

Trail Gazette

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Crocker line-up at Dixon Fairgrounds, June 2023

Next Event:
Saturday, January 13th

Movie at the Museum

World's Fastest Indian

Meet at 11:30 AM
First lunch (OTC provided),
then the movie

NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum
3995 Brooklake Rd NE, Salem, OR

Antique Bikes Wanted
for the ONE MOTO SHOW
April 19 – 21, 2024

OTC will again have a booth at the One Moto Show. We have spaces available for two more bikes. Bikes will be checked in on April 18th. The show provides 24/7 security.

Owner's will get a free VIP pass to the show. Will also need to sign a release of liability waiver.

Contact Jen Nielsen for details.



The Prez Letter

Holiday Greetings

It's hard to believe but, the year is nearly over. I hope we can all look back and say we had a good one. For the club, there have been quite a few rides and a few other get-togethers over drinks and food. If you have been on the sidelines, I encourage you to follow the events in our newsletter and web page. On that topic, we need to thank Tom Nielsen for his consistent work on putting out our newsletter. Also, Danny Podkova has volunteered to manage a new Instagram page for the club. In addition, Danny will assist Tom in transitioning the current web page to the AMCA based web, which will save the club some money but will be quite an effort non the less. And, if you have some content (stories of your vintage projects etc.) we can use those to encourage others in the club. We learn from each other.

On a personal note, I had plans to do some winter projects in preparation for summer, but as usual other needs seem to take precedent. I did manage to acquire larger shop space, and fill it up with more projects, including a couple of needy bikes. And so it goes. Air lines, electrical, sorting and moving, endless reorganizing, and parts sourcing. Hopefully all this will culminate in another bike on the road.

We have scheduled events throughout 2024 to keep us engaged and on two wheels. So, grab some tools and the parts book, and plan to join us on a ride or share your project.

Have a safe holiday and prosperous New Year.

James McQuiston
OTC President
Bend, OR

2024 National Road Runs

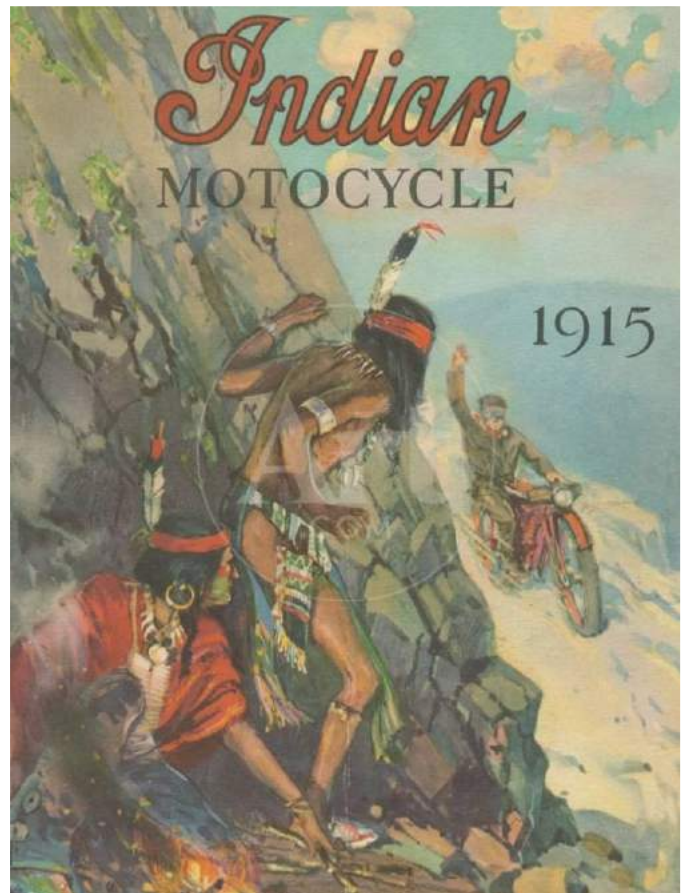
AMCA's 40th Anniversary season celebrating the club's first National Road Run is just around the corner. For 2024 AMCA has five National Road Runs spanning from California to New Jersey and from February to October.

