

Trail Gazette

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August 29, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Following the 12 noon potluck lunch inside the Powerland Museum, President Gene Walker called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Officers in Attendance:

Gene, Vice President Bruce Reichelt, Treasurer Tom Ruttan.

Attendees:

As Tom Krise was out playing with his motorcycle at Isle of Man, Jen was pressed into duty and recorded these minutes.

Treasurer Report:

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Tom R.

Old Business:

- 🦋 We discussed of our recruiting outing to Paradise Harley Davidson on September 19th. The time is 9:30 to 2:00 pm. Paradise is putting an announcement on their website and on their Facebook page. Gene will bring the popup, Tom R will bring the banner, and Tom & Jen will bring tables.

New Business:

- 🦋 Tom & Jen will be getting the Club new business cards which will include the 2016 Rally date on the back.
- 🦋 Tom & Jen to provide an electronic 2016 Rally Flyer for Bruce to distribute to a friend attending a hot bed of prospects and for our recruiting event at Paradise Harley Davidson.
- 🦋 In addition to Oregon, we will target Washington, California, Idaho, and British Columbia clubs for our 2016 Rally.

- 🦋 Tom of Tom & Jen asked for members to send a write-up of the trips they have been making so they can be included in a "Members News" column in the newsletter.
- 🦋 The Club will be hosting a Christmas party on December 12th at 3:00 pm. The budget will be determined at the next meeting. Bruce placed the investigation of prices and options on the plate of Tom & Jen. Jen motioned and Tom N seconded and the motion was passed.
- 🦋 We need to get on the program at the 1 Show in February. Tom N and Bruce were to look into this.
- 🦋 Bruce suggested we have more rides (smaller) and move our meeting location around to get more people active in the Club. Bruce also wants to have slightly more formal meetings.
- 🦋 The next meeting will be a potluck as Rosie and Jim's. Start time will be 12 noon. They will provide the grilled meats, we are to bring a dish to pass.
- 🦋 Bruce motioned and Jen seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.
- 🦋 Your stand-in minute recorder, Co-Newsletter Editor, Rally Flyer Production Manager, Website Creator, lunch coordinator for Paradise Display, and Business Card Production Manager, Jen.



Two Wheels Around Town

We report on events in the area that include antique motorcycles.

July 18-20 OTC Rally at Spirit Mountain Casino, Grande Ronde, Oregon

Following up on last month's newsletter, here are some more photos of member bikes.
See our website for more photos and videos.



Scott Nelson's 1947 Indian Chief, 74 ci



Terry Wolert's 1963 BSA 500cc



Stan Randall's 1967 Honda CL77, 305 cc



Terry Wolert's 1962 Norton



Spike Smith's Triumph Scrambler



After lunch at the beach in Oceanside. Left to right, Scott Nelson, Tad Gotting, Sharon and Nils Olson, and Tom Nielsen.

Two Wheels Around Town (cont'd)

"The Meet," Vintage Motorcycle Festival at America's Car (LeMay) Museum, August 22nd in Tacoma, WA

More than 2,500 classic motorcycle enthusiasts gathered on America's Car Museum's Haub Family Field for this unique event featuring hundreds of vintage motorcycles and scooters ranging from 1910 to 1990, including rare Triumphs, Ducatis, BMWs and more. Virtually every brand in the history of motorcycling were represented from owners across the U.S. and Canada. A used bike corral, food trucks, free seminars, and vendor booths, plus restoration and touring services made this a memorable event. The Seattle Cossacks Motorcycle Stunt Team performed on their vintage Harleys. Bikes by OTC's **Tom Ruttan** received two awards, his 1956 Triumph Tiger 100 won first place in the Vintage Triumph Class and his 1964 Norton Atlas won third place in the Vintage Norton Class. For photos of Tom's bikes, see the classified ads, they're for sale!



