

# Trail Gazette

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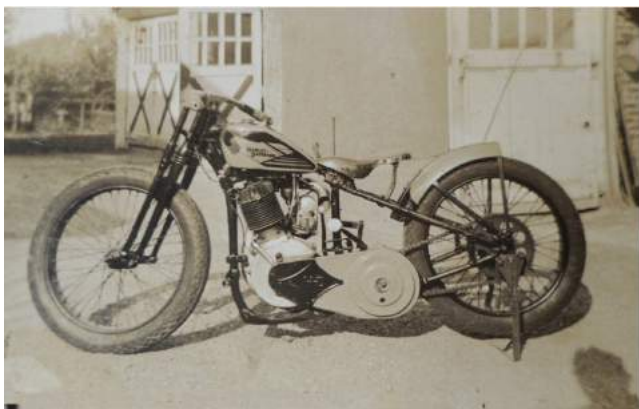
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**Next Event:  
Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Lunch at Kelly’s Olympian**

**Meet at 1:00 PM**

426 SW Washington St, Portland,  
<https://kellysolympian.com/>

**Kelly’s has a diverse menu of snacks,  
meals, and beverages.**

**Motorcycle parking in front**

Kelly’s features a collection of a dozen restored vintage motorcycles hanging from the ceiling and about. Complementing the motorcycles are other motorcycle accessories, museum quality neon signs, antique gas pumps, and historic photos.

***Kelly’s is for age 21 and over***



Oregon Trail Chapter  
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## The Prez Letter

October greetings,

As the season changes, so must we. In central Oregon the weather has dropped from the High 70's of a couple weeks ago to mid-40s', with freezes threatening at night. Those weekend and mid-week sneak rides are coming to a halt. The good news is that makes room for the winter projects. For me, that has meant getting a new shop organized and heated, along with three new project bikes. I will now have room to work, a bright environment, and even heat. Along with an absconded lift (a handy deal with a fellow member). I have few excuses for not getting with the program. Hopefully, I will be sharing the space for coffee and general standing around with friends and members on this side of the hill.

We still have a few more events for the club scheduled for this year, and laid out next year's dates on our Officers' call. Rides, rallies, and get togethers are slotted for Portland, Salem, Cottage Grove, and even Bend. There are a few other locations as well. Hopefully, this gives you all an opportunity to meet, share, and even educate (some of us never know it all). As I read the AMCA magazine, I'm always finding stories and articles that provide a glimpse into history. Our machines are rolling time pieces, and we have the privilege of keeping time.

So, check out the schedule of events, turn up your heaters, and start you winter build. If you have a project story to share, feel free to send it in to our newsletter editor.

Hope to see you,

James McQuiston  
OTC President  
Bend, OR

## 2024 National Road Runs

AMCA's 40th Anniversary season celebrating the club's first National Road Run is just around the corner. For 2024 AMCA has five National Road Runs spanning from California to New Jersey and from February to October.

The **SoCal Chapter Road Run is Feb 29-Mar 2 in Borrego Springs**. They are offering early registration through October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Contact **Richard Coffin at 808-780-2636**, email [rvcoffin@hotmail.com](mailto:rvcoffin@hotmail.com)

SoCal link:  
<http://www.socalamca.com/upcoming-ride-registration>

**FALL**  
*Indoor*  
**SWAP MEET**

*Stay warm & Dry Indoors*

**November 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am-4pm**  
**\$5 Admission**  
*Food & beverage available*

**Vendors Setup 8am**  
**10x10 - \$30 10x20 - \$50**

**Kliever Memorial Armory**

10000 NE 33rd Dr. • Portland

Contact: Jimmy Kasner • 541-270-0903 • [swapmeet@abateoforegon.net](mailto:swapmeet@abateoforegon.net)

Sanctioned by A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. All proceeds for this event will be donated to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. to bring awareness and education for the safety and liberty of motorcycle riders. Contributions or gifts to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

## OTC Ride at John Day (the “un-rally”), Sep 12-14 By Tom Nielsen

It was a great week to ride for many reasons. The weather was fine, cool in the mornings, but not too hot in the afternoon. John Day has a population of about 1,700, so with kids at school, there was very little traffic. Club members were on their own for accommodations, so none of the chores related to a typical rally needed doing, leaving everyone free to enjoy the rides. The ride routes had been planned out some years ago. The campsites were roomy with nice amenities. We had daily viewings of wildlife. John Day has a nice selection of restaurants and the food is good.

