



The SparkPlug

Oregon State UMCI



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Coming Events

2018 Rides and Rally Schedule

Oct 26-28	Wandering Spirit RV Park – Grande Ronde, Dick Carson, 503-581-8981
Oct 27	Planning Meeting & Potluck, Ben Altman 541-993-9015
Dec	Portland Christmas Lunch - TBD

2018 Dinner Rides - Sundays at 1:00 pm

Oct 7th Camp 18, 43262 Hwy 26, 22 miles east of Seaside, OR

Cover Photo

Happy Halloween

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INTERNATIONAL REP'S RANT!!

Hi everyone! I truly hope that this note finds all of you in great health and high spirits. And of course out riding in this beautiful country and Canada! As I ride around, I am amazed at just how beautiful a riding play ground, we are provided. It is stunning.

Well, the International of 2018 is gone and 2019 is in the planning stages. I'm hoping to make 2019 even better. These rallies don't just happen, there's a lot of work and hours put into a rally and I appreciate all of those that helped us this year and are willing again to repeat those efforts in 2019.

What I am asking for now, is your input, not only all of the Rep's, but each member in our club. I want to know what you would like to see or do at the International.

Food is our biggest expense for the rally and it is very costly, although it is nice to have a catered dinner once in a while. I feel that a good old pot-luck dinner with the club buying the main dish be it steak, chicken or pork works out great.

So please send your suggestions to your area rep and they can deliver to me. I would like to see you, the individual member of UMCI get more involved and have more say in the decisions that are made for the club.

My thoughts on UMCI have not changed. I still believe that this club will survive for many more years simply because there are members like you that have been in this club and seen changes, some bad, some good, but you have stuck with the group that I believe this is what sets us apart.

I hear all the comments that are said, well we are getting too old or the younger people don't want to be involved in a group or tied down by a group. Some of that is true, but there are people or couples out there that are looking for this type of club to join and our job is to get the message to them. I think in some of the conversations I have

had, I get a real defeatist feeling from a lot of members that have tried and tried. All I ask is that you continue trying.

I honestly feel that word of mouth promotions and while on a ride or with the group wearing your vest or patch on your shirt helps identify us as a group. Please get back in the habit of wearing your UMCI patches on your clothing bike or trailer if nothing else it gets the word out.

On our ride Sunday I was walking into a gas station and the man behind me said he noticed my patch and asked what is the United Motorcycle Club International. We had a good conversation. May have gained a new member I hope.

What this club needs most of all, me included, is to regain that positive image of our Club and project that to other riders. When you are able to talk about UMCI do it with enthusiasm so the person you are talking to gets excited and may want to hear more. We, the current members are the ones that will make this club grown or at least remain viable.

Please think about what you can do to strengthen our club. I think the friendships that Kevi and I have gained belonging to this club is worth more to us than a million dollars. We are the future or the end of the club. Lets strive to be the future.

Ok, I will get off my pulpit now and just want to thank all of you for being what I call friends and being part of our lives. There will always be time to complain about things, but time with good friends is limited and our club is a center point of our get together with our good friends. Ride safe, ride lots and most of all have a ton of fun!!

Kevin and Kevi

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success!!
Wise saying from Kevin via Henry Ford!!

September 2018 Rep's Ramblings

I hope all is well with everyone out there!!!

Well after a slow start it has been a pretty hot summer. Here in the Portland area we set a new record for the most number of 90 degree+ days. With all the hot weather and drought conditions there have been many wild fires out there, which filled the valley with smoke. We have had several days with no clear view of Mt. Hood.

But, the weather is changing, getting cooler, and the daylight hours are getting shorter. I am now driving to work in the dark, which just isn't right. Which just signals that summer is ending, technically on the 21st, so sad!!! That also means that the riding season is winding down, but not over yet.

Well, it's sad to say, but as of the 21st Summer is over, and Fall is here. That means the sun rise is not until 7:00 AM and sunset comes by 7:00 PM, so sad! But so far, the weather has been decent, so riding isn't over, yet...

Coos Bay Campout

I wasn't able to make it this year, and it sounds like it was a light turn-out, see Zack's report for more details. But I for sure want to send a Big Thank You to Chris & Eva Williams for hosting the event again this year!!!

