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John Day Rally

Registration Monday September 13th
from 3 PM to 7 PM at HQ

Rides September 14, 15, 16
Banquet on 16th

Headquarters at Grant County
Fairgrounds & RV Park

If you have not registered, you can still
send forms to our illustrious treasurer.
Forms are at the back of the
newsletter.

All events will be outdoors.
We request participants to gracefully
respect others wishes with respect to
COVID safety

See flyer and registration form at back of
this newsletter for details.



The Pres Letter

Hello! Hello! Hello!

Tom and I recently returned from a 28 state, 7-week, 11,000-plus mile cross country trip in our truck camper, and we saw lots of great places, but nothing that compares to the beauty and magnificence we have here in Oregon. And now we get to play with our bikes and y'all at our rally! What? Really? It's here?

Our long-awaited John Day Rally is here! I cannot wait to see y'all - from a respectful distance - and catch up with your riding and project adventures. Heck, I really can't wait to see your beautiful faces!

Your board has been hard at work with the many, many, many details a rally brings, so when you see them at the rally, please give them a big "Thank you!!"

I want to thank y'all in advance for your patience and tolerance of the changes we made to keep everyone safe, and your flexibility for any future or last-minute modifications we may need to make. Bottom line, we will still get to be together and have some amazing rides and socializing.

Just a reminder we will be holding elections at the rally as well. Ballots will be available at registration.

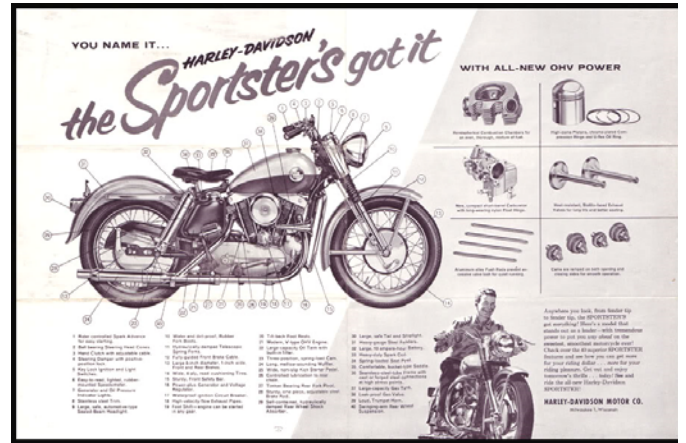
An another exciting topic, let's all keep our club member Tim Burns and Crew in our thoughts as he takes on this years' Cannonball. I cannot wait to hear the stories! How about you?

And lastly, we are remembering our friend and club member Jim Lancaster at this rally. He will be with us on his Sporty in the sky as we traverse this fine country and swap stories. I personally will miss his hardy laugh and joking around with Don Gabbart. Jim's wife LaVerne and family have invited all of us to join them in a celebration remembering Jim on September 25th as well. If you would like to attend, please reach out to me, and I will pass along the details. LaVerne has made a generous donation to the rally, and we have used part of that donation for our Rider Awards this year. Thank you LaVerne!

Well, my friends, time to wrap up and get onto more rally prep. I hope this finds you happy, healthy, and at peace.

Peace out!
Jen

"Life is short: break the rules, forgive quickly, love honestly, laugh easy, keep it simple, ride often, ride FREE, and never regret anything that makes you happy."
Motorcycle Brotherhood





July at the Powerland Steam-Up

The theme this year at the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum was cars and motorcycles from the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. They had a great display of machines from that era. Other attractions included their 1926 theater organ, kids play area, and a dragstrip Christmas tree where competitors could test their reaction time.

OTC member Martin Doerfler had two bikes on display, a 1929 Harley Davidson Model D customized for the Race of Gentlemen and a CX500 Honda racer.





