

# Trail Gazette

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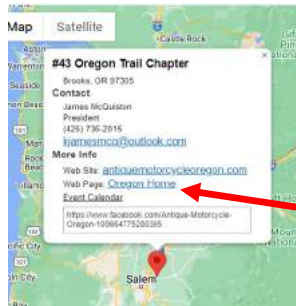
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## New OTC Website

Our website is now hosted on the AMCA website. This saves our chapter hundreds of dollars a year. If you click on the old URL (below in footer), you will be forwarded to the new site. As of this newsletter, it does not yet forward from smart-phones. You can also find our site from the AMCA website by navigating to Chapters, Chapter Finder, then zoom on the map to near Salem Oregon and select the red dot. Then select Oregon Home after Web Page. Also use link below

[https://antiquemotorcycle.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=327323&module\\_id=668669](https://antiquemotorcycle.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=327323&module_id=668669)



## Next Club Gatherings:

### Saturday and Sunday, Steel Stampede

**May 4<sup>th</sup> AHRMA Trials 10 AM**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup> Vintage Motocross 9 AM**

(American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association)

### Deschutes County Fair & Expo

3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond, Oregon

at East motor sports grounds, entrance on SW Elkhorn Ave

**Visit the OTC booth**

\$20 entrance fee at the gate, \$10 camp per night

<https://expo.deschutes.org/events/2024/steel-stampede-vintage-motorcycle-rally>

### Sunday, May 19

## OVM Swap Meet & Show

10 AM – 3 PM

### Oregon State Fair Grounds, Salem

2330 17th St NE, Salem, Oregon

### Vintage Street, Café, Competition Classes

Admission \$5, refundable with membership, Parking \$5

**Visit the OTC booth**

<https://oregonvintage.org/events/2024-ovm-annual-show-and-swap-meet-salem/>



## The Prez Letter

Greetings all,

Well, it's almost summer, and time to get the polish applied. First, I want to mention all the hard work Tom and Jen Nielsen did to promote the Oregon Trail Chapter at the One Moto Show this month. They managed to get about 30 old bikes, a large number of posters depicting antique motorcycles, and a display put together for the three day show. Out of that, we got about nine inquiries into club membership. So, take a look through the newsletter, and check the webpage for more details, and a big thank you to Tom and Jen. Note our webpage is now on the AMCA website.

On the East side of the hill, we have two events coming up soon. There is the Steel Stampede on May 4-5. This used to be at the Crooked River Ranch, but will now be at the Expo Fair Grounds near Redmond. They are building a new track for trials and for motocross. There will also be vintage racing. I will have an OTC booth set up with some bikes and will see if we can generate some club interest. So come on out.

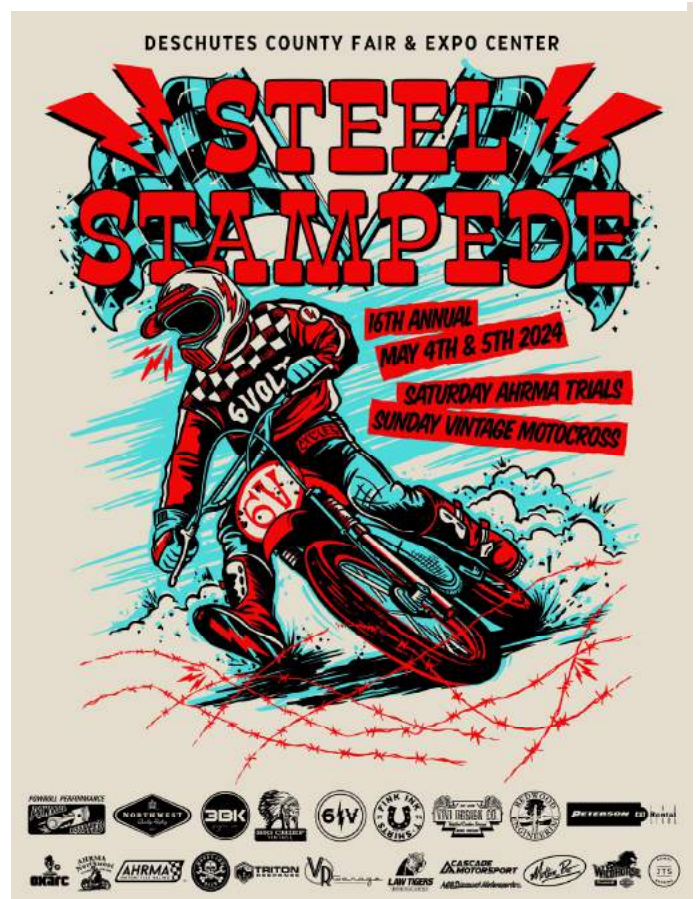
On June 8, we will do a loop in the Bend area leaving Richard's Donuts in the morning, riding to the High Desert Museum, then head to Elk Lake Resort for Lunch, and back to Bend. You can find flyers for these rides elsewhere in this newsletter. Don't forget the our upcoming Rally in July and ride to the Western Antique Airplane and Auto Museum in Hood River in August. Hopefully there is something of interest for everyone. Check out our schedule of events. Last, if you have some pictures of your projects or some news content, let us know.

