

Trail Gazette

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Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America April 14, 2020

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM by conference call.

Officers in Attendance: Jen Nielsen Pres., Martin Doerfler V.P., Tom Nielsen Secretary, John Davey Treasurer, Bill Quaccia Activities Coordinator.

Other Attendees: None.

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence: Calls about interest in club, some resulting from the One Moto Show.

Treasurer's Report: Club remains in the black. Have been receiving membership dues.

Old Business:

- ✓ 2020 Rally Discussion:
 - Discussed a cutoff date if need to cancel rally. Consider including a caveat in advertisement that holding rally depends on status of COVID pandemic.
 - Will try to receive payments through Pay Pal.

New Business:

- ✓ To send out a mailing note from all officers expressing good will to club members in these trying times. To send by mail so it is not lost in the spam of the many emails we all receive. Expect cost to be about \$40 to \$50 for copies and postage.

- ✓ Discussed today's email from Keith Kizer at national about the COVID-19 hotline and requesting local clubs to assist. Challenge will be that many members are in the higher risk groups and providing assistance may add to the helper's risk.
- ✓ Martin reported buying another two-week supply of booze for the third time in a week 😊
- ✓ John reported a change in his use of TP roll. He used to spin it like the wheel of fortune, now he turns it like dial on a safe. 😊
- ✓ Tom reported that Fed-X and UPS are merging. The new company will be called Fed-UP. 😊
- ✓ Upcoming Meetings and Activities. Reviewed schedule of events, however they are all tentative based on COVID pandemic.

Next business meeting/conference call – May 12th at 7 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.

NOTE CHANGE

JUNE 20th ACTIVITY Salem Area Ride

Meet at 11 AM at Powerland for an approximate two-hour ride
Led by Tom Ruttan

Meet at The Old Texaco Gas Station, Antique Powerland,
3995 Brooklake Road NE Brooks, Oregon
(I-5 exit #263, ¼ mile west)



Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America May 12, 2020

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM by conference call.

Officers in Attendance: Jen Nielsen Pres., Martin Doerfler V.P., Tom Nielsen Secretary, John Davey Treasurer, Bill Quaccia Activities Coordinator.

Other Attendees: Tom Ruttan.

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence: Jen had several emails with Keith Kizer about rally.

Treasurer's Report: Club remains in the black. Have received membership dues from many members. Accountant that did 2018 taxes contacted John to ask if we wanted them to do taxes again. (Tax return had been previously paid for by National AMCA as we held a national).

Old Business:

- ✓ 2020 Rally:
 - Because Oregon governor has banned group gatherings greater than 25 people through September, we have to cancel our rally.
 - To update the website with cancellation notice.
 - The ad in the national magazine would cost \$190 – would be wasteful to spend that money. To ask Keith to post cancellation on AMCA website.
 - Jen to cancel group reservations at hotel, RV camp, and restaurant.
 - Tom will send out an email notice (with some mailings) to club members with notice of rally cancellation.
 - We will hold a club ride in John Day in September – club members only. Folks need to practice social-distancing as many of our members are in higher risk group.

New Business:

- ✓ Upcoming events.
 - Will have a club ride in Eugene on June 13. Meet at John's at 11 AM. Can do drive through lunch or brown bag. [changed due to weather to 20th at Powerland, Ed.]
 - July was to be at Michael Tillson's as a joint event with OVM. Tom will call Michael to

confirm if it is still happening and notify Sam Justice at OVM that we cannot do a joint event. Matt Presley volunteered to plan route and lead ride.

- In August, can do a ride out of either Salem or Portland. Tom Ruttan can plan a ride. [Moved to June, Ed.]
- In September to do club event in John Day.
- ✓ The OVM Swap meet in May in Corvallis was cancelled.
- ✓ The Fort Sutter Swap meet in June at Fort Dixon, CA was cancelled.
- ✓ The Rendezvous at Powerland in June was cancelled.
- ✓ Tom N. requested items for newsletter. Bill said he has an article on take down.

Next business meeting/conference call – June 9th at 7 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.





The Pres Letter-

My OTC Friends!! Big News!!

We have scheduled several rides and club events beginning this month. Please be mindful of fellow club members and wear a mask and/or keep your social distancing manners in place!

My guess is that these past several months have held some challenges for each of us. My hope is that these challenges have made us appreciate the many things we have and the very many things we have in common! Tom and I have had the chance to focus on our carport to garage conversion. We have spent a lot of time drinking coffee, watching birds, and hanging out with the pups! Our online gaming skills have been improved-although our kids still like to laugh at us- and yes, we have survived, thrived even, in our 3½ months of mostly us together time.

