

Trail Gazette

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**Next Event:
Saturday, April 29th**

The ONE MOTO Show

**Meet at Noon
At the AMCA/OTC Booth
At the show at Ziddels**

at S Waterfront
Zidell Shipyard, 3121 S. Moody Ave, Portland.
Get noon to 3 PM tickets for Saturday

<https://www.tixr.com/groups/1moto/events/the-one-motorcycle-show-2023-56509>

**Lots of Food vendors at the show
Free motorcycle parking**

OTC Booth at the ONE MOTO SHOW

This year OTC will have a booth at the ONE MOTO show. AMCA National has provided us a 10'x10' backdrop display and literature to promote our club.

We need volunteers to work the booth. If you take a three-hour shift at the booth, you get free admission to the show for the entire weekend. Contact Tom Nielsen at email or phone below. First responses get dibs on time slots.



The AMCA National Backdrop Display being lent to OTC for One Moto Show.



The Prez Letter

Spring is here, and summer will be here. There's a lot to do: yard work, vacations, oil change, tires, chains, and scheduling rides. To that end, a quick reminder to check the newsletter or website for scheduled events. The One Show is around the corner in Portland the end of April. We will have a booth, so be sure to swing by if you attend. Volunteer to answer questions and encourage others to join. The Steel Stampede will be right behind the One Show, May 6-7 at Crooked River Ranch near Sisters Oregon (or 30 miles NW of Bend). July is our Rally in Rainbow. We have some of the best roads so plan to get together and partake.

Keep the round side down-

James McQuiston
OTC President
Bend, OR



Looking for OTC History and Archive Materials

If you have photos, correspondence, race memorabilia, brochures from old dealerships, or other motorcycle "artifacts," related to the Oregon Trail Chapter or otherwise reflective of our sport in Oregon, please contact James McQuiston or Tom Nielsen.

We have a complete collection of newsletters going back to 2016, most issues back to 2007, but very few from the 1990s to 2007. We also would like documentation of officers for years 1992 to 2001 and rally/road-run locations and dates from 1991 to 2001 and 2003, 2004, and 2014.

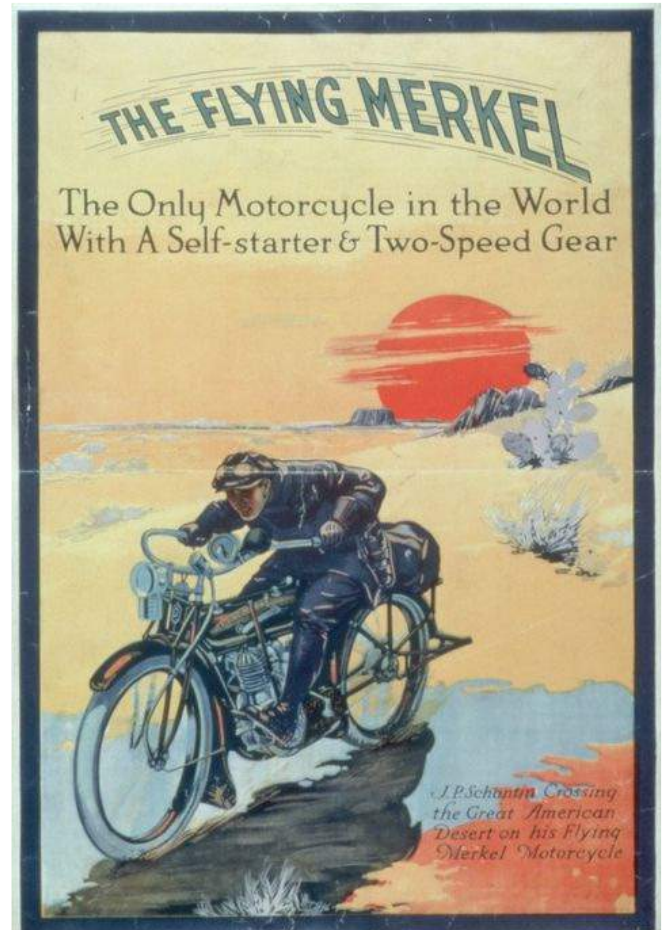
July Rally Raffle Prize Donations Needed

Calling all members. We need prizes for the raffle at our July rally. Get out there and talk to local motorcycle dealers, vendor, or other business and get some donations.