NOTE: Date Change for Annual Planning Meeting

Due to schedule conflicts, the campout and Planning Meeting at the Wandering Spirit RV Park has been moved back one week to October 26-28.

The Saturday Pot Luck will be at Noon, followed by the annual Planning Meeting, at approximately 2:00 PM.

Call for Articles

Please send in some notes as to what you all have been doing out there...

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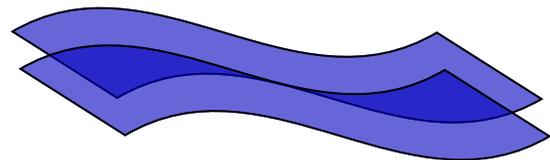
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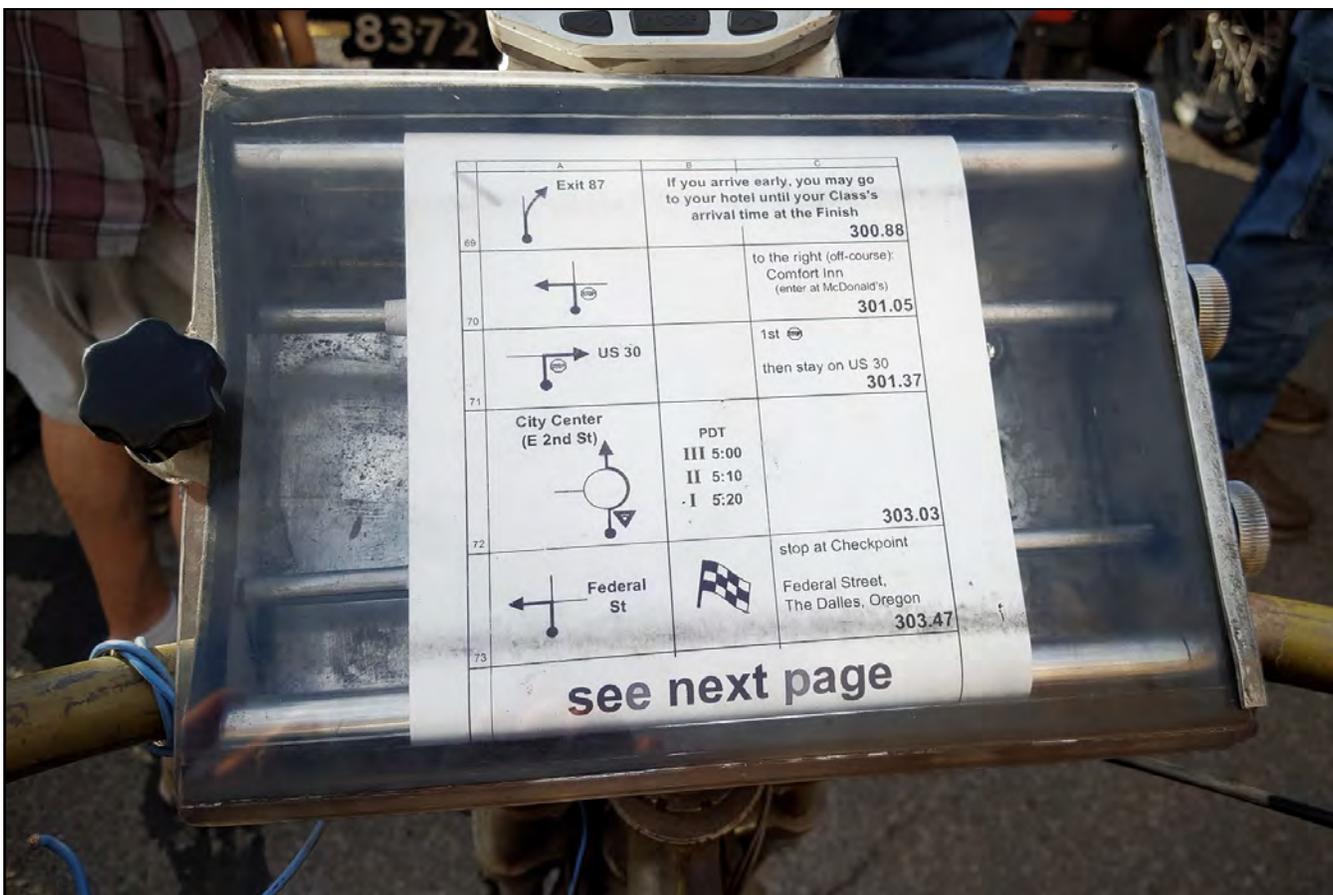
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Antique Bike Cannonball