Seattle Cossacks Motorcycle Stunt Team
(don't try this at home)



1969 BMW Steib S500 R69S owned by James Iwase



1926 Velocette KSS owned by Richard Wallace



1970 Norton Fastback Commando owned by George Kraus



1935 Harley-Davidson RL45 owned by Megan Peterson



Two Wheels Around Town (cont'd)

OTC Display- September 19th Paradise Harley-Davidson, Tigard

To help increase membership and advertise the club, the OTC set up a display at Paradise Harley Davidson in Tigard. Member's brought their bikes and chatted with the many interested folks who stopped by to check out our bikes:

- 1914 Indian owned by Bruce Reichelt
- 1914 Indian owned by Chuck Hodson
- 1946 Indian owned by Red Robinson
- 1947 Indian owned by David Michaels
- 1953 Indian Chief owned by Tom Krise
- 1966 Harley FLH owned by Nils Olson
- 1969 Triumph Bonneville owned by Tom Ruttan
- 1980 Harley FLT owned by Tom Nielsen

Interested visitors signed up for more information about OTC. We also signed up a new member! Thanks to members who came out !



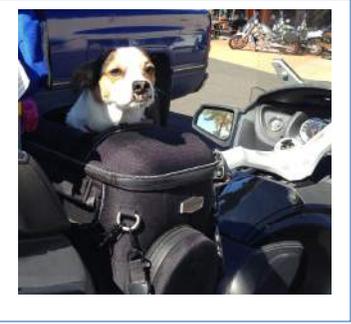
OTC Member Bikes on Display at Paradise Harley-Davidson, Tigard



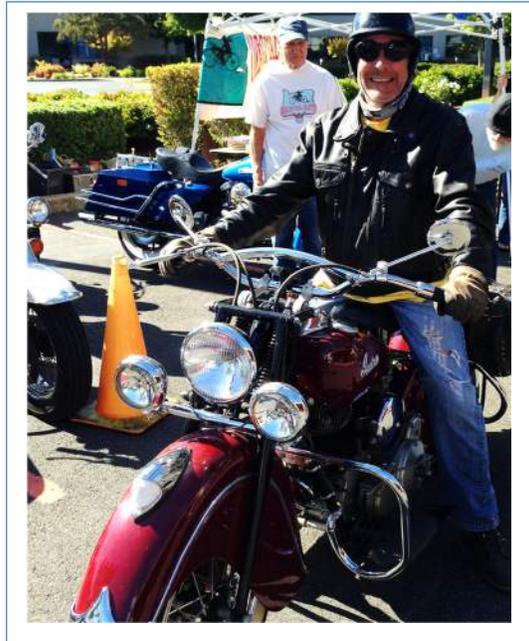
Tom Ruttan, right, helping Bruce Reichelt unload his 1914 Indian



Gene Walker shows "Ozzie" how to best adapt to wind conditions while riding.



"Ozzie" prepares for his next ride.



David Michael's and his 1947 Indian Chief



Jackie Colwell and Jennifer Nielsen "man" the booth



Classified

1956 Triumph Tiger 100 500cc The Pre-Unit Triumphs are a much desired and collectable. The classic design with the large gas tank, distinctive tank badges, parcel grid and nacelle set the standard for classic English motorcycle design in the 1950's. Includes innovative alloy, close finned 500cc parallel twin motor and all the 50's Triumph twin styling you could ask for. Originally exported to Malaysia, the bike was later brought to the US by an airline pilot. It was restored by a friend of mine who passed away two years ago - so I am selling it for the family. It is a previous award winner in the Oregon Vintage Motorcyclist club annual spring meet and show. It starts easily and runs well. The only functional issue is the horn is not working, although the correct horn is in place and the switch and wiring work correctly up to the horn. As will any older restoration that has been ridden occasionally there are a few signs of use (a couple of paint chips, etc.) but this is a great bike that would be a wonderful addition to any collection with the added benefit that it will show well at any bike show but can also be ridden. The bike was recently serviced and detailed in my shop which included an engine oil change, battery service and general check over. Valid Oregon title. Asking \$12,000 and the family will listen to reasonable offers. The bike is located in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Additional photos and details upon request. Tom Ruttan (503) 621-8943, tgruttan@gmail.com



