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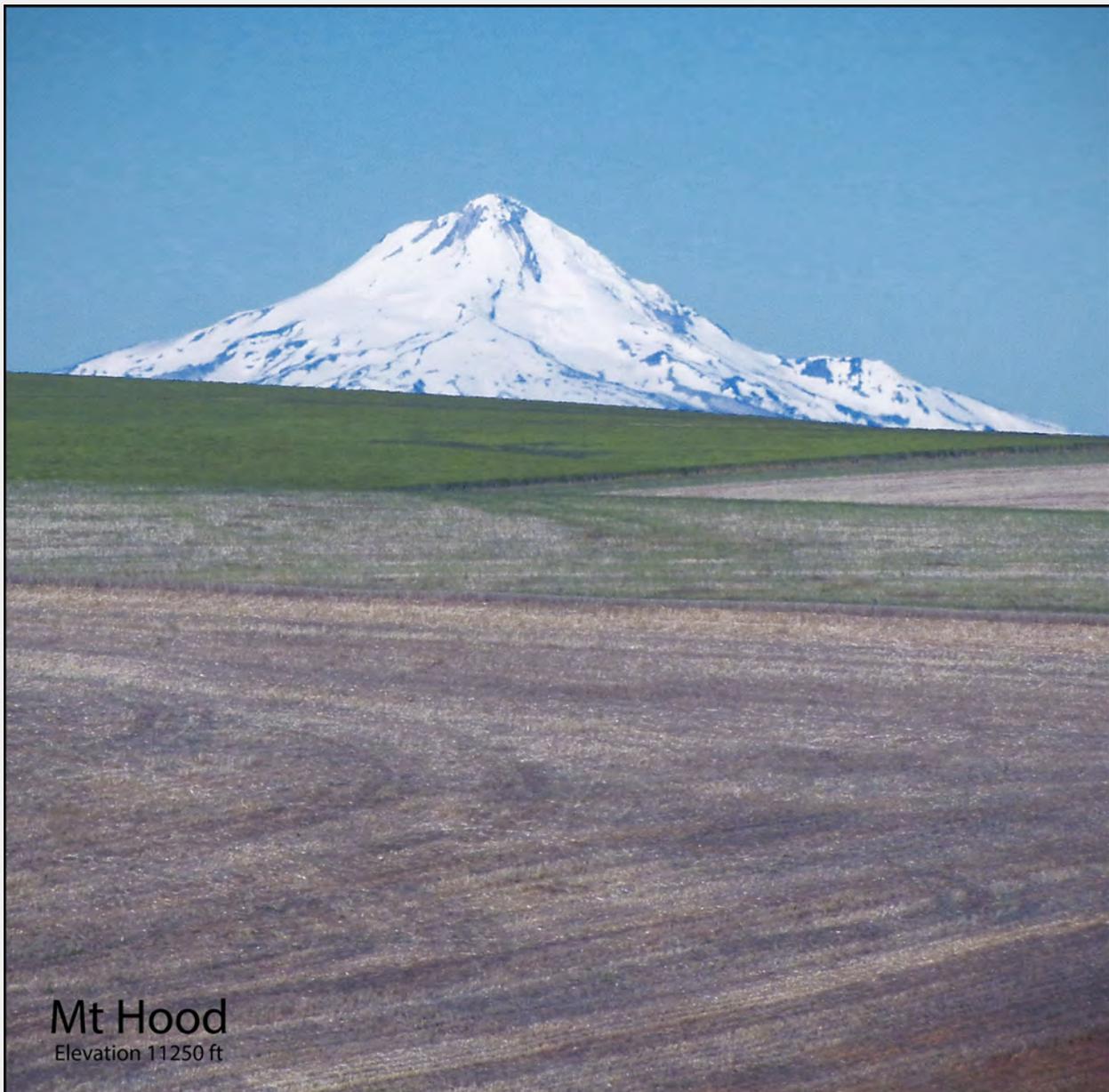
OREGON STATE UMCI



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Coming Events

June 9-11, Idaho UMCI State Rally (Kamiah), Lonnie Holloway, 208-841-0395

July 6 -8, Washington State Rally, Kettle Falls, Richard Hentz, 509-999-1556

July 17-20, UMCI International Rally, Myers Flat, California

Aug 24-28, Coos Bay Campout (Myrtle Point), Chris Williams, 541-404-5286

Sept 1-4, Tygh Valley Campout, Ben Altman, 541-993-9015

Oct 22-24, Wandering Spirit RV Campout, Grande Ronde, Gary Miller, 541-670-8221

Announcements

Chris Williams, has agreed to host the Oregon State and Coos Bay Rallies

[Oregon UMCI Website](#)

