
Trail Gazette

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March 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes

President Gene Walker called the meeting to order at 12:37 pm. The meeting was held at Antique Powerland in Brooks, OR.

Officers in Attendance:

Gene, Vice President Bruce Reichelt and your faithful secretary, Tom Krise.

Attendees:

Jackie Colwell, Chuck Hodson, David Michael, and our Newsletter team, Tom and Jen Nielsen. Guests were Lane Weinberg and Keddy Haines.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Tom Ruttan was unable to attend, but had forwarded his report. The treasurer's report was given by Tom N.

Old Business:

- ✿ The issue of the web domain. Jen, Tom N. and Bruce led discussion on the options to hire Gary Kelly's services to maintain our web page, or to find services elsewhere. Some options and costs were discussed.
- ✿ Chuck motioned and Tom N. 2nd that the club have Tom & Jen decide and begin work on a website plan that would work for the club and contain costs (\$400 or less annually). Motion passed.

New Business:

- ✿ Tom N. motioned and Tom K. 2nd that we hold our April meeting on the 18th, as opposed to April 25, which is the fourth Saturday. The 18th has fewer conflicts with other activities. Motion passed.
- ✿ Jen & Tom N. gave a report on the OTC motorcycle display at Paradise Harley Davidson in Tigard. The management of Paradise HD expressed interest in having more of the OTC club bikes create a larger display. Also discussed if we should invite other clubs, like the OVM, to participate. Tom K. said he would say something at the April 11 OVM meeting. Jen & Tom said they would propose to Paradise HD an August 22 date for our display.
- ✿ Tom K. gave the correspondence report, which consisted of a proposal from Spirit Mountain Casino to host our July Road Run.



Tom Krise's 1953 Indian Roadmaster 80 at March Meeting



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 **Bruce Reichelt**, our vice president. Bruce has been a member of OTC since 1991, being a Charter member. Bruce was born in Stanton, CA and went to high school in Grants Pass, OR. He attended Oregon State University and earned a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Bruce lives with his wife Mary in Grande Ronde. They have three grown children, all boys, ages 20, 25, and 31.

Bruce has always liked machinery and remembers as a young boy waiting outside the dentist's office during his sister's appointment and thoroughly enjoying watching a backhoe operating at a construction site. He purchased his first motorcycle while in high school, a two-stroke Yamaha without an exhaust pipe. He brought it home and realized it wasn't such a good idea to not have an exhaust and he returned it after only one day! His next bike, which he kept a bit longer, was a 1967 Honda CB160 he purchased in college. That same bike took him on a trip up to Mary's Peak one night to visit with some college buddies. The headlight went out in the pitch dark. Luckily, the high beam still worked and Bruce was able to get home safely.

Another weekend while taking a curve a bit too fast, he hit some gravel and skidded into a ditch. He was uninjured and able to get the bike back on the road. But he had an oak plug in the tail pipe and the carburetor caught fire while he rode home. He pulled over and ran into the nearest house yelling "My bike is on fire, get a fire extinguisher!" Luckily, instead of clubbing the screaming young stranger running into the house, the occupant produced a fire extinguisher and Bruce was able to put out the fire. He was able to repair the damage and rewire the Honda and it lived again. Clearly the bike had bad Karma, (or a young stupid rider - [BR]) so Bruce did the logical thing and sold that bike. In 1977, Bruce bought a Yamaha RD 350 two-stroke, which he braved on Interstate 95 from Sarasota, Florida to Virginia. Bruce claims that bike could reach 95 mph (I am sure that he read that statistic somewhere, because our VP would never consider exceeding the 1970s era double-nickel) - Bruce claims to have seen 85 on the Yamaha speedo outside of Washington DC !

Bruce restored a 1914 Indian. It started out as three 1914 bikes. One was a basket-case he obtained from Forest Grove that had many missing parts and a shattered transmission cover. He obtained a second bike which started life as a two speed out of Northern California. The third bike was a single-speed he purchased from Canada. From the three bikes, he built his two-speed with a 7 horsepower twin-cylinder, which he mostly completed by 2007. The two-speed in that model year is fairly rare.