For Sale: 1956 Triumph Tiger 100 500cc

1964 Norton Atlas 750cc

This 750cc parallel twin Norton Atlas is a very nice example of the pre-Commando Norton big twin. It was restored to a high quality by a friend of mine who passed away two years ago so I am selling it for the family. It is a previous award winner in the Oregon Vintage Motorcyclist club annual spring meet and show. It starts easily and runs well. As will any older restoration that has been ridden occasionally there are a few signs of use (a couple of paint chips, etc.) but this is a great bike that would be a wonderful addition to any collection with the added benefit that it will show well at any bike show but can also be ridden. The seat is custom made by the restorer that fit the style he was looking for but could easily be changed back to stock with the correct seat. The bike has a new battery and comes with a valid Oregon title. Asking price is \$10,000; the family will listen to reasonable offers. The bike is located in Lake Oswego, Oregon and I can provide additional photos and details upon request. Tom Ruttan, (503) 621-8943, truttan@gmail.com



For Sale: 1964 Norton Atlas 750 cc

Wanted: Website Manager for our club website. Involves updating activity calendar and photographs. Time commitment about an hour a week. Contact Jen Nielsen at nielsents@comcast.net if interested.



Joke of the Month

Once upon a time there were three men: a doctor, a city planner, and an engineer. For some reason all three offended the king and were sentenced to die on the same day.

The day of the execution arrived, and the doctor was led up to the guillotine. As he strapped the doctor to the guillotine, the executioner asked, "Head up or head down?"

"Head up," said the doctor.

"Blindfold or no blindfold?"

"No blindfold."

So the executioner releases the blade on the guillotine, and z-z-z-z-ing! Down came the blade--and stopped barely an inch above the doctor's neck. Well, the law stated that if an execution didn't succeed the first time the prisoner had to be released, so the doctor was set free.

Then the city planner was led up to the guillotine.

"Head up or head down?" said the executioner.

"Head up."

"Blindfold or no blindfold?"

"No blindfold."

So the executioner releases the blade on the guillotine, and z-z-z-z-ing! Down came the blade--and stopped an inch above the planner's neck. Well, the law stated that if the execution didn't succeed the first time the prisoner had to be released, so the planner was set free.

Finally the engineer was led up to the guillotine.

"Head up or head down?"

"Head up."

"Blindfold or no blindfold?"

"No blindfold."

So the executioner releases the blade on the guillotine, but before he could cut the rope, the engineer yelled out:

"WAIT! I see what the problem is!"

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
October 1-4	DICK ALLEN'S SIERRA SAFARI Trail Ride – Recreational, 661-645-2324 Mammoth Lakes, California
October 3	Rose City Harvest Run Beaverton, Oregon http://www.rose-city-mc.org/RCFrameset.html
October 3	CAPITAL CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB Road Run 916-442-8242, Sacramento, California www.capitalcitymc.com
October 3	BLACK WIDOWS INC. Poker Run 916-649-2240, Sacramento, California www.Blackwidowspokerrun
October 3-4	COYOTE OFFROAD Dual Sport-Off Road 425-387-2016, Cashmere , Washington www.coyoteoffroad.com
October 8-10	CENTRAL COAST CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB Road Run;; San Luis Obispo, California CentralCoastClassicMC.com
October 9-11	BIG BIKE WEEKEND Road Rally Redding , California; 530-276-5802 www.bigbikeweekend.com
October 11	44th Anniversary Griffith Park Sidecar Rally Griffith Park, Los Angeles, California Questions to sidecars@sidestrider.com
October 18	Love Ride 32 Glendale, California http://www.loveride.org
October 23-25	American Heat Motorcycle Rally Palm Springs, California http://www.roadshowsreno.com/american_heat.php
October 24	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLING ASSN Road Run, Lake Elsinore, California, 562-298-6236 www.sc-ma.com
October 30	Beatty Days Bike Show Beatty Cottonwood Park, Nevada http://www.beattynevada.org/
October 31- November 1	LEMANS CORP DBA: DRAG SPECIALTIES, PARTS UNLIMITED, THOR Road Run Indian Wells, California indianwells.hyatt.com