For donating items for the raffle, we will place a free ad for their business on our website for the next year, as well as place an ad in our rally brochure. Not bad.

Donations in the past have included jackets, cleaning supplies, gift certificates, as well as things like a free lunch, donuts, or soft drinks.

Contact any officer to let them know the business and what they donated.



Recent OTC Activities: Garage Crawl at Tom Ruttan's, February 18, 2023



OTC members at Garage Crawl at Tom Ruttan's. L-R: Nils Olson, Theo Battaglia, Tom Ruttan, Martin Doerfler, Tom Krise, Andy Franklin, Dave Ganslein, John Davey, Steve Gusinde (guest), Mike Tyler (guest), Terry Wolbert, Bruce Reichelt, Andrew Meislin, James Roy, and Tom Nielsen



At Tom Ruttan's shop. L-R: Andrew Meislin, Tom Ruttan, Tom Krise, Theo Battaglia, Bruce Reichelt, and James Roy.



Checking out Anderw's Harley VL and WL. L-R: Andrew Meislin, John Davey, Dave Ganslein, Terry Wolbert, and Martin Doerfler.



Recent OTC Activities: Garage Crawl at Andy Franklin's, March 4, 2023



At Andy Franklins Garage. L-R: Dave Ganslein, Martin Doerfler, Andrew Meislin, Tom Ruttan, Nils Olson, Andy Franklin, Tom Krise, and Jerry Tritz



Zeke keeping a watchful eye on Andy's fine collection.

Air Tags

By James McQuiston

If you've ever parked your motorcycle outside of a building or at work, and wondered if it would be there when you got back, this might be something that could alleviate some of your concerns. I remember scoping out hiding places, and carrying a length of log chain and giant padlock to keep my Sportster safe. Years ago, there was a more expensive device called a "Lo Jack" (which still is available) that you could put in car and it would broadcast its location. Later on, it was installed in a lot of high end vehicles. Overall, it was responsible for the recovery of quite a few vehicles. Nowadays, with the proliferation of cell towers and cell phones, chips, and some AI, it's possible and affordable to put a tracking device on your vehicle, in your backpack, luggage, or whatever, and track it with your smart phone.

So, the device is about the diameter of a quarter and about a quarter-inch thick. It comes with a standard replaceable battery, which Apple claims can last for about a year. For our old bikes, you could either slip it in a saddle bag or windshield pouch or hide it somewhere else. Apple makes a strap or you could use double sided tape, or even tie wraps to fasten it securely out of sight. Part of the beauty of the device is that it sends out a signal that can be picked up by any smart phone nearby, which boosts that signal to a cell tower and back to your phone, giving you a location.

Some people feel this is a little disturbing, the idea that other peoples' phones can boost the signal, but it is hidden to anybody else. Only the owner (the person originally activating the device) will get the location. It simply piggybacks on the boost signal. With the popularity of smart phones, you and your bike are nearly always near one, so the signal can be transmitted. The web has numerous articles on the product. There is also a version for Android called a Tile. So, for \$25-\$30 get one, get the smart phone APP, and try it out. It may just save your ride, or help you find your keys.



The Air Tag



Air Tags in key fob holders

OTC Club Road Run in John Day, OR Week of September 11th.

We will have a club only road-run at John Day, OR. The riding in the area is great – open country, very little traffic.

We have several nice rides we have previously scouted and mapped.

There is no registration. Everyone is on their own for lodging and meals.