February Birthdays



3-Doris Walter
3-Jay Spaulding
5-Bonnie Balloy
7-Diane Collings
9-George Eagen

11-Betty Jo Hoffman
16-Derald Johnson
23-Janet Ward
24-Michael Horn
26-Nina Duong



January 2017 Rep's Ramblings

Sad Goodbye to Marge

Unfortunately we start out early this year with the passing of Marge Pursley. John our thoughts and preys are with you and the family. We will miss Marge, but not as much as John will. John and Marge shared 67 years together, amazing!!!

The family decided to just keep the service to themselves, so there will not be any public service.

So long Marge, we will miss you!!! Thanks for sharing part of your life with UMCI!

New Beginning

So, here we go with a brand new year!!! All we have to do now is wait out winter and hope for very good spring and summer weather. The only good news here is we are gaining about 2 minutes of daylight per day, not much, but better than continued darkness...

So far we have some rallies and campouts scheduled, and we could have some more as we get further into the new year... we'll see. But, the reality is, we are losing individuals willing to host rallies, rides and events so time will tell what we end up with???

If you have an interest in a specific activity, please take the lead to organize it and let me know, and we will post it in the Newsletter.

Minor Changes – Reminder

A reminder from last month's 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...

David is seeking photos folks may have of various rides, rallies, and events, or even just Oregon scenery. For all newsletter information, or Web postings, please submit to David by the 20th of each month.

David's contact info is:

UmciNewsWash@gmail.com
SparkPlugEditor@gmail.com

Thanks so very much David!!!

Newsletter Subscriptions: Repeat from last two months

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... I will attempt to give you plenty of notice when your current subscription is running out.

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:

Sandy Neuburger, Treasurer

10048 SE Long Street
Portland, OR 97266

Bubbasmom8@gmail.com
503-860-4486

Subscription/Registration Form

Please see the Subscription /Registration form, if you want to continue to receive the newsletter by regular mail.

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.

Chapter Visits

As I mentioned last month, my intent this year is, to hit the road and visit all the Oregon Chapters, at least once.

I started out this year with a visit to the Mid-Columbia Chapter (Hood River) on January 1st. Like a good postal worker or maybe pony express rider, I braved the wind, sleet and snow to get there.

Actually I was over in The Dalles visiting Phil Spor. We put floor insulation and new carpet in my Suzuki Sidekick. We got the taillights working on his hot rod Ford pickup, so it was a productive year-end. But there actually was wind and snow, which gave me a good opportunity to test the 4 wheel drive out.

While pulling out the old carpet and cleaning the floor I found \$4.05 in change from prior owners. Thanks, whoever you are. I look forward to my visits over the next several months...

Health and Safety

After hearing of Sue Jenkins fall of a step stool, it seems appropriate to remind everyone to take extra care around the house and elsewhere, especially if you are climbing on a stool or ladder.

First, make sure you have a good solid stool or ladder, preferably with a tall grab handle. Second, read and follow any safety warnings on the stool or ladder, such as **DO NOT STAND ON TOP STEP!**

Actually I believe such warnings are misleading. The top platform of a ladder is not actually intended as a step. Rather it is more of a shelf to hold items such as tools or paint cans.

I won't go so far as to say you should have an OSHA approved safety strap, but if you are going very high, it is really a good idea.

So, please be careful out there and be safe!!!

Wonder About Traction Tires?

While not really a motorcycle issue, I suspect some of you have wondered what it meant when signs on the highway in inclement weather says chains or traction tires required. I also expect that most of you can figure out the chains required part, but what about those tires.

The answer is in the article from ODOT (Page 7).

January 2017 Metro South (Milwaukie & Oregon City)

News – Ben Altman

December 24: The Portland breakfast always falls the weekend after the deadline for the Newsletter, so my report is always old news. It was Christmas Eve, and a cold, foggy morning, so once again it was a cager day.

