

Trail Gazette

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Meeting Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America June 24, 2017

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at noon at the Old Texaco Station, Powerland, Brooks, Oregon.

Officers in Attendance: Along with our Pres Jen were Vice President Chuck Hodson, and Treasurer Tom Ruttan.

Attendees: Ron Saunders, Terry and Norlene Wolbert, Jackie Colwell, Jim and Rosie Singhose, Paul Wright, Gene Walker, and Tom Nielsen.

Minutes: Tom N. read the last meeting minutes. They stood as read.

Correspondence: There was no reported correspondence.

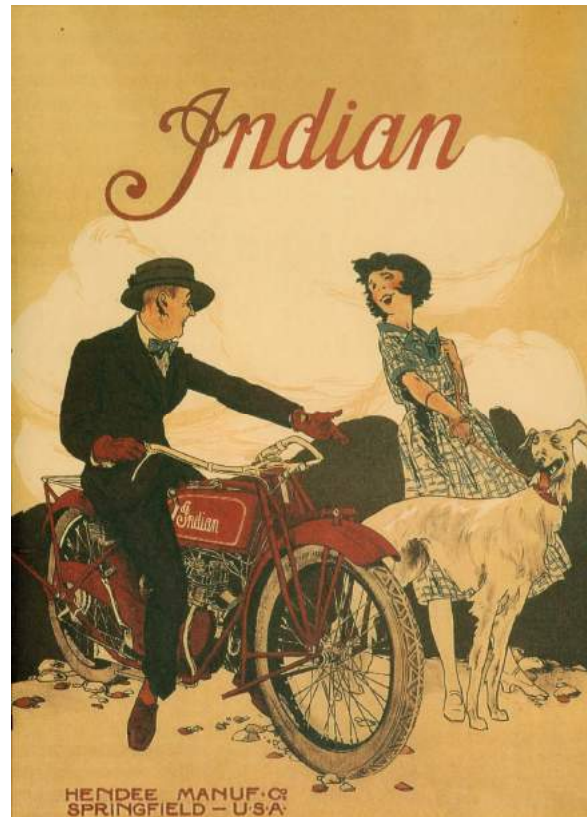
Treasurer Report: Tom R. presented the club financials.

Old Business: Discussed the upcoming rally to include the planned rides and maps, meals, need for renting chairs, and other details.

Regarding the purchase of the club's trailer, decided to delay the purchase. There are a number of members who have trailers that the club can borrow for use as a "sag wagon" at rallies.

New Business: Elections were held for the term October 2017 to September 2018. Officers for the next term are as follows: Jennifer Nielsen – president, Chuck Hodson – vice president, Tom Ruttan – treasurer, and Rosie Singhose – secretary.

Minutes by Tom Nielsen.



NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, September 16, 2017

11 AM Lunch Provided

**Garage Crawl Tom Ruttan's
Lake Oswego, Oregon**



Meeting Minutes of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America August 26, 2017

President Jen Nielsen called the meeting to order at the Grid Iron Sports Bar, Harrisburg, Oregon.

Officers in Attendance: Along with our Pres Jen was Treasurer Tom Ruttan.

Attendees: Paul Wright, Jim and Laverne Lancaster, Tim Burns, Gene Walker, Tom Nielsen, and guest "Hoss."

Minutes: No minutes were available and reading of the minutes were waived.

Correspondence: There was no reported correspondence.

Treasurer Report: Tom R. presented the club financials. The July rally appears to have broken even or made a little bit of money.

Old Business: Discussed the 2017 rally highlights.

New Business. Discussed sites for the 2018 National Rally to be held July 26 – 28, 2018. We reviewed what was observed at the Evergreen National rally and the aspects of their rally we learned from their helpful committee members. Our OTC group discussed the need for members to take on specific roles for the 2018 rally such as lodging, goodie bags, meals, and ride routes. It was confirmed that we definitely want to cater the dinners and have lunches delivered or have box lunches for one or two of the rides.

Tim Burns discussed the potential for having the 2018 rally in Cottage Grove. Tim had identified motels, RV parks, and possible routes for rides in the Cottage Grove area.

Other options discussed included Rainbow on the McKenzie River and Northwest LifeConference and Event Center in Harrisburg. (See details in this newsletter.)

Minutes by Tom Nielsen

DUES ARE DUE
Please send your \$15 annual dues to Tom Ruttan

The Pres Letter-

Greetings all!

What a full newsletter we have! Officer election update, our Rally wrap up, Evergreen's National in Sequim, and our upcoming National Rally location search (and decision), and more are all covered. Our chief newsletter guy, Tom Nielsen, has been Johnny-on-the-spot gathering information and taking photos to share with us all. Thank you Tom!

We are throttling up on our preparations for our National Rally in 2018. Don't be surprised when you get a call or email (or both) from me asking you how you want to help out. If we all do a small part, we can all enjoy the Rally that much more. Many of you contribute each year, and this year I will be asking the rest to help out as well. It doesn't even have to be a major contribution. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work."