Hope you have a great summer, keep the round side down.

James McQuiston  
OTC President  
Bend, OR



1971 Harley-Davidson Super Glide.





## The One Moto Show By Tom Nielsen

This year for the One Moto Show, Jen and I were asked to curate an antique-vintage motorcycle display at the show. With the help of Doug McMahon of the Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists club, we assembled 28 antique and vintage motorcycles for display.

Our goal was to bring out the individual stories of each bike: how the owner obtained the bike, what they had done to restore, modify, or customize them, and other interesting anecdotes that helped bring the bikes to life. The stories were posted on 11"x17" placards in front of each bike. The bikes were laid out by region: British, American, Japanese, and European.

In addition, we assembled educational materials and vintage photos and advertisements that were displayed as a backdrop to the bikes. Educational information included motorcycle jargon, a listing of American made motorcycle companies formed before and after 1920 (there are over a hundred), and stories of famous motorcyclists such as Thomas Laurence and his Brough Superior, Bessie Stringfield's accomplishments, and Elspeth Beard's motorcycle trip around the world.

The antique-vintage bike display was very well received, based on comments from visitors and exhibitors. Several folks expressed interest in joining our club. Other highlights of the show included motorcycle stunt riding including the Seattle Cossacks and indoor flat track racing at the Expo Center. Thanks to OTC and OVM members for bringing their bikes for display.

For a video of the bikes on display, see the YouTube link below.

<https://studio.youtube.com/playlist/PLiSPYfQUfbf2jP6S8drSFrzJNSMkjKAZ/videos>





## One Moto Show (cont'd)



Seattle Cossacks and a stunt driver at the "chaos" part of the stunt show.

## One Moto Show (cont'd)



Terry Wolbert's 1947 Velocette



Nils Olson's 1951 BSA Z34B A Competition



## One Moto Show (cont'd)



Andy Franklin's 1973 Norton Commando 850



Danny Podkova 1964 Triumph Bobber



Indoor flat track racer



Indoor flat track racer at the checkered flag



Gary LeGendre's 1969 Bultaco Pursang and Jim Waites' 1974 Ducati 750 Sport.