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



Three Wheels Around Town – A Story from Rosemary Singhose

This happened to me last March as I was returning from my Mom's who lives in Scappoose. I was enjoying a rare day of Oregon sunshine in the fast lane of I-5 near Albany, when my 2013 Tri-Glide H-D gave up the ghost on me. Yes, even new Harleys can go belly up on occasion. Age has nothing to do with it. That bike shut down quicker than a poker game when the sheriff comes knocking on the door. I pulled in the clutch and was able to coast across the freeway to snuggle up to the guardrail on the shoulder. I put my helmet on the pavement behind my bike, a well-known sign that a biker is having problems and not just off checking out the bushes; then I got to work trying to figure out what went wrong. When I checked my fuse box I found that my 40-amp fuse had burned out. I happened to notice that my speedometer was frozen at 78mph. Oh great, if a cop stops by to help, I'm going to have to cover up that speedo. I didn't need to worry about that one. Several cops did pass by, yep; they just sailed right on by. I got lucky and got Jim on the cell phone. I told him about the fuse and he got right out there to bring me a replacement. I carried every other fuse possible but that big one.

Knowing I would have at least two hours before Jim could get to me, I climbed over the guardrail and settled down to read a book. A major part of my emergency kit is a book, a bottle of water, a snack and a solar blanket. I can get past a whole lot of waiting if I have those few items. After an hour of watching biker after biker and cop after cop pass me by like I was some kind of really smelly road kill, a fellow pulled in behind me. He'd spotted me an hour before when he was on the opposite side of the freeway. When he saw me still hanging out on the guardrail he stopped to see if I needed any help. That guy's name was Bob Brooks and I'm here to tell you he is the kind of guy you want in your corner when you are stuck between a rock and a hard place. Bob stayed with me until Jim came with the new fuse. When the bike still wouldn't run and Jim had to leave me to go all the way back to Cottage Grove to get

our bike trailer, Bob still stuck with me. We sat on the guardrail and whiled the time away with true grit biker stories. We shared a beautiful sunset and found that we even have a mutual friend. I felt so bad that he was missing a beautiful afternoon's ride but he refused to leave this poor old woman alone. He was also wise enough to know we would need help getting that big bike of mine into the trailer. I broke down at noon; by the time Jim made it back with our trailer it was 7:30 pm and had been mighty dark and cold for over an hour. My three-hour ride that began north of Portland at 11 that morning ended up home at 8:30 that night. There are those who would say I'd had a super crappy day. I actually think I had a really lucky day in which I found a new friend and learned something more about troubleshooting my scoot. Jim and I both should have known better about that fuse. A 40-amp fuse doesn't just blow. There has to be a reason. We found out later that I had a short in a wire leading to my handlebar warmers. The short had also blown the fuel pump relay. I could have used my headlight relay for the fuel pump and ridden on home. This story doesn't relate to the old bikes we all know and love but it does make me long for the simple engines that got us down the road just fine. This computer stuff boggles our minds and confuses us as to if I need a simple fix or a complicated one. Sheesh! I remember one National Rally we attended at Lake Tahoe some years ago. A clutch rod broke on one of the old bikes. Kenny Edmiston and Roy Burke along with some others looked the situation over and soon came up with a fix. When I checked on their progress I could have sworn that new clutch rod looked an awful lot like the flush arm from a toilet. When I commented to that effect, I got a lot of big grins but no committals. Whatever it was, it worked and the rider was able to complete the rally. That's the thing about the old timers, my Jim included. If you can't find a part or you are broke down in the middle of nowhere, those guys can usually figure out a way to jury rig something up to get back home. That's not so easy with these new fangled bikes. Oh well... I do enjoy that cushy ride of mine. What can I say? Rosie

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