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July 2017 - UMCI International, Myers Flat, California

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January Birthdays



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18-Jerry Roberts

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28-Nancy Attebury



December 2016 Rep's Ramblings

So, with this report we put a wrap on the end of 2016!!!
Wow it really went fast.

This ends my first year as your State Rep and overall I would say it was a pretty good year. We had a good summer of riding, but not so much at the end of the year. My total mileage was way down this year.

We also successfully hosted the International Rally. Thanks again to all the Oregon members who assisted and participated. Preparing for the Rally took time away from my visiting other chapters, which also contributed to my low mileage this year. Last year I logged 3,600 miles, just visiting the various chapters. Since the International was local, this year, I didn't get in my typical extended ride to and from.

We lost a couple members, but also gained a few. With a minor update of the roster, we end to year with 140 members for Oregon that I know of.

I want to thank all our local Reps for doing their part to support the club. Thanks Jerry, Rick, Lyn, Dick, Floyd, Ed, Dennis & Bernice, Zack, Chris & Eva, and Jim.

Minor Changes

I noted in the Milwaukie report, the former Oregon City and Milwaukie Chapters will now be known as **Metro South**. We will continue to meet for breakfast on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays, at the Wichita Grill in Oregon City. The regular meeting time will remain at 8:00 am with early arrival for breakfast at 7:00.

Oregon Web Site

www.orumci.weebly.com

As I mentioned last month, David has volunteered to maintain our [Oregon Web Page](#). Thanks so much David!!! I coordinated with Daniel Magee to get David setup as administrator, so look for updates...

For all newsletter information, or Web postings, please submit to David by the **20th of each month**. David's contact info is:

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SparkPlugEditor@gmail.com

Thanks so very much David!!!

Newsletter Subscriptions: Repeat from last month

Speaking of the Newsletter, Sandy, Zack & I have discussed

our practice of charging \$5.00 for email, and \$15 for snail mail. Since we do not have any direct cost for email distribution, we will no longer charge for that service. We will, however, continue the \$15 charge for snail mail...

We will, however, graciously accept any voluntary donations for the club. If you are making a donation, please indicate that on the form, and thank you in advance!

For all financial transactions please send to Sandy at:

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For anyone wishing to receive the newsletter my regular (snail mail, aka pony express) please fill-out the Subscription form and send with \$15.00 to Sandy Neuburger. I note there is also an option to make a donation to the club.

If you have already paid this year, or have a currently valid subscription you do not need to do anything at this time. Your prescription will run its normal valid (1 year) period.

The attached form also will serve as a member registration form, which can be used to inform us of any changes in address, or contact information. I would actually encourage everyone to fill out the form, just so I can double check and update the membership list.

Membership

Last month I was pondering our challenge in attracting new members, especially younger ones. While not a new idea, one idea is to remove Over 40 limitation for membership. We discussed this 2 years ago at the International at Dawson Creek, but only got approval to create the Associate Member category.

So, after some local conversations, one idea is to simply remove the "Over 40" from our Logo. This is a small step, but I, and apparently some others, believe it is time to consider such changes.

I can only assume a younger rider might be put-off by the "Over 40", since it is on our logo and all our literature. It certainly doesn't do anything to encourage younger members, when we tell them you have to be 40 to be recognized as a legitimate person.

I know for myself, I didn't join until I was 48. But I'm not sure I would have considered joining younger than 40, knowing I wouldn't actually be a full member.

I was introduced to UMCI by Bud Spor. I had known he was a Retread, but never even thought about joining back then. And, I didn't actually know about the creation of UMCI until a few years later.

I note that my joining was not intentional, it just kinda happened. Mary (sister) and I were planning a bike trip with Bud. We had a route laid out which happened to go near Burns. Phil Spor lived in Princeton at that time, and we were planning to visit him, on our way south into Nevada, etc. Bud mentioned that there was a UMCI rally in Burns, so we added it to the front of our schedule as the first stop. We enjoyed the rally and friendly folks very much, and we both signed-up there. But, I'm not sure if I would have been as interested in joining had my first intro to the club was at a breakfast meeting?