The **SoCal Chapter Road Run is Feb 29-Mar 2 in Borrego Springs.**

Contact **Richard Coffin at 808-780-2636**, email rvcoffin@hotmail.com

SoCal link:

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



The TON Magazine Presents: Armory Invitational, Olympia, Washington November 4, 2023 Words and Photos by Danny (Pod) Podkowa

The Pacific Northwest is excellent for outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, and especially motorcycling. As Autumn arrives, the fall colors become more visible, and people try to squeeze in those final rides on their beloved vintage/antique motorbikes along the PNW back country roads. Those with more modern bikes continue to ride well into the winter months; our vintage bikes stay nice and warm in our garages, patiently awaiting a possible overhaul from the summer's riding or just a simple winter nap. During the rainy season, it may seem that motorcycling comes to a screeching halt. However, riding is not the only thing motorcycle enthusiasts can do to stay involved with their passion. Attending motorcycle shows is a great way to stay engaged with motorcycles and keep the Moto fire burning.

The TON Magazine, based in Olympia, Washington, has taken the first step in kicking off the soggy Moto season with their first production of the "Armory Invitational," a vintage Chopper show. The Armory Invitational occurred at the 80-year-old Historic Armory in Olympia's Eastside. A good handful of us from Oregon made the trek up that way early Saturday morning. Mother Nature



Pod on his 1949 HD Panhead Bobber at the Armory

ensured we all knew it was the rainy season, as the whole drive up was a torrential downpour with abysmal visibility and speeds barely hugging the speed limit.

Still, we all made it, and the sun came out for the load-in. Other folks came from Canada, Idaho, and, of course, the Washington locals.



1963 Triumph Bonneville Bobber

Approximately 32 builders/owners of bikes were in attendance, ranging from Harley Davidson Shovelhead, Panhead, and Knucklehead (Panhead's were by far the majority). Other bikes included some spectacular Triumphs and some neat Yamaha XS 650 drag bikes. I brought my 1949 Panhead, and once all set up inside, it was a push to run around and get documentation of all the fantastic Moto machines before the general public arrived. My wife Chelsea and I strolled around the Armory most of the day, casually enjoying, admiring, and studying every bike there. It was not overwhelming since this show is a homegrown, grassroots Moto show; there were no corporate sponsors, no huge crowds of people, and no stress. My kind of event! Showgoers casually filtered in and out all day, wearing permanent smiles as proof of a great time. The same can be said of the show invitees (in fact, I am still smiling as I'm thinking back while writing this article).



Armory Invitational (cont'd)

There were more than motorbikes; vendors were lining the sidelines of the show floor, such as Langlitz Leathers (Portland), Revmo Choppers and Coffee (Olympia), Red Clouds Collective (Portland), and many more. Also, a DJ spinning records kept the good vibes going. Lots of beautiful craftsmanship of all kinds of mediums surrounded everyone in attendance.

Judging commenced. Three categories were considered: Best Chopper, Best Foreign, and Best of Show. With all the beautiful bikes on display, I could only imagine how anyone could choose a favorite. Still, in the end, the three bikes chosen were indeed very worthy and deserving: Best Chopper went to John Humphries and his beautiful 1946 Knucklehead; Best Foreign went to Seth and Casey Neefus and their jaw-dropping 1957 Triumph Tiger T110; Best in Show went to Ralph Provencal and his 1948 Panhead "Stocker" that he bought as a young man back in 1952!

As the show ended, some people left and headed back home. However, Chelsea and I decided to stay and enjoy a night on the town. A small after-party at the Olympia Film Society's Capitol Theater screened Langlitz Leather's *The Passenger*, followed by a classic B-movie, *I Bought a Vampire Motorcycle*. Afterward, we took a quick walk around town to grab some pizza before returning to our room for rest.