After Bruce sold the Honda CB160, he got a 350 Honda. It had a bad kick start, which would lock up the flywheel. At one point, it locked up while on the road and froze up the engine leading to his only motorcycle scar. Bruce brought it home, disassembled the transmission and had the case welded to correct the problem and then sold it. The next summer, he went bikeless, but soon the hankerin' to ride came back for good. A woman engineer in the neighboring cubicle at Techtronix was married to a gentleman with a BMW - he could no longer ride. Bruce had a 1940 McCormick tractor that the couple really liked, so they traded the tractor for the 1972 BMW R60/5. Bruce still owns that bike.





Two Wheels Around Town

We report on events in the area that can include antique motorcycles, but sometimes are just interesting.

OTC on Display at Paradise Harley Davidson

Tom Ruttan brought three of his antique Triumphs for display at Paradise Harley Davidson in Tigard on March 14th. Tom's bikes were:

- 1940 Triumph Speed Twin
- 1952 Triumph Thunderbird
- 1966 Triumph Bonneville TT Factory Special Race Bike



The good folks at PHD let us set up a display of bikes, club brochures, and snack food. Our display was one attraction, while another big draw was the annual BBQ prepared by PHD service staff. Food was free to all, with tables set up in the service area. Tom and Jen Nielsen manned the booth, handed out club literature, and got contact information from ten potential new members.



Rose City Motorcycle Club "250"

The RCMC 250 mile ride was April 12th. It left Beaverton Motorcycle on 217 to Hwy 26 west to Cornelius Pass to Hwy 30, across the Longview Bridge and west on Route 4 to the first checkpoint in Cathlamet, WA. Then west to Hwy 101, south through old Fort Columbia and across the Columbia into Astoria. Then southeast on Highway 202 to the Jewell Meadow State Wildlife Area. Then south to Hwy 103 and Hwy 26 east to Hwy 47 south to Springhill Road to North Valley to Ewing Elementary School in Newberg. The final leg took North Valley east to Hwy 219 and wound down to Scholls Ferry Road back to Cascade Ave and Beaverton Motorcycle. Older bikes participating in the run included the following:

- 1964 Harley Davidson Road King
- 1979 Yamaha
- 1981 Harley Davidson
- 1983 – two Yamahas and two Hondas
- 1987 Honda

The antique bike collection at Beaverton Motorcycle was great to view at the start and finish of the run.



RCMC has their 500 mile run on May 9th. Already entered are a 1964 Harley and 1976 BMW R90S.



Classified

Harley Men's "Performance" motorcycle boots, Size 10.5, reg \$202, sale \$80. Harley ¾ Helmet with tinted shield, size XL, reg \$160, sale \$100. Each worn once. nielsents@comcast.net

Wanted: 1936 Harley-Davidson 61 cubic inch overhead valve with original paint. Will pay up to \$5,000 cash. Prefer to purchase from a sweet widow who can cook that owns a large estate. Must be near-sighted. Contact Dewey Cheetum by Email: CheetumORFleecya@gotcha.com.

Wanted (really):

Edison-Splitdorf Magneto Type CDH Spec 00201



Hello from Australia. I'm an Indian motorcycle fanatic with a passion for the 338 and 339 models. I have a 39 Bonnie which I rode around for 3 weeks in the States last year after completing The Great Race in Utah. Met some wonderful people and enjoyed some spectacular scenery!

I'm hoping someone in your chapter may be able to assist with locating a Magneto for my matching number 38 Chief project bike which I'm currently restoring. I'm trying to do a 100 point restoration. I'm chasing the above magneto. See photos.