There were only 5 of us present, but I texted Darrald and Arlys Johnson to wish them a Merry Christmas. With the bad weather, they elected to stay home. Probably smarter than the rest of us.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

January 7: First breakfast of the New Year... It was dry, overcast and a chilling 27 degrees this morning, with snow and freezing rain in the forecast. Perfect! So I assume the weather kept a few at home as there were only 7 of us attending. Seems like some of us will do anything for food!!!

Sue Jenkins has a medical excuse, as she is recovering from a fall off a stool in her kitchen, which resulted in several broken bones. We wish her a complete and speedy recovery.

January 14: Well I knew many of us are fair weather riders, but I guess some of us are also fair weather eaters. While a few of us, like 3, (CZ, Roger & I) are a bit more committed to breakfast. Despite the 18 degrees, with some remaining icy side roads, we braved the weather and show up for breakfast.

When we left the Wichita Grill, I noticed that only 6 of the Goldwing Riders had arrived for their breakfast meeting. So over all it was a very light turnout for both groups.

January 21: Well golly-gee, no snow or ice, just rain last couple of days. Although this morning, while still wet, it's not actually raining, so far. Really enjoying this winter so far, not! Sorry Floyd, not up to a rainy run (cager) to Lebanon, so CZ & I just did a local breakfast.

January 28: Next up, Portland breakfast 4th Saturday...

Roseburg Polar Bear Run and Breakfast

Our annual Planning Meeting and Campout is October 20-22 at Wandering Spirit RV Park in Grand Ronde (same place as last October) Potluck at noon with meeting following at 2pm. on Saturday October 21st.

Polar Bear Run

January 1st. arrived with cold weather plus snow, but that didn't stop our annual Polar Bear gathering at Rice Hill. We had 23 people with 4 riders and three trikes. Since it was snowing pretty hard with a lot of slush and was very slippery, most chose to ride in their vehicles.

The four hearty souls who rode were Floyd & Toni from Halsey-Lebanon (Floyd said it was her wish to ride because it was her birthday), Brad Vike (new member) and Archie from Roseburg. We had three 50-50 pots won by Toni, Dennis and Dwayne Varner (Varner wouldn't have won but Gregg read his ticket for him). All in all it was a successful run that we will repeat next New Years Day and we hope others will join us.

January 8 Breakfast

It was another cold rainy day in our area but no snow. We had 20 members plus 2 beautiful kiddies. We were glad to see Chris and Eva Williams with Christian and Sierra in tow along with Virgil and Carol. Great to see ole' friends We have 3 new members, and we say welcome to Brad Vike and Dan & Melanie McKee, looking forward to riding with them, if it ever stops raining. We are really liking Abbey's for our meeting. We have our own room and the food is great. There was talk of a 5th. Sunday ride (or gathering), weather permitting. Will try to get the word out when plans are final. 50-50 winners were Archie, he always wins, Sam and Zack as always. Keep knees in the breeze, rubber down and keep it between the ditches. Gary and Lyn

Lyn

January News

Dear Friends: I hope all is well. I wish everyone good health and well being.

With sad heart I heard Marge Pursley passed away. On a Happier Note Southern Oregon had our 25th or that is what some said, the POLAR BEAR RUN. On January 1, 2017 23 people from around Southern Oregon, arrived in Rice Hill Oregon. Most came in cars, however 4 rode on motor trikes. Floyd and Toni came down from Halsey, over a 100 mile round trip. OH I FORGOT TO TELL YOU IT SNOWED THERE WAS SEVERAL INCHES OF SLUSH ON THE ROAD. Archie and Doug rode their trikes from Roseburg about 25 miles each way. I was not a good day to ride, took my SUV and my windshield was completely covered several times on the way home. I have a few pictures I will try to send. I forgot to pay my bill that day, so the next day was beautiful so I rode my bike up and Paid my tab. 70 miles of dry pavement with SUNSHINE was Fantastic.

Be Happy SEIZE THE MOMENT and ride every chance you get.

Zack Hoffman

PS: Floyd was not in favor of ridding that day, HOWEVER it was Toni's Birthday and She wanted to ride. So they rode.



TripCheck - Oregon Traveler Information

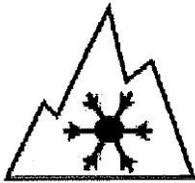
Traction Tires

When you drive in winter conditions, you may see signs telling you to carry chains or traction tires and when you are required to use them. In some areas, lighted message signs also will advise you about chaining up. To view the signs or learn more about Oregon's chain law and the vehicles that may be exempt from it go to [Oregon's Chain Law](#).

