

# Trail Gazette

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Beryl Swain on 50 cc Itom.  
She was the first woman to  
compete in the solo TT race at  
the Isle of Mann in 1962.

## Next Chapter Gatherings

### Nothing scheduled for July

*(recovering from national)*

Hope to see you at one of the August events

**August 9<sup>th</sup>, ride to Western Antique  
Aeroplane & Automobile Museum, Portland  
to Hood River**

**August 15-16 Tenino Swap Meet,  
Tenino city Park, 300 W Park Ave.,  
Tenino WA  
Evergreen Chapter AMCA**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> Boring Cornfield Concourse  
Ride, Bike Show, and Corn Feed**

**August 16<sup>th</sup>, Hot Pipes II Motorcycle Show  
Volcanic Theatre Pub, Bend**  
*See flyer later in newsletter*



## The Prez Letter

Greetings to OTC

This has been a busy summer so far. We have had several good events to enjoy. I personally have stayed on the east side of the mountains for the past couple of months. A couple of events the chapter had were held in Bend. One was the popular Steel Stampede. This year the weather cooperated a bit more than last year. Although we got rain, this was calm by comparison, not the cold blowing winds that destroyed pop up shelters. Motocross and trials were well attended. There were a few big Triumphs and a Shovelhead Harley with the biggest knobby tires ever. It was competition all day for two days. Thanks to Jason at 6 Volt and Pete Fisher for the fun times.

A few weeks ago we did a ride around Mt Bachelor for the second year in a row, completing about 120 miles up and around the peak, followed by a nice lunch in Sun River. About 15 riders attended. The weather was fantastic, with little traffic, and great curvy roads and scenery. Our own staffer Dan (Pod), and his wife, came over from Portland to add to the fun.

Last but definitely not least, we just finished the AMCA National 2025, Trees to Seas Road Run, based at Tim Burns' in Cottage Grove. We had in excess of 125 attendees. We maxed out on rider registration at 100. All corners of the U.S. were represented, with longest traveled at 4000 miles from Florida. Tim and Diane opened their shop for food, fun, repairs, and routes to enjoy for three days totaling 500 miles. Two days of weather were great, and on the last day, we were treated to some Northwest nectar, so we got really soaked for a few hours, but so what, it was a great time for all. Dan is putting pix on Instagram and we will also get them on our web page for all to enjoy. Check out our calendar as there are still some outings planned throughout the summer. The AMCA National President John Markley assisted at the banquet by Presenting Tim and Diane with a special medal for their outstanding hospitality. He stated that our chapter has "set the bar" for executing a successful road run. This was confirmed time and again by people I spoke with at the event.

Special thanks to our sweeper truck drivers who really picked up the pieces-Bill Quaccia, Bruce Lamont, Terry Martin. Also, to Pod and Chelsea Podkawa, Tom Nielsen, John Davy, and Chet Turner. Without their hard work this would not have happened.

Have a great one and keep the round side down.

James McQuiston  
Prez, OTC, AMCA



A sponsor of OTC's 2025  
Road Run



OTC President James McQuiston and VP Tim Burns giving a rider's briefing at the National Road Run in Cottage Grove.



## Some Recent OTC Happenings

### ***Steel Stampede, Redmond, May 3-4***



Racer at the Steel Stampede



OTC Booth at the Steel Stampede



Riders getting ready

### ***Ride from Bend to Mt. Bachelor, May 31***



Riders taking a break on the way to Mt. Bachelor.

### ***OR Vintage Motorcyclist Show & Swap Meet, Polk Cty Fairgrounds, May 18<sup>th</sup>***



Tom Krise and his 1953 Indian Chief Roadmaster made the front cover of the Polk County Itemizer-ObsERVER in their article about the OVM show.





