



# The SparkPlug

## Oregon State UMCI



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## Coming Events

### 2020 Rides and Rally Schedule

- January 1 Rice Hill Polar Bear Ride, Roseberg, Zach Hoffman  
Noon at Denny's Rice Hill
- March 14 Milwaukie St. Patrick's Lunch, The Bomber, Ben Altman 541-993-9015
- April 19 Tentative - Oregon City Pizza Feed - Jimmie O's
- ~~April 25-26~~ \* Cancelled \* Washington Spring Banquet - Connell, Washington  
Kevin Besel, 509-531-1942
- ~~June 12-14~~ \* Cancelled \* Idaho State Rally - Lewis-Clark Resort, Lonnie 208-841-0395
- ~~June 25-27~~ \* Cancelled \* Washington State Rally - [Hidden Village RV](#), Lynden WA  
Irene Blanes, 206-914-2147, [ireneblanes@outlook.com](mailto:ireneblanes@outlook.com)
- ~~July 20-23~~ \* Cancelled \* International Rally - Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada  
Anne 1-403-308-5899 or Linda 1-306-591-0602
- Aug TBD Tentative - Coos Bay Campout - Coos County Fair Grounds, Myrtle Point  
Chris Williams, 541-404-5286
- Aug 7-9 North Cascade Campout - Twisp, WA. Dennis Parsley, [dparley63@gmail.com](mailto:dparley63@gmail.com)  
[Loup Loup Campground](#) ([map](#)), Register upon arrival
- Sept 4-7 Oregon State Rally - Tygh Valley, [Wasco County Fair Grounds](#)  
Ben Altman, 541-993-9015 & (Tentative Oregon State Planning Meeting)
- Sept 10-12 Washington Season Finale Campout – [Douglas General Store RV Park - INFO](#)  
Waterville, Washington, Jan & Gordon Dale, 509-423-3256 (See Flyer)
- Dec 19 Portland Christmas Lunch - (TBD) ,Ben Altman, 541-993-9015

### North Coast Dinner Rides

Sundays, 1pm - Jim Roehr 503-458-6783

- May 3 Buoy 9, 966 Pacific Dr., Hammond, OR (~~Cancelled??~~ ✓ **First**)
- June 7 Cornerstone Café, 102 E. A St., Rainer, OR
- July 12 Columbia River Roadhouse, 782 US 101, Chinook, WA
- Aug 16 Black Iron Grill, 831 Bridge St., Vernonia, OR
- Sept 20 Bundy's Café Drive-In, 150 SE Truehaak St., Clatskanie, OR

### Cover Photo

Water Lily's near Gold Beach, OR

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## International and Washington State Rallies

Well, I hope that this note finds all of you in God's good health and high spirits. I have come to the conclusion that both the International and the Washington State rallies will be canceled for the 2020 season. For the safety of all of our members and with the uncertainty of State and Provincial travel restrictions in place now, I feel that canceling these events is the right thing to do.

I have talked to Linda and Anne, the organizers of the International this year, and they felt this was the right decision. I know they have put a lot of work into the rally and it's really appreciated. I know they were disappointed.

I've also spoke with the Seattle area group, Irene Blanes, David and Susan Fitzgerald, the organizers of our Washington State rally, and although disappointed, they felt it was best to cancel at this time.

I know that this ruins some of your summer plans and we're going to miss our good friends and the get togethers these rallies provide. Until this virus is stopped, I think we all agree that if we can stay healthy, that is the important thing.

I take my position as your International Rep very seriously. Before making this decision, I consulted with the State and Provincial reps. They agreed that the safety of our members is most important to us.

I am so very glad that I have all of you to bounce my feelings and ideas off of. That is why we are the UMCI. This organization is made of great people. We will get through this. I hope and pray for all of us to remain healthy. We can still ride, so call a friend or two and ride on. I know I'm going to.

God bless all of you and stay safe,

Kevin

## June 2020 Rep's Ramblings

Wow, June already! Time is still flyin even though the world has changed. We are pushing halfway through this very strange year, and no rallies or campouts is sight. I'm not holding my breath on Tygh Valley but won't make a decision until July.

With the stay home thing lingering on and not much to report regarding the Club, my mind has wondered into the realm of what things might look like Semi-Post-Pandemic, with the so called "*New Normal with Social Distancing*." Generally, I'm guessing we will continue to guess, what is the right thing to do for quite some time???

Sports: There are some sports like golf, tennis and maybe baseball, that can maintain social distance while playing. NASCAR started back up Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>, without fans in the bleachers. And the PGA restarted play also Sunday, but with only a 4-player charity tournament, with no caddies or fans. I noticed right off that the players all had smaller carry bags instead of those large bags the caddies get to carry! The full tour is scheduled to restart play June 11<sup>th</sup>, with no caddies or fans.