The next day, we returned to the Armory for the load-out and final thank-yous and goodbyes. Overall, it was a fun and fantastic moto show, and we had an excellent time! A special thanks goes to Susan and Tim of The Ton Magazine for producing a superb in-print Moto publication and throwing one hell of an event supporting the Moto community. Thank You. I'm not sure, but there were hints of this show possibly happening again next year. Maybe? Maybe not? Who knows? I highly recommend this one, which has become one of my favorites!

See you all out on the Open Road!
Your Pal, Pod



Best Chopper: 1946 HD Knucklehead



Best Foreign: 1957 Triumph Tiger T110



Best in Show: 1948 HD Panhead



Motorcycle Histories By Guest Contributor

Harley-Davidson Knucklehead

The Harley-Davidson Knucklehead is a legendary motorcycle that has become an icon of American culture. The Knucklehead was first introduced in 1936 and was produced until 1947. During this time, it became one of the most popular motorcycles in the world, and its influence can still be seen today.

The Knucklehead was the first Harley-Davidson motorcycle to feature overhead valves, which allowed for greater power and speed. It was also the first Harley-Davidson motorcycle to have a teardrop-shaped fuel tank, which became a signature feature of the brand. The Knucklehead was also the first Harley-Davidson motorcycle to be produced with a 4-speed transmission.

The Knucklehead was designed to be a high-performance motorcycle that could compete with other brands on the market. It was also designed to be a comfortable and reliable motorcycle that could be ridden for long distances. The Knucklehead was a popular choice for police departments and the military, as it was a reliable and powerful motorcycle that could handle tough conditions.

The Knucklehead was produced during a time of great change in the world. The Great Depression was still affecting the economy, and World War II was on the horizon. Despite these challenges, Harley-Davidson continued to produce high-quality motorcycles that were in demand around the world.

Today, the Knucklehead is considered a classic motorcycle and is highly sought after by collectors and enthusiasts. Its influence can be seen in modern Harley-Davidson motorcycles, which still feature many of the same design elements that were first introduced with the Knucklehead.

In conclusion, the Harley-Davidson Knucklehead is a legendary motorcycle that has had a significant impact on American culture. Its innovative design and high-performance capabilities made it a popular choice for riders around the world. Today, the Knucklehead is still revered as a classic motorcycle and its influence can be seen in modern Harley-Davidson motorcycles.



Triumph Speed Twin

The Triumph Speed Twin motorcycle was first introduced in 1938 and quickly became one of the most popular motorcycles of its time. It was designed by Edward Turner, who was the chief designer at Triumph at the time. The Speed Twin was the first motorcycle to feature a parallel-twin engine, which was a major innovation in the motorcycle industry.

The original Speed Twin had a 498cc engine that produced 26 horsepower and was capable of reaching speeds of up to 90 miles per hour. It was also one of the first motorcycles to feature a telescopic front fork, which greatly improved handling and stability.

During World War II, production of the Speed Twin was halted as Triumph focused on producing motorcycles for the war effort. However, after the war, production resumed and the Speed Twin continued to be a popular motorcycle throughout the 1950s and 1960s.

In the 1960s, the Speed Twin underwent several updates and changes, including the addition of a 650cc engine and a new frame design. However, by the 1970s, the Speed Twin had been largely replaced by newer models and was eventually discontinued.

In 2019, Triumph reintroduced the Speed Twin as a modern classic motorcycle. The new Speed Twin features a 1200cc engine that produces 96 horsepower and is capable of reaching speeds of up to 120 miles per hour. It also features modern technology such as ride-by-wire throttle, ABS brakes, and traction control.

Overall, the Triumph Speed Twin has a rich history and has played an important role in the development of the motorcycle industry.