We had eight members attend, so the group rides were very manageable. Rides included paved roads through farmland, mountain vistas, sweeping curves through canyons, ranging from 78 to 200 miles. One of the highlights for me was the ride through Seneca, where the general store offers home-made lemonade and sandwiches, and they have ethanol-free gas. Sitting there for lunch, the locals come through for their lunch and almost always say hi and stop to chat.

There were no mechanical breakdowns. The most serious mishap was my long-stem mirror broke at the elbow joint from vibration. The club plans to repeat this event in 2024.



Deer herd passing through camp. This was half of them.



Bike line up at Grant County campground: Danny Podkova's 1949 HD panhead, and Tom & Jen Nielsen's 1946 HD UL and 1978.5 HD Sportster.



Danny Podkova showing why you need to carefully store your shop rags when you have an open primary.



Left. At the John Day River Trading Post at Hwys 19 & 402. L-R: Danny Podkova, Tim Peterson, James McQuiston, and Kris Thompson.



## OTC Ride at John Day (the "un-rally" -cont'd)



James McQuiston, Tim Peterson, John Davey, Danny Podkowa, and Scott Smith south of Prairie City on Hwy 62 at FS16. Bikes are 1947 Indian Chief, 1974 HD FL, 1974 Moto Guzzi Eldorado Police bike, 1949 HD Pan, 1950 HD FL.



Taking a break in Prairie City. L-R: Tom Nielsen, Scott Smith, John Davey, Danny Podkowa, Tim Peterson, and James McQuiston.



Scott Smith and Peter Pan. A 1957 Peterbilt and 1950 Panhead, that is.



Tom Nielsen's 1946 HD UL at the Oxbow Trading Co. in Canyon City.

## OTC Ride at John Day (the “un-rally” - cont’d)



Tim Peterson's 1974 HD FL



John Davey's 1974 Moto Guzzi Eldorado Police Special and in background Scott Smith's 1950 HD Pan and 1957 Peterbilt.



James McQuiston's 1947 Indian Chief and Kris Thompson's BMW at a lunch break.



A bike line up at a break on a “way-back” road on Thursday.



## In Memory of Chuck Hodson and Rosie Singhose

Here are some photos of long-time OTC members Chuck and Rosie, who passed away this year.



Chuck and Bill Ansenberger



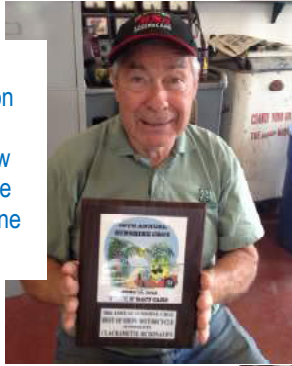
Roy Burke and Chuck with the 1914 Indian 'bitsa' Roy built for Chuck.

Chuck at Hill Climb competition back-in-the day.



Above: Chuck & Jackie Colwell at the Annual Old Timers Dinner in 2016.

Right: Chuck won the 2015 Best Show Motorcycle at Sunshine Cruz



Right: Chuck & Jackie at the 2015 Steel Stampede where Chuck competed in both the Trials and Motocross events.



Chuck and the 1914 Indian at 2020 One Moto Show

## In Memory of Chuck Hodson and Rosie Singhose (cont'd)



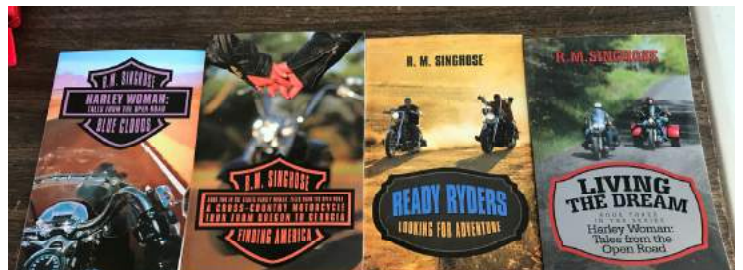
Rosie and Jim Singhose.



Rosie and Jim at the 2017 OTC Rally at the Evergreen Air Museum

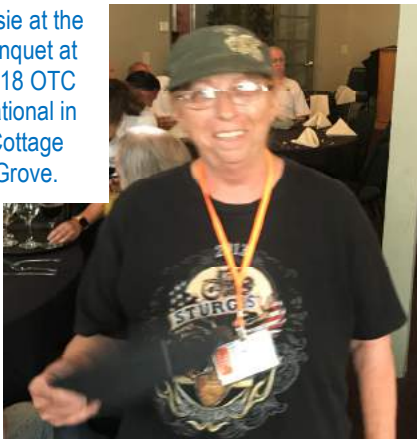


Rosie at the 2019 OTC Rally in Rainbow.



