



RAT TALES

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

January
2012



Santa & Henry Smith - Holiday Open House 2011

T.R.A.P. Report

By Marty Johnson

As I write this, 2011 is coming to an end and the days begin to get longer as we head through the winter on our way to springtime. Every time I see the year's weather in review it seems we did not have great riding this year; record wet, then record cold followed by more cold than wet! Personally, I cannot remember having freezing fog so many days in a row! In Canby it was 35 out of 40 days for below freezing weather with FOG! I kept telling everyone that, "If I have to scrape ice off of it, I am not riding it no matter how nice the day might have turned out." I'm ready to leave a motorcycle at work so at least I can ride at lunch! How about you? Did the weather cause you not to ride when you wanted too? I can remember the good riding days this last year, but not like the great riding weather we have had in the past! I feel that we are in line for some great riding in 2012.

Soren and I have good things planned for the coming year. As our TRAP Rat Pack continues to grow and expand with new members, so does our need to reach out on a personal level to members new and old. Join us for TRAP breakfasts, kicking tires and telling lies at the shop and Open House events at Cascade Moto Classics, Inc. We are also famous for other fun events including Movie Nights, TRAP Dinners, group rides like Back in the Saddle, All Women's Ride, Season Opener and many others. Check our calendar in every issue of RAT Tales or on the TRAP Club link on the CMC, Inc. website.

Like I said, it looks like a great year ahead! Get your bike in for service and be ready to ride when the weather breaks. Call the shop now for an appointment.

In a previous newsletter I tried to shine some light on one of the fastest growing markets in the

motorcycle world! Yes, WOMEN. We are establishing a monthly "Women of RAT" riders meeting. The club needs more involvement from everyone. Whether you ride your own, on the back of someone else's motorcycle, or don't ride at all but are involved in the club, THIS IS FOR YOU! Please join us on January 14th for the first meeting at CMC, Inc! Our aim is to have more women involved and have fun with this huge family we call Triumph Riders Assoc. of Portland!

Over the years that I have been involved with this TRAP club, I've met many and continue to meet new people that love our sport. I can call each and every one of you a friend. The friendships grown early on have developed into relationships that will last way beyond my motorcycle riding days and I'd like to thank each and every one of you in this club for that.

As we move forward into 2012, it is my hope that more of you new and current and members, and those who have been here from the start, will find a way to get more involved with this club. This is YOUR CLUB. Volunteer. Join in with whatever events you like. Again, this is your club, make it what you want. The more you put into it, the more you'll get out of it! I, for one, cannot wait for it to warm up a bit, dry out a little and allow me and my motorcycling friends to get out and do what we do best! Ride, Ride and Ride Often!

I hope you all had a great Holiday Season and that you look forward to the New Year ahead as much as I do! Happy New Year to you all!

Bye for now & Be safe,
Marty



New R.A.T. Pack Members!

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



David Sicotte - Bonne T100

Justin Boly - Daytona 675R

Mac & Harriett MacDonald - Thunderbird

Leo Miranda - Daytona 675R

Kent Cline - Thruxton

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



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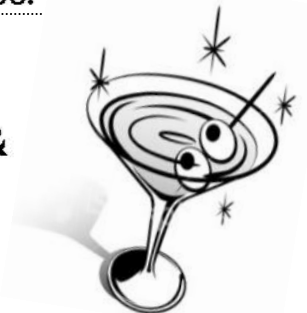
Blackjack Craps Roulette Texas Hold'em Bingo Raffle Prizes

**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.



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**Play Money, Raffle Tickets for great prizes &
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RSVP DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 10th

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Mention the event when you book at
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ON THE ROAD AGAIN by Will Ammutt

Winter is a dangerous time for me to be writing. When I don't have a host of riding adventures to fuel my stories, I end up stating an opinion or two. Perhaps I've written about this subject before. Being that I am now in the Social Security age bracket, my memory sometimes fades. Often times. What was I saying? Oh yeah, I wanted to state a personal opinion about the various motorcycle championship series.

