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Next Chapter Gathering

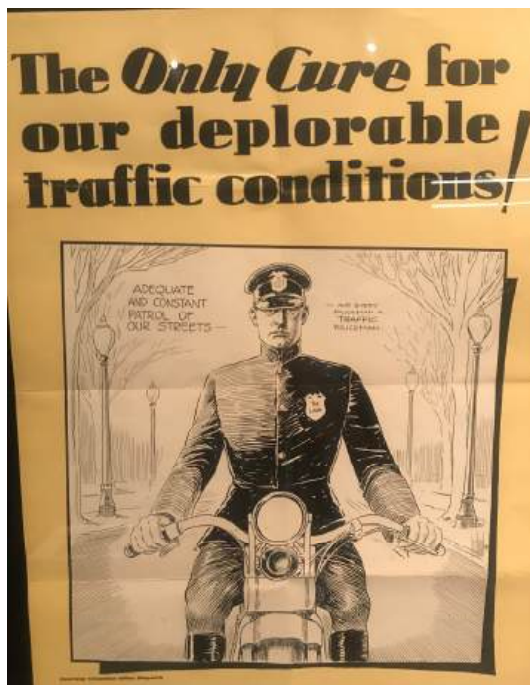
Garage Crawl & Lunch Saturday, February 22

At the home of Tim B

11:00 AM

OTC will provide lunch

Cottage Grove





The Prez Letter

Hello all,

Things are moving along and I know I'm not the only one looking forward to Spring riding season. Many of us are planning out the summer and this means deciding which projects take priority. Well, it should revolve around motorcycles of course.

If you check our calendar, you see several riding opportunities this summer. Again, if you have some suggestions for a ride, let us know.

Our Cottage Grove rally is scheduled for June. I checked a couple days ago, and we have over 65 registered riders. So, it will likely fill-up soon. We are capping registration at 100 rider so it is manageable. We are planning similar routes as last year, and will base the gathering at Tim's property.

Another fun ride is John Day, which we will pin down at a later date. Historically it has been in mid-September. This is a three day "one your own" in the eastern Oregon area. We base in the town of John Day, and venture out loops of about 100 miles each day. There are a few other events sprinkled throughout the year as well.

For me now, it's time to pick the machine and prep for the ride. One bike needs tires, and the other needs wiring and some carb work. And both will have additional surprises no doubt. What's your plan?

Send some pictures or stories on your projects. We would like to hear about them.

Also, membership dues are due. If you would, please include your AMCA member number, address, and contact information. We use this to keep a current roster for club use only.

Thanks
James McQuiston
Prez, OTC, AMCA

To register for the OTC National Road Run on June 17-20:

https://www.antiquemotorcycle.org/content.aspx?page_id=4091&club_id=327323&item_id=2440517



Some Recent OTC Happenings



OTC members attending movie "The World's Fastest Indian" at the NWVCM on Jan 11th. L-R: John Davey, Tom Nielsen, James McQuiston, Larry McQuiston, Tom Ruttan, and Nils Olson. Not shown Martin Doerfler.



OTC member Tim Peterson hosting Saturday "Motos n Donuts" at his new shop in Bend. Pictured are Rodger, Tracy, Tom, and Steve, with Tim in the corner.



Some bikes at Tim Peterson's new shop in Bend.



Van Buren Sisters 1916 Cross Country Trip

Augusta and Adeline Van Buren rode 5,500 miles in 60 days to cross the continental United States each on their own motorcycle, completing on 8 September 1916. In so doing, they became the second and third women to drive motorcycles across the entire continent, following Effie Hotchkiss, who had completed a Brooklyn-to-San Francisco route the year before with her mother, Avis, as a sidecar passenger. The sisters descended from Martin Van Buren, the eighth President of the United States. In 1916, 32-year-old Augusta and 27-year-old Adeline Van Buren, or Gussie and Addie as they were known, were young and active in the national Preparedness Movement.