Both of these articles were written by computer artificial intelligence (AI) ChatGPT with the prompts:

"History of the Harley-Davidson knucklehead using Harley-Davidson website as source of information"

"History of the Triumph speed twin motorcycle using primarily the Triumph website as information source"

Left: AI designed motorcycles from Paul Van Gaans YouTube channel "Bikes I Like"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=bGgGAVpV7JY>



Recent OTC Events



OTC members at the October 21st gathering at Kelly's Olympian. L-R: Tom Ruttan, Nils Olson, Tom Krise, Danny Podkowa, Tom Nielsen, Jen Nielsen, and Martin Doerfler.



OTC member bike line-up at Kelly's Olympian. Everyone rode.



1952 HD 125 displayed at NWVCM. Restored by Eddie Gifford, owned by Mark Rivett.



OTC Members at the November 11th "Museum Help Day" at the NWVCM. L-R: Jen Nielsen, Tom Nielsen, Andy Franklin, John Davey, Terry Martin, Martin Doerfler, Nils Olson, Tom Ruttan, and Danny Podkowa. Not pictured – Bruce Reichelt. Photo by Chelsea Podkowa.



OTC Members at the December 2nd Holiday Party at the shop of Tim Burns. L-R: Sam Gates (prospect), Tim Burns, Martin Doerfler, John Davey, Bruce Lamont, 'Red' Robinson, Danny "Pod" Podkowa, Terry Wolbert, Paul Wright, and John Barrong and his son Hank. Not pictured: Jim Singhose, James Radway and Mary Robinson.

My Old Jacket By Don Gabbert

My wife of less than three years, Shirley, says I need to get rid of my old motorcycle jacket. Now, I only wear this jacket when the temperature is too hot for the newer one. She says "It is too small for you now that your chest has moved down to your belt line. And look at that tattered lining that shows every time you put it on." I replied "But honey, this is a Langlitz." "What's a Langlitz?" She says.

In the late 40's and early 50's, the motorcycle was my means of transportation as well as a great toy. Ross Langlitz in Portland made custom jackets that fit just right. I bought a used one for half-price which cost between one and two days wages at that time. I has served me well for over 60 years.

She was overjoyed when my son-in-law gave me a jacket of his with a bit more room in it. It looks so much nicer. Remembering a Langlitz ad I saw several years ago that said they would buy our old jackets, I headed for their shop. On the way, I am thinking of the times this jacket kept me dry after being well greased, or a few times it protected my hide while sliding on my back or side down the pavement or gravel or down the backyard race track. I remember one time I even got to trail ride with Ross Langlitz on his Velocette. On the way, I'm thinking, "If they won't give me more that \$10, I'm going to take it home and hang it on the garage wall."

Arriving at Langlitz Leathers, Scott and John Oooo'd and Ahh'd over the old jacket for some time. Scott said "This front zipper has been replaced, so that is a real minus." John says "I have only seen this type of lining twice." Scott said "We don't buy them anymore, but we will take it on consignment, did you have a price in mind?" I said "I don't have a firm figure in mind." He said "Well, I would say maybe three." When I hesitated, he said "I can get you eight, but it might take ten years." I said "Look at me. I am over eighty, why would I want to wait?"



Ross Langlitz and his Velocette. Photo from the Langlitz website.

For more history on Ross, see the link:
<https://www.langlitz.com/ross-langlitz/>

About this time, John Says "I think it will bring four." I am looking at the two of them so said "Let's split the difference." Scott says, OK, we'll write it up for \$3,500.

I hope they didn't think I was unappreciative by my silence. Two days later, I received a check for \$2,450, which is \$3,500 minus the 30 percent commission. My wife now knows who is Langlitz Leathers.

From the September 2010 OTC Newsletter.