Baseball seems like it can generally work, with players spread apart. But there is the relationship of catcher, batter and umpire that could be a little weird to deal with. Tags at the bases may also have to be different, maybe just all forced outs, with umpires watchin by video? Calling balls and strikes might be a bit weird by video, Hum?

Now it's hard to imagine how basketball might occur, while maintaining social distancing among players. I'm trying to imagine the defensive basketball player maintaining 6 feet separation from the offense, not sure that would count as defense. Seems like a major offensive advantage, which means maybe the 3-point line or farther might be the limit for shooting. But, on the other hand, it certainly would cut down on personal fouls. And, of course no fans present for now.

Then there is football, due to start in September. Seems like the same problem with defensive players as basketball. I guess the offensive and defensive lines could be spread out 6 feet apart, but that would mean the field might have to be widened, or maybe two staggered lines.

And the quarter-back I guess in shotgun position only. But then what, maybe it's just gonna be flag football? Not a soccer fan or hockey fan, so who cares? I heard the Seattle Seahawks are considering a plan to allow only 15,000 fans in the stadium, which holds 60-70,000. They are gonna need megaphones to make any noise!

Whatever, sports could certainly be different, and by now we all know they are generally non-essential! So, maybe mega-million dollar players will have to take a cut in pay.

Entertainment: Some movie theaters might be ok. If anything like the local Wilsonville Regal Cinema, there are only maybe 10-20 people per theater, so that could work. But maybe we also see a resurgence in drive-ins theaters. Concerts could be different with maybe 25% of the performers, appropriately spaced, and same with the audience.

Restaurants: Our Club's favorite pastime. Will we be seated 6 feet apart? If so, I can only image how our conversations will go, likely really loud, and suspect lots of what?, "what?, what did you say, huh?" will be goin on. Heck, half of us can't hear sitting right next to a person. Gee, maybe we just text each other? I can also see drive-ins with car service, like Sonic, coming back.

Return to Work: Yes, some of us still do that, although not many anymore. Who knows, but I suspect remote work will continue where possible. It is also likely that unemployment could remain high for some time. While high unemployment is counter to economic recovery, it may actually help maintain lower employee contact, because many of those out of work are in jobs that cannot easily maintain social-distancing. I've been lucky so far, being able to keep working, mostly remotely, and probably will continue to for some time...

Rides & Rallies: Oh ya, I remember now, that is what we usually do this time of year. Riding, itself hasn't and shouldn't be any different, as spacing is easily maintained anyway. It's just the fuel and food stops that might be a little different.

For the Rallies and Campouts, if we ever get going again, I suspect we might start slowly, with small groups, as I would expect some to be more cautious than others about group events.

But maybe they won't be all that different, except for the food part again. We might just need more spacing for chairs, and longer lines to allow spacing while we get food. I suppose how we do food might change, at least to start with, with more self-cooking.

So, far, no more shocking news from any of our local Reps, everyone is just waiting for things to open-up again. All remains fine with our local Metro Area members.

### **Coronavirus Impacts on UMCI**

Well unfortunately the Club has suffered one loss due to the coronavirus. As reported earlier by email, we lost one, Jerry Huff from Grants Pass.

The latest update on Sandy is she continues to make small improvements. The family had a chance to visit her on Mothers Day, and even got to sit by the dining room with an open window. Still a long way to go for her!!!

Take Care and Stay Well and be sure to check on other members in your local area!!!

### **Oregon Web Site**

[www.orumci.weebly.com](http://www.orumci.weebly.com)

For all newsletter information, or Web postings, please submit to David by the **20<sup>th</sup> of each month**. David is requesting Oregon Scenery photos for the Newsletter cover. If you have some good scenic view from around the State, please get them to David... David's contact info is:

[SparkPlugEditor@gmail.com](mailto:SparkPlugEditor@gmail.com)

### **Newsletter Subscriptions: Reminder...**

For those of you that still want to receive the Sparkplug by regular snail mail, you must complete and return the new Registration form, attached hereto, and submit it with your payment of \$24. So far, I have received 11 Updated requests!!!

There was a lag in getting the financial records from Sandy, but I hope I got everyone that has paid.

I now have on-line access to our account, so I can stay on top of things. Anything mailed to Sandy's address eventually gets to me via her son, John, and Julia (Mom).

With Sandy being incapacitated, at least for now, until further notice please send all communications and financial transactions **please to me:**

**Ben Altman, State Rep.**

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### **June 2020 Metro News (Milwaukie, Oregon City & Portland) – Ben Altman**

Still waiting for restaurants to open, so we can resume breakfast meetings... Not much else to report.

I have tried to stay in touch with local members by text, email and phone. So, far, everyone here seems to be doing just fine!

Sandy update, continues to slowly progress. Family can only visit through dining room window.

However, Nevada Broaddus is not doing so well, with her cancer. We send her our thoughts and prayers.

CZ, continues slow recovery from his broken arm, continues with progressive PT. But it sounds like it will still be some time before he is ready to ride again.

