

Trail Gazette

October-November 2018

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Meeting Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America September 23, 2018

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at about 11:15 AM at the Skamania Lodge, Stevenson Washington, at ending location of the 2018 Cannonball.

Officers in Attendance: President Jen Nielsen and Secretary Tom Nielsen.

Attendees: Tom Ruttan, Tim and Diane Burns, and Paul Wright. Guest Bob MacFarlane

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived.

Correspondence: Jen and Tom have received calls and emails regarding our rally.

Treasurer Report: Garrett was not present, but sent financial report: Club is in the black.

Old Business: National Rally Update:

- ✓ Discussed proposed changes to bylaws. The proposal would add an Activities Coordinator as an officer.
- ✓ Tom N, Jen, and Tom R completed cleanup of selected road markings from the rally.

New Business:

- ✓ Next meeting to be in Bend.
- ✓ Jen asked for volunteers to display a bike at the One Show in February.

Meeting adjourned at about 11:30 AM. Minutes by Tom N.

NEXT MEETING: No Turkey Tech Day Saturday, November 24, 2018

**10:00 AM Bike Maintenance
11:30 AM OTC meeting
12 Noon Potluck
Tom K's Salem, OR**

Bonus: Meet at 8 AM for breakfast at Sybils Restaurant, 2373 State St, Salem, OR with the Ugly Mugs Motorcycle Club

Meeting Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America October 27, 2018

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM at the Texaco Station at Powerland Museum.

Officers in Attendance: Jen Nielsen Pres., Tom Nielsen V.P., Garrett Erickson Treasurer, John Davey Secretary.

Attendees: Tom Ruttan, Terry and Norlene Wolbert, Martin Doerfler, Paul Wright, Tim Burns, Bruce Reichelt, Nils Olson, Larry and Melinda Sargent.

Minutes: Reading of minutes were waived.

Correspondence: None, just emails mostly regarding how great the rally was.

Treasurer's Report: Very much in the black. Discussion as to what to do with the profit from the rally. Scholarship? Other? (later discussed



potentially paying for 12 OTC members to attend the Team-Oregon Precision Handling Clinic).

Old Business:

- ✓ Purchasing memorial bricks at the museum for deceased members including Roy Burke, Doc Shuster, Pat Smith, Don Woodard, Jackie Colwell, and Ken Edmiston were mentioned. Possible to get several names on one brick. Cost is \$125 for 6x12 brick and \$250 for 12x12. Engraving is done in fair weather and museum is behind on their progress. Tom R will work with Jen on details.
- ✓ Date for the 2019 Rally was set as July 18, 19 & 20.
- ✓ Location for the 2019 rally were discussed, possibilities include:
 - Blue River area. John Davey volunteered to check out condition of Aufderheide Road from recent fires.
 - Astoria area. Cool museums and such for entertainment. Potential rides include going north to Long Beach, WA; south along 101; and southeast on back roads. Tom N, Jen, and Tom R volunteered to scout the Astoria area.Jennifer requested people check out these areas and report by the December meeting (phone conference).

New Business:

- ✓ Voting on changes to Bylaws:
 - Article III: Elections, Board of Directors and Officers. "Activities Coordinator" added to this article.
 - New Secretary: *John Davey*
 - Article IV: Duties of Elected Officers

(5) *Activities Coordinator*

(a) *Work with other club officers to develop an annual event calendar, including monthly meetings.*

(b) *Help identify activities and a member to host the monthly meetings. Activities may include garage crawls, museum visits, rides, and other activities of interest to the membership. Provide guidance to the member hosting the monthly meeting. This may include meals, ride planning and other logistics.*

(c) *Assist in coordination of activities for annual rally.*

 - Tim Burns was nominated as Activities Coordinator.
 - Tom N. motioned to adopt the bylaws changes with Tim as Activities

Coordinator, Garrett seconded. Vote was 13 for, 1 against.

- ✓ The meeting format will be changed to have a business meeting by conference call on the second Tuesday of each month. This will cover club business - all members are invited, officer attendance required. Any items requiring member votes will be conducted by Survey Monkey or calls to *non-computer* members for their vote. Regular member meetings will be held with intent to make them more fun, (with boring business done by officers on the conference call). Regular meetings will be held throughout the state and be around some **fun activity**, such as a garage crawl, motorcycle event, etc. The first few minutes of regular meetings will include an update of news from the business meeting. The first business conference call was scheduled on November 13th @ 7:00 PM. Officers will test out the conference call provider on Thursday November 1st @ 7:00 PM to insure all can connect.





- ✓ Upcoming Meetings
 - Next meeting at home of Tom Krise on November 24th, from 3:00-4:00 PM. It is Tom's annual pot luck, called the "NO-turkey Tech-Day" held in conjunction with the Air Heads club!
 - Norlene volunteered to hold the December holiday meeting at her home on December 15th, arrive at 3 PM, dinner at 4 PM.
 - Tim volunteered to hold the January or March meeting at his home.
 - The February meeting will be at the One Show on Saturday, the 9th. We will meet somewhere in Portland for lunch, and then go to the One Show.
- ✓ Tom N reported on attending a Team Oregon Precision Handling Clinic in Eugene. This was the last of a series of pilot classes using Team Oregon instructors to develop riding skills similar to police motorman drills. The classes are to be open to the public next year. This could be attended by OTC members. The tentative cost is \$990 for a group of twelve, or \$99 each. It was suggested this could be paid for out of the money made at the 2018 rally.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:45 AM. Minutes by John Davey.