Life is good. Tom is stoked because he can now start to work on his '46. I am stoked because my garden is really starting to take off. We both feel blessed as our kiddos are safe, albeit a bit roughed up, and we still laugh at each-others' jokes. And, the weather is turning nice and our major to-dos are ta-done, so we can ride!

If you get the chance, or better yet, take the time to do it, I would like you join me in sending a BIG THANK YOU to your officers John Davey, Tom Nielsen, Martin Doerfler, and Bill Quaccia and our advisor Tom Ruttan. These folks worked very hard to keep us together and work through some DARN TOUGH decisions regarding our club events and rally. I appreciate you all gentlemen. I am honored to call you friends and fellow officers. Truly.

I look forward to seeing you all in the months to come! Continue to be safe and appreciative of ALL you DO HAVE!

Peace out,
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"People are like Motorcycles: each is customized a bit differently."

— Anonymous

SPORTS THAT CAN BE COMBINED WITH MOTORCYCLE RACING



Harley-Davidson XLCH 1968





Bill's Rattlecan Restorations No Guts, All the Glory

By Bill Quaccia

Has your crankshaft grinder grown old and grumpy, is your boring bar broke, can't afford the escalating cost of cams? Don't worry, we at Bill's have the solution: bikes built with no cranks, no cams, no bearings and come with no financial trauma to spoil the enjoyment of displaying your retired relics in the comfort and safety of your living room. (My ex brother-in-law offers marriage mediation as it will surely be required.)



Two Triumphs: One is a runner, one has no guts

Can you tell which bike has no guts and which is ready to ride? Your non-motorcycling friends certainly cannot determine that. You have no non-motorhead friends? Neither do I. That's why at Bill's Rattlecan Restorations we supply all of the pimp but none of that noisy, smoking, leaking power. Who wants gasoline fumes and oil stains inside your house anyway, it disturbs the cats. Now for the serious part and I'm not kidding. After retiring from self-employment, I was shocked and dismayed to learn that one's personal income is severely diminished. Restoring, or even renovating, an old cycle requires frequent trips to the cash machine and plunder of the retirement account. But that's not going to prevent me from having the fun of transforming piles of rusty junk into beautiful examples of rolling art (for optimum view please step back about six fathoms and squint). Case in point, here is a rescue BSA ZB34 Competition discovered near the Richmond



1949 BSA ZB34 Competition, "before" left side

Rambler Clubhouse. A very careful dismantle using my patented SHB method (Soak Heat & Beat) revealed the guts to be cancerous with rust, slime, and seaweed indicating that this old hill-climber was pushed into Miller Lagoon after its final victorious ascent.



1949 BSA ZB34 Competition, "before" right side

Bill's Rattlecan Restorations No Guts, All the Glory (cont'd)



1949 BSA ZB34 Competition during reassembly

I've spent many happy Covid-19 lockdown hours cleaning, polishing and painting. My favorite lotions and potions include Ospho, Corrosion Block, Alumabrite, CoroSeal, and Rustoleum. Not much money has been spent so far, and certainly none on expensive internals, because elbow grease is exhausting, but free. Freebies from fellow BSA enthusiasts have augmented my own spares inventory to fill in the spaces where parts were either missing or too badly broken to reach the high standards of a Rattlecan Restoration.

This particular model, however, may merit a full mechanical restoration as 1949 was the first year of the post war 500cc Gold Star with the new plunger frame, it's sand cast cylinder and head were unique to the ZB. This ZB Competition was

the poor man's Gold Star, it lacked the sturdier GS crankcases and was essentially a standard road model with the alloy top end replacing the standard cast iron items. Two years later the separate rockerbox, diecast model BB with swingarm frame was the ZB replacement soon to be followed by the more numerous and iconic CB, DB and DBD Gold Stars that are more familiar to motorcyclists.