I was not part of the switch from Retreads to UMCI, but looking back, I can somewhat understand the thought process for 40+. It continued the concept from the Retreads, and I am assuming a majority of the original members where in their 40s to 50s. Many, like Bud, were veterans of WWII or the Korean War and very much into organized group activities. So there was a lot of commonality in addition to interest in motorcycles. But now, while I really don't know the exact number, I can guess that our member average age is well into the 60 range.

Removing the "Over 40" from the Logo, could be done and still leave the current two membership categories in place (Full & Associate). This however, will take an amendment to the By-Laws, at least for Oregon, and probably International also. Since Oregon is chartered under the International organization, I assume we would need International approval to make the change.

I'm certainly not opposed to removing the 40 limit all together, I'm just thinking small steps might be easier to get approved and adjust to incrementally over time.

So, I am starting the discussion, hopefully to be brought up at the International in Myers Flat next summer. Let me know what you think...

The New Year

So, we are about to start another new year. 2017 is just around the corner. This also completes the 30th year of the Club. So now we begin the next 30 years...

My intent for 2017 is to once again ride the circuit visiting our various chapters. Hope to see Ya'll out an about...

A friend of mine once said life is about creating memories. I like that concept.

For sure many of us have a multitude of memories created by past club events and rides. While memories are great, we also have a tendency to reminisce or even lament about the past, and maybe a little too much. While reminiscing is not a bad thing, we all need to recognize that the past is the past, and that is where it belongs.

This is particularly important when considering our efforts to attract new members. I suspect, that while a few stories might be interesting, potential new members are more likely to be interested in what comes next. So we need to think in this context.

My point is, not to forget the past, but I strongly encourage each and every one of us to start focusing on creating the next 30 years of memories. Hopefully, we can co-create them with some new younger members!!!

That's it for now. I sign-off for 2016 and wishing everyone:

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

December 2016 Milwaukie News – Ben Altman

November 26: The Portland breakfast always falls the weekend after the deadline for the Newsletter, so my report is always old news. Anyway, this month the 4th Saturday fell the weekend following Thanksgiving. It was a dark, damp, cold and foggy morning, so obviously it was a cager day.

As it turns out, while still cool, the fog cleared about Oregon City, so it wouldn't have been a bad ride. But, at that point, I certainly wasn't going to turn around and go back to get the bike. There were 7 hungry members present, not bad for a holiday weekend. We shared about our various Thanksgiving meals, etc. But there were not enough of us for 50/50.

Club Chapter Name? I took this opportunity to raise a question about the Portland Area clubs, which currently include: Milwaukie, Oregon City and Portland. These clubs were originally established as separate chapters with different members. However, over the years the membership has shrunk, and for all practical purposes is the same for all three chapters. Therefore it is my suggestion that we re-name these chapters to one consolidated Metro Chapter. That would be the only change, we will maintain the same three Saturday breakfasts at their current locations. Since there were only 7 present, this conversation was continued to the next breakfast or two, to get input from everyone.

December 3: For a change of pace, CZ & I drove over to the north coast breakfast. There were 13 present. Nice visit, good food!

December 10: Milwaukie breakfast –The early morning started out wet, cold and foggie, so do I have to mention the C word? Needless to say the bike stayed dry in garage. Small turnout this morning, only 7 of us. Later we actually got a little bit of sun mixed in with some rain showers. Much better than the snow and ice of this past Thursday.

There seemed to have been some confusion about the start times for our breakfast meetings. I wasn't sure where the confusion came from, until I realized that Bill H. had changed the meeting time for the first Saturday from 8:00 to 8:30. Guess some read the newsletter, but apparently not all of us, like me, well at least not all of it.

So, to clear things up, we are re-setting the meeting time posted in the Newsletter to 8:00 for both 1st and 2nd Saturdays at the Wichita Grill. As with tradition, we typically ar-

rive for breakfast at 7:00. CZ will continue to arrive earlier and snooze in the parking lot until the rest of use arrive.

Also and Name Change: Historically the metro area chapters (Milwaukie and Oregon City) were organized as separate groups, each with fairly large memberships. But since, we have now shrunk and essentially now consist of a much smaller group of the same people that meet a couple of times a month. In addition we no longer have area Reps that actually live in either city. Consequently, we are re-naming the chapter to **Metro South**. So, I guess, by default, I am the Metro South Rep.

We will retain the Portland Chapter (4th Saturday), at least for now, even though that group is essentially the same members also. Jerry Broaddus continues as the local Rep.