I would suppose that most of the readers of this little newsletter follow racing of some sort. Maybe it is World Superbike or MotoGP or perhaps you prefer AMA Pro Roadracing or AMA Supermoto, even FIM Motocross. Maybe you follow them all. I see one or another of them occasionally on TV but, if my life depended on it (which, thankfully, it doesn't), I wouldn't be able to tell you who are the top riders in any of them.

There was a time in motor racing that skill was measured by a pilot's ability to skillfully wring the most out of his machine. Coincidentally, the machines being raced at that time were not as mechanically sound or safe as they are now. At one time in the not so distant past, motorcycle and automobile racers competed in multiple types of events with different machines. Need an example? How about Joe Leonard. Leonard won three AMA championships including the first of the series in 1954 at age 22. He retired from motorcycle racing in 1962 and began racing cars, winning the USAC Championship in 1971 and 1972. Those days are gone, long gone. Drivers and riders in many series these days are very highly compensated and their sponsors don't especially want them to risk their neck (or the sponsor's investment) doing something else. But I digress.

My opinion, for what little it is worth, is that we fans have lost something in the intervening years. While I know little of the history of European motorcycle racing, there was a time that I followed the premier American series very closely. That series was the chase for the AMA Championship. Now it is a little more difficult to name the #1 rider because of all the different AMA series.

Up until the 1985 season, to be the American Motorcycle Association (AMA) Grand National Champion and carry the #1 plate, you had to race in five different disciplines; mile, half-mile, short track, TT (aka Steeplechase), and road-racing. During that period the top riders were very fast at any venue. Once they separated the asphalt from the dirt track and later split the big ovals from TT and the small ovals, the "jack-of-all-trades" requirement was gone.



If you want to read more about this exciting window of racing history, get yourself a copy of Joe Scalzo's book, "Grand National, America's Golden Age of Motorcycle Racing". "Grand National" is written from the perspective of a war between the American and the Brit bikes, between Harley and the legion of vertical English singles and twins like Matchless, BSA and (of course) Triumph. The guys riding the British iron (referred to in the book as Lime Juicers) are cast as the underdogs. The Harley guys are the men in black. Scalzo, while giving them credit for their many National Championships, frequently highlights the fact that the Milwaukee team was often its own worst enemy, a circumstance brought on by the factory's

insistence that there was no favored tuner or rider. As a result, Hog pilots competed as hard against other members of the factory team as they did against the independents and the challengers.

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Why did I like this book so much? I was there. I saw AMA National events at the San Jose Fairgrounds and at Ascot Park in Los Angeles. Every one of them was close, with many lead changes starting with the heat races and progressing through the semis and the main events. I saw Kenny Roberts race when he was a Junior Class rider. I saw Don Emde, Gary Nixon, Dick Mann, Gary Scott, Mert Lawill, and a bunch more guys mentioned in this book. Although I never raced against any of them (remember, I was just a "Sportsman" novice, and not a very good one at that), I raced on the tracks that they did including Fremont, Lodi, Hayward, Salinas, Hollister, Ascot and the Sacramento Mile. This is a terrific book with loads of insight into factory strategies, rider personalities, and is a page-turner that you will have difficulty putting down.

So, if you find yourself bored with the video games you got for Christmas and you want to get a peek into the world that gave you "On Any Sunday," go order a copy of this book. The story is engrossing and the photos are fantastic. Hey, it's winter anyway and it's awfully cold and wet out there to be riding every day. But that's just my opinion.



Hello this is Rob with MotoFit Group for the MotoFit Minute.

Cascade Moto Classics, Inc. was kind enough to offer running a MotoFit Rider Training Column here in RAT TALES. Needless to say, I'm very excited about more opportunity to get the word out about what it means to "Ride Ready" to my riding family of ten years. I can be reached at

rob@motofitgroup.com any time regarding riding or this column.