Rosie was an accomplished author.

Rosie at the banquet at 2018 OTC National in Cottage Grove.



## Celebrities on Motorcycles

Who are these familiar faces on two wheels? Answers on page 9.







<b>2023 Activity Calendar Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>Oct 21</b> ! PM	<b>Lunch at Kelly's Olympian</b> 426 SW Washington St, Portland
<b>Nov 7</b> 7 PM	<b>OTC Business Conference Call</b> All members welcome Call 971-256-0996, then enter code 412341
<b>Nov 11</b> 11 AM	<b>Museum Help Day</b> Spend an hour helping at the museum, have lunch, and enjoy a museum tour – no cost <b>NW Vintage Car &amp; Motorcycle Museum</b> 3995 Brooklake Rd NE, Brooks, OR
<b>Dec 2</b> 11 AM	<b>OTC Holiday Party</b> Club provided lunch & snacks At Tim's in Cottage Grove
<b>Jan 13 or 20</b> 11 AM	<b>Movie at the Museum</b> "Worlds Fastest Indian" <b>NW Vintage Car &amp; Motorcycle Museum</b> 3995 Brooklake Rd NE, Brooks, OR

**Celebrities on Motorcycles**

From page 8  
 Upper Right: Jim Belushi  
 Center Left: John Wayne  
 Lower Right: Anthony Hopkins

**OTC Schedule of Events 2024**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Jan 13 or 20	Movie at the Museum (NWVCMM), Brooks
Feb 17	Cherry City Classic - Flat Track Races & Bike Show, Salem*
Mar	Garage Crawl, TBA
Apr 27	One Moto Show, Zidell Yard, Portland *
May	OVM Swap Meet & Ride, Salem Fairgrounds *
May	Vintage Races and Trials, Crooked River Ranch, Terrebonne *
June	Ride – TBA
June	Swap Meet & Bike Show - Fort Sutter Chapter, AMCA, Dixon, CA *
July	Road Run – TBA, Cottage Grove
Aug	Western Antique Airplane & Automobile Museum, Hood River *
Aug	Swap Meet - Evergreen Chapter, AMCA, Tenino, WA*
Sep	OTC 3-Day Club Ride, John Day
Oct	Lunch at Kelly's Olympian, Portland
Nov	Museum (NWVCMM) Help Day, Brooks
Dec	Holiday Party, Cottage Grove

**Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists**

OVM monthly meetings at noon on second Saturday of month at Horse Brass Pub in Portland.

<http://www.oregonvintage.org>

**Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiast**

Portland Chapter on the third Saturday of Every Month at noon at See See Coffee at 1642 Sandy Blvd., Portland, OR

<http://www.vmemc.org>

**DISCOUNTS FOR AMCA & OTC**

**SEE SEE COFFEE** gives **10% off** to all OTC/AMCA members. Just show your AMCA member card. Good for beverages and food.

Dates shown where known. As schedules firm up, will post in newsletter

\* Event of interest, not OTC sponsored.

NWVCMM - Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum

**SUBMISSIONS TO NEWSLETTER:**

Please submit article contributions, classified advertisements, photos, trip reports, and suggestions. Prefer Word or Adobe PDF for text and .jpg or PDF for graphics to

[tomandjen@shadyapple.com](mailto:tomandjen@shadyapple.com)

Thanks, Tom Nielsen, Editor



## CLASSIFIEDS

### From Tim Burns:

#### **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 August 14, 2023

President James McQuiston called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM by conference call.

**Officers in Attendance:** James McQuiston Pres., Tim Burns VP, Tom Nielsen Secretary, John Davey Treasurer.

**Other Attendees:** Martin Doerfler and Jennifer Nielsen.

**Treasurer's Report and Membership:** Club remains in the black. Made money at rally.

**Minutes:** Reading of minutes was waived. See newsletter.

#### **Correspondence:**

- ✓ James sent out email to rally attendees asking for their feedback. Received about eight responses, everyone was very positive.
- ✓ James had calls with Keith Kizer regarding accident during rally. Confirmed we had completed waivers. Then James talked with John Markley, AMCA board member, who follows insurance. Asked them if there are rules when non-members might join us for a ride and how handle that. James reported that they said "If we just go out for a ride, just go out for a ride. If we start advertising, and get people who are not members, in that case, we want waiver

[completed by non-members?] to protect the club."