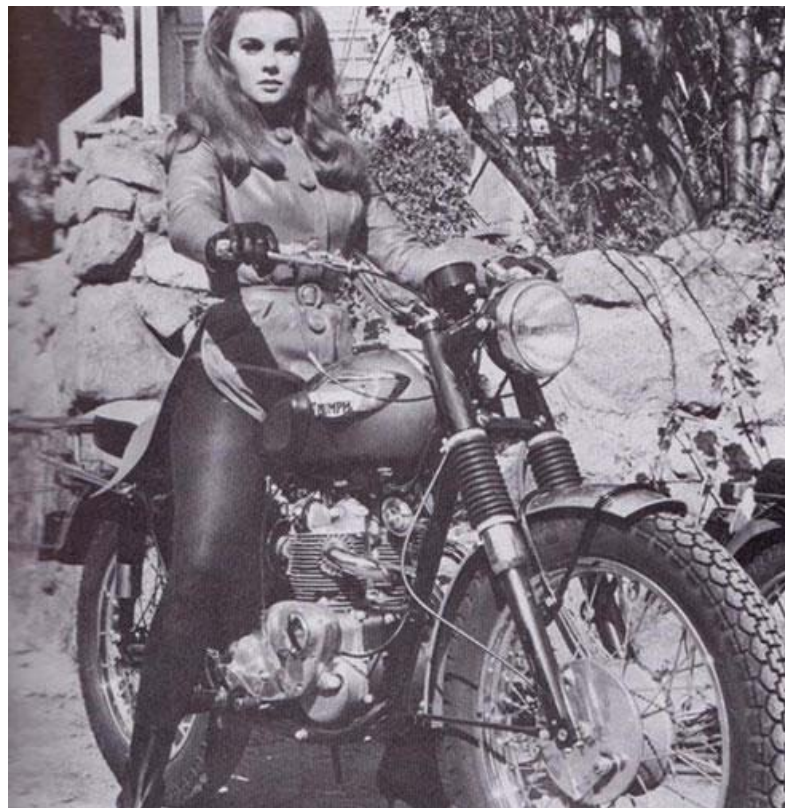
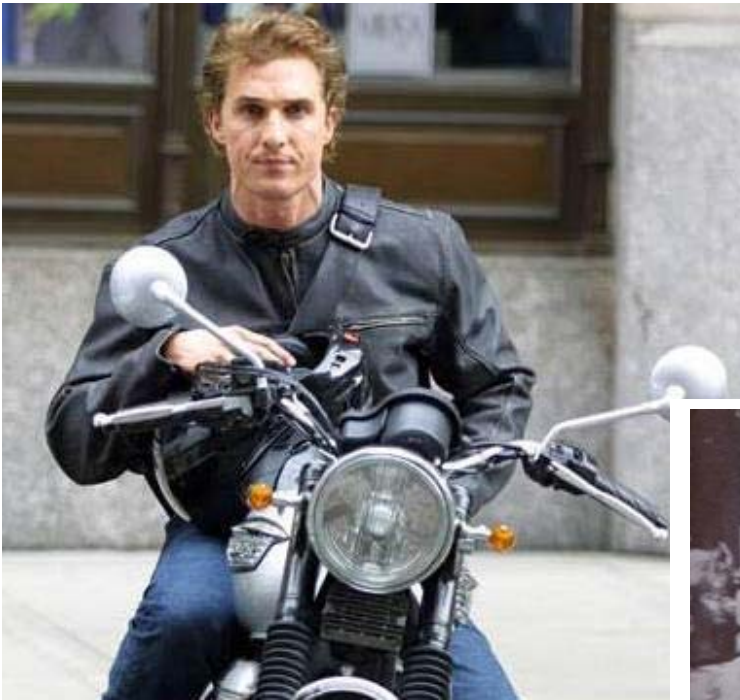


Sand cast alloy cylinder and head. These two rare items transform the common B34 Roadster visually to a Competition Model.



Celebrities on Motorcycles -

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





2020 Meeting Calendar Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA	
Month	Activity
Every Month 2 nd Tuesday	OTC Business Conference Call All members welcome Call 971-256-0996, then enter code 412341
June 20 th 11 AM	Salem Area Ride <i>Meet at Texaco Station at Antique Powerland, 3995 Brooklake Road NE, Brooks. (I-5 exit #263, ¼ mile west). Approximate two-hour ride, led by Tom Ruttan</i>
July 18 th 9:30 AM	Ride to Michael Tillson's in Clatskanie. <i>See Michael's collection of motorcycles and 1930s cars in his 1,800 SF shop. Meet at parking lot of Fred Meyers, Hwy 26 & Cornelius Pass Rd, NE end by Panda Express, NE end by Panda Express [275 NW Imbrie Dr, Hillsboro]. You could trailer bike and leave trailer at parking lot. Approximate two-hour ride, led by Matt Presley.</i>
August	Eugene Ride <i>Details pending</i>
September 12 th	John Day Ride(s) <i>Because of distance to John Day, members should plan on arriving Friday evening. Some will be arriving days earlier and staying later. Members responsible for their own lodging and meals. There are multiple rides around John Day. Details pending</i>



Celebrities on Motorcycles

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Top: Lee Marvin

Center: Matthew McConaughey

Lower: Ann Margaret

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 tomandjen@shadyapple.com

Thanks, Tom

Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiast

Portland Chapter on the second Tuesday of Every Month at 6:00 PM at Yurs Bar and Grill, 717 NW 16th Ave., Portland, OR
<http://www.vmemc.org>

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>