Here we go:

We keep our bikes tuned up to ensure safe reliable performance. So... what can we easily do to keep ourselves tuned in to perform at our best while riding? The answer can be easily integrated into what I like to call your "Pre-Ride Ritual" in three easy steps.

1) **STRETCH** - Simply put your arms over your head and reach for the sky - Hold for 5 seconds. Now bend over and try to touch your toes - Hold for 5 seconds. This not only loosens you up, it really gets the blood circulating and lubricates your joints. Stretching before riding will always enable you be more comfortable while riding.

2) **HEAD ROLL** - Rolling your head around your shoulders helps loosen your neck for easier head movements and physical awareness. This simple exercise also helps clear your mind to better focus your attention on riding where you are headed, road conditions, traffic, your attention becomes more centered on the what you are about to be engaged in.

3) **TAKE A DEEP BREATH** - Breathing fresh air is a very good thing to calm the senses. We all love the wind in our face, so take a deep breath (like so) IN through your nose and completely fill your lungs. Hold for a couple seconds then blow it all the way OUT through your mouth until your lungs almost collapse. Starting with fresh air in your lungs helps you to relax with a clear head. See the pattern?

These basic steps that literally take about 30 seconds will give you more comfort and clarity and ultimately make your riding experience more interactive and enjoyable.

"More smiles per mile,"

Rob Burch
Motofit Group LLC.
www.motofitgroup.com

We would like to invite all who are interested to our first "WOMEN OF RAT" riders meeting
SAT., JANUARY 14th 4:00pm at Cascade Moto Classics, Inc.

(you can stay and join us for the movie night later if you wish!)



GOALS:

*To gather women involved in riding motorcycles
together on a monthly basis*

To organize day rides, track days, mentor sessions

To share riding tips & experiences

To organize non-motorcycle related fun social events

To represent Triumph Motorcycles and Cascade Moto Classics, Inc.

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**TRAP Night
at the Movies**



**DUST
TO GLORY**

A Film By Dana Brown



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**Cascade Moto Classics, Inc.
January 14, 2012 5:30pm**

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**Get Involved!
Stay Informed!**

Holiday Open House 2011

Top Right - Olivia giving lil' Henry a ride
on the bike game

Right Middle - Guitarist
Dennis Moss

Bottom Right - Elf Liz wishing everyone a
"Happy New Year!"

Bottom Left - Jim & Henry Smith by
motorcycle Christmas Tree





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

JANUARY



- 7th - SATURDAY 9:00 am
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR*
- 14th - SATURDAY 4:00 pm
Women of RAT Meeting @ CMC**
- 14th - SATURDAY 5:30 pm
Movie Night @ CMC **

FEBRUARY



- 4th - SATURDAY 9:00 am
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR*
- 25th - SATURDAY 7:00 pm
RAT CASINO NIGHT - Monarch Hotel
*This is in lieu of our Annual Rat Dinner.
We thought it might be fun for a change!*



MARCH



- 3rd - SATURDAY 9:00 am
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR*
- 10th - SATURDAY 5:30 pm
Movie Night @ CMC**
- 25th - SUNDAY am
Back In The Saddle Ride - Meet @ CMC**

APRIL



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



MAY



- 5th - SATURDAY 9:00 am
R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR*
- 20th - SUNDAY 10:00 am
Women of RAT Ladies Ride
Meet @ CMC**

JUNE



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

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

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

JULY



7th - SATURDAY 9:00 am

R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR*

14th - SATURDAY 12:00 NOON (tentative date)

Summer Bash Open House @ CMC**

27th to 29th - FRIDAY through SUNDAY

SUMMER SCORCHER RIDE - more info tba
Packwood, Wa

AUGUST



4th - SATURDAY 9:00 am

R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR*

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*

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*

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*

DECEMBER



1st - SATURDAY 9:00 am

R.A.T. Breakfast Meeting @ PMR*

22nd - SATURDAY 12:00 NOON (tentative date)

Holiday Open House - more details tba



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