July at the Powerland Steam-Up (cont'd)

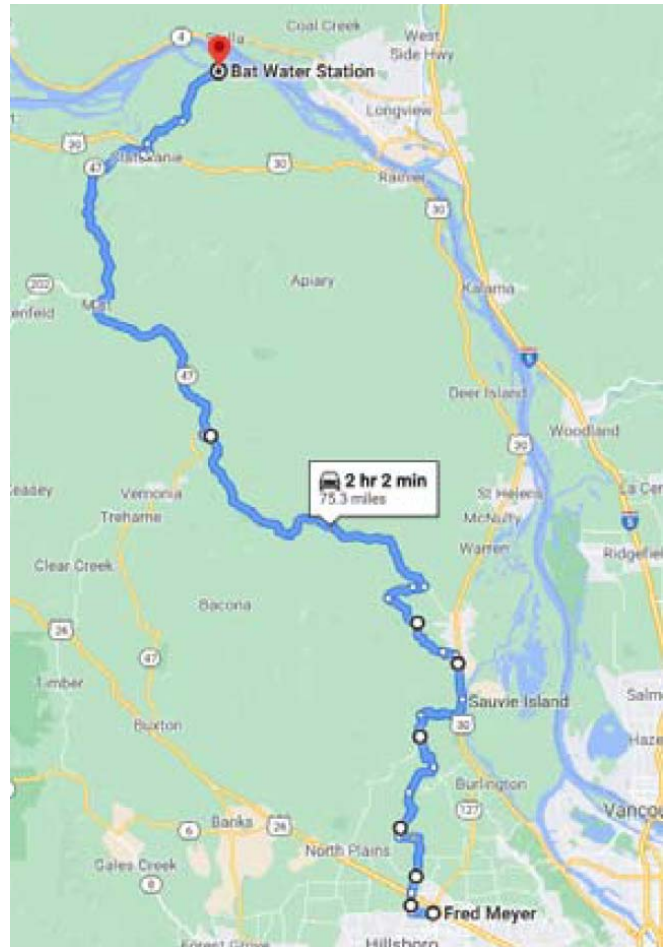




August Ride Report

On August 14th, OTC members, and guests, gathered in Hillsboro and took a 75 mile twisty ride north to Clatskanie. We traveled to the home of Michael Tilson and his wife Karin Hunt. There we were treated to a tour of Michael's garage full of antique cars and motorcycles. And to top it off, we had a fantastic lunch !

Their 50+ acre property borders a slough of the Columbia River. It is called Batwater Station, so named because the house that they renovated had been abandoned and became home to a bat colony. The fantastic house renovation for the people considerably included reserving a space for the bats.



The ride from Hillsboro to Clatskanie



Ariel Square Fours and two 1930s cars.



Riders gather after the ride.



Some of Michael Tilson's motorcycle collection.



August Ride Report (cont'd)



Michael Tilson's 1947 Indian Chief



Lunch is served



Michael Tillson's 1965 Harley-Davidson FLH



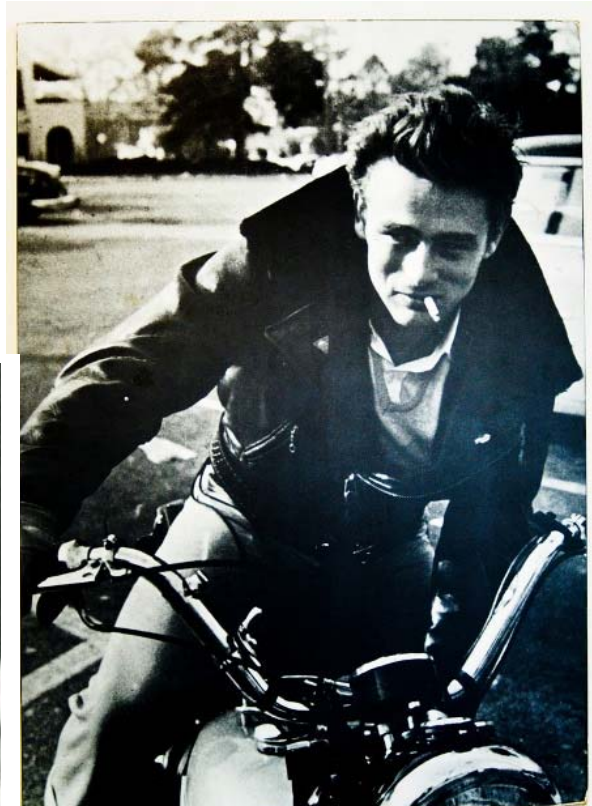
Group with Michael's Ariels: 1957, '59, '52, and '51



Our Prez, Michael Tilson, and his 1940 Cadillac LaSalle Series 50 Sedan

Celebrities on Motorcycles

Who are these familiar faces on two wheels? Answers on page 8.