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## OTC National Road Run, June 18, 19, & 20 in Cottage Grove, OR



John Davey, OTC Treasurer on his 1969 Harley-Davidson Sportster



Richard Coffin of SoCal Chapter on his 1953 HD FL



Jacob Peters of SoCal Chapter on his 1947 Indian Chief



Lester Wheatley of Priest River, ID on his 1940 HD ULH



## OTC National Road Run (cont'd)



1928 HD JDH owned by Jerry Ottaway, Omaha Chapter



1929 Indian Scout owned by Connor Levenson, San Diego CA



1959 Triumph Thunderbird 650 owned by Bob Rankin,  
Evergreen Chapter, WA



1960 BMW R69R owned by Greg Knell, Rocky Mountain  
Chapter, CO



1961 BMW R60 in Bristol grey. Owned by Scott Ray of  
Denver, CO.



1966 BMW R50/2 owned by David Wilson of Malaga, WA.





## OTC National Road Run (cont'd)



1968 Norton Commando owned by Peter Howell of Mountain State Chapter, WV. This is a 98 point bike.



1977 Triumph Bonneville T140B owned by Mike Williams, Evergreen Chapter, WA.



Tim Burn's extensive shop was open and available to all for repairs and maintenance. It got some great use. Thanks Tim!



1967 Honda CB77 owned by Steve Henderson, Evergreen Chapter, WA. (1966 version of this bike was ridden by Robert Pirsig from MN to CA in 1968 as written about in 1974 in his book "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance." See previous edition of this newsletter for a story on that bike.)



1993 Honda CB750 owned by 86 years young Anton Giger of Great Falls, MT.



The Curran Brothers John, Daniel, Ben, and Steve from VT and WA leaving a café in Yoncalla after a lunch break.



## OTC National Road Run (cont'd)



A glimpse of bikes and folks at the pizza dinner at Tim's on Tuesday.

The spaghetti buffet on Wednesday evening.



AMCA President John Markley, far right, and his wife Phyllis, far left, with other riders at the Mexican dinner on Thursday.



L-R: Mike McCloud of Carrollton, GA, Dorsey Uptain, Jr. and Erik Bahl, both of Huntsville, AL, at the Mexican dinner. All from the Smokey Mountain Chapter, AL.

The steak and chicken banquet on Friday.



Right; Tim & Diane Burns received an AMCA coin from AMCA President John Markley for hosting the road run and opening his home and shop to participants as well as all the work that went into the event.



Danny Podkwa, OTC secretary, photographed happenings at the National.





## Celebrities on Motorcycles -

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





<b>2025 Meeting Calendar Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Every Month 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	<b>OTC Business Conference Call</b> All members welcome Call 971-256-0996, then enter code 412341
July	<b>Individual Entertainment</b>
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ride to Western Antique Aeroplane &amp; Auto Museum</b> Hood River – Meet at TBA
August 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tenino Swap Meet</b> Tenino City Park, 300 W Park Ave. Tenino, WA Evergreen Chapter, AMCA hosts
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Boring Cornfield Concourse</b> At Andy's
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hot Pipes II Motorcycle Show</b> In Bend - see flyer end of newsletter
September 15 - 19	<b>John Day Ride(s)</b> Travel 15 <sup>th</sup> , Rides 16-18, Return Travel on 19 <sup>th</sup> . On your own for meals & lodging.
September 17	<b>Motorcycle Transamerica</b> Stops at Evergreen Aviation Museum on 17 <sup>th</sup> . <a href="https://motorcycletransam.com/">https://motorcycletransam.com/</a>

### **Celebrities on Motorcycles**

From page 8

Top: Roy Orbison on a sprite 405 Trials bike

Center: Jay Leno and his Brough Superior collection

Lower: Kim Kardashian and Cher



### **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>

### **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>



### **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

Thanks, Tom





## CLASSIFIEDS

### FOR SALE:

1980 Harley-Davidson FLT. Runs well. New tires, starter, front brake pads. Specialty plates. Clear title. \$5,600.  
Tom in Portland metro

### FOR SALE:

Large assortment of parts for vintage Indian motorcycles. Sold as a lot. Too much stuff to list.  
Clearing out all my Indian Motorcycle parts. I have a lot of old parts, engine new parts, books, some old sale pamphlets. No sale by piece, want to sell the complete lot to one buyer. Do not have any engines, frames or sheet metal.