1929 Indian Scout

## One Moto Show (cont'd)



Tom Ruttan's 1953 Triumph T100C



Tom Krise's 1953 Indian Chief Roadmaster 80



1950 Indian Brave by Spryt Olson



Andy Franklin's 1967 Norton P11 750



Jim Waites' 1967 BMW R69S

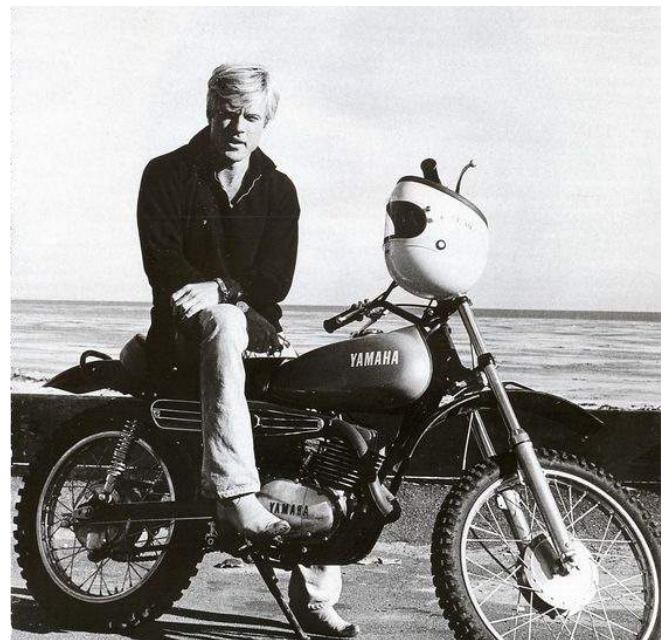
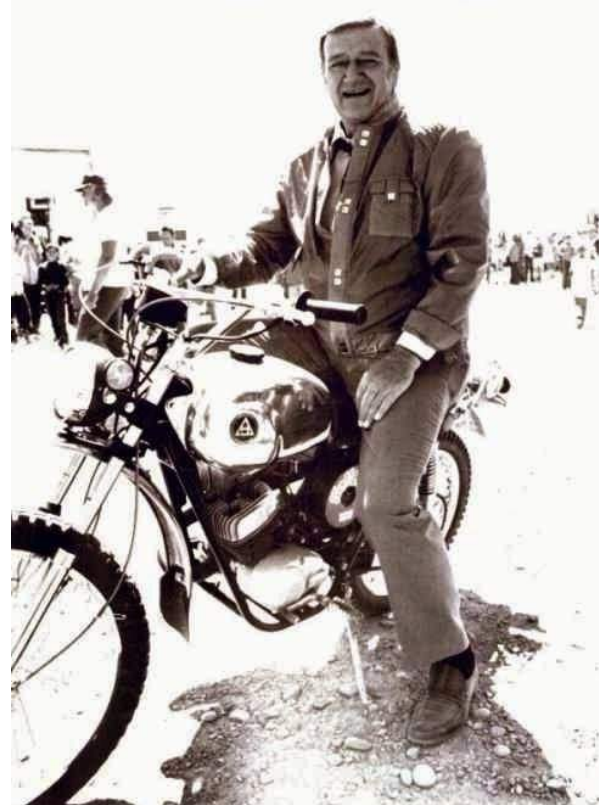