America was about to enter World War I, and the sisters wanted to prove that women could ride as well as men and would be able to serve as military dispatch riders, freeing up men for other tasks. They also hoped to remove one of the primary arguments for denying women the right to vote. For their ride, they dressed in military-style leggings and leather riding breeches, a taboo at that time. They set out from Sheepshead Bay Race Track in Brooklyn, New York on July 4, riding 1,000 cc Indian Power Plus motorcycles equipped with gas headlights. Indians were the high-end motorcycle at the time, selling for \$275, and ran Firestone "non-skid" tires.

They arrived in Los Angeles on September 8 after having to contend with poor roads, heavy rains and mud, and natural barriers like the Rocky Mountains, as well as social barriers, such as the local police who took offense at their choice of men's clothing. During the ride, they were arrested numerous times, not for speeding, but for wearing men's clothes.

In Colorado, they became the first women to reach the 14,109-foot summit of Pikes Peak by any motor vehicle. Later on, they became lost in the desert 100 miles west of Salt Lake City and were saved by a prospector after their water ran out. They completed their ride by traveling across the border to Tijuana in Mexico.

Beyond question the Van Burens have made one of the most noteworthy trips ever accomplished, chiefly because they have proven that the motorcycle is a universal vehicle.

In 2002 the sisters were inducted into the AMA's Motorcycle Hall of Fame and in 2003 into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame.

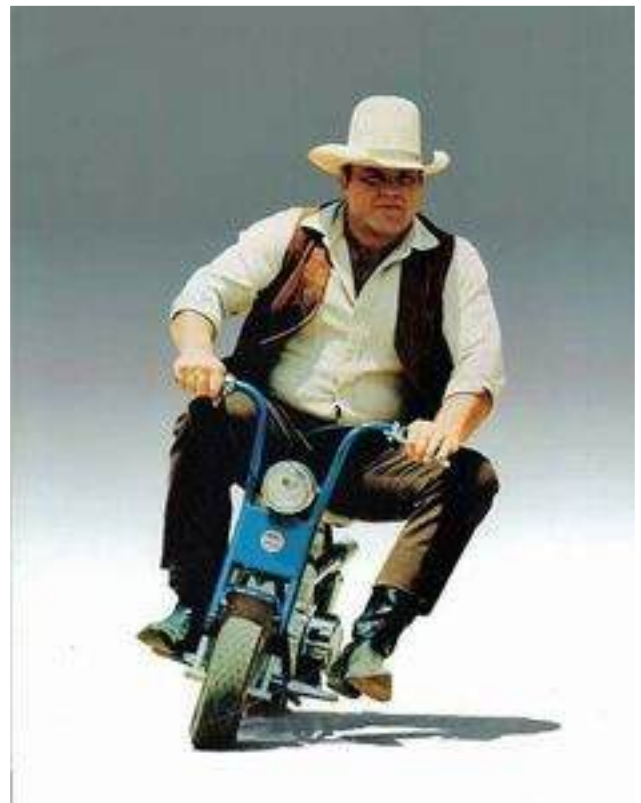
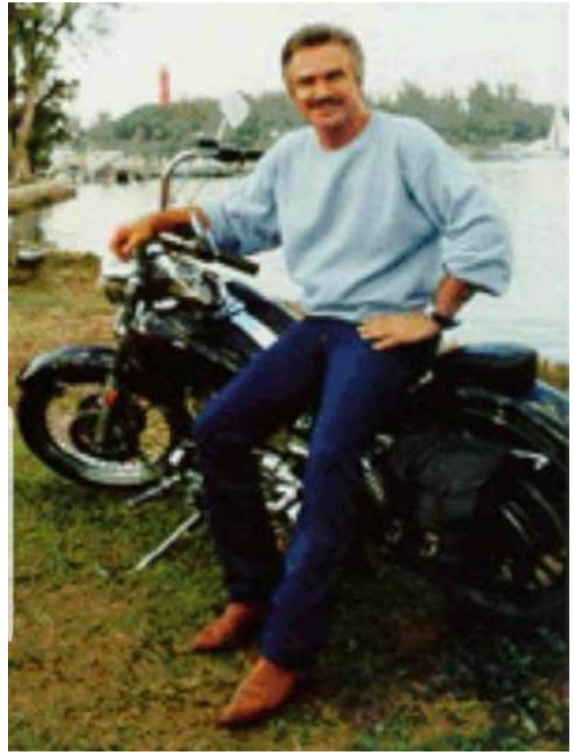
Text adapted from Paul Derkum, Indian Motorcycle Co. Photos from:

https://www.indianmotorcycle.media/remembers-the-van-buren-sisters-with-the-sisters-centennial-ride-from-3rd-to-23rd-july-110296/#gallery_57612ef8e1bbd



Celebrities on Motorcycles -

Who are these familiar faces on two wheels? Answers on page 6.





**2025 Meeting Calendar
Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA**

| Month | Activity |
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| Every Month 2 nd Tuesday | OTC Business Conference Call All members welcome Call 971-256-0996, then enter code 412341 |
| Feb 22 nd 11 AM | Garage Crawl & Lunch Cottage Grove. At the home of Tim Burns |
| Mar 22 nd 10 AM | Cherry City Classic Motorcycle Show & Races Columbia Hall, Salem Fairgrounds, 2330 17TH ST NE, Salem. \$27.50 admission https://cherrycityclassic.com |
| April | TBA |
| May 3 rd | Steel Stampede Deschutes County Fair & Expo Details pending |
| May 3 rd 9 AM-noon | One Motorcycle Show Zidell Yards, Portland \$20 admission https://www.the1moto.com |
| May 17 th & 18 th | Oregon Vintage Motorcyclist Ride- 17th Show & Swap - 18th Polk County Fairgrounds https://oregonvintage.org/events/ovm-annual-ride-swap-and-show-at-salem-or/ |
| June 17 - 20 | OTC NATIONAL ROAD RUN Cottage Grove Register online at AMCA Events |
| July | Buzz Saw Ride Bend Details pending |
| August 16 | Tenino Swap Meet Tenino, WA Evergreen Chapter, AMCA hosts |
| September | John Day Ride(s) Details pending |

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>

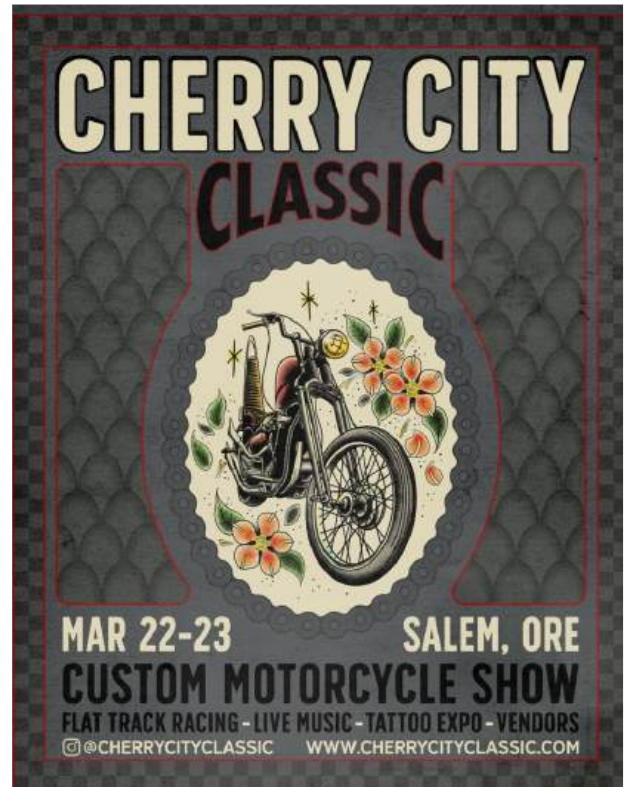
Celebrities on Motorcycles

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Top: Burt Reynolds

Center: Angelina Jolie

Lower: Dan Blocker



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>

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

Thanks, Tom



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. \$4,400.