2021 Activity Calendar Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA

Month	Activity
2 nd Tuesday Each Month 7 PM	OTC Business Conference Call All members welcome Call 971-256-0996, then enter code 412341
September 13-16	Rally in John Day See flyer at end of newsletter for details
October 9	Markum Inn Lunch & Ride Meet at Restaurant in Mt. Angel then ride (weather permitting).
November 13	Museum Help Day Meet at NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum
December	Holiday Party At Tim's in Cottage Grove. Details TBA

Celebrities on Motorcycles

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Upper Right: James Dean

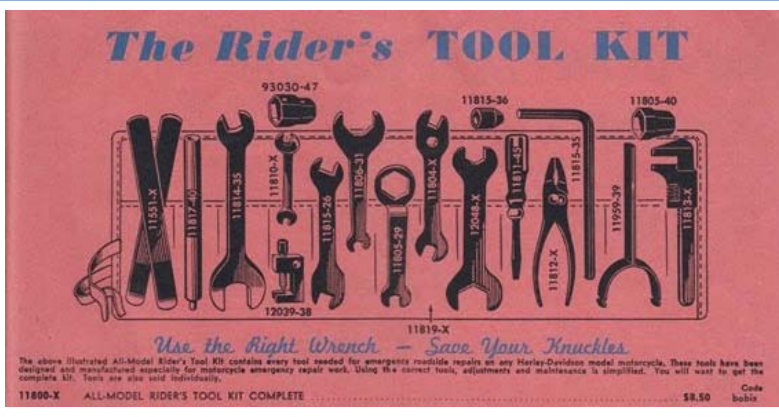
Center Left: James Dean

Lower Right: Christian Bale

DISCOUNTS FOR AMCA & OTC

Lowbrow Customs gives a **10% discount** to all AMCA members. When ordering online, enter the code MWR4U2 in the top right corner of page when checking out where it says gift card or coupon code.

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 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



Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists

OVM monthly meetings starting up on April 10th at 11 AM at Horse Brass Pub in Portland.
<http://www.oregonvintage.org>

Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiast

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



At Home Parkerizing

By Tom Nielsen

Parkerizing is a method to provide corrosion protection to metal parts. It was used by Harley-Davidson from the late 1930s into the 1960s on many fasteners as well as intake manifolds, kickstands, brake/clutch pedals, etc. It was especially prevalent during WW2. It was also used on vintage cars and is still used today on firearms.

The method I used is primarily from Palmer (2020) and instructions from the manufacturer of the chemical concentrate (Palmetto Enterprises, 2020). I used the manganese phosphate concentrate; it creates a dark gray color.

I am conveying what I have done for your edification. But users conduct any of these procedures at their sole risk. Recognize you are dealing with toxic chemicals, toxic fumes, hot oil, hot plates, hot glassware, all around equipment energized with electrical power.



Palmer (2020) does a nice job of describing the equipment needed. I would add that Pyrex ware specifically says not to use it on a heated surface; I can say from personal experience that Pyrex will break on a hot plate. I used small stainless steel pet dishes instead of Pyrex (cheap on Amazon). The volume of the container depends on the size of parts you will treat. You can do nuts and bolts in a 1-cup container. For parts like an intake manifold, it will need to be deeper. You'll need two



containers that will allow you to completely submerge the parts, one for the solution and one for oil. Allow for some evaporation of the solution.

Take care when heating oil. On the same hot plate setting, my solution water came to the desired 200 F, so I removed the water to another burner and put the oil on it. The oil, on the same setting, got much hotter, well over 250F. For a measuring cup, I found a smaller one at Safeway that measured in ounces and milliliters that I like. Measuring in milliliters is easier when you make up a smaller solution as you can get a finer measurement than eyeballing "a third-cup."

I also prefer the dexterity of stainless steel tweezers over tongs. Large tweezers are available from kitchen suppliers for grilling.

You need to get the parts down to bare steel. If the parts are cadmium plated, zinc plated, epoxy coated, powder coated, or chrome, this creates additional requirements not covered here.

The directions call for bead blasting. Not owning a bead blaster, I used the wire wheel on my bench grinder to remove rust and old coatings from larger parts, and for smaller parts and to get the nooks and crannies, I use a Dremel and its small wire wheel brush. I hold the smaller parts with a needle nose vise grip. I only handle the parts with nitrile gloves to keep the oil from my hands off the parts. After wire wheeling, I spray the part with carb cleaner, wipe it off with a clean cloth, and put the part in a clean box.