- The Dreamer's Lodge is reasonable and folks stayed there when we scouted John Day in fall of 2019. Phone 541-575-0526. 144 N Canyon Blvd, John Day, OR.
- Grant County RV park has tent sites and RV camping. **They are filling up fast.**
 - Best to reserve online.
<https://grantcountyoregon.net/237/RV-Park>
 - Their staff answer the phones part-time. 541-575-1900.
 - 411 NW Bridge St, John Day, OR.

Arrive on Monday, September 11th. Rides on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Return travel on Friday. But feel free to come early, leave late, or visa versa.

Tentative starting location for rides is the Grant County RV Park.



Last Winter's Project By Kris Thompson

I was needing a winter project to keep myself busy, so I found this 1948 Chief locally. The owner never got around to getting anything done with the bike since purchasing it over ten years earlier. It had been part of an estate sale in Washington. The best guess is that it has been off the road for at least 20 plus years. Once I got it, I wanted to see just what kind of mechanical shape it was in. I didn't want to sink a lot of money into it until I knew if it might run without exploding.

The previous owner had it running for just a few minutes one time, so I felt confident that it should once again run again without too much work. I was happy to discover it ran pretty well once I had rebuilt the original carb and rewired it.

I have since put in a new clutch, head gaskets, (discovered just .030 oversize pistons) and new wiring, tires and the list goes on. The bike was missing the front fender, among other things. I kept looking at the fork and discovered that the fork was bent backwards about 1-½ inches. Likely the reason the front fender was off and missing. With about 3 hours of work the front legs were put back in a straight line and viola, the front fork was as good as new.

My friend offered to paint it in a shade close to the original Seafoam Blue. I really like the vintage shade and the uniqueness of a Chief other than the standard red. I've since been able to get a few test miles on the bike and it tracks very well with my hands off the handlebars (which were of course bent when I got it).

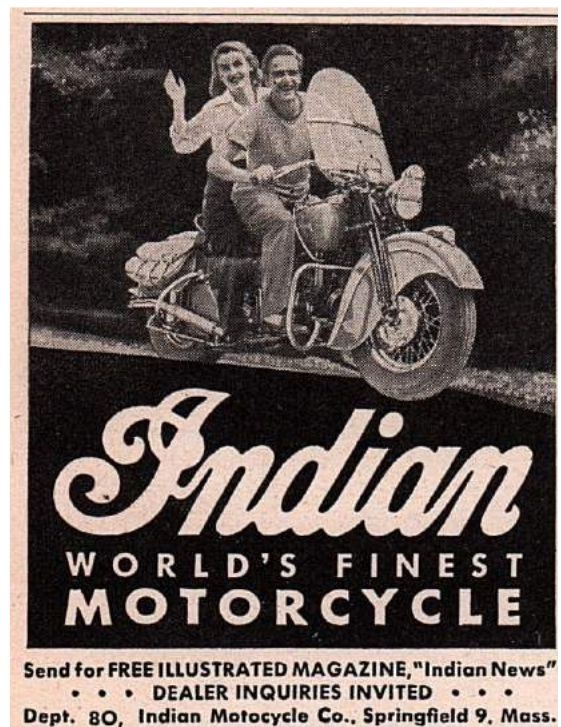
I think it will be a good rider-quality bike at this point. Maybe next winter, a top end overhaul will be in order. It has been a fun 5-month project and fairly straightforward process. Having great aftermarket Indian parts available made it pretty easy overall.



The 1948 Chief "Before"



The 1948 Chief "After"



A Review By James McQuiston

Occasionally, I hear of a really good book, movie or even a place to go. I'm always happy when the recommendation turns out as well as hoped. Sometimes, you actually invest some time and money to find you were steered to a less than stellar restaurant or a really boring book, or sat through a movie hoping it would get better (got to get me money's worth)? So, I refrain from giving out too many suggestions as I don't want to be the one to steer you wrong. But I do hope you will take my recommendation with a grain of salt and at least check it out.

