B Class C 5th Wheel Toy Hauler
 Travel Trailer Cab Over Camper Conversion Van

Year / length of RV _____ State & RV License # _____

of Additional Vehicles _____ # of Adults in your party: _____

of Children in your party: _____ # of Pets with you: _____

Are you interested in receiving free, no obligation information regarding lot sales? Yes No

Name Phone(s): _____

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Check in Date: _____ Check-out Date: _____ Cash Receipt # _____

Paid Via: Cash Credit Card Gift Certificate Type of Credit Card: Visa MasterCard

Rental Amount: \$ _____ Card # _____

9% Lodging Tax: \$ _____ Clerk Initials: _____ Exp. Date: _____ - _____

Total Paid: \$ _____ Space # _____ Discount Given: _____

CC Approval # _____ FMCA Membership # _____



Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA