



# RAT TALES

Official Newsletter of the  
Cascade Moto Classics, Inc. RAT PACK

FEBRUARY 2012

*Steve McQueen*



## *Steve McQueen Special Edition*

The design is inspired by the classic Triumph Trophy TR6 that McQueen insisted on riding during the famous stunt scene in the movie *The Great Escape*. It features a military style Matte Khaki Green livery, stencil-style Triumph decal on the tank and the actor's signature on the side covers. To confirm the bike's provenance, each machine is individually numbered with a plaque placed on the handlebar clamp, while owners will also receive a certificate of authenticity with their machine.

# T.R.A.P. Report

By Soren Winslow

I hope you have had a good start to 2012 and that the rest of 2012 will be fantastic for everyone.

Thanks to everyone that came out to watch "Dust to Glory" with us for our annual January TRAP Night at the movies. If you haven't seen it, check it out when you get a chance. It was made by Dana Brown, the son of Bruce Brown, who created "On Any Sunday". You can definitely tell that Dana learned a lot from his father. One of the things that I enjoy about our movie nights, especially with movies like "Dust to Glory" and "On Any Sunday" is that while we are sitting around before or after the movie, everyone has story to tell and it is fun to listening and sharing our stories with each other.

As you know in the past we have had two "Trap Night at The Movies" events each year. In October we have our Movies at the Mortuary (Thanks to Brent Carnes for hosting every year) where we (purposely) watch some pretty bad motorcycle themed horror/disaster movies. In January we watch a motorcycle movie at Cascade Moto Classics that will hopefully leave you with some good thoughts of Spring and Summer riding to get us through the bad weather months. Well, we have forgotten one other kind of motorcycle movie and we are taking care of that in March, the late 60's/early 70's biker movie. Our first kick off of our new March TRAP Night at the Movies will be on March 10<sup>th</sup> and we will be watching "The Mini-Skirt Mob". It should be a whole lot of fun.

Also on March 10<sup>th</sup> at noon, Rob Burch, from Motofit Group, LLC, will be having a Ride-Ready Seminar at Cascade Moto Classics, where he will covering pre-ride rituals and covering body positioning. If you are interested in attending, RSVP at Cascade Moto Classics.

While you are at it, RSVP by February 10<sup>th</sup> for our

Annual RAT Appreciation night on February 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Monarch Hotel (12566 SE 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Portland, OR 97015). Doors will open at 7:00 PM. This year instead of the usual dinner, we are doing something entirely different and it promises to be even more fun, a Casino Night. Everyone that attends will get \$1,000 in play money to participate in casino style games. You can then trade in your winnings for prizes.

TRAP TWO, our new women's only extension of TRAP is now underway. They had their first meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> to get input from everyone and decide on their new name. TRAP TWO stands for Triumph Riders Association of Portland – Triumph Women's Organization. They will be meeting after breakfast each month at 11:00 AM at Cascade Moto Classics. TRAP TWO promises to be a great club for all the women in our RAT Pack. Events that they are planning include riding seminars, women's only rides and other social events.

The Events/Calendar page on Rat-Pack.com has been updated to show the current events that are planned so far for this year. Keep your eye on it and our Yahoo email group for updates. If you don't have a profile yet on Rat-Pack.com, go ahead and sign up. If you do have a profile, take advantage of the winter non-riding time and update your profile.

I'm going to go get my profile updated; I'll see you at breakfast and CMC on Saturday mornings.

Until then,  
stay warm  
and dry!  
Soren



## New R.A.T. Pack Members!

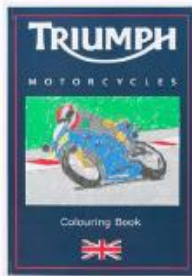
These members have recently purchased their new Triumph motorcycle from our shop!



**Steve Juul - Rocket Roadster**  
**Doug Downie - Bonneville T100**

# What's New @ **CASCADE MOTO** CLASSICS INC.

## Kids Corner



Colouring Book \$9.99



Kids Scoot Bike \$149.99



Flag Sleeper \$19.99



Girls Crayon T \$19.99



Junion Bike \$24.99



GB ZipUp \$



GB Red T-Shirt \$29.99



GB Patch Shirt \$59.99



Flag Bike T-Shirt \$29.99



Ladies Script Flag V \$29.99

# GEAR SALE!

## BUY ANY **TRIUMPH** JACKET

# GET PANTS 50% OFF

IN STOCK ITEMS ONLY - FEBRUARY ONLY





# Generates Many Questions

For 14 years Cascade Moto Classics, Inc. has hosted the Annual R.A.T. Dinner. The night consisted of a picture show, sit down dinner and an awards presentation to show our appreciation to our loyal customers. Throughout the years we tried to make it more exciting by adding joke awards, and even hiring a comedian. This year we have decided to try something new. We wanted to have a night where members could meet and mingle with one another and have a chance to win cool prize packages. Since we announced this there have been some questions that we would like to address. We hope that this helps you decide to join us for this very fun and exciting night with Cascade Moto Classics, Inc. and the Riders Association of Triumph.

## ***WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY BLACKJACK, CRAPS, ROULETTE, POKER, OR BINGO?***

That's the great thing about Casino Night! You don't have to know how to play these games. Maybe you have always wanted to learn but were intimidated at the regular casinos? The dealers of these games know a lot of people are novices and are trained to teach people how to play. They will help you through it.

## ***I DON'T GAMBLE, WHY SHOULD I COME?***

We realize a lot of you do not gamble. Since you are not using your own money, you are not really gambling anything. You will be given \$1000 of play money to play with and at the end of the evening you will trade that in for raffle tickets. The more play money you earn, the more raffle tickets you will receive. Thus the more chances you have to win great prizes. We will have a lot of wonderful items that we have acquired to raffle off, including a leather jacket from Triumph. Even if you decide not to play any of the games, you can exchange your play money in for tickets. We will have many tables set up just so people can sit and play board games, play cards, and visit as well.

## ***CAN ANYONE COME TO THIS EVENT?***

**We encourage anyone** over the age of 18 to come to this event. We love to have friends, family and spouses join in the fun. For anyone that purchased a new motorcycle from us at any time and still owns that motorcycle, the event is free. For all others, there is a \$30 charge.

## ***WHY THE \$30 CHARGE FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T PURCHASE A NEW BIKE FROM CMC?***

Unfortunately hosting one of these events is costly. The \$30 will go for the delicious and varied appetizers, cake, coffee, tea, interactive gaming event, and the chance to win incredible raffle prizes.

## ***I LIVE OUT-OF-TOWN AND THE EVENT IS QUITE FAR AWAY. IS THERE AN AFFORDABLE PLACE TO STAY?***

The Monarch Hotel is offering us a very special deal on the rooms - Only \$79.00 per night. So, come enjoy yourself and spend the night!

**Cascade Moto Classics, Inc. Presents**

**CASINO**

**NIGHT\***



\* This is in lieu of our Annual Rat Dinner.  
We thought it might be a fun change!

Doors Open @ 7:00pm

Sat. February 25th



**MONARCH HOTEL**

12566 SE 93rd Avenue Portland/Clackamas, Oregon 97015  
[www.monarchhotel.cc](http://www.monarchhotel.cc)



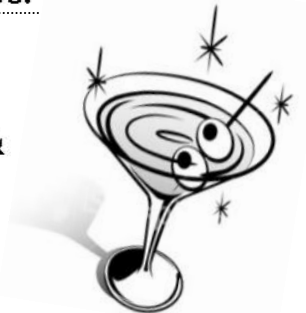
**Blackjack Craps Roulette Texas Hold'em Bingo Raffle Prizes**

**Anyone who owns and originally purchased their  
Triumph motorcycle new from Cascade Moto Classics, Inc.  
is our guest at no charge for the Casino Night.**

All other bike riders, customers, friends, family and interested  
persons are welcome and encouraged to attend for \$30.00.



**Casino Night Entry includes:  
Play Money, Raffle Tickets for great prizes &  
Delicious Hors d'ouvres  
*NO-HOST BAR***



**RSVP REQUIRED:** Please contact Cascade Moto Classics, Inc. 503-574-3353

**RSVP DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 18th**

**Those looking for a Hotel Room can stay at the Monarch Hotel  
for a special rate of only \$79.00/night.**

Mention the event when you book at  
503-652-1515 1-800-492-8700 [info@monarchhotel.cc](mailto:info@monarchhotel.cc)

# ON THE ROAD AGAIN

by Will Ammutt

## Hard Drive

A few old friends were over to visit last weekend. We were standing around in the garage. They wanted to see the resurrected Big Twin. It was cold enough that, after a couple of compliments on its return, we adjourned quickly to the family room. I was asked that same old question, "Well, are you going to ride again?" With my wife staring daggers at me I stumbled through an incredibly vague answer. Our guests picked up on the tension and the discussion moved off of motorcycles and shifted to memorable road trips, not just ordinary day trips, but those requiring many miles to reach a destination. We agreed upon two key trip considerations.

First is the vehicle. Depending on where you are going, the right set of wheels makes the trip more mentally enjoyable. For example a jeep might be the best choice for a trip up the Trask. My trusty station wagon would get hung up within the first quarter mile. I made this comment thinking quietly that the Big Twin would do just fine. A sidelong glance at my wife confirmed that, had I mentioned the bike, the evening would quickly deteriorate. One of our guests reminded us that they take a trip to the east coast every couple of years. Rather than putting the miles on their car, they pay for one of those unlimited mileage deals with a premium-sized rental. In the lap of luxury for very little cost. My sister's family used to rent an RV and drive it to Mexico for a Baja vacation.

Second is the route itself. If the speed is the object, then the super slab is the way to go. I suspect most of you fall into another group, a smaller population for which the journey itself is more important. I can recommend a nifty book that will prime your travel pump if you fit this model; "Blue Highways," by William Least Heat-Moon. Blue highways on paper maps are the smaller, state highways (we're ignoring GPS here). More twisties. After another round robin of favorite trips, our conversation was about to expose an uglier underside.

We began to reminisce about journeys that were, for want of a more accurate description, Bad Trips. We all had a story. As soon as one narrator launched into the pitfalls of college-era beater cars, a Pinocchio effect took hold in each subsequent story. "You think THAT was bad, I once drove my 54 Bel-Air between college in Phoenix and my parent's house. In August. During the day. With bald tires, no spare, and only \$30." Just

like the earlier stories, the new collection broke into two categories; ones about the car and ones about the route.

I told the story of a gonzo road trip from sometime around 1971. My brother Dave and I were racing AMA dirt track in those days. He had made a deal to go and buy a couple of racing bikes down in Marina Del Rey. Please understand that this is MY version of the story. His may be just a little different. Being a salaried, tie-wearing MBA, Dave worked from eight to five. On the other hand I was a swingshift worker bee. The plan was to pick me up after work (midnight) and then share the driving duties from Sunnyvale down to LA. Dave borrowed a van from one of his friends. Now I don't recall much about the purchase or whether we got in some riding afterward. In fact, I don't remember much about the trip back either, but the trip down is vivid to this very day.



This particular van was a basic Dodge cargo model with two front seats, a radio and a tape player. That's all. We had a sleeping bag (or two) to catch forty winks on the floor in back. Fat chance. With no paneling or insulation, we were basically driving to LA inside a base drum. The new I-5 had just opened in California's central valley. We left Sunnyvale, drove down to Gilroy and crossed over Pacheco Pass to Los Banos. In those days, with the highway being so new, there were signs near the intersection of Hwy 152 and I-5 that said things like "Next Gas 1 Zillion Miles." There was nothing, absolutely nothing, along the stretch between Los Banos and Bakersfield. Having been up about 20 hours by this point, and with conversation dwindling, the only thing to see was the occasional set of headlights coming the other way and the only thing to listen to was the tape deck. Bruce Brown's "On Any Sunday" had come out that year and, what with it being a

great movie and all and considering the purpose for the trip, it was a logical choice to bring along. Except for the fact that it was one of only about three tapes in the van. I think one of the others was a Mamas and Papas tape. I did manage to grab an hour or so of sleep but the repeated playing of sound track from "On Any Sunday" still makes my skin crawl if I hear it now. If we hadn't made a stop for gas and a bladder break about halfway down that stretch (at a couple of pumps and a temporary mobile home) I'd have gone nuts. As it was, the ride in that damn van probably damaged my hearing irreparably. To this day, that trip down ranks on the top of my list as the worst road in the worst vehicle at the worst time of day with the worst music ever. Paraphrasing Robert Frost, "Two roads diverged in Gilroy and we took the one less traveled and it nearly drove me crazy."



Hello TRAP Members and welcome to this month's

edition of the MotoFit Minute.

Building on last month's introduction to establishing a pre-ride ritual and the basics about getting relaxed and focused before you ride- I believe the next key to ensure a safe ride is to always "Have A Plan."

Make a conscious effort to think about what you are going to do on your ride. It doesn't matter if you are headed to the supermarket, on a ride with friends, a tour around the World, or a session on a racetrack, always make a plan and know the basic details about your ride.

By practicing rider awareness you will improve your riding experience. Increased rider awareness will expand your attentive focus and help you to be more engaged and present on your ride.

Consider these ride scenarios:

1. Ride to TRAP Breakfast with a friend.
2. Dual Sport ride through Central Oregon.
3. Group ride to the TRAP Casino Night.

The only difference, besides the obvious, is simply what you are focused on. The level of awareness needs to be the same for every scenario because the mechanics of riding are the same. Every ride needs to be handled with the same level of attention in order to manage a positive riding experience.

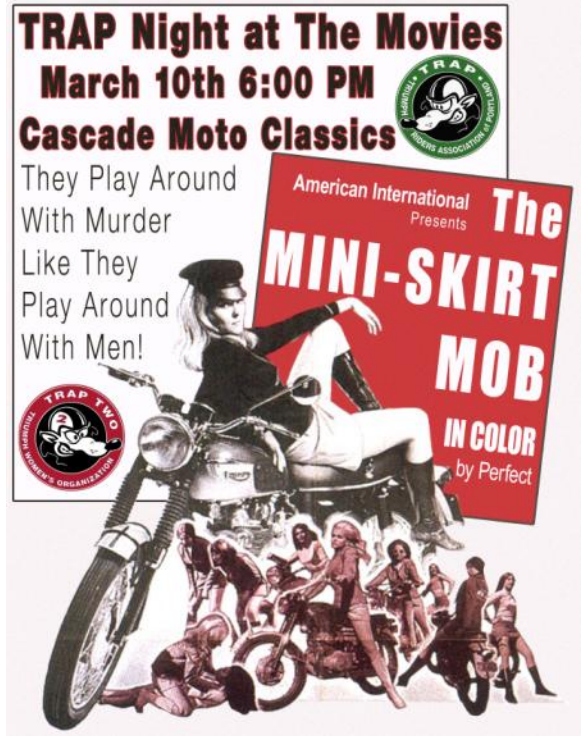
Take an inventory where the busy streets are on your route, side streets, manhole covers, weather conditions, two lane blacktop, etc. When riding in a group, work at communicating a plan with your fellow riders, so everyone is on the same page. Have an impromptu riders meeting and go over lane position expectations and proper passing protocols, etc. Know as much as possible about every aspect of your ride before you take off.

Listen to what your fellow riders share about the roads they are familiar with. What can you say about your favorite roads or destinations that will make a difference for them? Always strive to build your present awareness as a rider. A demand for more awareness only needs to be recognized in order for you to start strengthening the skill no matter where or with whom you ride.



Until next month "more smiles per mile",  
Rob

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# NEW URBAN SPORT GEAR ARRIVING WEEKLY!



Sport Script T-shirt \$29.99

Check out this sweet video from ICON Motosports  
[www.youtube.com/user/iconmotosports](http://www.youtube.com/user/iconmotosports)

Who wants a Triumph Speed Triple 1050 now?



## 2012 Triumph Speed Triple R



MotoGP-developed Öhlins suspension front and rear endows the Speed Triple R with outstanding composure and adjustability to suit a wide range of riding styles and road conditions. Looks fantastic too.



Brembo monobloc callipers come straight from the racetrack and give maximum feel and performance, especially under extreme conditions, with 5% improved braking power over the standard Speed Triple.



Five-spoke forged aluminium wheels from PVM are over 1.7kg lighter than those on the standard Speed Triple, endowing the R with excellent agility as well as sporting good looks.



Also equipped with track-developed Pirelli SuperCorsa SP tires.



The Speed Triple R is dripping with special touches that make this bike stand out from the crowd. New R branded tapered black alloy bars, unique R graphics and the red subframe combine with the iconic gold suspension and monobloc brakes for a stunning new look. Now taking deposits - MSRP starting at \$15,999 - Available March 2012



# TRAP TWO

Are you a woman who:  
Rides a motorcycle?  
Interested in riding a motorcycle?  
Involved through family or friends?

## Join Us!

Our goal is to gather women involved in motorcycle riding together on a monthly basis to:  
Organize day rides, track days, mentor sessions,  
share riding tips and experiences,  
organize non-motorcycle related fun social events,  
and represent Triumph Motorcycles and Cascade Moto Classics, Inc

**We meet the first Saturday of every month at 11:00 AM at Cascade Moto Classics, Inc**

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### Get Yourself Connected



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[groups.yahoo.com/group/Rat-Pack](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Rat-Pack)

Official T.R.A.P. Website  
[www.Rat-Pack.com](http://www.Rat-Pack.com)

Cascade Moto Classics on FaceBook  
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T.R.A.P. on Twitter  
[www.twitter.com/PDXRat](http://www.twitter.com/PDXRat)

**Get Involved!  
Stay Informed!**

# 2012 T.R.A.P. CALENDAR of EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

4th - SATURDAY 9:00 am  
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR\*  
TRAP TWO Meeting 11am CMC  
10th & 11th - FRI. 5pm-12am  
SAT. Noon-10pm *The One Motorcycle Show*  
420 NE 9th Ave PDX  
25th - SATURDAY 7:00 pm  
RAT CASINO NIGHT - Monarch Hotel

## MARCH

3rd - SATURDAY 9:00 am  
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR\*  
TRAP TWO Meeting 11am CMC  
3rd & 4th - SAT. & SUN.  
EuroMoto2012.com Bike Show  
10th - SATURDAY 5:30 pm  
Movie Night @ CMC\*\*  
25th - SUNDAY am  
Back In The Saddle Ride - Meet @ CMC\*\*  
FLYING 15 Season Opener- Kelly's Olympian

## APRIL

7th - SATURDAY 9:00 am  
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR\*  
TRAP TWO Meeting 11am CMC  
29th - SUNDAY 9:00 am  
NW RAT LUNCH - Meet @ CMC\*\*

## MAY

5th - SATURDAY 9:00 am  
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR\*  
TRAP TWO Meeting 11am CMC  
19th - SATURDAY  
Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists Show Ride  
20th - SUNDAY 10:00 am  
TRAP TWO Day Ride Meet @ CMC\*\*  
Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists Bike Show  
& Swap Meet

## JUNE

2nd - SATURDAY 9:00 am  
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR\*  
TRAP TWO Meeting 11am CMC  
1st to 3rd - FRIDAY through SUNDAY  
SEASON OPENER RIDE - Back to Yreka, Ca

## JULY

7th - SATURDAY 9:00 am  
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR\*  
TRAP TWO Meeting 11am CMC  
14th - SATURDAY 12:00 NOON  
Summer Bash Open House @ CMC\*\*  
27th to 29th - FRIDAY through SUNDAY  
SUMMER SCORCHER RIDE - Packwood, Wa

## AUGUST

4th - SATURDAY 9:00 am  
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR\*  
TRAP TWO Meeting 11am CMC  
  
*Always a ton of fun events this month!  
Watch the newsletter for more details!*

## SEPTEMBER

1st - SATURDAY 9:00 am  
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR\*  
TRAP TWO Meeting 11am CMC  
6th to 9th - THURSDAY through SUNDAY  
BAKER CITY RAT RIDE - more details tba

## OCTOBER

6th - SATURDAY 9:00 am  
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR\*  
TRAP TWO Meeting 11am CMC  
20th - SATURDAY 6:30 pm (tentative date)  
MOVIE Night at the MORTUARY  
more details tba

## NOVEMBER

3rd - SATURDAY 9:00 am  
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR\*  
TRAP TWO Meeting 11am CMC

## DECEMBER

1st - SATURDAY 9:00 am  
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR\*  
TRAP TWO Meeting 11am CMC  
22nd - SATURDAY 12:00 NOON  
(tentative date)  
Holiday Open House - more details tba

\*PMR = Peppermill Restaurant - 17455 SW Farmington Rd. Aloha, OR 97007

\*\*CMC = Cascade Moto Classics, Inc. - 13705 SW Farmington Rd. Beaverton, OR 97005



13705 SW Farmington Road

# WINTER SERVICE SPECIAL!

**Free Pickup and Delivery  
of Your Triumph  
For Maintenance Service\***

\*Must be within 25 mile radius from Cascade Moto Classics, Inc.

Phone us for specifics

**Offer Good Until  
February 28, 2012**

Call for your reservation 503-574-3353