Once you have all the parts cleaned, set up for the Parkerizing. I did all my Parkerizing outside with a box fan blowing across the work.

The directions call for 14 ounces of Manganese phosphate concentrate to 1 gallon of water (128 ounces). This would create WAY more solution than I would need for my purposes. You can use a smaller volume which is easier to handle. Just follow the ratio of 14 concentrate to 128 of water. The ratio of 14:128 can be applied to any unit of measure, just be consistent – if you measure 7 milliliters of concentrate, then you'll want to measure 64 milliliters of water, and so on (3.5 to 32...).



Parts after cleaning, ready for parkerizing



Done outside with fan blowing air across work to move toxic fumes. I wear face shield and rubber gloves.

You place the volume of water in the vessel and bring it to 200F first, then add the concentrate, bring that to 200F, then add the parts. This minimizes "cooking off" the concentrate.

After the parts are cooked in the solution, remove them. I used a wire screen in the cook pot so parts can be easily taken

out. Some folks run stainless wire around the parts so they can be easily removed. You are also supposed to turn the parts every few minutes (how many is a few? - they don't say, I did it every five minutes).

Total time in solution is 8 to 15 minutes. I did my parts for 15 minutes and they came out a dark gray – which I like.



when it goes into the oil so pores in the metal will bring in some of the oil. I say place in the oil, as in use the tweezers. You don't want to plop the part in the oil and have hot oil splashing around. I left the parts in the oil for 15 more minutes then placed on a clean paper shop towel to drain. After the parts cool, I wiped off the oil.

It takes several hours for this process: cleaning the parts (most time consuming), set up vessels and hot plate, parkerizing and oiling, and cleanup. But to me, the result was worth it.



Commercial parkerized parts that you buy have a rather thin coating. When you tighten a nut, and I mean just snugging it, the Parkerizing can rub off. Having bare steel surfaces between two



parkerized parts is asking for corrosion. For example, the Harley parkerized transmission plate is meant to have the parkerized mounting nuts loosened and the plate and transmission moved to adjust the primary chain. Loosening and moving scrapes off the thinner commercial Parkerizing. So be aware of this limitation. I use painter's tape to temporarily protect commercial parkerized nuts/bolts to reduce rubbing off the parkerized coating when tightening with a wrench.

References:

1. Palmer, Bruce III. 2020. How to Restore your Harley-Davidson. D.Palmer Publications. 3rd Ed. Valrico, FL.
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3. How to Use Manganese Phosphate-Pt.11-1966 Mustang GT Rebuild. September 10, 2019. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfNzgO2o3Co&t=2s>



CLASSIFIEDS

From Martin Doerfler:

Bit off more than I can chew. Must sell one or the other.

01. Ex-Genie Walker 1956 Harley KHK. Still a project, but an exceptionally nice one. Engine and transmission fresh. Near perfect chrome, all new cad, straight, original tins ready for paint. Call for details and many more pictures. \$11,500

02. Potential show winner (IMHO) 1942 WLA stroker in custom hardtail with BSA four speed. Engine fresh, Truett and Osbourne 4.5 inch stroked flywheels, new rods, cylinders, heads, oversized intake valves, WLDR cams, magneto. Gennie S model gas tank with switch, LED lights (legal-ish, not to see with). Starts easy, runs, rides, stops. Untitled, bill of sale. \$8,500

Trades plus cash for either bike? You bet. Honda 305 Dream, Honda 550, Suzuki 750, BMW R-50/75, BSA pre-unit single, engine work on my A-65, early Falcon Ranchero, ?. My tastes are eclectic, but it must have wire wheels (not the Falcon).

Call - text preferred –

Martin in Keizer (503) 999-5930

acegarage@comcast.net.

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From Tim Burns:

Looking to buy any pre-1970 Oregon or California motorcycle license plates.

Looking to buy any pre-1985 Harley motorcycles, basket cases, or parts piles.

Tim in Cottage Grove (408) 687-0635

Classifieds

OTC members get one, free quarter-page ad with a photo for motorcycle related items each newsletter issue. Additional quarter-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 June 10, 2021

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM by conference call.

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

Other Attendees: none.

Treasurer's Report: Club remains in the black. John has received money from rally entries & dues.

