

# Trail Gazette

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## October 31, 2015 Meeting Minutes

President Bruce Reichelt called the meeting to order at 12:16 pm at the Old Gas Station at Brooks Powerland.

### Officers in Attendance:

President Bruce Reichelt and Vice President Chuck Hodson

### Attendees:

Jackie Colwell, Gene Walker, Nils Olsen, and David Michael.

### Treasurer Report:

No treasurers report because the treasurer was not in attendance.

### Old Business:

- No minutes were available to be read and no corrections – club secretary was not in attendance.
- By-laws - Bruce asked the question if we should consider looking at the by-laws on a semi-annual basis, as currently changes can only be made on an annual basis, in October. Discussion of past changes...one change made between 2004 and 2013 and none since then...led to decision that change in by-law examination was not needed. A by-laws review committee was to be formed - Chuck volunteered...tabled until next meeting with more attendees to try to get more volunteers
- "The One" Motorcycle Show participation – discussion was tabled for next meeting
- 2016 Road Run: Discussed need to check on road run routes, to make sure they are all open and connected.

- Need to find out how many motel rooms and campsites are available - tabled to see if other club members have more information.
- Christmas Party: To be held 12/12/15 in Salem. Further discussion tabled until next meeting - discuss prep and details for Christmas Party. No formal meeting in December due to Christmas Party.
- Nils bought new Pop-Up for \$150.00, within budget. He will store for now.

(Minutes continued on next page)

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Saturday, November 21, 2015**

High Noon, The Old Texaco Gas Station,  
Antique Powerland, 3995 Brooklake Road  
NE, Brooks, Oregon.

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(continued):

### New Business:

- 🐝 Do we want to have another National Ride...and when would it be time to do so? Tabled until more attendees.
- 🐝 Do we want to send postcards to prior road run attendees about this year's road run? Can we get names of attendees from the Minden motorcycle run and mail them postcards?- Bruce to follow up.
- 🐝 Bruce's' Projects:
  - Update membership roster to get current info
  - Find out if members want their info shared with other members ONLY, i.e. phone number, address...any or all?
  - List items for sale by members - already doing.
  - List member projects, if member approves.
  - List items members seeking for projects, if member approves.
  - Post regional events (secretarial duty?)...how to get more info on events.
  - We need to increase membership...try to get the club listed on Lanphere website (Chuck to follow up)
  - Try to get club/group discounts on items needed i.e. gas cans, tie downs.
  - Send out dues notices.
- 🐝 Jackie motioned and Nils 2<sup>nd</sup> that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. It was 12:44 pm.
- 🐝 Minutes submitted by Jackie Colwell.



## AMCA Welcomes Newest Chapter

The San Diego Chapter of the AMCA becomes the 64th Chapter in the Clubs growing reach to America and beyond. If you live around the San Diego area, please contact the San Diego Chapter President, Kevin Sisterson at [kjsisterson@yahoo.com](mailto:kjsisterson@yahoo.com) or visit their Facebook page.  
This makes Chapter number six in the great state of California. Welcome to the Club!

As I lay rubber down the street  
I pray for traction I can keep  
But if I spin and begin to slide  
Please dear Lord, protect my ride. Amen  
*Courtesy Everglades AMCA*

**Annual OTC Christmas Party**  
**December 12, 2015**  
**3 PM to 6 PM**

The Christmas Party is being held at  
The Drunken Cook  
1555 Twelfth Street SE, Salem  
Hors d'Oeuvres

The club is buying "heavy" Hors d'Oeuvres  
for OTC members and a guest

**RSVP by December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**To Tom Krise**  
**(503)881-1699**  
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## Two Wheels Around Town

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

### *The Canby Races*

by Jackie Colwell and Chuck Hodson, with excerpts from AHRMA

October 1, 2015 found us on the road in our motorhome, with our cargo trailer in tow, carrying Chucks' 1963 B50 BSA with a Rickman Frame. We were on I-5, headed south for Canby, California, which is 81.5 miles SE of Klamath Falls, Oregon. There was an AHRMANW race going on that weekend, and we made an early start to get there, staying over-night in Klamath Falls, then a short run on Friday to Bushey Ranch, just outside Canby. We drove into a field, and found a nice level spot to park. I stepped out of the motorhome to make sure the levelers/stabilizers on the motorhome were going down OK...and stepped right in the middle of a fresh cow pie! The rest of the day was spent seeing who else was there, what they were riding, and general schmoozing by Chuck.