#### **Old Business:**

- ✓ Regarding memorial bricks for Rosie Singhose, Chuck Hodson, Jim and Laverne Lancaster, Jen made a motion to get a brick, seconded by John, motion passed unanimously. Tom N will work with Tom Ruttan to work out details. Tom N talked to James Radway (Rosie's grandson) who was appreciative of the memorial brick. And that we would leave a space for Jim Singhose next to Rosie.

#### **New Business:**

- ✓ Tom N asked if we want to do a waiver that covers the entire year. James said when we renew each year, should do an annual waiver. Tim suggested we have members sign an annual waiver when they send in dues each year. All agreed that would be good way to proceed. Jen asked if we should have waivers available if non-members show up. James thought that would be easy to do. Jen said consider doing electronically on a smart-phone. Tom N asked if Markley said it was ok for non-members to come along [on a ride]. James said if a non-member shows up for a ride, like at John Day, we just ask them to sign a waiver to protect the club.
- ✓ Martin asked if we want to check if they have a decent helmet. We don't need to be helmet nazis, but the poor guy [Williams who was in accident] got his face busted up, and that didn't need to happen if he'd worn a real helmet. Jen shared she got to see him at hospital when she dropped off his sunglasses and lost her mojo for riding motorcycles after seeing him in the hospital. James said we need to emphasize safety; he mentioned one rider at our rally wore flip flops. Tim said that individual has been on many many road runs and other chapters arn't saying anything. James said we can't force them to be safe, but at least if we suggest they do, we better protect ourselves.
- ✓ John asked if we are signing a waiver for national, why do we need to do it for the chapter. No one remembers whether we do a national waiver with AMCA. James will check with Keith. Jen suggested maybe waivers should be done by national, that when we sign up for annual dues with AMCA, that we sign a waiver then and AMCA is in charge of that. James has tried to contact Keith but he's out, but he will follow up with Keith re waiver.



- ✓ James asked about thank you notes to sponsors. Tom N reported that Jen and he sent thank you notes to folks we contacted: Cycle Gears in Portland and Beaverton, Russ Brown, Paradise HD, MotoCorsa, and See See Coffee. It's not a "must-have" to do thank you notes, but it's appreciated. We got positive feed back from David Young at Russ Brown and from folks at Paradise for our notes. Need to get thank you notes to Bill's Cycle, Cycle Gear in Salem, and our recovery drivers Chet Turner, Nils Olson, and Martin Doerfler; Kris Thompson donated use of recover vehicle and trailer; and donations from Robin and Jen (Tom will send note to Robin, James will send to Jen). Tom will text list to James, and James will send them notes. James has gift from 6-volt and bag from Viking we can use at some future event.
- ✓ Upcoming Club Events
  - August. Martin, Tim, and Nielsen's going to Tenino swap meet.
  - September. Have club ride in John Day week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. James asked if we had route maps. Tom N said he has digital files of maps and will send out to all club members a week before event, and if they are coming, they can use. Tom N and John also have paper copies they will bring.
  - October event. Nothing scheduled yet. Martin said Bill Quaccia talked about another garage crawl. We've done in past. Martin will follow up with Bill on a date.
  - November. Jen mentioned in past we have a museum help day and club provides a lunch. We should do well before Thanksgiving so doesn't interfere with holiday. We set date as November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. Tom N will confirm with Tom Ruttan.
  - December. Christmas party at Tim's. Tom N suggested 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>; Tim will confirm. [later confirmed December 2<sup>nd</sup>].
- ✓ Election. James gave update. Ballots received by Tom Ruttan show new officers: James McQuiston, President; Tim, VP; Martin, Secretary; John, Treasurer. New terms start October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ Tom N gave update on transition from GoDaddy to Club Express for our chapter website. GoDaddy costs our chapter \$357.64 annually and renews in April 2024. Club Express does website for AMCA national, and we can host our chapter website for free, but we must rebuild the website. When James and Tom discussed transition in

spring, goal was to do transition to Club Express this year, but keep GoDaddy site open through April, with a link to the new Club Express site. It is a lot of work to build new website. Danny Podkova volunteered to help. Tom said new website will look a lot like current one, but if someone wants something different or had any input, we can consider in setting up new website.