Jim Singhose back in the day

The Pres Letter-

Greetings All!

What a lovely fall we are having. The limited rain and abundant sunshine have meant more potential riding days. Tom and I have taken a few very nice rides, and I hope many of you are getting in some riding on these glorious days.

This newsletter marks the start of some changes to the Club-very good changes I believe. The first is we have modified our Bylaws and added a new position to the Board of Directors. The position is Activities Coordinator and our new Board Member is Tim Burns. As many of you know, Tim was a HUGE part of our successful National Rally in July. Tim has a lot of great ideas and even more energy! Thank you Tim for stepping forward and taking on this role.

The second large change we have made is the manner in which we are holding our business meetings. Every second Tuesday of the month, we will be having a conference call business meeting. Our intent is to make our monthly meetings social and centered around fun activities. All club members are invited to call into the business meeting. The conference call in number and directions are included in the Upcoming Events Calendar.

I invite you to check out the calendars we have included in the newsletter to see what we have planned for some of our upcoming social meetings. If you have an event you would like to attend as a club, or if you have a desire to host a social meeting, please let me know. All ideas are welcome.

As to upcoming events, the One Show is coming upon us quickly. We have a few slots available for bikes. Please contact me if you are interested in having your bike in the show.

With the holidays upon us, take time for your families and those you love and care for. Let's also try to focus on what we share and have in common—just like we don't care *what* you ride, rather *that* you ride.

We are all a part of the solution.

Jen

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"Sometimes you need a real crooked road to get your head straight."

Unknown



Cannonball 2018

By Tom Nielsen

The Cannonball started on September 8th in Portland, Maine and ended on September 23rd at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson Washington (nominally Portland, Oregon, much to the bewilderment of many Oregonians as to why it could not end in Portland proper).



For my part, experiencing the Cannonball started for Jen and I with a motorcycle ride from home to Stevenson, each on our own bikes. We arrived at the lodge at around 10 AM. The lodge was already a beehive of activity. We rode around the back looking for a place to park and saw groups of likely-looking trailers and rode up to a couple of gentlemen and asked if they were part of the Cannonball. Yes, they were part of a support crew.

As we chatted, I asked the one gentleman with an obvious southern accent where he was from: "Dallas" he said. Hmm - I couldn't resist and asked with a wry-smile: "Dallas, Oregon?" "No, Dallas Texas" he replied, politely refraining from adding "dumb-a**."



Cannonball 2018 in Dickinson, Iowa from U-tube, photo by Dave Petrick, CPP, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-o3ciZZZVQ>

We parked the bikes and walked into the hotel lobby and found a suitable place to gather for our brief OTC meeting. The number of people continued to increase, and based on the clothing emblazoned with various motorcycle brands, it was obvious they were also here to see the Cannonball. We moved outside to the back of the hotel, and took in a grand view of the gorge. There was a large field with a perimeter gravel driveway, intended for the riders to end their journey. The crowd began to grow, and to line the roadway. We were stationed at the far side, being the end point.





Cannonball 2018 (cont'd)

As the riders came onto the driveway, they were cheered by the crowd. Riders came in at first in ones or twos, but then arrived in a steady stream. Memorable was one rider, riding relatively quickly, negotiating a curve in the gravel drive, and then



dragging his one foot for braking.

I was taking photographs as each arrived, moving in the direction of arrival along the drive, with the intention of getting a picture of each bike and rider as they arrived, to post on our club website. However, I was not the only person with that idea, and many of my pictures were of various body parts of other crowd members: blocking heads, shoulders, etc. that inserted themselves into my photo-frame.



As I moved "upstream," the crowd density increased and I was fortunate to get a clear view of any bike. Oh well, make the best of it. Many of these folks had a stake in the race, being on a support team or having a family member in the race. I made a real effort not to intrude on their experience.



One bike came in smoking, and someone yelled "hey, your bike's on fire" – no flames were visible, but the bike was promptly shut down. A champagne bottle was opened, spewing happily, but the cork pop was lost to the noise of the old engines. The last few bikes made the final stretch, several being pushed. They were followed by chase-teams of two motorcycles and a side car; they apparently were part of AMCA, as they rode antique motorcycles as well, although not of the Cannonball vintage.