Don Gabbert at the 2019 Rainbow Rally with his trusty BMW 900/6



Celebrities on Motorcycles

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





OTC Schedule of Events 2024

Date	Event
Jan 13	Movie at the Museum (NWVCMM), Brooks
Feb 17	Cherry City Classic - Flat Track Races & Bike Show, Salem*
Mar	Garage Crawl, TBA
Apr 21	One Moto Show, Zidell Yard, Portland *
May 4-5	Steel Stampede Vintage Races and Trials, Crooked River Ranch, Terrebonne *
May 17-18	OVM Swap Meet & Ride, Salem Fairgrounds *
June	Ride – TBA
June 14-15	Swap Meet & Bike Show - Fort Sutter Chapter, AMCA, Dixon, CA *
July 15-19	OTC Rally/Road Run – Cottage Grove
Aug 10	Western Antique Airplane & Automobile Museum fly-in & Muscle Car show, Hood River *
Aug 16-17	Swap Meet - Evergreen Chapter, AMCA, Tenino, WA*
Aug 24	Bike show in Bend sponsored 6-Volt
Sep 9-13	OTC 3-Day Club Ride, John Day, OR
Oct	Lunch at Kelly's Olympian, Portland – TBD
Nov	Museum (NWVCMM) Help Day, Brooks – TBD
Dec	Holiday Party, Cottage Grove - TBD

Celebrities on Motorcycles

From page 8

Upper Right: Michael Jackson

Center Left: Hugh Jackman

Lower Right: Danny Trejo



Check out **Billy Joel's 75+ vintage motorcycle collection**. Not only is it a diverse collection, what I like about their website is they have bikes organized by type (bobber, cruiser, café racer, stock) and that there are multiple views of each bike. Check out the collection at

<https://20thcenturycycles.com/collection/>

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

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.

Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists

OVM monthly meetings at noon on second Saturday of month at Horse Brass Pub in Portland.
<http://www.oregonvintage.org>

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

Thanks, Tom Nielsen, Editor



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE:

1980 Harley-Davidson FLT. Runs well. New tires, starter, front brake pads. Specialty plates. Clear title.

2016 Honda CRF250L Dual Sport. Low miles. Plates good through 4/24. Clear title.

Tom N in Portland metro

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 November 7, 2023

Meeting called to order by President James McQuiston at 7:08 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: Treasurers report, John reported current balance; club is in the black. Three expense reimbursements for newsletter and stamps. A couple of checks still outstanding. No new members.

Minutes: Reading of minutes was waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence:

- ✓ James reported on responses to his email about the November 11 workday at NWVCM. One reply from Terry Martin.

Old Business:

- ✓ Still waiting for engraver to schedule work on memorial bricks at the NWVCM.
- ✓ Kelly's Olympian October 21 get together in Portland was well attended. Included were

the Niensens (Jennifer on her new Harley Nightster), Nils Olson, Tom Krise, Danny Podkowa, Tom Ruttan and Martin Doerfler. Everyone rode to the event in spite of a sometimes rainy day.

- ✓ Marty Burks renewed membership in AMCA. James will inquire as to his OTC membership.
- ✓ Tim reported on ABATE swap meet at the armory in Portland on November 4, estimated 200 attendees.
- ✓ Tom reported on moving our web site to Club Express. Progress is being made.

New Business:

- ✓ Jennifer will pick up lunches for work day at the museum after determining how many needed.
- ✓ 6-Volt Cycle in Bend planning a bike show for August 24, expecting 200 bikes. Possible OTC display.
- ✓ Also in August, Tenino Swap Meet 16 and 17.
- ✓ Movie night at the museum January 13. Movies - The World's Fastest Indian and/or Little Faus and Big Halsey.
- ✓ March: garage crawl at Martin's date TBA
- ✓ April: One Show in PDX, OTC will have a booth. Tom and Jennifer will make arrangements. Tom will contact Keith Kizer to request AMCA booth.
- ✓ May
 - May 18- 19: OVM Spring Meet – now at the Oregon State Fairgrounds.
 - Steel Stampede at Crooked River Ranch. Date TBA.
- ✓ June: Possible club ride in Bend.
- ✓ July: Cottage Grove Road Rally. Date and HQ location TBA.
- ✓ August:
 - August 10th, ride to antique airplane museum in Hood River.
 - August 16-17 Tenino Swap Meet.
 - 6-Volt Cycle bike show.
- ✓ September: Set second week or 9th to 13th for club ride at John Day.
- ✓ October, November, December 2024 – James said we can leave for now.