Saturday was the vintage observed trials, with 45 riders in 10 classes, divided into Novice, Intermediate, and Expert. Observed trials are a very significant part of historic motorcycle competition. It began as a wintertime sport for European enthusiasts, who tested themselves by tracing ancient Roman roads. These riders negotiated various obstacles along the way, all of which gave test to both man and machine. As the "gentleman's sport" developed, such obstacles became more specific, and more challenging. From the 1980s until today, the obstacles presented to trials competitors have been inconceivable for most motorcycle riders.



*Camping at Canby Races*

The American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association (AHRMA) offers observed trials with a goal to provide its members a safe, historically accurate environment to showcase and experience vintage machinery. The key to this enjoyment is the observed sections. From the 1950s into the '70s, sections were mainly composed of wide-open areas of challenging terrain, with the rider's choice of

line determining his/her success. Observed sections reminiscent of this era are critical in AHRMA's representation of classic observed trials. With period-accurate sections, machines will remain true to their original concept, and the techniques required to ride them will do the same, enhancing the entire vintage trials scene. The trials-riding experience will undoubtedly result in good friends, good rides and good fun. Riders must ride 10 sections, 3 times each. They are marked down for touching the ground, stopping their motorcycle, or falling off. A maximum of 5 points off is counted for each section. The rider with the least # of points taken off wins! We enjoyed watching some of the sections. They included steep uphill with turns around trees, steep downhill with turns around trees, rocky surfaces, and loose dirt most everywhere. Classes and results can be found at the below link:

[http://www.ahrmanw.org/files/7414/4605/7112/Canby\\_trial.jpg](http://www.ahrmanw.org/files/7414/4605/7112/Canby_trial.jpg)

Cross country riding is how motorcycling began, because roads were very few and far between when motorcycles were born. As the motorcycles and roads improved, the riders still challenged themselves with off-road competitions on ancient Roman roads in Europe and on "cow and wagon" trails in the USA. Eventually, the competition organized into ISDT-type reliability runs in Europe and enduros and "hare and hounds" in the USA. Further organization and land closure issues brought the closed course hare scrambles to prominence. In homage to this, after the trials, there was a cross-country scramble with 38 riders going around the track encompassing the motocross area and the field where participants were parked, as fast as they could. The fastest riders made 11 laps in the time allotted. There also was a game-within-the game. Since October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, there were several pink bras placed along the track. If a rider picked one up and wore it during the race, and wore it to the awards ceremony, they got a prize! One rider put one on around his waist, another around his neck, and one tied it on with twine. Their extra prizes were a gas can, a small wet/dry vacuum, and a pair of goggles and gloves.



*Chuck Hodson is #66 in Red Shirt at Staring Line*



## Two Wheels Around Town

### The Canby Races (continued)

Saturday evening brought tech inspection for the motorcycles to be ridden in the motocross. AHRMA has its stuff together...they have Dick Mann checking machines and helmets to keep the riders as safe as possible!

The mission of AHRMA Vintage Motocross is to preserve a particular time in the history of the sport of motocross. This time period may not be the very beginning of the sport, but marks the period of international recognition after WWII. It ended in the mid-1970s, and is considered to many around the world as one of the greatest eras of the sport. We want to show why this is said.



*Back end of the first lap*

At the beginning of this time period, the machines raced were basic transportation-based models with slight modifications. They were raced over farmland settings with natural challenges. Higher speeds, terrain and off-camber turns provided the main challenges on these tracks that are typical of those used into the early '70s. Our era ends with the advent of specially designed racing machines on specially prepared tracks. The main things consistent during this time period were the amount of suspension travel and the technique used to race these machines on natural tracks.

AHRMA Vintage Motocross is dedicated to preserving these machines, the sights and sounds, the racetracks and the riding techniques, and strategies of this bygone era. Our rules are carefully crafted to make sure these machines will never become obsolete again.



*Chuck Hodson on his BSA*

Sunday morning Dick Mann and crew were out placing the stakes and ribbons for the motocross course. The day was warm and sunny. It was a great day for racing. There were a total of 191 entrants in 14 races with mixed entry and sometimes two lines of riders. Each race had a heat and a main of 5 laps each. The roar of machines started at 9 AM for two sessions of practice, then at 10:00 the racing began!

Chuck was in the 70+ intermediate class, heat race #8, along with the 70+ Experts, 70+ Novice, Premium Experts and the Ladies classes. He lined up near the right side but the traction wasn't real good, so had just an OK start....raced his 5 laps, passing a couple guys...and not allowing anyone to pass him...and came in first! Lots of time to visit and relax before the main and racing again. Chuck remembers the final race: "I moved a little more to the center of the starting line, trying for better traction. The rubber band snapped and we were off. The start was tight with 6 guys in the first turn. In each corner, I could feel someone going deep in the corner with me for a better position, but we never touched. I was wondering if I had gone in deep enough to keep the other rider behind me. After three laps I had to pass one of the women in a turn and down the hill. I think that helped me, putting her between me and the other rider in my class. I tried to plan a good line through the corners to maintain my lead to the win. The track was a lot of fun!"



*Chuck Hodson receiving his medal*

The racing over, we loaded the motorcycle, broke camp and awaited the awards presentation, where Chuck got his First Place medal, and then we headed for home. Race results are in link below:

[http://www.ahrmanw.org/files/8914/4605/1419/Canby\\_MX\\_results\\_2015.pdf](http://www.ahrmanw.org/files/8914/4605/1419/Canby_MX_results_2015.pdf)

AHRMA offers national and regional road racing, motocross, dirt track, cross country and observed trials competition for classic motorcycles. The National webpage is: <http://www.ahrma.org/> The Pacific Northwest regional group- AHRMANW - offers a full series of Vintage Motocross and Trials, sanctioned by AHRMA Their website is: <http://www.ahrmanw.org/>

AHRMA rules and ride classifications can be found at: <http://www.ahrma.org/about/ahrma-rule-book/>



## Two Wheels Around Town

### *International Motorcycle Show*

***Oregon Convention Center, Portland, October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 2nd***

The show included motorcycle displays from all the major manufacturers, helmet art, demo rides, stunt riding, sweepstakes, and vintage motorcycle displays. The vintage display was put on by the Portland chapter of the Vintage Motorcycle Enthusiast Club. The vintage display included bikes owned by OTC members.



*Stunt Rider at International Motorcycle Show*



*Jennifer and Flow at the Show*



*Chuck Hodson's 1964 Triumph TR6 650 cc*



*Nils Olson's 1953 Triumph 37 DeLuxe 350 cc*



*Frank Grimer's 1969 Kawasaki Mach III 500 cc*





## Two Wheels Around Town

### International Motorcycle Show (continued)



Jeff Earle's 1967 Wards Riverside 125 cc



Jeff Earle's 1968 BSA B44 Shooting Star 441 cc



Nils Olson's 1939 Harley-Davidson EL 1000 cc



Doug Earle's 1951 BSA B33 500 cc



Tony Miyamoto's 1965 Honda CB160 160 cc





## Two Wheels Around Town

*Rock Store Cafe, Mulholland Hwy, Malibu Ca  
November 6<sup>th</sup> by Tom Nielsen*

OK, so this has nothing to do with antique bikes, is not local, but is newsworthy. My son Warren was riding his Bonneville with some surfer buddies through the curvy canyons on Mulholland Highway above Malibu and they stopped at the "Rock Shop" to check out all the other bikes. From the café they heard this unbelievable noise. Everyone left the café to see what was making the noise. Up pulls Jay Leno on his jet engine powered motorcycle the Y2K.