While perusing some Sportster sites, I stumbled onto *Chris of the Ot* on YouTube. As it turns out, he is heavily into all things Sportster, is a historian, and comes across with humor and fact the way you wish your high school history teachers would have (at least in my case). What I really like is the fact that even if you are not "into" Sportsters, you may well be in to Harleys, early American manufacturers or old European makes, and he gets into a little history of all of it. There is a healthy dose of the political impact on the British bikes, the sale of American bikes in Europe, and a good dose of photos of the post war machines. Moreover, he throws in doses of history on Europe, the War, economics, and rolls it into motorcycling. If this were a book, I would say buy it. Since it is on YouTube, I would say watch it. I think there's something for everyone. And after all, we are really historians too, by the fact we ride the old machines. But, if it's not your cup of tea, you didn't have to drive too far.

[History of the Harley-Davidson Sportster XL - Episode1: Pre-history - before 1956 - YouTube](#)





Celebrities on Motorcycles

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





2023 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
April 29 Noon Meet at AMCA/OTC Booth	One Moto Show Zidell Shipyard at S Waterfront, Portland. Get noon to 3 PM tickets https://www.tixr.com/groups/1moto/events/the-one-motorcycle-show-2023-56509
May 6-7 TBA	Steel Stampede Vintage Motocross and Trials Crooked River Ranch, Redmond OR
May 21	OVM Swap Meet, Corvallis Benton County Fairgrounds 10 AM to 3 PM

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.

Celebrities on Motorcycles

From page 8

Upper Right: John Travolta

Center Left: Ewan McGregor

Lower Right: Miley Cyrus



A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
Southeast Portland Chapter
Motorcycle Swap Meet
Sunday, April 23rd
Elks Lodge 142
13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie OR 97222

Admission
\$5 per person
Vendors Setup
8:00AM to 10:00AM
\$30 for each 10 X 10 space
Tailgaters
\$20 per space
Pull-through truck
& trailer combo
\$60 per space
****All spaces first come first served****

Contact:
Brad 503-351-2419
Email:
swapmeet@abatese.net
Website:
www.abatese.net

BUY * SELL * TRADE
Food & Drink Available

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Mission Statement: Promoting motorcycle awareness, education, safety & liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

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

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.

15th Annual Steel Stampede May 6th to 7th, 2023

Saturday Trials
Sunday Vintage Motocross

\$15 Spectators
\$45 Participants

At Crooked River Ranch (north of Redmond)
14382 SW Commercial Loop Rd, Crooked River Ranch, OR

<https://www.facebook.com/steelstampede/>





Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America March 14, 2023

President James McQuiston called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM by conference call.

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

Other Attendees: Tom Ruttan.

Treasurer's Report and Membership: Club remains in the black. John reported two new members, Danny Podkowa and Michael Cables. Tom N will update roster as changes occur to officers. Will send out roster updates to membership in July and February. Discussed costs for garage crawl lunches - consensus was we have adequate account balance, don't sweat lunch costs.

Minutes: Reading of minutes was waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence:

- ✓ Tom N: calls with Andy Franklin to coordinate March 4 garage crawl. Email and call with Keith Kizer re shipment of AMCA display and handouts for One Show. Email with Maddi McGraw re potential OTC gathering at Springfield Museum in June. Their bike display won't be up until July, so no go. Got updated email from new member Jason K at 6 volt.
- ✓ James had call with Pete Fischer re Steel Stampede – see below.