Next Meeting December 2 at 11 AM at Tim Burns hosted Christmas Party. Pizza to be served.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Minutes by Martin Doerfler, Secretary.



Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America December 12, 2023

Meeting called to order by President James McQuiston at 7:04 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: Treasurers report, John reported club is in the black. Two checks still outstanding: Robert Williams and McKenzie Food Pantry. James spoke to Robert who said he did not need a refund and tore up check. Jen will call the Food Pantry to check status. Bruce Lamont renewed. Sam Gates, Xmas party attendee is joining. Tom volunteered to update annual roster.

Minutes: Reading of minutes was waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence: None reported.

Old Business:

- ✓ Jennifer reported on NWVCM work day. Approx. 10 members attended. Museum floors in meeting/lunch/library room and front display area were swept and mopped. Lite lunch served.
- ✓ Tim reported on OTC Christmas get-together at the Burns shop and museum in Cottage Grove. Very good turnout on a very rainy day. One new member recruited, pizza and refreshments served.
- ✓ James mentioned contact with potential new member, Marty Burks from Southern Oregon.
- ✓ Tom reported on progress on new web page. It will also accommodate videos and the old oregonantiquemotorcycle.com will remain active.

New Business:

Upcoming Events:

- ✓ Jan 13th Movie Day at the NWVCM in Brooks. 11:30 AM, movie THE WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN.
- ✓ February 17th Indoor short track championships at Salem Indoor Speedway.

Possible bike display by OTC. Martin will get details and confirm a good place for OTC members to meet.

- ✓ March: Pending garage crawl at Martin's in Keizer. TBA.
- ✓ April 20 One Show in Portland. OTC will have a booth. Tom contacted Keith Kizer who said due to high cost of shipping AMCA booth, will need an alternative, which Keith is working on. One Show folks said OTC can have six bikes. Tom and Jen are scheduling a meeting with One Show event staff to confirm details. Tim expecting to bring three or more, one for Pod. Will advertise for two more in newsletter.
- ✓ May:
 - Steel Stampede at Crooked River is May 4-5 - vintage races. James will get details.
 - OVM Spring Meet. Ride 5/18 - Show and swap 5/19. Tom Nielsen will check if Tom Ruttan can bring OTC canopy again this year.
- ✓ June is tentative ride in Bend.
- ✓ July: 15-19 OTC Rally at Cottage Grove. Tim said The Chase will be in September so no conflict. Possible rally headquarters at airport. Tim will check. Discussion of route markers to avoid rider confusion. May use previous routes or develop new ones.
- ✓ August:
 - 10th ride and possible overnight to Hood River Western Antique Aircraft and Automobile Museum (WAAAM). It is about 100 miles primarily following Highway 14 in Washington. Jennifer volunteered to drive a recovery vehicle for the ride over.
 - 16-17th Tenino, WA Evergreen Chapter AMCA swap meet.
 - 24th Bike show in Bend sponsored Jason at 6-Volt. Will provide a 10x10 space for OTC. More details coming.
- ✓ September: 9th to 13th for club ride at John Day.
- ✓ Jennifer suggested club send a get well card to AMCA Executive Director Keith Kizer who suffered a stroke. Approved. Jennifer will send it out on behalf of OTC.

Next Meeting January 9th at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Minutes by Martin Doerfler, Secretary.