



RAT TALES

Triumph Riders Association of Portland

THE LARGEST AND MOST ACTIVE R.A.T. PACK IN THE UNITED STATES

By Lee Holzhey, Pack Leader

As I rolled up to the corner, an older gentleman was hurrying down the side of the road away from me, talking on his cell phone. Several cars were stopped just beyond him. Unfortunately, he was not rushing to see what the cars were stopped for – he knew. He was calling for an ambulance because a motorcycle had just tumbled head over heels into a corner guard rail, preceded by the rider. Pieces of plastic and metal were scattered about the pavement.

As I approached the rider, lying on his back next to his bike, his friends were there to comfort him. He was alert, but in pain. Not the least of which was being caused by the blackberry vines that were entangled in his pants! Within 5 minutes, three sheriffs and a paramedic were on the scene going through their routine of caring for the rider and checking him over. The ambulance arrived, and I was merely in the way, so I resumed my ride to Detroit Lake catching up with the rest of my group waiting for me in Estacada.

Last Sunday we had 3 riders go down on our ride to Detroit Lake. In the case above, after several x-rays and CT scans, the hospital found nothing broken. But it was a painful, not to mention expensive, tour of the local hospital for a day or two. The other incidents were at slow speed causing no damage to the riders, but did cause damage to the rider's wallets!



Throughout my motorcycling life, I have learned different things about riding from different people: look through the corner, trail braking, counter-steering, etc, etc, etc. But the most important thing I have learned is, RIDE AT YOUR OWN

**Even experienced riders
can push the envelope
just a little too much.**

PACE! Mike Gray harped on about this at all of our Triumph events when he was President, and I have tried to carry on his wise tradition. When you are riding in a group do not try and keep up with others who are riding faster than you are comfortable with. If you are holding up

other riders, it's their responsibility to pass you safely. Sure, you can be courteous and let them by if you want to, but don't be so absorbed with watching them in your mirrors that you don't watch where YOU are going. Riding just a little bit faster than you are normally accustomed to can get you into a corner just that little bit faster than you feel good about, and THEN what happens? Do you push the bars that little bit harder and lean over a bit more than you ever have before and make the

corner? Do you panic and stab at the brakes? Do you stand the bike up and hope to stop before you hit the edge of the road? And exactly how long do you have to make this decision? Just about as long as it took me to put the period on this sentence, that's how long.

This applies to everyone. Yes, this means you! Not just new or inexperienced riders. Even fast and talented riders, can push the envelope just that little bit to much trying to keep up with someone who is just a bit better than them. So, whether you are a rider with 2 months experience, or 20 years experience, please ride at the pace that YOU feel comfortable with. Check your ego at the beginning of the ride, and accept the fact that no matter who you are, there is always someone that is going to be a faster or better rider than you. If you are trying to keep up with them, it can be a recipe for disaster.

Please, ride safe everyone.

Lee





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Triumph Riders Association of Portland
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- Corey FosterBlack Bonneville
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- Alden "Dwan" MullerRocket Classic
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T.R.A.P. Calendar Rides, Events, Fun!



Sept 2nd – Breakfast Meeting

9:00am - Peppermill Restaurant,
17455 SW Farmington Rd., Beaverton
At the back of the shopping center on the northeast side. Come and enjoy a good breakfast and some great people!

Sept 7-10 – Annual Baker City Run

A ride across Oregon to historic Baker City. Members meet in Baker City after riding there on their own.
Thursday, September 7th: Baker City, evening-a meet & greet with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
Friday, September 8th: Rides
Saturday, September 9th: Rides and Dinner
Sunday, September 10th: Ride home
The central location is the Best Western Sunridge Inn in Baker City. A block of hotel rooms have been set aside for us under the name "Triumph Club". Reserve your hotel rooms now: Telephone number is 541-523-6444. The \$50.00/person fee for this RAT event includes a T-shirt, the hors d'oeuvres, and dinner Saturday night. Registration, and fee payments may be made at Cascade Moto Classics. Questions? Contact Janice or Liz at Cascade Moto Classics, or Lee Holzhey
< See **Contact Information** to the left.