- ✓ James discussed new Instagram account. Danny Podkova set it up and seemed excited to maintain it. Jen said Danny's been consistently posting on it. Jen and Tim said he's doing a nice job and seems to be having fun doing it.
- ✓ James has talked twice to Robert Williams (who had accident at rally), he seems to be recovering and has a positive attitude.
- ✓ Jen made a motion to donate \$150 to food bank in Rainbow – it is run by Robin at Harbicks. Harbicks were so supportive of our rally and the donation will show our appreciation. Seconded by John. Motion passed. Jennifer will prepare a thank you note, send the note to John, who will write a check and mail the note and check to Robin at Harbicks.
- ✓ Tom N discussed transition of secretary duties. Tom will get thumb drive to Martin with files on agendas, rally info, etc. Martin wants to do in person. Agreed to set a date to meet.
- ✓ Newsletter has been in progress for a while. Expect to come out in a week.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.

### **There was no September Meeting**

### **Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America October 10, 2023**

Meeting called to order by President James McQuiston at 7:01 pm.

**Officers in Attendance:** James McQuiston Pres., Tim Burns VP, Martin Doerfler Secretary, John Davey Treasurer.

**Other Attendees:** Tom and Jennifer Nielsen.

**Treasurer's Report and Membership:** John reported



sent rally refund checks to Robert Williams and Scott Parker. Treasurer's report was emailed previously to officers.

**Minutes:** Reading of minutes was waived. See newsletter.

### **Correspondence:**

- ✓ James spoke to Keith Kizer about a national waiver – National has not yet done one, but it is in planning phase.
- ✓ Tom received a call for membership from former member John Moe – John Davey has not seen it yet.
- ✓ James got an email from Dave Ganslien about the ABATE indoor swap meet at the Portland Armory on 33rd Saturday Nov. 4. Tom will include in newsletter.
- ✓ Thank you notes sent to rally workers and sponsors. Tom N received a thank you reply from Harbicks Inn for the donation to their food bank.
- ✓ Tim mentioned AMCA National Rally at Borego Springs in SoCal. Details to be in the newsletter.

### **Old Business:**

- ✓ John Day club road run was a success.
- ✓ Jennifer got her groove back and new Harley Nightster to show for it (no further info).
- ✓ Memorial Brick at Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum for Rosie Singhose, Jim and Laverne Lancaster, and Chuck Hodson has been paid for by OTC and brick location selected - waiting for engraver.
- ✓ Danny Podkowa (Pod) to help Tom N with moving OTC web site to Club Express.

### **New Business:**

Upcoming events

- ✓ Saturday October 21 - Get together Kelly's Olympian in Portland. At 1:00 PM.
- ✓ Saturday November 11- help day at the NWVCMM in Brooks at 11:00 AM.
- ✓ Saturday December 2 - -Christmas dinner at Tim Burns in Cottage Grove 11:00AM -3:00 PM.

2024 events:

- ✓ Saturday January 13 or 20 -Movie at the NWVCMM. Tom N to confirm date with Tom R. Tentative movie "The World's Fastest Indian" (Martin has the movie).
- ✓ February 16-18 - Cherry City Classic motorcycle races and show at the Salem Fairgrounds.
- ✓ March- Garage crawl? Need a location.

- ✓ April 26-28 is The One Moto Show in Portland. OTC will have a booth. Tim, Tom, and Jen will help.
- ✓ May 18-19 - Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists Spring Meeting. In 2024 it is at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem.
- ✓ June - possible club ride in Bend. James will check with Mike Davis to potentially meet at his shop in Sisters.
- ✓ July – Annual AMCA Road Rally at Cottage Grove. Date and HQ location TBA. Tim Burns thought he could get airport again but needs to confirm dates that do not conflict with "The Chase" event.
- ✓ August – Ride to the Western Antique Airplane and Automobile Museum (WAAM) in Hood River. Date TBA.
- ✓ September - Club Ride at John Day. Date TBA.
- ✓ October – lunch at Kelly's Olympian – tentative.
- ✓ November – Museum help day at NWVCMM. Date TBA.
- ✓ December – Christmas dinner at Tim Burn's in Cottage grove. Date TBA.

Next Meeting 7:00 pm Tuesday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by Martin Doerfler.



Jen Nielsen's Mojo-inducing Nightster Special