Minutes: Reading of minutes was waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence:

- ✓ Keith Kizer received scam emails, recommends we remove officer emails from newsletter.
- ✓ Jen invited Ross Metcalf, AMCA pres., to rally.
- ✓ Jen contacted Adam's Screen Print to price rally T-shirts. To go with a burgandy color. New T-shirts to supplement those from previous rallies.

Old Business:

- ✓ Reviewed upcoming rides and events.
 - June event will be ride from Martin's.
 - July 24th ride around Ashland.
 - August 14th ride to Tilson's. He's doing lunch.
 - September is rally. Registration is Monday the 13th, rides on 14-16th, banquet on 16th.
 - October is ride to Marquam Inn in Mt. Angel. Tom R is planning/leading.
 - November 13th is help day at NWVCMM.
 - December is holiday party at Tim's in Cottage Grove. Date TBA.

New Business:

- ✓ Officers (and members) need to contact businesses and vendors for donations for rally raffle. In return, will post vendor information in our rally flyer and on OTC website.
- ✓ John got small voltmeters he will donate for raffle. He also has some tin signs he can donate.

Next business meeting/conference call – July 20th at 7 PM. Note date change – Tom and Jen will be on road and unlikely have cell service on 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.

Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America July 20, 2021

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM by conference call.

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

Other Attendees: Tom Ruttan and Bruce Reichelt.

Treasurer's Report: Club remains in the black. Have received money from rally entries.

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence:

- ✓ Jen ordered T-shirts from Adam's Screen Print and aluminum water bottles for rally.
- ✓ Jen spoke to Ross Metcalf, AMCA pres., and he said he may attend, depends on his calender.
- ✓ The announcement of date change was published in Jul-Aug AMCA National magazine.

Old Business:

- ✓ Reviewed upcoming events:
 - July 24th ride in Ashland to cancel due to extreme heat and forest fire smoke. Instead, to email members to come to Steam-Up at Powerland. It is weekends of 24th and 31st.
 - August 14th ride to Michael Tillson's for lunch.
 - Sept 13-16 Rally at John Day.
 - Oct is ride to Markum Inn in Mt Angel - lunch.
 - Nov 13 museum help day at NWVCMM.
 - Dec holiday party at Tim Burns – date TBA.
 - Re: John Day rally:
 - The restaurant where planned banquet has closed. Looking for a new restaurant, but many are short staffed (Tom & Jen saw this on our recent cross country trip). Plan now to have meal catered at the campground. All concurred. We will need tables, Bill and John each can bring one.
- ✓ Progress on contacting vendors for raffle? Discussed different vendors to contact and members who can contact.
- ✓ Discussed raffle prizes: yougest, oldest, longest trailered, longest riden, and hard luck.



New Business:

- ✓ With another bad fire season this year, we need a contingency plan if forest fires block routes to John Day. Options include moving to Powerland, another site, or cancelling rally. We need to set a drop-dead date for a decision so folks can make hotel arrangements. Set a conference call for August 29th at 7 PM to make the decision. Consensus was to move to Powerland if necessary. Jen had spoken to Lone Star BBQ and they would be willing to cater at Powerland. Tom R to get Jen contact info of president of Powerland so she can discuss this contingency.
- ✓ Bruce Reichelt said he had not been aware of the date change for this conference call and said we should have published it. It was acknowledged and explained that Nielsen's had been out of cell coverage on regular date.

Next business meeting/conference call – August 10th at 7 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.

Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America August 10, 2021

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM by conference call.

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

Other Attendees: Tom Ruttan.

Treasurer's Report: Club remains in the black. More income from rally registrants. Costs included water bottles and T-shirts.

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence:

- ✓ Jen picked up T-shirts and received shipment of aluminum water bottles. They look great.
- ✓ Jen talked to restaurants and caterers around John Day and none can support rally.
- ✓ Jen responded to calls from rally participants.
- ✓ Tom and Jen contacted Paradise Harley and two Cycle Gear stores and will they will donate raffle prizes.

Old Business:

- ✓ Reviewed upcoming events:
 - August 14 to ride to Michael Tillson's for lunch.
 - September is rally in John Day. Register 13, 14-16 rides.
 - Oct 2 ride to Markum Inn in Mt Angel - lunch.
 - Nov 13 museum help day at NWVCMM.
 - Dec holiday party at Tim Burns – date TBA.
- ✓ John Day Rally:
 - Progress on contacting vendors? Tom R to talk to Cascade Moto.
 - John will do Costco run for supplies. Needs a list.