Cannonball 2018 (cont'd)



There were 107 riders listed on the final roster of the event, of which 85 finished, and 45 of them tied with scores of 3,441. Riders came from all over the U.S., as well as Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

For general information about the Cannonball, see link below:

<http://motorcyclecannonball.com/>

For 2018 results, see the link below:

<http://motorcyclecannonball.com/uploads/Stage15-Results-20180923.pdf>



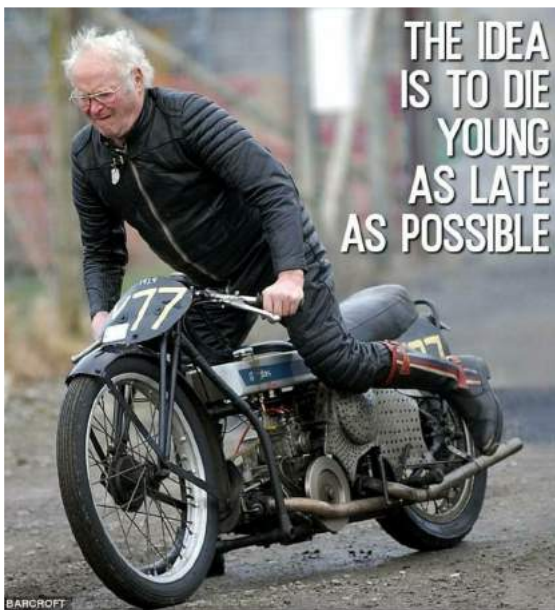
OTC at the Cannonball 2018

As I was sorting through the photographs, I looked at many shots of the crowd. What fun it was finding some familiar faces. Some on this page.





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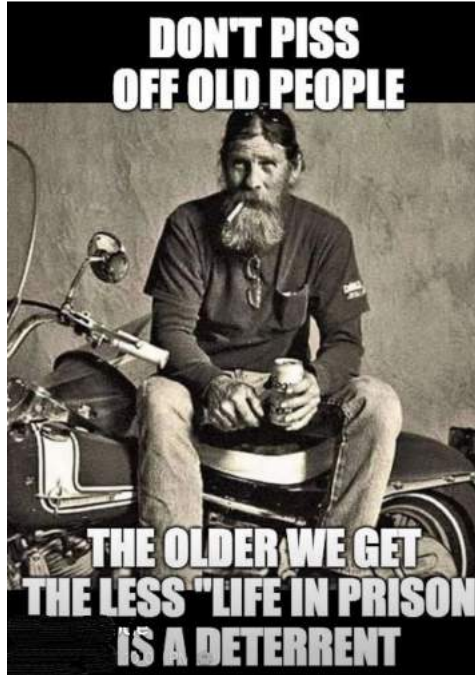
2018-2019 Meeting Calendar Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA	
Month	Activity
Sept 23	Stevenson, WA meet Cannonball
Oct 13	Texaco Station, Powerland, Brooks, OR
Nov 24	No Turkey Garage Day Home of Tom K, host
Dec 15 3 pm	Holiday Get Together Terry & Norlene Wolbert
Jan 19	Sidecar Racing Documentary- (Tentative) Tom & Jen Host
Feb 9	Meet at One Show & Lunch Tom & Jen Host
Mar	Garage Crawl Tim Burns host
April	Host Needed
May	Bend-(Tentative) Garrett Erickson-Host
June	Host Needed
July 17-20	Rally
August	Museum of Speed Moto Day Tom K Host (Tentative)
Sept	Eastern Oregon Ride Tom R Host (Tentative)



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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
Ecliptic Brewing, 825 N Cook St.,
Portland OR
<http://www.vmemc.org>

Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
November 24	OTC MEETING 11:30 AM No Turkey Tech Day & Potluck Home of Tom Krise Salem, OR
December 1	Abate Toy Run www.abatetoyrun.com
December 11	7 pm OTC Board Business Conference Call All OTC members invited: 971-256-0996, Code 412341
December 15	Holiday Get Together Home of Terry & Norlene Wolbert Meet 3 pm, dinner at 4 pm
January 1	Polar Bear Run www.polarbearrun.com
January 8	7 pm OTC Board Business Conference Call All OTC members invited: 971-256-0996, Code 412341
January 13	Phoenix Road Run Chapter AMCA Swap Meet Phoenix AZ stan_char@cox.net
Jan 19	Sidecar Racing Movie and Talk (tentative) Antique Powerland, Brooks
February 8-10	One Show 900 North Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR www.the1moto.com
February 9	OTC Meeting and Lunch, then to One Show Lunch location TBA in Portland, OR
February 12	7 pm OTC Board Business Conference Call All OTC members invited: 971-256-0996, Code 412341
March 12	7 pm OTC Board Business Conference Call All OTC members invited: 971-256-0996, Code 412341
March TBA	Garage Crawl Home of Tim Burns, Cottage Grove, OR
March 23-24	Idaho Vintage Motorcycle Club Caldwell, ID https://www.idahovintagemotorcycleclub.org/
April 9	7 pm OTC Board Business Conference Call All OTC members invited: 971-256-0996, Code 412341
April 27	Washington Vintage Motorcyclists Swap Meet Lynnwood, WA washingtonvintagemotorcyclists.org/northwest-motorcycle-classic-3/

Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists

OVM meets on the Second Saturday of Every Month at noon at Columbia River Brewing, 1728 NE 40th, Portland OR
<http://www.oregonvintage.org>