The September, October, and November meetings are garage crawls. In September, we will be at Tom Ruttan's. Each meeting will start with a short business meeting beginning at 11, with lunch to follow.

Let's all take advantage of our beautiful weather and ride, ride, ride.

I look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

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"They say life is a highway and we all travel our own roads, some good, some bad, yet each is a blessing of its own."

— Jess "Chief" Brynjulson

2017 Meeting Calendar Oregon Trail Chapter, AMCA	
Month	Activity
Sept 16	Garage Crawl at Tom Ruttan's
Oct 21	Garage Crawl at Tim Burn's
Nov 25	No Turkey Garage Day at Tom K's
Dec 9	Holiday Get Together



Showcase Rally, July 21-23, 2017

By Tom Nielsen

Our annual rally was held at the Evergreen Air Museum in McMinnville. A nice venue, with the many vintage aircraft sprinkled around the parking lot and the air museum's three buildings chock-full of vintage aircraft. We had just under 40 attendees, from Oregon, Washington, California, British Columbia and Hawaii. They were either in their RVs in the museum's large parking lot, camped nearby among the tall and stately oak trees, or just down the road at a motel.

Things started out a bit rocky when our hosts, the Fall Event Center, forgot about ordering sanitary facilities (also known as blue rooms to the professional sanitary engineers among us). This enhanced our club's wellness program, as members had the long walk to the museum to attend to nature's call. When the museum closed at 6 PM, the wellness program amped up, because now the lone blue room was at the other end of the huge parking lot. The parking lot size also appeared to amp up in direct proportion to the urgency of nature's call. The rest room dilemma was resolved by Friday morning when two fresh blue rooms were delivered.

The rally coincided with the grand-opening of the Nielsen's house sale. In the days and weeks leading up to the Rally, your president and newsletter editor were busily cleaning, packing, moving, and fixing up our home for what was a hoped to be an imminent sale. On Rally eve, the midnight oil was burned and then some, and in the dawn's early light, we started again with the plan of being at the rally by 10 AM. Things always seem to take longer than planned, so we arrived at a fashionable 4 PM, just in time for, well, we were really late. Lucky for us, most everyone was out on the Thursday afternoon ride and we did not have to make an embarrassingly late entrance with all hands-on deck.

Thursday, the club had a shakedown ride through Lafayette to Bald Peak State Park. Norlene Wolbert served a delicious buffet of salads with heavy appetizers at the club HQ. Friday, the ride passed through Tillamook, along coast roads, and included a trip up Mount Hebo, amounting to almost 200 miles. Thursday's ride was punctuated by two mishaps on the ride down the steep road from Mount Hebo - two different riders took

unplanned detours into the shallow shoulder ditch - besides bruises, all were well. Another challenge was an unexpected road closure that led to another detour. The good news was that the ride to and from the detour dead-end was along scenic Netarts Bay. Dinner on Friday evening was again catered by our own Norlene Wolbert; the fare was her superb turkey dinner with au' gratin potatoes, salads, and desserts. On Saturday, we toured the wine country backroads and we had a catered lunch for the group at Fort Hoskins Historic Park in Benton County. The evening banquet was catered by Lonestar Barbeque of Dayton. After a very nice dinner, the club held our annual raffle where gifts donated by local motorcycle dealerships, suppliers, and private parties were given to attendees. Gifts included cleaning supplies, hats, tee shirts, gift cards from dealers, books from our favorite OTC author, a folding chair, and an awesome leather jacket.



Vintage aircraft and motorcycles



Showcase Rally, July 21-23, 2017 (Continued)



Line up before departure on Friday morning



Richard Coffin from California and OTC's Tim Burns chat next to Richard's 1942 HD WLA



John Bowes of Hawaii rides off from Mount Hebo on his HD Knucklehead, showing off his Pacific Island footwear



Lunch at the Fort Hoskins picnic shelter



Danny Lewis gases up his 1937 HD EL while Tom Ruttan and Tim Burns look on.



Saturday night's BBQ dinner



Our 2018 National Rally

By Jen Nielsen

Drum roll please.....

After reviewing three site options for our National Rally in 2018, we have selected Cottage Grove! The three sites considered were McKenzie River (where we held the 2016 rally), Harrisburg (where we held the 2014 National rally), and Cottage Grove. To backup for a moment, let me fill you in on why Cottage Grove was selected over the other two sites.

Let's start with McKenzie. Many of you suggested McKenzie to me over the course of this last year. It was a beautiful location, had great rides, and easy access to gas and food. The hotel could accommodate us, allowing us to book the entire motel and have space for dry camping. The restaurant, Dakota's, could cater our banquet, yeah! But, the RV park could only supply 10 RV/camping spots. We are anticipating needing more than 20 spots.