Oct 7 – Breakfast Meeting

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Nov 4 – Breakfast Meeting

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CLASSIC TRIUMPH SCRAMBLER T-SHIRT

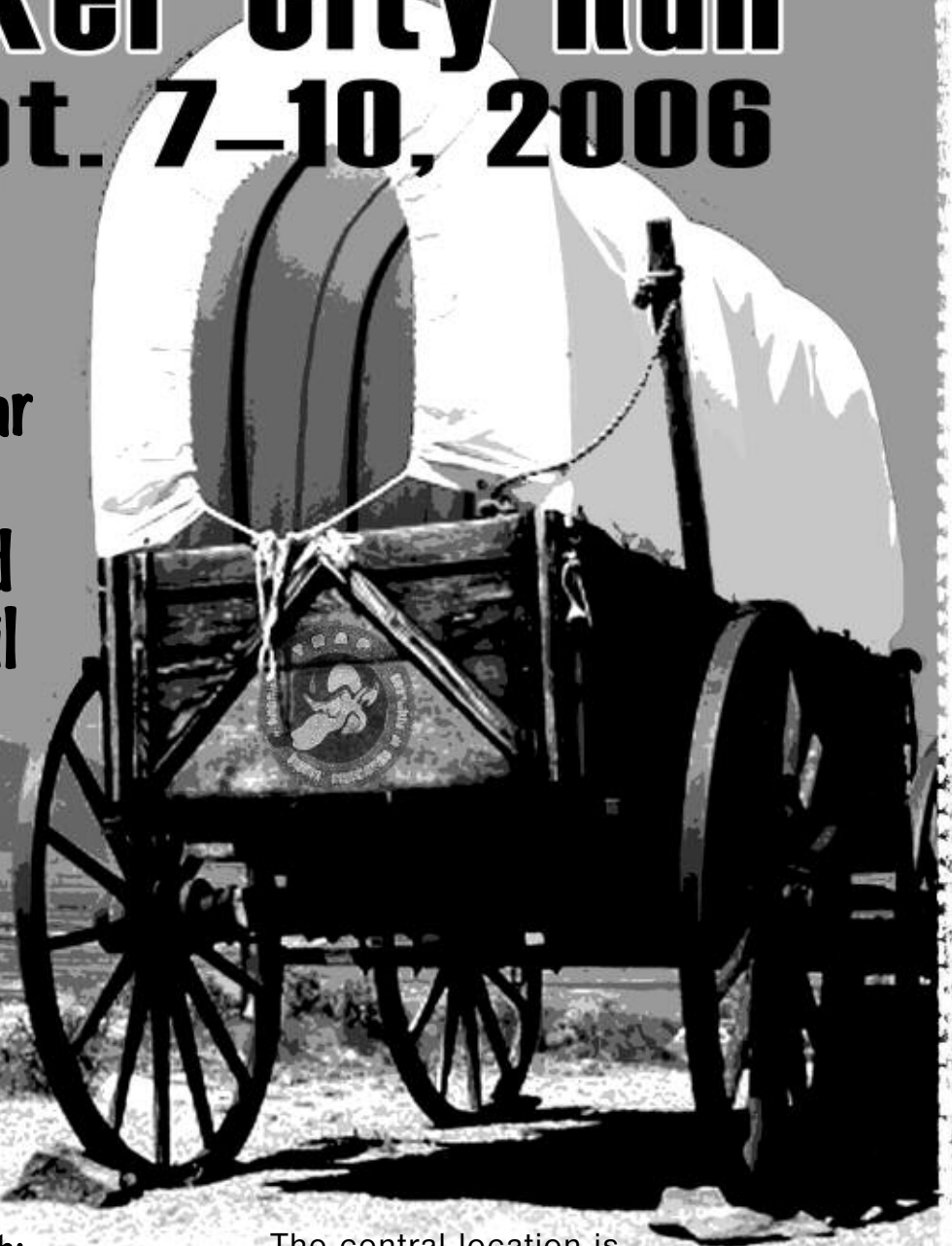


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At Cascade Moto Classics

Triumph Riders Association Of Portland
Baker City Run
Sept. 7-10, 2006

**A Great
Weekend
of Rides Near
Baker City
and The Old
Oregon Trail**



Thursday, September 7th:
Baker City, evening - A Meet & Greet
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Detroit Lake National Day Ride

By Janice McCarthy, Photos by Lee Holzhey



The weather was perfect on Sunday, August 13th for the Detroit Lake Poker Run. Around eighty people registered for the event, and received their first card at Cascade Moto Classics, Inc. Groups soon left for the morning ride to Detroit Lake. After a scenic ride, they arrived in Detroit Lake to find Kelly with his camper parked under a British flag and an American flag. Kelly issued the second card in the poker hand.

The Barbeque was planned for 5:30-6:00 PM so there was plenty of time to enjoy the beautiful scenery at Detroit Lake or take an extended route back. Once back at the shop, riders were treated to Buster's Barbeque catered by Cascade Moto Classics, Inc. On the menu were beef brisket, chicken, ribs, beans, cole slaw, chips and bread. Dessert consisted of brownies and ice cream.