Allan Evans' 1984 Moto Guzzi LeMans 3



## Celebrities on Motorcycles

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







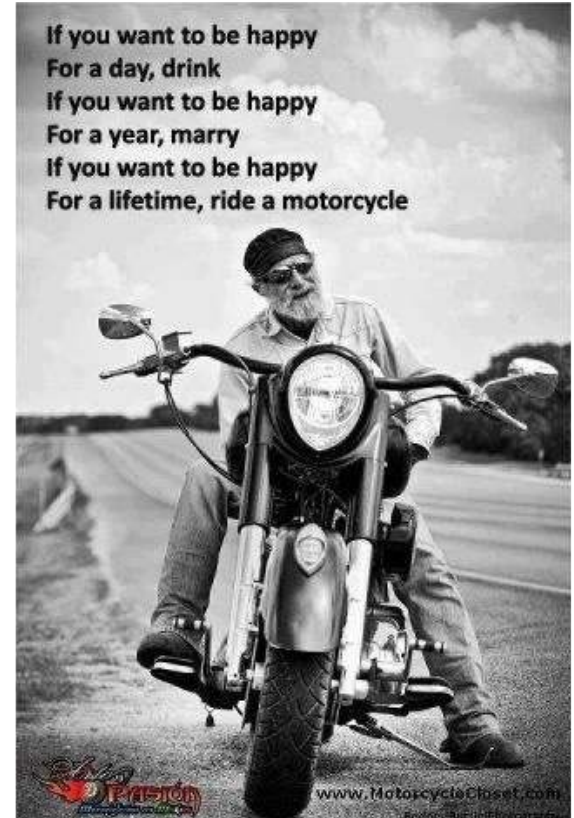
## OTC Schedule of Events 2024

Date	Event
May 4-5	Steel Stampede Vintage Races and Trials, Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center *
May 17-18	OVM Swap Meet & Ride, Salem Fairgrounds *
June 8 9:30 AM	Buzz Saw Ride To High Desert Museum, Elk Lake Resort, & return Meet at start at Richards Donuts in Bend
June 14-15	Swap Meet & Bike Show - Fort Sutter Chapter, AMCA, Dixon, CA *
July 15-19	OTC Rally/Road Run – Cottage Grove
Aug 10	Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum fly-in & Muscle Car show, Hood River *
Aug 16-17	Swap Meet - Evergreen Chapter, AMCA, Tenino, WA*
Aug 24	Bike show in Bend sponsored 6-Volt
Sep 9-13	OTC 3-Day Club Ride, John Day, OR
Oct	Lunch at Kelly's Olympian, Portland – TBD
Nov	Museum (NWVCM) Help Day, Brooks – TBD
Dec	Holiday Party, Cottage Grove - TBD

## Celebrities on Motorcycles

From page 8

Upper Right: John Wayne  
Center Left: Elspeth Beard, one of first English women to ride a motorcycle around the World  
Lower Right: Robert Redford



Dates shown where known. As schedules firm up, dates will be posted in newsletter

\* Event of interest, not OTC sponsored.

NWVCM - Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum

## Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiast

Portland Chapter on the third Saturday of Every Month at noon at See See Coffee at 1642 Sandy Blvd., Portland, OR  
<http://www.vmemc.org>

## DISCOUNTS FOR AMCA & OTC

**SEE SEE COFFEE** gives **10% off** to all OTC/AMCA members. Just show your AMCA member card. Good for beverages and food.

## 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 Nielsen, Editor*

## Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists

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

<http://www.oregonvintage.org>



## 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.

**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 February 13, 2024

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

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

**Other Attendees:** Tom and Jennifer Nielsen.

### Treasurer's report:

As of 2/13/24, the account balance is in the black. Membership renewals/dues are still coming in. New membership: Samuel Gates and John Markley, current president of AMCA National. The Food Pantry check cleared.

**Correspondence:** None reported.

### Old Business:

- ✓ A new AMCA member was noticed in recent email from under AMCA – James will reach out to have him join OTC.
- ✓ Possibility of two new members from Cottage Grove.
- ✓ Keith Kizer sent an AMCA banner to use at One Moto Show and other club events.
- ✓ Web transition. Geoff at Club Express reached out (Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>) – he hasn't forgotten and is working on site and said should have it finished by the end of the week. That

would have been January 29<sup>th</sup>, but no communication since – Tom will email again.

### New Business:

- ✓ Roster – James sent in the new roster to national two weeks ago.
- ✓ **2024 Events**
  - **February 17<sup>th</sup> Cherry City Classic.** Have about ten bikes: Tim, Danny, Martin Doerfler, Tom Krise, and Andy Franklin. Will have club banner.
  - **March – Garage Crawl TBD.** Danny is unable to host. James will circle back with Martin. Tim is happy to host if no other takers.
  - **April 20<sup>th</sup> The One Motorcycle Show**
    - Nielsen's meeting with One Moto event managers on February 1st.
    - Invited OTC to help elevate The One Show's "Vintage Bike Look".
    - Will have a section dedicated to about forty antique/vintage motorcycles. Categorized by their geographical make and age.
    - Brainstorming an idea of making it look like a historic movie theatre. Display a big screen/projection of interviews with different makers and people involved in antique/vintage motorcycles. Play these various interviews on a loop cycle.
    - The goal is to educate and bring interest to the world of antique/vintage motorcycles.
    - Great opportunity for club advertisement
  - **May 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Steel Stampede**
    - Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds. No longer at Crooked River. Further updates as they develop.
  - **May 17 – 18<sup>th</sup> OVM Spring Ride, Swap Meet, and Show**
    - May 17th is the OVM ride, May 18th is the show and swap meet.
    - We typically set up our pop-up with table and club banner.
  - **May 18<sup>th</sup> Flat Track/open traction practice**
    - Organized by Jason with 6 Volt Cycle.
    - Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds. About 1/10-mile dirt, left-hand turn. Not an AHRMA event – more flexibility.



- Not a lot of details at the moment, but will be shared as they develop.
- **June TBD**
  - James spoke with the High Desert Museum curator.
  - Possible ride to High Desert Museum.
  - Dates and details are still undetermined.
- **July 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – AMCA Road Rally in Cottage Grove**
  - Tim secured: banquet reservations (Thursday night), Mexican Restaurant (Wednesday @ 5 pm). Also has sweeper truck
  - Received an offer to reserve the airport for camping, showers, restrooms, and secure parking. Same as last time.
  - Suggestion to increase the entry fee and/or charge a separate fee to use the airport's amenities.
  - Will email registration to last year's attendees and include it in the Newsletter. The plan is to also disseminate to all members in our chapter by email (if on file) and/or hard copy.
  - James will modify the registration form and connect with Tom.
  - Ride routes are TBD but easy to change
  - T-shirts ordered based on last year's numbers with a moderate increase in certain sizes. Shirts will not have the year printed to ensure they can be re-used for future events. Will also use leftover shirts from last year to add to inventory.
  - Price is comparable to last year.
- **August 10<sup>th</sup> – Ride to Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum (WAAAM)**
  - Meet at 10 am in front of WAAAM in Hood River. 1600 Air Museum Rd, Hood River, OR.
- **August 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Tenino Swap Meet**
  - Many members plan on attending.
  - Nielsen's will take an OTC banner.
- **August 24<sup>th</sup> – Hot Pipes Motorcycle show**
  - Organized by 6 Volt Cycle.
- **September 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. John Day Club Ride.**

### **Other issues/concerns:**

- ✓ Tom and Jen went to the OVM dinner on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at The Milwaukie Elks Lodge. Well attended.

Next phone call: March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.  
Minutes by Danny Podkowa.

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

Meeting called to order by President James McQuiston at 7:04 pm.

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

**Other Attendees:** Tom and Jennifer Nielsen.

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

Quite a few membership renewals. A couple of rally registrations received – to be deposited. Account balance is in the black.

**Correspondence:** None reported.

### **Old Business:**

- ✓ Web transition. Very slow. Email from Geoff at Club Express today, who said he is working on it "this week." Tom cc'd Keith Kizer in hopes of pushing process along. Worse case is to extend the GoDaddy service one more year.
- ✓ Cherry City Classic on February 17-18. Update from Danny. It went well for an inaugural show – great turnout, similar to the One Moto Show. The choppers, customs, classics, race bikes, and antiques. Flat track races were fun to see. They gave OTC a "shout out" at the end of the award ceremony to thank the club for attending. Tim won an award for his 1912 Harley. Great to have an event in middle of winter. Quite a few OTC members showed up.