Check out this U-tube video on the Y2K:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sM7PK5d2Yug>



*Warren Nielsen, left, with surfer/bike buddies and Jay Leno, in his "Canadian Tuxedo."*



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*Jay Leno's Y2K. Engine is a C18 Allison from a Bell Ranger helicopter. It has 350 HP and 475 foot-pounds of torque. The bike weighs 470 pounds. Construction is all carbon fiber, including the wheels. It is all American made. Jay said: "When you pull in, this shuts the Harley guys right up." The license plate has a LED message that cycles through message: "CAUTION, JET WASH, EXTREME HEAT, KEEP BACK"*

## *Jay Leno's 1936 Harley-Davidson is entirely unrestored*

*This well-used Knucklehead only needed a light tune-up to get back on the road. It's a true survivor.*

We love Jay Leno because he's a true gearhead. Yes, his many, many millions of dollars have enabled him to amass a car collection bigger than some cities' municipal fleets, but all those cars and motorcycles don't just languish in the garage. Jay takes them out and exercises them. And while many of Jay's finest vehicles are exquisitely restored to top spec, the man has a place in his heart for survivors, well-worn machines that wear their age and scars with pride.

Like this 1936 Harley-Davidson Knucklehead. When Jay got it, it hadn't been run since 1952. He left it aside to work on other projects, and when he finally got around to playing with it, all he did was add some gas and it started right up. So he brought it back to riding condition—a flushed crankcase, new tires, re-packed bearings and the like—but he stopped well short of a restoration.

The result: A charming, honest, beautiful bike that doesn't rely on diaper-shined chrome or flawless paint to impress.

By Bob Sorokanich, News Editor, Road & Track

<http://www.roadandtrack.com/culture/entertainment/videos/a25707/jay-lenos-1936-harley-davidson-is-entirely-unrestored/>





## Classified

**Wanted:** Website Manager for our club website. Involves updating activity calendar and photographs. Time commitment about an hour a week. Contact Jen Nielsen at [nielsents@comcast.net](mailto:nielsents@comcast.net) if interested.

**Wanted:** Trailer to carry two motorcycles. Open or enclosed. Approximately 5 to 6 feet wide by 8 to 12 feet long with integral ramp. Contact Tom Nielsen at [nielsents@comcast.net](mailto:nielsents@comcast.net) or 503-522-2124

**Wanted:** For 1980 Harley FLT: Seat mounted handrail (aka sissy bar with side rails), HD PN: 91582-79. Literature on gauges in fairing (fuel, temperature, oil, clock) – no, they are not in service or parts manuals. Contact Tom Nielsen at [nielsents@comcast.net](mailto:nielsents@comcast.net) or 503-522-2124 – THANK YOU !

### Very Puny

Arbitrator: A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.

Avoidable: What a bullfighter tries to do.

Bernadette: The act of torching a mortgage.

Burglarize: What a crook sees with.

Control: A short, ugly inmate.

Counterfeiters: Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.

Eclipse: What an English barber does for a living.

Eyedropper: A clumsy ophthalmologist.

Heroes: What a guy in a boat does.

Left Bank: What the robber did when his bag was full of loot.

Misty: How golfers create divots

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
November 8	<b>LOBOS MC INC Poker Run - Off-Road</b> Hood River , Oregon <b>503-871-5721</b> <a href="mailto:gold2pan@aol.com">gold2pan@aol.com</a>
December 5	<b>Abate / Shriners Toy Run</b> Portland, Oregon <a href="http://www.abatetoyrun.com/">http://www.abatetoyrun.com/</a>
December 12 3 to 6 pm	<b>Christmas Party, OTC AMCA</b> <b>Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres (appetizers)</b> The Drunken Cook, Salem RSVP to Tom Krise (503) 881-1699 <a href="http://www.thedrunkencook.net">http://www.thedrunkencook.net</a>
January 7, 2016 12:00PM Public Preview Jan 6: 9AM – 6 PM	<b>Bonham's Las Vegas Motorcycle Auction</b> Bally's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas Nevada <a href="https://www.bonhams.com/auctions/23131/?department=MOT-CY">https://www.bonhams.com/auctions/23131/?department=MOT-CY</a>

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