As noted in my Metro report, Saturday 9-23-18 riders participating in the Antique Cannonball Run arrived in The Dalles, beginning just after 4:00 PM for the end of the 14th Stage. The Run Ended at Skamania Lodge on Sunday. This event started

in Portland Maine on September 8th with 107 bikes entered. All bikes are Pre-1929 models. Amazingly only 17 bikes were not able to finish the 3,649 mile run to Skamania Lodge. See more details on my Metro Report.



September 2018 Metro South (Milwaukie & Oregon City) News – Ben Altman

Aug. 25: Elmer's Portland – This morning it was cloudy and only 49 degrees, so the heated jacket and grips were definite in play. Yikes, the heat wave is gone. The good news is about 85% of the wildfire smoke had cleared out, at least locally. Still can't see Mt. Hood, yet, they may take a while.

We had 6 attending this morning, with 5 bikes in the lot, WOW almost like a motorcycle club!

Sept. 1: Clear blue, once the sun came up, 55 degrees leaving home for Oregon City, Wichita Grill. 11 attending this morning, with only 2 bikes.

After eats, CZ & I rode down to Independence to check-in on Jim & Anne, but found they were not home. It turns out they were in Astoria visiting Jim & Joy, along with Doug & Viki. Great day for a ride anyway. On the way back we swung into Silverton and had lunch at the Home Plate, then home.

Sept. 2: So, it was an early-dark 30 (5:15) start this morning to meet up with CZ for the ride to Hood River for the Mid-Columbia breakfast. Lots of stars and the moon still out, a cool 52 degrees when I pulled-out heading to Oregon City to meet Dick.

We had 6 attending, with no less than 6 bikes, WOW!

After eats, 5 of us (Klickitat John headed home, to get ready for a big ride with his son...) headed towards Parkdale, then up over Red Hill Road, back to Hwy 35, and over to Kahneeta, then back to Hwy 216, where CZ & I headed to Mt. Hood, and The Dalles folks headed to Maupin and their way home. The season is changing, but just a touch of fall colors showing on some Vine Maples.

Another great riding day, never got over 79 degrees. I got 45 MGP on the 447 mile ride!

Sept. 8: This morning it was cool (58) cloudy and wet, yup actual water from the sky. The wet was actually OK, as we really need the moisture after a

long, hot & dry summer. Besides, today I needed the truck for hauling anyway. I needed to take some of the camp gear over to Nancy Chaput's for Tygh Valley. There is just no way to get all that stuff on my bike, even with the Lil B trail. Thanks Nancy!

We had 9 attending this morning, with only 1 bike (Gary Shearer). No 50/50.

Sept. 13: It rained overnight, but this morning it was cloudy, cool (52) and dry. I headed out for Tygh Valley, got about 20 drops on the windshield, leaving Wilsonville. It was a cool 45 degrees going over Mt. Hood, but 63 when I arrived at the Tygh Valley Fairgrounds at 10:30. Dodged the rain bullet! Blue sky with just scattered clouds.

Jim & Joy Roehr and Doug & Vicki Leppik were already there. After getting setup, I rode into Molly B's for lunch. Just after I got back from lunch, the group that was coming from the Clyde Holiday campout were arriving. Others arrived later that afternoon into the early even.

We ended up with 21 campers, and 4 day-drop-ins for the weekend. I think that is a record low turnout. But we had a good time, and plenty of time to chat with everyone.

Friday morning is was a cool 41 degrees but warmed to 70 in the afternoon. Various groups did day rides going in different directions. Back at camp we had Biker's Stew for dinner, with beer-bread.

We did a 50/50 drawing, winners included Jim Roehr, Dick Hohstad (Brother Joe H. whined a lot about not winning. Actually he whined a lot about a lot of things...), and Floyd McMillan.