There are a couple of Chief cylinders and 741 cylinders plus many engine rebuild items. One parts tank, bead blaster, paint gun with built in compressor, home-made electric stand starter from Ray Garlands old Indian store included. Only serious buys please able to purchase the entire lot. for an appointment to see,

### WANTED:

Oregon motorcycle license plates.  
Top dollar paid.

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

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 May 12, 2025

President James McQuiston called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM by conference call.

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

**Other Attendees:** Tom Nielsen, Bill Quaccia.

**Minutes:** Reading of minutes were waived.  
See newsletter.

**Correspondence:** None reported.

**Treasurer's Report:** Account remains in the black. Rally registration count at 99 persons.

### Old Business:

#### ○ May 3-4: Steel Stampede in Bend

- Great turnout and the weather cooperated.

### New Business:

#### ✓ 2025 Events

#### ○ May 16-18: OVM Show & Swap at Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall

- Details on the OVM website.

#### ○ May 31: Buzz Saw Ride in Bend

- Lunch at Elk Lake Lodge.
- Meet at Richard's Donuts 9:30 AM.
- 61419 Hwy 97, Bend, OR

#### ○ June 13-14: Dixon Swap Meet & Show in Dixon, CA

- Fort Sutter Chapter, AMCA.
- Details: <https://www.fortsutteramca.org>

#### ○ June 17-20: OTC National Rally in Cottage Grove !

#### ○ July: TBD

#### ○ August 9: Ride to WAAAM in Hood River

- Details still in development.

#### ○ August 15-16: Evergreen Swap Meet in Tenino, WA

- Tenino City Park.

#### ○ August 16: Hot Pipes in Bend

- Location TBD.

#### ○ September: OTC John Day Ride

- Event is still in development.

#### ○ September: Motorcycle TransAmerica

- Details can be found on their website: <https://motorcycletransam.com/>
- September 17<sup>th</sup>, stop at the Evergreen Aviation Museum.
- Tim is participating in a Podcast with their team, which will be posted on YouTube and wherever you stream your Podcasts.
- YouTube podcast: <https://www.youtube.com/@motorcycletransam/podcasts>

#### ○ October: OTC Lunch at Kelly's Olympian in Portland

- Event still in development.



- **November: Museum Help Day at NWVCM**
  - Event still in development.
- **December: OTC Holiday Party**
  - Event still in development.

✓ **2025 National Rally:**

- Misc.
  - T-shirts & stickers ordered.
  - Russ Brown bags are to be sent to Tim – still awaiting delivery. James will follow up with Russ Brown.
  - Tim completed the insurance certs and sent them to National.
  - Downtown Cottage Grove is undergoing construction; Tim is speaking with the city manager, who has provided alternative parking options for the banquet.
  - John to order: four porta-potties, hand wash stations, and service clean out.
  - Trailer supplies: first-aid kit, gas jugs, oil, misc. tools.
  - James will gather more name tags and lanyards.
- Parking:
  - There is NO trailer parking at headquarters. Next door, at the Mason Lodge, there will be parking in the grassy area near the front for folks to use.
  - [Unsecured] motorcycle parking is okay in front of the shop at headquarters.
- Rider Packet: James will send John the PDF of maps/routes and rider information to print out.
- Rally Sponsors: Tom will add Russ Brown, Cottage Grove Classic Cycles, MotoCorsa, and River Roofing to the OTC website. Tom needs list and logos of any other sponsors.

**Other issues/concerns:**

- Website:
  - GoDaddy would like us to convert our site to the 'New' version, which includes various improvements (less expensive). Unsure what improvements consist of, Tom felt there may be features we don't need/use. Currently, can add photos and text as needed.
  - They do have an option to keep the current version, but at a higher cost.
  - Tabled conversation and decision.

Next phone call: June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm  
Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm  
Minutes by Danny Podkowa.

**Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the  
Antique Motorcycle Club of America  
June 10, 2025**

There was a brief meeting/conference call, no minutes. It was just to touch bases before the road run and discuss final details.



Crocker 1936



# HOT PIPES II

MOTORCYCLE  
SHOW

STILL THE BEST  
MOTORCYCLE SHOW  
IN CENTRAL OREGON

AUGUST 16, 2025  
VOLCANIC THEATRE PUB  
BEND, ORE