Could you please pass this on to your members? Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Cheers, Matt

(see Matt's contact info next column)



Matt from Australia

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AMCA Member 18934

Help Needed:

Subject: 1916 Indian

Name: Sheena Email: smartin@mmb580.com
Message: I am looking for a company in the Massachusetts area to restore my 1916 Indian. Is there any way you could direct as who to contact. I am having trouble finding a company.

Subject: 1962 XLCH Sportster

Someone on AMCA Facebook recommended contacting you to help me find a mechanic to work on my 1962 XLCH Sportster. It was running last year, but I haven't been able to get it started since. They suggested I put a different carb on it (currently has a Bendix) and have the points on the magneto changed out. I really want to get bike to where I can start it myself, but I'm having difficulty finding someone that I can trust to do the work. I also have a few other antique motos that need some work. I live in Portland. (photo below)
Beth : betherfly22@gmail.com





Ride Invite:

Subject: June ride

John Stanley is hosting a ride June 25th thru 27th. This would be a great chance for more of our members to get to know each other. John does all the route planning work but we could call it a combination Evergreen & Oregon Trails event. Accommodations run short in Hood River so planning ahead is prudent.

Tom Deem, President, Evergreen chapter.
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Tom Krise and his 1953 Indian Roadmaster 80 at March OTC Meeting



OK, it is not even close to an antique, and maybe not even a motorcycle (rider does need MC endorsement). But this three wheeled 2015 Polaris Slingshot owned by RCMC member Michael S. drew a crowd whenever he stopped on the RCMC 250. Tom and Jen rode "sweep" with Michael and his batmobile.

More Rides:

'59 BSA Leads Harleys, Can-Am through Clackamas County

Chuck Hodson rode his 1959 B33 and led OTC club members Jackie Colwell and Tom and Jen Nielsen on a ride from Oregon City through Estacada and Redland and other back roads in Clackamas County on April 5th.



Chuck Hodson's 1959 BSA B33



Jennifer Nielsen & Jackie Colwell on "Chuck's Run" on April 5th

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. Send to nielsents@comcast.net

Thanks, Tom and Jen Nielsen, Newsletter Editors



7th Annual
Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet
MAY 24, 2015
7 AM - 2 PM

Free Ride in Bike Show

Best of Show Awarded Open to All

CHICO
Elks Lodge #423
1705 Manzanita Ave.
Chico, California 95926

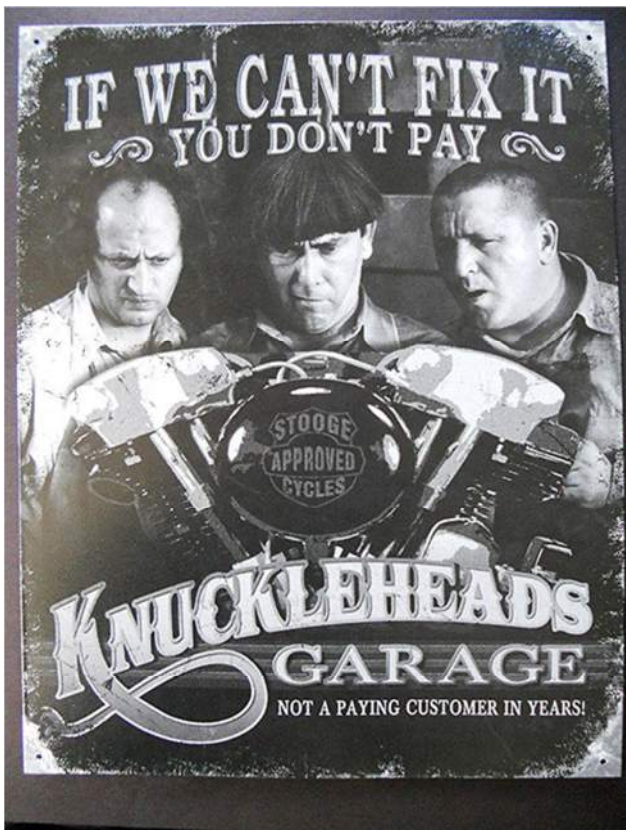
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VENDORS
20'X20' SPACE \$30
(Any vendor coming from 100+ miles away \$25)
Vendor set up starts 6 AM