Following the dinner, Lee Holzhey, Pack Leader, drew five more cards. Rider's were able to use the two cards they had collected from the ride and choose 3 additional cards from the ones Lee had pulled or just use the 5 cards he had pulled to make the best poker hand possible. Two people tied for the top hand and each drew a card with the high card breaking the tie. Jay Herber went home with the 1st prize - a Triumph watch (\$270 value), Jon Moseley the 2nd prize - a free rear tire, and Gary Luke took home the third prize of a Battery Tender.

With the exception of a few mishaps as described by Lee Holzhey in his opening article, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We had several people attend the event who do not have Triumphs and commented on the friendly, welcoming way the Triumph riders treated them - way to go RATS!!



Triumphs In The Movies:

Real "Great Escape" Hero Dies at 102



Royal Air Force squadron leader Eric Foster, who as a POW in Nazi Germany confounded his captors by escaping seven times, died March 26, 2006, at his home in Gloucestershire, England. He was 102 years old.

Shot down in 1940 during World War II, Foster doggedly tried to get back into the war for the next four years but was recaptured after each of his escapes. The 1963 film *The Great Escape* was based on the book by Australian World War II pilot and novelist Paul Brickhill and featured a character whose daring exploits closely mirrored Foster's. The film, however, portrayed the POW as an American pilot played by Steve McQueen. Since the historical "Great Escape" was a nearly all-British affair, the people of Great Britain strongly criticized the choice of a Yank to play the leading character.

Despite the controversy, McQueen's outstanding performance (at the time, he was Hollywood's reigning "King of Cool") seems a fitting and lasting tribute to Foster's heroic wartime exploits.

(Armchair General Magazine, Sept. 2006)

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Cambria Rally 2006

By Bob Greene (AKA PDXBONNIE)

Picture a nice swift cruise through Central California wine country on your beloved Bonneville. Picture blue skies, and smooth, twisty asphalt with turns that make you feel you are a b-b inside in a bowl.

Then you enjoy a great lunch in a country diner on the San Andreas fault, and a stop at the infamous intersection to check out the James Dean memorial. After riding a couple of hours you pull back into Cambria, a small coastal town best known as the home of San Simeon, the Hearst Castle.

Now imagine you and almost 40 other Bonneville, Thruxtons, and a few others doing this together. This was the heart of the 4th Annual, 2006 Cambria Bonneville Rally held in Cambria, California the first weekend of August.

It started as a plan between NorCal and SoCal Bonneville members of the New Triumph Bonneville Forum as a place to get the two groups together to ride, party, lie and share a few great meals with a bunch of like minds. In other words, it was lots of fun.

We had 2 very special guests in attendance. Matt Capri, owner of South Bay Triumph/British customs.com, and Clement Salvadori, international motorcycle journalist and writer for Rider Magazine.

Matt holds speed records at the Bonneville Salt Flats, including one at 198 mph. He announced that he is working on sponsoring a Triumph week at Bonneville, Utah in October, 2007. More will be available on that as details are announced. What a fantastic place that would be for a Bonnie destination! Hopefully this will also turn into a national Bonneville meeting.

He brought along his personal 'street tracker' Bonneville. A highly customized, \$35,000, 7 month project. It is 1150cc of screaming bike



that is streetable. To prove that, he took it on the Saturday ride. Then he performed a major burnout for the crowd that night after destroying the competition in the Bark-Off.

Clement Salvadori has a special place in the heart of Bonneville riders. After being sent to the East Coast to ride and do an article on the Bonneville a couple of years ago, he came home and bought one! Is that an endorsement or what? He rode with us and stayed for the Saturday night party. He is a great guy, and a true man of the world

motorcycle scene.

If you are a Bonnie or Thruxton rider, and want to go on a very memorable ride, think about Cambria next year. I know I'll be there.

Forum URL - http://forums.delphiforums.com/n/main.asp?webtag=New_Bonneville&nav=start&prettyurl=%2FNew%5FBonneville or just go to forums.delphiforums.com, search for New Triumph Bonneville, and enter as a guest.



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Monthly T.R.A.P. Breakfast Meetings

First Saturday Of Each Month

9:00am

Peppermill Restaurant

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This is the official gathering of Triumph owners each month. Plan to arrive a little early, admire the bikes in the parking lot and chat with fellow owners. The no-host buffet breakfast starts promptly at 9:00 AM, and even with all of the talk we are always done by 10:00 AM. Just in time for Cascade Moto Classics to open, so many (most) of us head over there to admire the new Triumphs, talk bikes and enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts. When the weather is nice we frequently have day rides leaving from the dealership. Have a friend who rides but doesn't own a Triumph? Invite them to join you. They are sure to catch the Triumph bug. The Peppermill Restaurant is at the back of the shopping center on the northeast side. And, they serve a great breakfast. You won't leave hungry!

More Info: www.rat-pack.com