Old Business:

- ✓ Tom R re old Indian Dealer. Dave France bought out Clarence Deville's old Indian Dealership in Eugene area. Tom R called Dave and confirmed Maddi can call Dave and interview him. Dave has old Indian parts and bikes and is a wealth of info. Perhaps could have a garage crawl at his place? Tom N passed on info to Maddi McGraw. Tom N also gave her info on old Eugene Harley dealership at Franklin Blvd and 13th owned by Wob Percell. That came to light from a journal of owner of a 1949 Harley, whose widow donated bike to NWVCMM.
- ✓ Tom N has a box of archival OTC material from Tom R. James and Tom to sort when James is in Portland for One Show. Tom R confirmed

NWVCMM will provide a couple file drawers for OTC archival material.

- ✓ Tom N to publish request in OTC newsletter requesting archival material from members.
- ✓ Discussed updated business cards with correct logo. James will order 250 cards.
- ✓ Tom N tried to order a banner (for use west of mountains) online with updated info and never heard back from vendor.
- ✓ One Moto Show.
 - Received email from manager that we have a booth and will have a RV spot for Tim and his rig. Tim needs to bring bikes up on Thursday.
 - Booth will have AMCA display backdrop, a table, and four bikes. Tim will bring three. One Show received applications for 400 plus bikes, so they imposed limit on number of bikes we could bring.
 - Will need to schedule OTC members to work the booth and promote the club. Expect two wrist bands for our booth [subsequently learned will get four wrist bands for booth]. Wrist bands are good for entire weekend. James, Tim, and Tom N volunteered to take a shift. To set a schedule between 9 AM to 6 PM for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We will have 3-hour shifts, so need nine folks. Tom N to prepare a schedule for booth workers.
 - Discussed meeting place for One Show. Had planned to meet at Wayfinder, but they open at noon. Because One Show tickets run from noon to 3 PM, decided to just meet at OTC booth at noon inside One Show. We can eat at show as lots of food vendors.
- ✓ Newsletter to come out in April. Tim said he could do an article about the recent auction in Vegas. Tom N will also send reminders for One Show and other events.

New Business:

- ✓ Upcoming Club Events
 - April 29th, Saturday for One Moto Show. Members should get noon to 3 PM tickets.
 - May
 - May 6-7 Steel Stampede at Crooked River Ranch near Redmond. James talked to Pete Fischer who is helping put it together, still in process of planning. Motocross one day and trials the next, expect to run from about 9 AM to 1 PM.



Pete said we are welcome to set up OTC booth.

- May 20-21 is OVM ride and show/swap meet in Corvallis. OTC to set up a booth on Sunday, 21st. Tom R has OTC pop up and can bring it as he's taking his truck to haul bikes to the swap meet. We need folks to man the booth.
- June.
 - Considered meeting at Rainbow to scout rally rides? Decided to have individuals scout routes on their own. John to do Eugene to Oakridge to Aufderheide. James to do McKenzie Pass to Sisters. Need someone to scout third route on 126 to 20 to Sweet Home. James will ask Nils Olson to scout that ride.
 - Still need an OTC event in June. Considered doing the third rally ride as an event, but it is a 200-mile route. Decided to do a ride in Bend on June 24th, to meet at 6 Volt Cycle at 11 AM.
 - June 16-17 is Fort Sutter show and swap meet in Dixon. Tom and Jen to attend.
- July. Rally in Rainbow. Monday, July 10th is registration; rides Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; and banquet on Thursday.
 - Already discussed scouting rides.
 - Things are in motion. Still details to work out. Good to go on motel and Takodas for banquet.
 - Need OTC members to contact local motorcycle dealers to get raffle donations. Tim and John said they will work on some.
 - Will stick with just short sleeves for T-shirts.
- August. Meet at Harley dealer in Eugene. Tom N not heard back from James Radway. Tom N will ask them to confirm a date.
- September. Still plan a club event in John Day. Week of September 11th: arrive on Monday, rides Tuesday to Thursday. Return Friday. Everyone is on their own for accommodations and meals.
- ✓ Tom N to send a reminder notice to members with flyer for July rally and reminder about September event at John Day.
- ✓ A woman donated a 1949 HD WL to the NWVCM. She also has her late husband's 2011 HD Dyna to sell. Because she was nice enough to donate the bike, would we consider putting ad for

the Dyna in an email blast to our members? She is not comfortable putting on eBay or Craigs list. All agreed that was fine to do an email blast.

