

Trail Gazette

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February 2015 Meeting Minutes

Gene called the meeting to order at 2:20. The meeting was held in Brooks, OR.

Officers in attendance

President Gene Walker, Vice President Bruce Reichelt, Treasurer Tom Ruttan and your Secretary, Tom Krise.

Attendees:

Jackie Colwell, Chuck Hodson, David Michael, Tom & Jen Nielsen, Nils Olsen, Ron Saunders, Jim & Rosie Singhose, Terry & Norlene Wolbert, and Don Woodard

Treasurer Report:

Tom R. Gave the current financial report, and the data from our July Road Run.

Old Business:

- 🐦 Tom K. motioned and Rosie 2nd that we schedule our Road Run July 16-18. Motion passed.
- 🐦 Rosie motioned and Norlene 2nd to give Gene and Tom K. the authority to work out the details. Motion passed. Gene and Tom K. will work with a committee of Norlene, Don, Tom R., Tom N., and Jen N.

SUBMISSIONS TO NEWSLETTER:

Please submit article contributions, classified advertisements, photos, and suggestions by the second Thursday of each month. Prefer Word or Adobe PDF for text and .jpg or PDF for graphics to nielsents@comcast.net

Thanks, Tom and Jen

New Business:

- 🐦 A motion by Tom R. and 2nd by Chuck to pay the dues for the club to maintain affiliation with the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum. Motion passed, thus keeping our monthly meeting space.
- 🐦 On the question of our annual calendar, Tom R. discussed our meeting schedule and potential winter activities and beyond. Bruce discussed the value of monthly meetings and had questions as to where our club was going. There was general discussion about waning membership and how to attract new people into the club. Tom R. we could better network with other clubs, like the OVM, VME, and non-club oriented events and gatherings. Tom K. pointed out that membership to OTC is limited due to requirements for members of the chapter to be members of the national. Tom K. also pointed out our meeting schedule conflicts with the OVM schedule, making it difficult to be active in both organizations.
- 🐦 Tom K. motioned and Tom S. 2nd that we generally schedule monthly meetings on the last Saturday of the month, with no meeting in December. Motion passed, with the provision we can schedule otherwise if there is a conflict on that Saturday. Motion passed.
- 🐦 Tom K. will host his Backyard BBQ on May 30.
- 🐦 With Gary & Shannon Kelly moving out of state, we've been without a Newsletter Editor. Jen & Tom Nielsen volunteered to take up the mantle, and past Editor Rosie to give support.



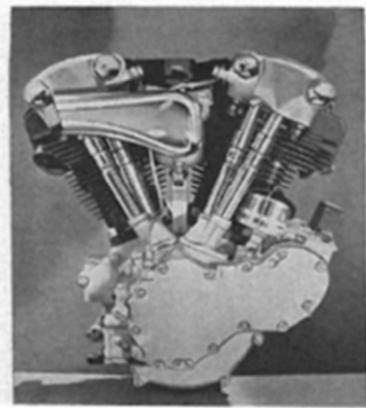
New News for the New Newsletter

OK, that is a pretty lame title. This is where we introduce our new OTC Newsletter editors, Tom and Jennifer Nielsen of Lake Oswego. We are new club members and will be doing our best to keep the membership up to date on current happenings and items of interest to the antique motorcycling community of Oregon. We interrupted our passion for motorcycling to raise our two children. Now that they are both off to college, we entered the world of empty nesters and now have more free time for fun on two wheels.

Member Profile

This new feature will highlight interviews with OTC members to share interests, information, and stories about our members to let us get to know each other better. Starting at the top, this month's interview is with **Gene Walker**, our president. Gene was born in Kansas City, KS and lived in Pocatello, ID from age 3 to 16. His father was a Harley-Davidson dealer in Pocatello and Gene remembers riding on the gas tanks of Harleys from before the age of five. He started restoring motorcycles at age 11 with a 125 cc bike he made into a hillclimber. He started restoring a Model A Ford when he was 14, finished it when he was 16.

Close-up view of the power plant of the great 61 overhead valve model. New airborn is the same as on the 74 and 80 Twins.