### **New Business:**

- ✓ 2024 Events
  - **March 16<sup>th</sup> – Garage Crawl.** Tim Burns hosting.
  - **April 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> The One Moto Show**



- Will have a section dedicated to about forty antique/vintage motorcycles. Need more Indians. Assembling builders bike signs.
- Volunteers are needed to staff the booth, hand out AMCA literature, and answer questions about AMCA and OTC. Similar assignment as last year: 3-hour blocks. Solicit volunteers via email blast – Danny and James to connect after this call to organize the Memo. Tom will send James last year’s email template.
- Tom and Jen will ask Tori about receiving weekend passes for the booth volunteers. An update will be shared by the month’s end.
- **May 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – Steel Stampede**
  - Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds.
  - Flat Track racing cancelled – promoter backed out.
- **May 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – OVM Spring Meeting**
  - Tom and Jen Nielsen and Danny Podkowa plan on attending.
- **June TBD**
  - James spoke with Jason and planned a route.
  - Sawmill to Elk Lodge ride in Bend.
  - Meet at Richard’s Donut Shop and ride to the High Desert Museum. Then ride through Sunriver, have lunch at Elk Lake Lodge, and finish the loop.
  - Easy half-day ride on a Saturday. Date not yet confirmed but may land mid-month.
  - James is working on a map.
- **July 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – AMCA Road Rally in Cottage Grove**
  - Tim secured: a sweeper truck, Mexican dinner (Wednesday at 5 pm). Banquet dinner (Thursday night).
  - Tim working on a possible burger dinner on Tuesday night. Tim is also working with friends who own a few restaurants in town to see if they’ll sponsor the meal. To have a burger night at Tim’s home.
  - Registration night = Pizza night. Details and logistics are still being worked out.
  - Airport reneged deal. Will move registration location to Tim’s house.
  - John will order a porta-potty to have on site.
- James spoke with Chet – one route is done and working on a map.
- James is building a rider packet.
- Will need to send an update regarding the change in accommodations that the airport location was going to provide so attendees are aware of what to expect.
- Tim can contact the RV park next door to his property and see what options are available. He will find out the details before a mass email is sent.
- James will add rally to the AMCA calendar of events.
- T-shirt orders will be sent 5-6 weeks before the event. Order based on registration #s with a moderate increase in certain sizes. Black with pocket. 30-day turnaround. Will also use leftover shirts from last year to add to inventory.
- **August 10<sup>th</sup> – Ride to Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum (WAAAM)**
  - Meet at 10 am in front of WAAAM in Hood River: 1600 Air Museum Rd, Hood River, OR.

**Other issues/concerns:**

- ✓ National Road Run to be held in 2025? – Yes.

Next phone call: April 9<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 April 9, 2024**

Meeting called to order by President James McQuiston at 7:01 pm.

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

**Other Attendees:** Tom and Jennifer Nielsen.

**Treasurer’s report:**

Two member renewals. A few rally registrations. The newsletter and VAST conference call expenses. John will send the financial report to James.

**Correspondence:** None reported.



### Old Business:

- ✓ **Web transition** – Tom
  - Geoff at Club Express created a new website to match the current website.
  - Difficult to navigate from the AMCA website; not conducive to attracting new members.
  - Not ready to launch. Can link our domain to the new website.
  - Renewed domain: antiquemotorcycleoregon.com. Did not renew the website builder, and it will expire in about one week. Tom plans to scrub the existing website to move data to the new site.
  - "Contact Us" communications on the new site will go to [antiquemotorcycleoregon@gmail.com](mailto:antiquemotorcycleoregon@gmail.com); Danny Podkowa will monitor that inbox as part of the secretarial duties.
  - Plan to start using [antiquemotorcycleoregon@gmail.com](mailto:antiquemotorcycleoregon@gmail.com) for club communications.
  - To view newsletters on the new website, you'll need to log in as an AMCA member, which is a positive addition to protect club members' personal/private information.

### New Business:

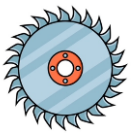
- ✓ **2024 Events**
  - **April 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – The One Motorcycle Show**
    - The antique display will have with 31 bikes, each with a story associated with its build; various antique/vintage posters; glossary of motorcycle jargon. To have twelve European & Asian bikes and nineteen American & British bikes.
    - Volunteers at the OTC booth will get a weekend pass (via coupon code from Tom N.). So far have James Radway, Saturday, 3pm – 6pm; Andy Franklin, Sunday, 12pm – 3pm; Danny Podkowa and wife will "fill in the gaps" as best they can.
    - Danny to reach out to club members to get more volunteers.
    - Will have a notepad for interested parties to write their name and email so someone from the club can follow up with them and send club information.