Harrisburg, the site of the 2014 National Rally, was another site suggested by many of you. We held our August meeting in Harrisburg, then checked out the proposed headquarters location. The facility was beautiful, with ample space for our banquet and gathering. The hotel, located on the river, had enough rooms. But, we could only reserve 5 RV spots and they do not allow tent camping. There is also no alcohol permitted.

Cottage Grove was suggested by Tim Burns – he took me up on my invitation to bring a site suggestion to our August meeting. Not only did he bring a site suggestion, he had ideas for lodging, a banquet site, and one ride planned! Cottage Grove is located just off I-5, so attendees will have easy access. There is hotel and RV lodging next to each other. Several options are available for our banquet. Gas stations, auto parts stores, restaurants, and grocery stores are all conveniently located in proximity to our headquarters. And, we can have a ride to the coast, one to covered bridges, and one to waterfalls. Win! Win!! Win!!!

We will be commissioning a rally committee at our September meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to be on the committee, please contact me.

Evergreen's 2017 National Road Run

By Tom Nielsen

Jen and I visited the National Road Run in Sequim, Washington in the days immediately following our road run. I rode "Ol Blue" (my 1980 HD FLT) up with Tom Ruttan and Spike Smith. It was a great ride. The purpose for Jen and me was to learn about the National Rally. We met with Evergreen's committee members and president. We liked a lot of what we saw and hope to implement many ideas, while still maintaining OTC's style for our 2018 rally. Things that we liked were the centralized site for RV camping, the motel, and rally HQ. Evergreen has a great organization and rally committee. The attendee badges had useful information, the HQ information boards, practical safety gear for ride leaders, oil diapers to all attendees, snacks in the gift pack, and contact information posted at HQ.



Bikes line up before a ride at the Evergreen National, Sequim, WA

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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

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Thanks, Tom



Participants assemble before a ride at the Evergreen National, Sequim , WA

Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride September 24th

307,000 men die each year from Prostate cancer and 500,000 men die from suicide. On Sunday, September 24th 2017, tens of thousands of distinguished gentlemen in cities worldwide will don dress clothes and ride their classic and vintage motorcycles to raise funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and men's mental health. Started in Australia and now in its fifth year, the ride in 2016 had 56,000 participants in 90 countries and raised \$3.6 million.

For your uncles, your brothers, your fathers and friends. Donate what you can, for their lives need not end. Join me in the fight against these scourges by helping with my fund-raising efforts by donating to my team:

<https://www.gentlemansride.com/fundraiser/TomNielsen161985>

Portland participants will be meeting at 9 AM at Two Stroke Coffee Co. at 8926 N Lombard St, Portland, OR. Register for the ride from the following link:

<https://www.gentlemansride.com/>





Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiast

Portland Chapter on the second Tuesday of Every Month at 7:00 PM noon at the Rambler, 4205 N Mississippi Ave, Portland OR
<http://www.vmemc.org/>

Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists

OVM meets on the Second Saturday of Every Month at noon at Columbia River Brewing, 1728 NE 40th, Portland OR 97212
<http://www.oregonvintage.org/>

Iowa Motorcycle



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Upcoming Motorcycle Events – Antique and Others of Interest

Date	Event
Sept 9	Midsize Mid Valley Motorcycle Rally 250cc - 650cc. 10:00AM at Cycle Country 4764 Portland Rd NE, Salem OR Contact: Dave Lippold at dplippold@gmail.com or 503 704-4558.
Sept 11-13	Fort Sutter Chapter National Road Run Lake Tahoe, CA (916) 485-1721 www.fortsutteramca.org
Sept 16	OTC Monthly Meeting and Garage Crawl at Tom Ruttan's Lake Oswego, OR 11 AM Lunch provided
Sept 16-17	AHRMA Motocross Rattlers Run Farm Fairfield, WA http://ahrma.org/ahrma_pdfs/Z-2017/Nationals/VMX/Previews/Web_Preview_Rattlers_Run_MX.pdf
Sept 24 9 AM	Distinguished Gentleman's Ride – meet at 9 AM, depart 10:30 AM Two Stroke Coffee Co. 8926 N Lombard St, Portland, OR
Sept 30- Oct 1	AHRMA Motocross Bushey Ranch, Canby, CA http://ahrma.org/ahrma_pdfs/Z-2017/Nationals/VMX/Previews/Web_Preview_Canby_MX.pdf
Oct 21	OTC Monthly Meeting and Garage Crawl at Tim Burn's Cottage Grove, OR 11 AM Lunch provided
Oct 21-22	Hollister Hills SVRA Motocross Hollister, CA http://ahrma.org/ahrma_pdfs/Z-2017/Nationals/VMX/Previews/Web_Preview_Hollister_MX.pdf
Nov 25	No Turkey Garage Day at Tom K's Potluck