NO HOST BAR BY THE ELKS

Like us on Facebook at Ishi Chapter, Antique Motorcycle Club of America

Date	Event
April 18 6 -9 PM	OPEN HOUSE, BMW Dealer in Tigard 12010 SW Garden Place in Tigard BBQ, Rusty Truck Brewing, Live Music
April 25	12 th Annual Washington Vintage Annual Swap Meet & Bike Show Skagit Cty Fairgrounds, Mt. Vernon, WA http://washingtonvintagemotorcycles.org
April 24-26	A.B.A.T.E. Southern Oregon Swap Meet Central Point, Oregon www.abateoforegon.net/event/motorcycle-swap-meet-and-bike-show
April 24-26	Corsa Moto Classica at Willow Springs Rosamond, California http://garagecompany.com
April 26	So-Cal Cycle Show & Swap Meet Long Beach, California https://www.socalswapcyclemeet.com
April 30- May1	AHRMA/CPL Systems Historic Cup Race Sonoma Raceway Sonoma, California http://www.ahrma.org
May 2-3	AHRMA Trial & Vintage Motocross Crooked River Ranch, Terrebonne, Oregon www.ahrma.org
May 3	NORCAL Motorcycle Swap Meet Sacramento, California www.norcalcycleswap.com
May 9	AMCA California Poppy Ride Auga Dulce, California www.losangelesamca.org
May 16	Vintage Motorcycle Rally, Show & Swap Kings Fairgrounds, California marshall@classiccycleevents.com
May 16	Quail Motorcycle Gathering Carmel, California www.quaillodgeevents.com
May 16-17	35 th Annual Vintage Motorcycle Ride, Show & Swap Meet, Benton County Fairgrounds Corvallis, Oregon http://www.oregonvintage.org/
May 19	Rose City Motorcycle Club "500" Tour Rally Many awards including oldest motorcycle http://www.rose-city-mc.org/RCEventfliers/500.html
May 24	Ishi Chapter AMCA Show & Swap Meet Chico, CA www.ishiamca.org
May 29-30	20 th Annual CJMC Classic Japanese Show & Swap Auburn, California www.cjmc.org
June 6	The Friends of Steve McQueen Show Chino Hills, California www.stevemcqueencarshow.com





35th Annual Vintage* Motorcycle Ride, Show & Swap Meet

Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, Oregon (1980-2015)

May 16 & 17, 2015



Ride Saturday May 16,
leaves Fair Grounds at
Noon

Show Sunday, May 17,
from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
(new hours)

Featured Marque:
HODAKA

Celebrating 51 years of
HODAKA Motorcycles,



**Admission: \$5.00 , Free to OVM Members &
Children under 12**

**Parking – Concessions – Over 100 Vintage*, antique, and
limited production Motorcycles on Display**

**Peoples' Choice Awards for best of each category:
*British, Asian, European, American, Scooter, Featured
marque, and one memorial award.***

Overnight Camping Available

Getting there:

**I-5 TO CORVALLIS, FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO PHILOMATH/OCEAN BEACHES. WATCH
FOR SIGNS JUST WEST OF CORVALLIS POINTING RIGHT, TOWARD FAIRGROUNDS
SWAP MEET SPACE AVAILABLE: Members = 1 free space. Non-members = \$15.00**

Saturday, May 16st: *Vintage Motorcycle ride leaves from the Fairgrounds at Noon,
Corvallis vicinity.* Information: www.oregonvintage.org , e-mail: ovm@efn.org ,
or Call: 503-307-9085

**In Southern Oregon a local group of the OVM meets monthly on the first Saturday
of the month at: Four Daughters Irish Pub, 126 West Main Street, Medford,
Oregon – 12:00 noon. Contacts: *Phoenix:* Skip Ortner, 541-890-2165;
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