- **May 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – Steel Stampede**
  - Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds.
  - Plan to have some t-shirts available for purchase.
  - Danny Podkowa can bring OTC banner and shirts to Bend.
- **May 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – OVM Spring Meeting**
  - Tom and Jen Nielsen and Danny Podkowa are planning on attending.
- **May Flat track cancelled.**
- **June – High Desert Museum TBD**
  - James is still waiting to hear from the museum. If we don't hear back by next week, we'll set a date and move forward.
  - Sawmill to Elk Lodge ride in Bend.
  - Meet at Richard's Donut Shop and ride to the High Desert Museum. Then, ride through Sunriver, have lunch at Elk Lake Lodge, and finish the loop.
- **July 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – AMCA Road Rally in Cottage Grove**
  - Mexican dinner (Wednesday @ 5 pm). Banquet dinner (Thursday night). Registration night at Tim's.
  - One ride ironed out with Chet.
  - Need more routes planned and maps made.
  - James will check in with Tim and get more items worked out.
- **August 10<sup>th</sup> – Ride to Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum (WAAAM)**
  - Meet at 10 am in front of WAAAM in Hood River: 1600 Air Museum Rd, Hood River, OR.

### Other issues/concerns:

- ✓ N/A

Next phone call: May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.  
Minutes by Danny Podkowa.