Saturday, I led a group over to the Antique Aerospace and Automotive Museum (WAAAM) in Hood River. Everyone was very impressed with the displays, and also the knowledgeable volunteer staff. I do have to tell on Charley Crane.

The group just had breakfast at Molly B's, then gathered out front to head over to the WAAAM. As I started out, I noticed that Charley was not among us.

It turnout that he fallowed Zack Hoffman back to camp, but Zack was going back to pack-up and leave. Luckily for Charley, Mary Nordby, who had not planned to go, was also back at camp, and she volunteered to lead him, using Google as their guide. Thanks to Mary for rounding up our stray sheep...

That evening we attended a fund raiser meatloaf dinner at the Tygh Scholl Community Center. Although some left early, so missed a good dinner.

Sunday morning, it was breakfast at Molly B's, then pack and depart... Mary Nordby, CZ & I got pretty wet getting over Mt. Hood, but luckily it didn't rain all the way home. We were home by noon.

Sept. 22: It was a warm 60 degrees this morning, but wet and drizzly, so I drove the truck to Elmer's. We had 6 attending, with 2 bikes.

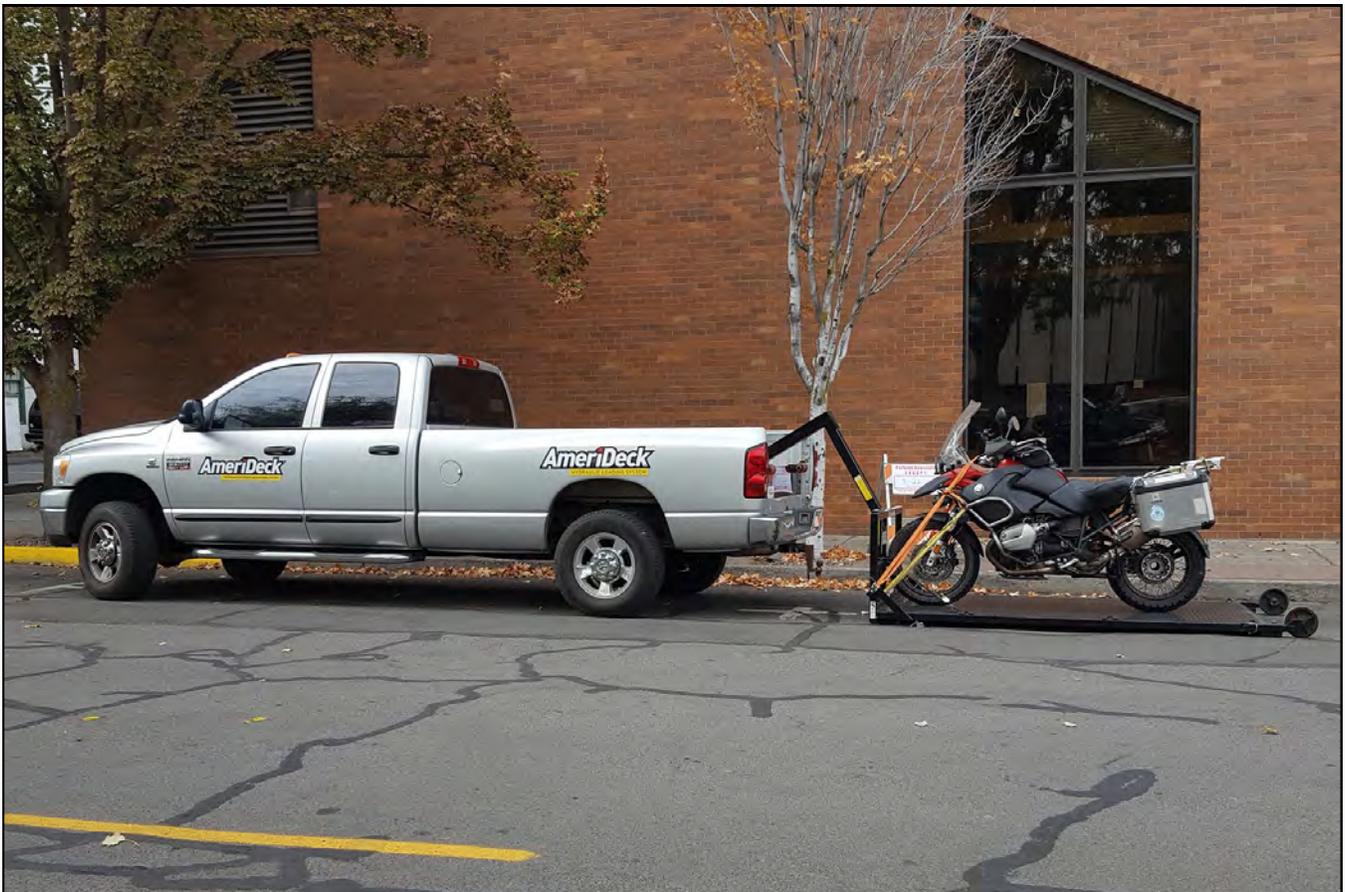
About noon, CZ & I rode over to The Dalles to checkout the Vintage Motorcycle Cannonball Endurance Run. Some 100 hardy enthusiasts riding