New Business:

- ✓ Rally
 - The Wagon Wheel restaurant reopened with new owner. Does not have staff to cater rally.
 - Jen contacted other restaurants and none can cater rally due to staff shortage.
 - Reviewed options: order pizza to campground, other ideas?, or cancel banquet. All concurred that pizza was best option. Due to COVID resurgence, officers to serve pizza and wear masks/gloves.
 - Because participants signed up for a sit-down meal, they may feel cheated with pizza. We should consider a refund. It was decided to wait and see where club stood financially before we confirm.
 - Martin said CycleOregon bicycle ride cancelled.
 - John reviewed who had registered for rally and we estimated total attendees at about 25 or 30.
 - Martin will bring rally registration form and flyer to Tenino swap meet.
- ✓ Report on Steam Up and NWVCMM. Tom N reported there were less than ten club members at Steam-Up. Not all had made it to the NWVCMM.
- ✓ Officer elections. Did a poll and all current officers agreed to serve another term if re-elected. Tom N will send email to members requesting nominations. Election to be at rally registration.
- ✓ Discussed club dues renewal and John reminded that renewal is on calendar year basis. Tom N suggested that John have a club roster at rally registration for members to update their info.

Have special board meeting/conference call August 29th at 7 PM to confirm rally location. Next business meeting/conference call is September 7th at 7 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.



A Slice of Heaven

Oregon Trail Chapter

Antique Motorcycle Club of America

Remembering Jim Lancaster, pioneer member

September 13-16, 2021

\$120 Riders & \$120 Passengers

Three days of antique motorcycle riding through incredible scenery in east, Central Oregon. Headquarters is the Grant County RV Park, located two blocks from downtown John Day. Morning continental breakfasts and nightly snacks will give us time to socialize and get caught up with each other.

Registration includes: T-shirt, banquet ticket, continental breakfasts, nightly snacks, ride snacks, raffle ticket, swag bag. **Online Registration closes: August 6, 2021**

RV/Tent Camping & Headquarters: **Grant County RV Park 541.575.1900**

Lodging: **Dreamers Lodge 541.575.0526**

Let them know you are with the old motorcycle group **lodging held until September 1**

Monday: Registration 3:00 PM– 7:00 PM **Ice Cream Social:** 7:00 PM

Tuesday: Continental Breakfast 7:30 - 8:15 AM

Ride: Gather 8:30 AM **Depart** 9:00 AM.

Lunch on your own Dinner on your own

Popcorn & Pretzel Social Hour 7:00 PM

Wednesday: Continental Breakfast 7:30 - 8:15 AM

Ride: Gather 8:30 AM **Depart** 9:00 AM.

Lunch on your own Dinner on your own

Chips & Cheetos Social Hour 7:00 PM

Thursday: Continental Breakfast 7:30-8:15 AM

Ride: Gather 8:30 AM **Depart** 9:00 AM

Lunch on your own Dinner **Banquet** 6:00 PM

Wagon Wheel Restaurant Raffle, Door Prizes

** per AMCA regulations, OTC will **not** be providing alcoholic beverages

Questions: [Jennifer Nielsen 503.522.3163](tel:503.522.3163) tomandjen@shadyapple.com

Register: Through the AMCA National website or send check to Treasurer John Davey. **See registration form for details.**



Registration Form

Slice of Heaven Oregon Trail Rally

Remembering Jim Lancaster, pioneer member

Antique Motorcycle Road Run September 13-16, 2021

Three days of antique motorcycle riding in and around east, Central Oregon.

Headquartered at the Grant County RV Park, John Day, Oregon.

Visit www.antiquemotorcycleoregon.com to learn more.

Online registration closes August 6.



Rider	AMCA # Required	Birthdate
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Passenger	AMCA # Optional	Birthdate
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Address	City	State	Zip
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Phone	Email:	Chapter:
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Year/Model bike	Distance Ridden	Or Hauled
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\$120 per rider/\$120 passenger (continental breakfast, nightly snacks, t-shirt, swag bag, banquet, raffle ticket)

\$

\$50 for meal ticket **only**(continental breakfast, nightly snacks, banquet. **No Swag**) \$

Total \$

Register and pay online through AMCA National website

or mail this form with a check to: John Davey, Treasurer, Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA, 2165 Norwood St, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Make checks payable to Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA

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