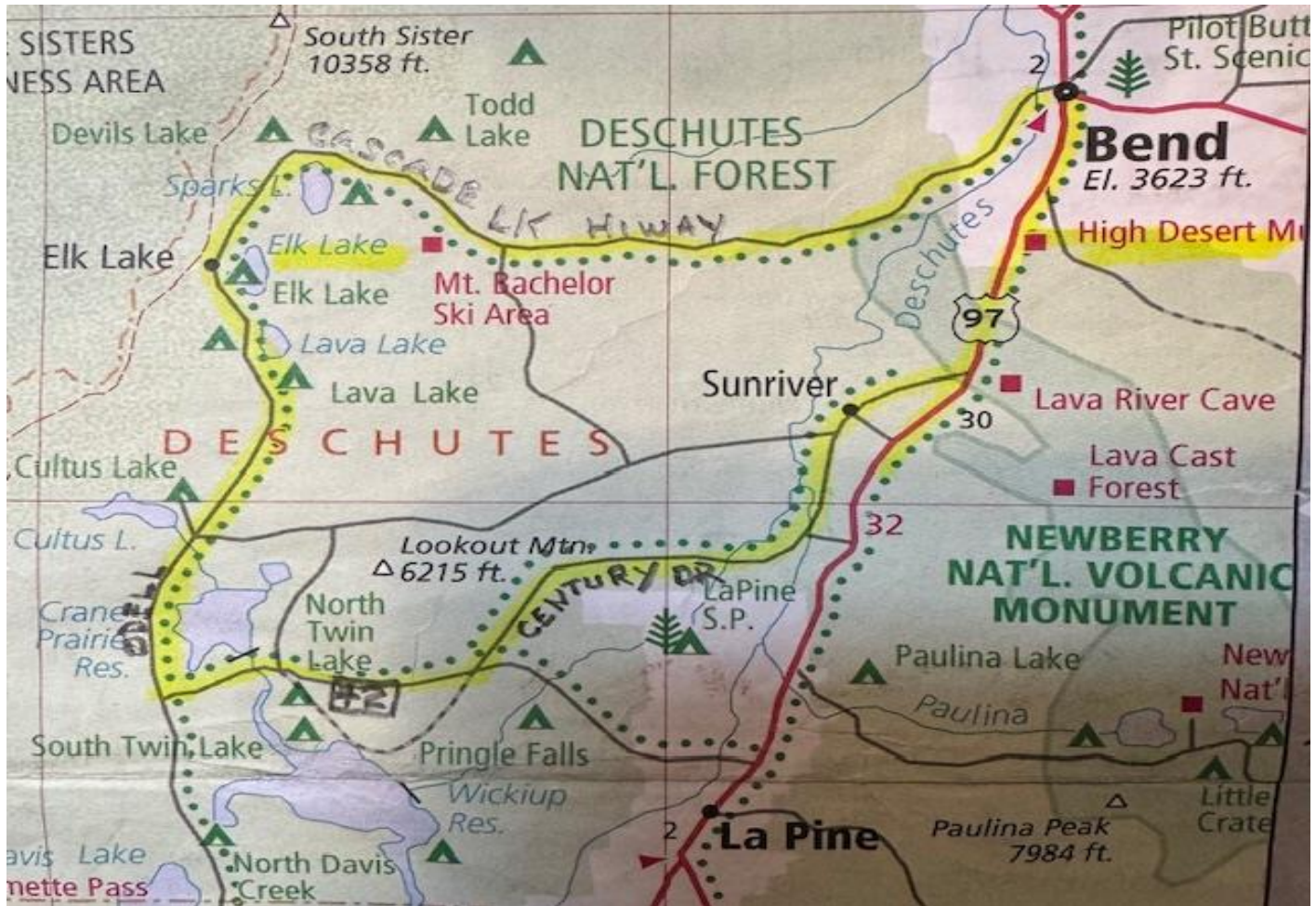
## Buzz Saw Ride- June 8, 2024



Richard's donuts to High Desert Museum, to Elk Lake Resort, to Bend.

Meet at Richards 9:30 Sat June 8. Ride to High Desert Museum.

Leave the museum and head to Elk Lake for lunch, return to Bend. Roughly 140 miles.





# Registration Form

## Oregon Trail Chapter Rally

**Three Days of Riding: July 16, 17, 18, 2024**

**Check-in July 15<sup>th</sup> from 12 PM – 4 PM. Banquet July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Pre-Registration closes July 1, 2024**

**Headquarters: Tim Burns 78341 Snauer Ln. Cottage Grove, OR 97424**  
**Limited camping at Tim's**

Best Western Motel	1601 Gateway Blvd. Cottage Grove, OR 97424	(541) 942-1000
Cottage Grove Inn	845 Gateway Blvd. Cottage Grove OR 97424	(541) 767-3100
Relax Inn	1030 North Pacific Highway, Cottage Grove OR 97424	(833) 342-0465

**Alt Camping:** Schwartz Park 34909 Shoreview Dr, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 (877) 444-6777  
 Baker Bay Park 35635 Shoreview Dr, Dorena, OR 97434 (541) 942-7669

<b>Rider</b>	<b>AMCA# (required)</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>T-shirt size (M-XXL)</b>
<b>Passenger</b>	<b>AMCA# (required)</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>T-shirt size (M-XXL)</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>
<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>		<b>Chapter</b>
<b>Year/Model Bike</b>	<b>Insurance # (required)</b>	<b>Miles Ridden</b>	<b>Miles Hauled</b>

**\$125 per rider (Monday Registration Pizza nite, T-shirt, Tuesday Burger Night, Wed Mexican dinner, Thursday Banquet)**

**\$115 passenger (Pizza, T-shirt, Burger night, Mexican dinner, Buffet banquet)**

*After July 1<sup>st</sup> and for day of, on-site registration, add \$10 for rider or passenger. Additional tickets for banquet-only available for \$40 during on-site registration.*

Rider \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Only \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Submit this form by June 12<sup>th</sup> to ensure desired T-shirt size can be ordered in time for the rally.**

**To Register, Mail form and check made out to Oregon Trail chapter Attn:**

John Davey, Treasurer, 2165 Norwood St, Eugene, OR 97401, ph: 541-852-8023 john@riverroofing.com

Make checks payable to **Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA**

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