pre -1929 bikes left Portland Maine on September 8th, heading to Portland, Oregon. Well technically only to Skamania Lodge, but never-the-less that's still an impressive effort for the riders and their crews for these vintage bikes.

So, while it was 60 degrees, it was raining, and we got wet getting out of Portland. So who's dumb idea (Ben) was it to ride to The Dalles? It did dry out about Multnomah Falls, so it wasn't that bad getting there.

We arrived early, so had lunch, then found a good parking spot (reserved for bikes) right at the Finish Line. Dennis, Bernice, Nancy and Joanne joined us.

Also, Skip Gosser, our newest Member was there. He had actually arrived from Spokane, the previous checkpoint, where he was invited to demo the Amerideck. There were a couple of bikes there, not participating in the Cannonball, worthy of recognition, including 2 Morgans, and Old Harley, and a Whizzer (these two were locals).



Of the 107 bikes that started, from Portland Maine, 90 finish the leg from Spokane, Washington to The Dalles. Harleys were the dominant bike, but there was a good mix of other brands, including Indians, Hendersons, BMW, Norton, Velocette, Excelsior, Triumph and BSA, Ariel, Brough Superior, ACE, and an American Single (no transmission).

Riders were from USA, New Zealand, England, South Africa, Italy, Scotland, and Germany.

Sept. 29: 5th Saturday, but nothing planned... Guess it's free time... maybe I'll go golfin...



South Region

Hello Friends:

Well, September has been pretty busy. First Saturday was the Grants Pass meeting. Around 13, maybe 16 people were there. The following Wednesday, Grants Pass planned an evening ride to Galice. Nearly 20 showed up to EAT. We had a great gathering, much joking and ribbing went on. It was good to gather and break bread with friends. I really enjoyed riding the twisty road from Wolf Creek to Galice.

Next was the Roseburg Meeting at Abby's in Sutherlin. Gary and Wanda drove down from Salem and graced us with their happy faces. Fifteen were there enjoying good food and FRIENDSHIP. We had 50/50 and the winners were Archie, Carol Muir, Brad Vike, Max Bowman. Kay Bowman donated a special prize which was won by Lee Huff. On Tuesday, Sept 12, I headed East to Clyde Holiday, great roads, great ride. When I showed up nearly every campsite was full. Dennis and Bernice Miles invited me to share their spot. Thank You! I set up my Kwik Kamp and ran the extension cord to the power source. I had looked at the weather prediction going to be a little fresh. I had packed my heavy sleeping bag.

We had a campfire that evening, it was a GOOD EVENING.

The next day Dick and Joe lead a ride around the area. I chose to ride to Vale, cause I had not rode the Hwy 26 from Unity to Vale. I stopped at a restaurant on the west side of Vale, the Boise Group told me about. HOME MADE PIE, I had peach pie with Ice Cream, YUMMY! I headed west to Burns, then up to John Day and back to camp.

Thursday, we packed up, some went home, many of us headed for Tygh Valley for the State Rally. I think everybody found a different route. We are so Blessed to have so many sights to feast our eyes on.

Ben was waiting to greet us as we arrived. I was invited to share a campsite with Richard and Diana Dunning.

We had a wonderful time visiting old friends and met a few new people.