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, call or text **Ben in Clackamas**

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 January 14, 2025

President James McQuiston called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM by conference call.

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

Other Attendees: Tom Nielsen.

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence: None reported.

Treasurer's Report: Chad three membership renewals. Expenses for the holiday party, phone conference calls, and newsletter expenses. Rally registrations are coming in. Thirty registered riders, 8 passengers, 42 banquet tickets, and four extra T-shirts. Club remains in the black.

Old Business: None reported.

New Business:

✓ 2025 Events

- **February 22: Garage Crawl with Tim Burns**
 - 11 am
- **March 22-23: Cherry City Classic in Salem**
 - Club meetup: March 22nd at 10 am
 - Flat track racing on Saturday night, not included in general admission pricing
 - Tim can put some bikes in. Danny will let the organizer know.
- **May 2-4: One Moto Show in Portland**
 - Club meetup: May 3rd at show open (9-10 am?)
 - James will ask Tom if OTC will participate and circle back with the group
- **May 3-4: Steel Stampede in Bend**
 - Club meetup: May 3rd at TBD
 - Deschutes Co. Fair & Expo
 - Schedule of events are still in development
- **May 16-18: OVM Show & Swap in Rickreall (west of Salem on HWY 22)**
 - OTC will have a booth
 - Polk Co. Fairgrounds
 - Details to be added to the OVM website as they develop
- **June 17-20: OTC National Rally in Cottage Grove!**
- **July 2025: Buzz Saw Ride in Bend**
 - Schedule of events are still in development
- **August 16-17: Evergreen Swap Meet in Tenino, WA**
 - Tenino City Park
- **August TBD: Hot Pipes in Bend**
 - Location TBD
- **September: Motorcycle TransAmerica**
 - Details can be found on their website: <https://motorcycletransam.com/>
 - September 17th, 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/@motorcycletramsam/podcasts>

✓ **Future Discussion:**

- N/A

✓ **2025 National Rally:**

- James will send a reminder email to the OTC chapter (USPS to non-email members) alerting them that registration is now open.
 - Tom will send a list of members to James who request USPS communication.
- Tom suggested having medium t-shirt size available for smaller men & ladies; upon registration, people select their preferred shirt size, which provides us with the data needed when placing the bulk shirt order. Closing date will give time to place T-shirt order.
- Capping registration at 100 riders.
- Once final numbers start coming in for the rally, Tim will connect with the banquet location to secure any extra space needed.
- James attached a copy of the email participants receive upon registering, just as an FYI to review.
- Ad: Will be posted in the next National magazine. James will forward a copy to Danny for an email blast to OTC members.
- Hotels:
 - Cottage Grove Inn has a room block in place.
 - James will double-check with Keith about what hotels are listed on the info sheet for registrants and seek out any group rate and room block info.
- Parking:
 - Easiest (safest) for all participants to park trailers & vehicles next door at the Masonic Lodge RV park.
- Routes:
 - Coast ride just needs turn-by-turn directions solidified, but overall, it's 'final.'
 - Will finalize the remaining routes within the next few months.
- Registered Riders:
 - John receives an email directly from Club Express noting who's registered and any extra add-ons they've ordered. John also keeps a tally on paper.

- Tom suggested contacting Club Express (or Keith Kizer) directly to have them pull a report of all registrants to date.

Other issues/concerns:

- ✓ N/A

Next business meeting/conference call February 11th at 7 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Minutes by Danny Podkowa.

DEFINITIONS

Bernadette:
The act of torching your motorcycle loan contract.

Pharmacist:
A helper on the farm.

Subdued:
Like a guy, like works on one of those, like, submarines, man!

AMCA / OREGON TRAIL CHAPTER

PRESENTS

NATIONAL ROADRUN
TREES TO THE SEA

Cottage Grove, Oregon

June 17-20, 2025

SAVE THE DATE!!

DORENA COVERED BRIDGE BUILT 1945

WEIGHT LIMIT 3 TONS



Registration opens February