- ✓ April 23rd is ABATE swap meet at Elks Lodge in Milwaukie. Has a \$5 admission.

Next meeting – March 14th at 7:00 PM by conference call.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.

Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America April 11, 2023

President James McQuiston called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM by conference call.

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

Other Attendees: Tom Ruttan and Jennifer Nielsen.

Treasurer's Report and Membership: Club remains in the black. John reported receiving dues from a new member. John received three checks for rally. Expenses were for monthly conference call and a second banner.

Minutes: Reading of minutes was waived. See newsletter.

Correspondence:

- ✓ Tom N sent a notice by email and mail to members reminding them of getting reservations for July rally and September ride at John Day. Included a copy of rally registration form.
- ✓ Tom N sent last two newsletters to new members Danny Podkowa and Michael Cables; sent updated roster to officers; and call with Don Gabbert about national AMCA renewal challenges he experienced. Gave Don phone number for Club Express.

Old Business:

- ✓ ONE Show. Tom N and Jen met with One Show leads on April 7th and confirmed our booth set up. We will get passes for our folks that volunteer to work our booth. Tom N send out a request to



members to work the booth. Once folks volunteer, will get them wrist band for entry, which should be good for whole weekend. Have signed up Tim's bikes: 1919 HD with sidecar, 1925 HD JDCB, and 1946 HD EL.

- ✓ Tom R found some more OTC archives. He'll bring over to Tom N's before One Show and Tom N and James can sort.
- ✓ Upcoming newsletter have sufficient articles between Jame's article on Air Tags and YouTube historian and journal of late gentleman who donated 1949 HD WL to NWVCM.

New Business:

- ✓ Upcoming Club Events
 - April 29th, Saturday for One Moto Show. Members should buy noon to 3 PM tickets and meet at our booth inside the show at noon.
 - May
 - May 6-7 Steel Stampede at Crooked River Ranch near Redmond. James talked to Pete Fischer and Jason. They've helped plan for many years, but have turnover in Crooked River Ranch staff, so are still working out details.
 - May 20-21 is OVM ride and show/swap meet in Corvallis. OTC to set up a booth on Sunday, 21st. Tom R has OTC pop up and can bring it as he's taking his truck and trailer to haul bikes to the swap meet. Will set up and have a table. Tom N and Tom R can man booth. Put out member applications and some newsletters.
 - June.
 - June 16-17 is Fort Sutter show and swap meet in Dixon.
 - June 24 ride in Bend. Location and time to be determined.
 - July. Rally in Rainbow. Monday, July 10th is registration; rides Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; and banquet on Thursday.
 - Have five folks registered. Not unusual for registrations to come later.
 - Have scouting of rides organized. James, Nils, and John will each do one.
 - Tim sent rally registration form to Jason Florez in SoCal chapter. Jason will likely brings some folks. Tom N to send form to previous attendees after newsletter goes out. (Wanted to send to

membership first so they had dibs on lodging.)

- Have things in motion and organized: T-shirts, banquet, ride routes, and lodging.
- Need members to talk to local dealers and get donations for the raffle. Will bring up in newsletter.
- August. Meeting at Harley dealer in Eugene. Tom N exchanged texts with James Radway, who passed his phone number on to their marketing manager. Have not heard back from them.
- September. Still plan a club ride in John Day week of September 11th: arrive on Monday, rides Tuesday to Thursday. Return Friday. Everyone is on their own for accommodations and meals. James, Tom N, John all have reserved lodging. Tim will be at Cannonball and Tom R is undecided.
- ✓ April 23rd is ABATE swap meet at Elks Lodge in Milwaukie. Has a \$5 admission.

Next meeting – May 9th at 7:00 PM by conference call.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.