Friday people went in many directions, exploring the area. The Barlow road has had my interest for several years. Some years back, Bob Sandgren and I were doing the Black Dog dual Sport ride in the area. We got to ride on part of the old Toll Wagon Road that people entered the Willamette Valley from Central Oregon.

I went to The Dallas then to Biggs Junction, up to Grass Valley. I stopped and had a soda and ask where the Oregon Raceway was. Turn east at the city park and go 2 miles. Beautiful track with lots of elevation change and some sweet curves. They race cars and motorcycles at different times. From there I took Hwy 216 to Shears Bridge then to Tygh Valley which follows the Barlow road.

We had a Pot Luck Stew with some home made bread that Mary Norby's friend provided, UM UM GOOD.

I won \$35 with the 50/50 drawing. Yes several of us left Saturday because of the threat of rain predicted Sunday.

It was a Good Week, Good Friends, Good Food, Great Fellowship, and FREEDOM.

GOD BLESS & GOD SPEED

Zack Hoffman

Campout Reminder

Campout and pot luck on Oct. 19, 20 and 21 at Wandering Spirit RV Park, Grande Ronde. Phone 503-879-5700.

We will eat at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, great food, games and visiting. Annual meeting following the meal.

For further information call Jerry or Dick Carson at 503-580-9220.

Doyle Hodam

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The Coos Bay chapter annual camp out was held 23-26 August at the Myrtle Point Fairgrounds. We had a good camp out. The group was small - 36 people - and just over half rode motorcycles. Plus, we had 8 associate members - little campers - whose age ranged from 7 to 12 years of age. Three of those associate members rode on motorcycles with their family. The schedule was changed a bit from recent years. Our poker run was on Friday and our seafood dinner was a buffet held at the Grotto restaurant rather than having it catered.

We have been serving breakfast for the last couple of years for a minimal charge and it has been a huge success.

Thank you to all who dined with us! We also want to thank those club members who continue to go above and beyond to keep our camp out a success by pitching in and helping AND donating 50/50 money back to the camp out fund!! Check out the photo to see who you missed.

Chris & Eva Williams



October Birthdays



1 - Betty Spaulding

2 - Arlie Kirchem

3 - Gregg Weber

4 - Glen Reed

5 - David Fitzgerald

6 - Ben Altman

7 - Donna Lesko

8 - Sherry Gadberry

9 - Edward Baker

10 - Sharon Scofield

11 - Patti Hughey

12 - Pat Roberts

13 - Jan Rone

14 - Dennis Broaddus

15 - Joyce Young

Happy Birthday

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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
Shenanigans Lounge (Herb's), 515 Rogue River Hwy
 Rick Foley cell: 541-916-2506
 P.O. Box 2497, Grants Pass, OR 97528
rick1foley@gmail.com

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 Saturday Metro South (Milwaukie) 8:00 AM
The Wichita Grill 19140 Mollala Ave., Oregon City
 Ben Altman 29515 SW Serenity Way Apt D
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 Email: ben.altman47@gmail.com

2nd Saturday La Grande 8:00 AM
Denny's Exit 261 off I-84 in LA Grande, No host

2nd Saturday Seattle/ Puget Sound Area 8:00 AM
Denny's 132 128th St SW Everett, WA
 Irene Blanes 206-805-2122

2nd Sunday Roseburg 8:00 AM
Abbys 1011 W. Central Sutherlin
 Zack Hoffman 401 Grape Ave. Ph: 541-430-3568
 Winston, OR 97496 zhoffman3478@msn.com

3rd Tuesday Portland Widow's Chapter 12:30 PM
Applebee's 10172 SE 82nd St., Happy Valley
 Ph: 503-775-7770
 Lyn McCabe 503-351-7009 lcbrenna3068@gmail.com

3rd Thursday North Coast 11:30 AM
 Great Wall of China

3rd Saturday Lebanon 8:00 AM
 Dixie Creek Saloon (In heart of town)
 32994 Hwy 99E, Tangent, OR 97389
 Floyd McMillin Ph: 541-990-5304
ellentonimcmillin@gmail.com

3rd Saturday Vancouver 7:00 AM
 Paul's Restaurant
 1800 Broadway Street, Vancouver, WA.
 No host

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.
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4th Sunday Coos Bay 9:00 AM
Kozy Kitchen Myrtle Point
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