December 17: Well, due to cold, crappy weather, including snow & ice, the Portland Area Christmas Lunch was Canceled. Not a great way to end the years.

Next up, Portland breakfast 4th Saturday, and the...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

December 11 Roseburg Meeting

We had 16 present even though the weather wasn't very pleasant. None of us have been doing very much riding because of the cold damp weather. Looking forward to warmer days. We still need to keep Virgil and Carol Williams in our thoughts and prayers. We had three 50-50 pots. Archie won the big one with Max Bowman and Zach winning the smaller drawings. We wish everyone a safe and prosperous New Year. Keep those two wheels between the ditches and your knees in the breeze.

Gary & Lyn

Chapter Breakfast Meetings - Come Early!

<p>1st Saturday Metro South (Oregon City) 8:30 AM <u>Wichita Bar & Grill</u> 19140 Molalla Ave., Oregon City <i>Bill & Julie Harney Ph: 503-651-1243 cell 503-473-9260</i> 1111 SE 3rd St. Apt. 3, Canby, OR 97013 Fax: 503-651-1247</p> <p>1st Saturday Grants Pass/Medford 8:30 AM <u>The Black Forest Restaurant</u> 820 NE "E" St., Grants Pass <i>Rick Foley cell: 541-916-2506</i> ← New # P.O. Box 2497, Grants Pass, OR 97528 rick1foley@gmail.com</p> <p>3st Tuesday Portland Widow's Chapter 1:00 PM <u>Applebees's</u> 10172 SE 82nd St., Happy Valley Ph: 503-775-7770 <i>Lyn McCabe 503-351-7009 lbrenna3068@gmail.com</i></p> <p>2nd Saturday Bend 9:00 AM <u>Black Bear Diner</u> Bend, OR</p> <p>2nd Saturday Metro South (Milwaukie) 8:00 AM <u>The Wichita Grill</u> 19140 Mollala Ave., Oregon City <i>Ben Altman 29515 SW Serenity Way Apt D</i> Wilsonville, OR 97070 Ph: 541-993-9015 Email: ben.altman47@gmail.com</p> <p>2nd Saturday Seattle/ Puget Sound Area 8:00 AM <u>Denny's</u> 132 128th St SW Everett, WA <i>Irene Blanes 206-805-2122</i></p> <p>2nd Saturday LA Grande 8:00 AM <u>Denny's</u> Exit 261 off I-84 in LA Grande No host</p> <p>3rd Saturday Lebanon 9:00 AM <u>Korner Kitchen</u> 940 Main St. <i>Floyd McMillin Ph: 541-990-5304</i> PO Box 812, Lebanon, OR 97355 1mcmillin@rtinet.com</p>	<p>3rd Saturday Hermiston 8:30 AM <u>Pheasant Café & Lounge</u> 149 E. Main St., Hermiston <i>Ed & Grace Baker Ph: 541-989-8347</i> PO Box 141, Heppner, OR 97836</p> <p>4th Saturday Portland 8:00 AM <u>Elmers</u> 102nd & Sandy, Portland <i>Jerry & Navada Broaddus Ph: 503-975-3580</i> 10235 N. Allegheny Ave., Portland, OR 97203</p> <p>1st Sunday Mid Columbia 9:00 AM <u>Ranch Drive In</u> 1950 12th St., Hood River <i>John & Hazel Dougherty Ph: 541-399-6172</i> Goldendale, WA</p> <p>2nd Sunday Roseburg 9:30 AM <u>Abbys</u> 1011 W. Central Sutherlin <i>Zack Hoffman 401 Grape Ave. Ph: 541-430-3568</i> Winston, OR 97496 zhoffman3478@msn.com</p> <p>4th Sunday Coos Bay 9:00 AM <u>Kozy Kitchen</u> Myrtle Point <i>Chris & Eva Williams PH: 541-404-5286 721</i> 7th St., Myrtle Point, OR 97458 cwilliams88ci@yahoo.com</p> <p>3rd Thursday North Coast 11:30 AM <u>Great Wall of China</u>, Gearhart No host</p> <p>Burns 9:00 AM <i>Jim & Zelly Campbell Ph: 541-573-7607</i> PO Box 1010, Hines, OR 97738</p>
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