In the mid 50's, he remembers riding with a group of teenagers to Pocatello in winter. The roads were dry until they started the climb to the ski resort. The group was (naturally) racing on the ride up along the gravel, icy, and snow bordered road. As they

negotiated the switch-backs, they had to stop occasionally to pull out buddies who slide off into the axle-deep snow.

When his family moved to Oregon when he was 16, he rode his 1958 Sportster from Pocatello to Salem, then returned on a train to pick up and drive his Model A to Salem.

He used to race and compete in hillclimbing. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle to the races in Sacramento or San Jose. At the time, Interstate 5 was incomplete, so the trip followed many scenic roads.

Gene's wife Jeanne also grew up the child of a HD dealer – her father owned the HD dealership in Vancouver, WA. Gene and Jeanne ran the HD dealership in Salem until 2005.

His longest trip was in 2003 to Milwaukee, WI for the 100th Harley-Davidson anniversary with 6 other riders.



Gene restored a 1913 Harley Twin. The bike was in his wife's family since the 1930s and was pretty heavily used, but sat unused and unrestored for decades.

He started the restoration project with

the goal of saving the original engine cases and cylinders, which carry matching serial numbers. "It turned out that wasn't easy," Gene says. "The rear cylinder was so bad that we had to have a custom piston made to let us keep that cylinder."

The project extended into 2014 when the bike was completed. Gene's bike earned a Junior First Award at the AMCA in Dixon, CA in 2014, the highest prize available to a bike in its first appearance on the judging field. The bike also was awarded a Centennial Award, reserved for motorcycles at AMCA meets that are over 100 years old.

A memorable "restoration" he completed was tearing down a brand new '69 Sportster to make a custom bike.

These days Gene is working on two projects, a '56 KHK and a '34 side valve 74 cubic inch.



Two Wheels Around Town

We will report on events in the area that include antique motorcycles.

This past month, that included the *Portland Auto Show*, the *One Moto Show*, and the *Oregon Vintage Motorcycle Club* annual dinner.



The Portland Auto Show was held on February 5-8, 2015 at the Oregon Convention Center.

While its focus was on automobiles, there was a motorcycle pavilion with bike booths

from BMW, Brammo, Can-Am, Ducati, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, Ural, and more.

The First Responders had an exhibit that included a vintage ambulance and police car.

A salesman friend of mine who manned a booth said one fun aspect was riding the bikes through the Convention Center before and after the show.



The **"One Show,"** officially, the **"One Motorcycle Show,"** is a free annual event in downtown NE Portland where custom motorcycles by world-class builders display their creations.

But there are not just custom bikes - many restored classics are blended among the displays. There was also Moto Art, helmet-art, and live



music to create a vibrant, diverse, and very Portland atmosphere. A great variety of interesting bikes were parked for blocks in each direction around the event.



Among the classics observed that were rode to the event included Harley's, an Indian, BMWs, a '55 Matchless, a '56 Bergemeister, a Norton Commando, a Honda ST90, and Z1 Kawasaki 900. More photos of other bikes ridden or displayed at the "One Show" are pictured at the end of the Newsletter.

To see some of the classic bikes from previous shows, check out the link <http://the1moto.com/bikes/> These include '66 Triumph T120C, '67 Honda CL77, '55 IZH M47, '74 Kawasaki S3, '67 Ducati 350 scrambler, '64 Triumph Bonneville, '66 BSA Hornet, '77 Yamaha XS 360, and a '46 Harley OHV 74.



The **Oregon Vintage Motorcyclist Club Annual Dinner** was held at Milwaukie Elks Lodge on Saturday, February 7, 2015. Guest speaker was Dave Hansen of *Langlitz Leathers*. Dave's presentation covered some interesting motorcycling history from Portland, OR and anecdotes and history of Langlitz Leathers and Ron Langlitz. Upwards of 130 people attended, including the *Langlitz Leathers*.

March Business Meeting Agenda

Topics we'll discuss:

- 🦉 February meeting minutes review
- 🦉 Treasurers' report
- 🦉 2015 Road Run Committee Meeting
- 🦉 Old/New Business

Looking for.....