In typical winter conditions, vehicles rated at 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or less and not towing or being towed are allowed to use traction tires in place of chains. However in very bad winter road conditions all vehicles may be required to use chains regardless of the type of vehicle or type of tire being used. This is known as a conditional road closure. A conditional road closure may occur on any of Oregon's highways and are frequent in the winter on Interstate 5 through the Siskiyou Pass south of Ashland.

"Traction Tires" are studded tires, retractable studded tires, or other tires that meet the tire industry definition as suitable for use in severe snow conditions.

- Tires designated by the tire industry as suitable for use in severe snow conditions are marked with a mountain/snowflake emblem on the sidewall like this:



For information on these tires, contact your tire dealer or the [Northwest Tires Dealers Association](#).

- "Retractable studded tires" are tires with embedded studs that retract to at or below the wear bar of the tire and project not less than .04 inch beyond the tread surface of the tire when extended. The tire industry expects to test market retractable studded tires in 2008 followed by a broader product rollout in 2009.
- "Studded tires" are tires with studs that are made of a rigid material that wears at the same rate as the tire tread. The studs must extend at least .04 inch but not more than .06 inch beyond the tread surface. Studded tires are only legal for use in Oregon from November 1 through March 31.

When allowed in place of chains, traction tires are to be placed as shown on [Minimum Chain Requirements](#).

Chapter Breakfast Meetings - Come Early!

1st Saturday Metro South (Oregon City) 8:00 AM

Wichita Bar & Grill 19140 Molalla Ave., Oregon City
Ben Altman Ph: 541-993-9015
 1111 SE 3rd St. Apt. 3, Canby, OR 97013
 Fax: 503-651-1247

1st Saturday Grants Pass/Medford 8:30 AM

The Black Forest Restaurant 820 NE "E" St., Grants Pass
Rick Foley cell: 541-916-2506
 P.O. Box 2497, Grants Pass, OR 97528
rick1foley@gmail.com

3st Tuesday Portland Widow's Chapter 1:00 PM

Applebee's 10172 SE 82nd St., Happy Valley
 Ph: 503-775-7770
Lyn McCabe 503-351-7009 lcbrenna3068@gmail.com

2nd Saturday Bend 9:00 AM

Black Bear Diner Bend, OR

2nd Saturday Metro South (Milwaukie) 8:00 AM

The Wichita Grill 19140 Mollala Ave., Oregon City
Ben Altman 29515 SW Serenity Way Apt D
 Wilsonville, OR 97070 Ph: 541-993-9015
 Email: ben.altman47@gmail.com

2nd Saturday Seattle/ Puget Sound Area 8:00 AM

Denny's 132 128th St SW Everett, WA
Irene Blanes 206-805-2122

2nd Saturday LA Grande 8:00 AM

Denny's Exit 261 off I-84 in LA Grande No host

3rd Saturday Lebanon 9:00 AM

Korner Kitchen 940 Main St.
Floyd McMillin Ph: 541-990-5304
 PO Box 812, Lebanon, OR 97355
1mcmillin@rtinet.com

3rd Saturday Hermiston 8:30 AM

Pheasant Café & Lounge 149 E. Main St., Hermiston
Ed & Grace Baker Ph: 541-989-8347
 PO Box 141, Heppner, OR 97836

4th Saturday Portland 8:00 AM

Elmers 102nd & Sandy, Portland
Jerry & Navada Broaddus Ph: 503-975-3580
 10235 N. Allegheny Ave., Portland, OR 97203

1st Sunday Mid Columbia 9:00 AM

Ranch Drive In 1950 12th St., Hood River
John & Hazel Dougherty Ph: 541-399-6172
 Goldendale, WA

2nd Sunday Roseburg 9:30 AM

Abbys 1011 W. Central Sutherlin
Zack Hoffman 401 Grape Ave. Ph: 541-430-3568
 Winston, OR 97496 zhoffman3478@msn.com

4th Sunday Coos Bay 9:00 AM

Kozy Kitchen Myrtle Point
Chris & Eva Williams PH: 541-404-5286 721
 7th St., Myrtle Point, OR 97458
cwilliams88ci@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday North Coast 11:30 AM

Great Wall of China, Gearhart No host

Burns 9:00 AM

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