Subject: Search for Indian

> Name: James d Atkinson
> Email: jdatkinson49@gmail.com
> Message: Would like to locate Indian Chief engine #c2223b frame was same#. I purchased this Indian in Pennsylvania mid-1967, moved it to California in 1972, and sold it with the help of Bob Stark in early 1980's. Would like to buy it back.

Reader's question on our website:

Subject: Indian motor

>Name: Chris
> Email: dejadoobie@shaw.ca
> Message: I have an old Indian motor number cd0732 b and transmission number 85385. What could you tell me about them and how much are they worth? They are apart but they are complete, all parts [are] there. I inherit[ed] from my grandfather. Thanks, Chris

Classified

Harley Men's "Performance" motorcycle boots, Size 10.5, reg \$202, sale \$80. Harley ¾ Helmet with tinted shield, size XL, reg \$160, sale \$100. Each worn once. nielsents@comcast.net

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
March 13-15	12 th Annual Inland North West Motorcycle Show, Spokane, WA http://spokanemotorcycleshow.com
March 14	Service Department Rib Roast March 14, 2015 12-3 Paradise Harley Davidson Tigard, OR
March 21-22	39 th Annual Vintage Motorcycle & Bicycle Rally, Show & Swap Meet Caldwell, ID http://idahovintagemotorcycleclub.org
March 28	OTC Business Meeting Salem, OR at Powerland 12 noon Potluck
March 28-29	Clubman's All British Show & Swap Meet San Jose, CA http://bsa.org
March 29	So-Cal Cycle Show & Swap Meet Long Beach, CA https://www.socalswapcyclemeet.com
April 8	A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet Hillsboro Elks Club, 9 am-6 pm
April 12	Pancake Breakfast 10 am - 12 noon Paradise Harley Davidson Tigard, OR
April 24	Corsa Moto Classica Willowsprings, Rosamond, CA http://garagecompany.com
April 25	12 th Annual Washington Vintage Annual Swap Meet & Bike Show Skagit County Fairgrounds Mt. Vernon, WA http://washingtonvintagemotorcycles.org
April 26	So-Cal Cycle Show & Swap Meet Long Beach, CA https://www.socalswapcyclemeet.com
April 30- May1	AHRMA/CPL Systems Historic Cup Race Sonoma Raceway Sonoma, CA http://www.ahrma.org
May 16-17	35 th Annual Vintage Motorcycle Ride, Show & Swap Meet Benton County Fairground www.oregonvintage.org
May 24	Ishi Show and Swap Meet Chico Elks Lodge Chico, CA www.ishiamca.org

**More photos from the One Show
parking lot and displays**







35th Annual Vintage* Motorcycle Ride, Show & Swap Meet

Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, Oregon (1980-2015)

May 16 & 17, 2015



Ride Saturday May 16,
leaves Fair Grounds at
Noon

Show Sunday, May 17,
from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
(new hours)

Featured Marque:
HODAKA

Celebrating 51 years of
HODAKA Motorcycles,



**Admission: \$5.00 , Free to OVM Members &
Children under 12**

**Parking – Concessions – Over 100 Vintage*, antique, and
limited production Motorcycles on Display**

**Peoples' Choice Awards for best of each category:
*British, Asian, European, American, Scooter, Featured
marque, and one memorial award.***

Overnight Camping Available

Getting there:

**I-5 TO CORVALLIS, FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO PHILOMATH/OCEAN BEACHES. WATCH
FOR SIGNS JUST WEST OF CORVALLIS POINTING RIGHT, TOWARD FAIRGROUNDS
SWAP MEET SPACE AVAILABLE: Members = 1 free space. Non-members = \$15.00**

**Saturday, May 16st: Vintage Motorcycle ride leaves from the Fairgrounds at Noon,
Corvallis vicinity. Information: www.oregonvintage.org , e-mail: ovm@efn.org ,
or Call: 503-307-9085**

**In Southern Oregon a local group of the OVM meets monthly on the first Saturday
of the month at: Four Daughters Irish Pub, 126 West Main Street, Medford,
Oregon – 12:00 noon. Contacts: Phoenix: Skip Ortnor, 541-890-2165;
Jacksonville: Tom Sherwood 541-899-3298:**



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