### **Grants Pass/Medford**

Dear all UMCI Members,

I have been wondering as have many of you about resuming our monthly meetings and other more informal gatherings?

Here in the Grants Pass/Medford area, Herb's is back and open for business. If interested in breakfast on Saturdays and Wednesdays, as we were, you should feel free to do so as you wish. I think I will, at least as often as I was normally.

In any event, the weather here is becoming nicer and I'm sure we'll be gathering on the patio at Herb's for breakfast again very soon, if not in a matter of days, eating and figuring where we want to ride. Gathering outdoors like that is about as safe a way of gathering to eat as can be in these days and times. The only better and safe way to get together is a ride!

As for our Monthly Meetings; I don't know yet because The Black Forest hasn't opened for business again? I think we can figure out something for our June meeting? Maybe on the patio or in the Lounge at Herb's?

I know some of us have been taking advantage of the weather and doing some riding. Rich and I did a short ride. Bill and I have had a nice ride too. Don Mills called me about a ride to Happy Camp with him, Bill and maybe others that I couldn't make. Then Zack called with a plan to meet up in Roseburg for some good weather and a ride. I set off to Roseburg at 8:00 in the morning Friday (May 15th) and it was a little cold and damp, but it was awesome. There was 5 of us.....I met up with Zack and Don from Roseburg along with Gary and Nate from Salem. By then the weather was great and we rode out to Coos bay, on to Winchester Bay and up to Reedsport before saying goodbye to Gary and Nate in Elkton. The ride from Reedsport to Elkton is really exceptional. Then Don lead Zack and I south to Sutherlin and Hwy 5 where I waved goodbye to Zack and Don at Roseburg. I think it was 340 miles round trip home for me. Food, friends and riding, it was a great day.

A Motorcycle ride is a great social distance activity. Just bring a sandwich, a bottle of water and friends.

Talk to you soon,

Rick

### **South Region**

Hi Friends! How is incarceration? I had to take the dog to the vet the other day because I bite it. Just Kidding. The cabin fever had me climbing the walls. I hope everyone is OK! I know its been a rough time, for many.

I found out today that Archie Billings spent a few days in the hospital, but is home now and doing better.

Dennis Coats was out with the over the hill group or was it the Rowdy Geritol Free Souls? I lost track what was I rambling about? Oh yeah, Dennis had recently purchased a Suzuki Burgman and had an oops, went down and landed in a ditch. Paramedics got him out of the ditch and Lifeflight took him to Eugene Hospital. He wasn't hurt as bad as first thought. No broken bones but serious road rash. He's home now, but I understand someone comes by and does nurse things for him. Hey guys, all the gear, all the time.

The Wednesday riding group has been going on some new rides. Sweet Home all Back Roads. Florence Coos Bay, Reeds Port, Bandon and other places we may have forgotten about.

Like said earlier, I was climbing the walls. I called my best friend from High School who lives in Bend. We started fishing and hunting 60 years ago. We met in LaPine and went tent camping a few days later, in the forest, first time in two years. Sitting around a campfire with a full moon a rising and some Makers Mark.

It was so refreshing, but it really REALLY got fresh by morning, 20 degrees FRESH. Spending time with FRIENDS is PRICELESS.

Went for a couple of rides with Gary Shearer and Nate Lavin from Salem. On the last ride, Rick Foley from Grants Pass and Don Evernden, joined us.

We have a restaurant where you can go into and sit down. A lovely young lady comes to the table and takes your order. A few minutes late she returns with the food, in between times she refills your coffee cup. This new way of serving food is very convent. I hope this concept catches on.

Rumor has it, ONCE UPON A TIME, BACK IN TIME, many places served food this way. I wonder why they stopped ?

Friends, I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Until then SMILE and BE HAPPY, FAKE IT UNTIL YOU MAKE IT.

GOD BLESS AND GOD BLESS AMERICA

Zack Hoffman

PS: when we resume our meetings I plan on having the Roseburg meeting the second SATURDAY of the Month. I hope this is OK with everybody.

## **WANTED - True or False**

Share your motorcycle events or experiences with fellow motorcyclists. We're anxious to hear about your activity. Talk about it, post your story in the SparkPlug. Just submit your comments to the SparkPlug Editor by the 20th. It's that Easy!

Email: [SparkPlugEditor@gmail.com](mailto:SparkPlugEditor@gmail.com)

*If it's not in the SparkPlug, did it really happen?*

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**2020 UMCI International  
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan  
July 20th - 23rd**



Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan is where the 2020 UMCI International Rally is being held. So, come one & come all for an exciting Rally on the Prairies.

Aside from Dry Camping, here are other camping options. Reservations for the following are only available at Prairie Oasis Office (1-800-854-8855 or 1-306-692-4894)

Tent camping dry \$25.00, with water & power \$ 41.00 per night

RV sites, 30 amp service, \$45.00 per night

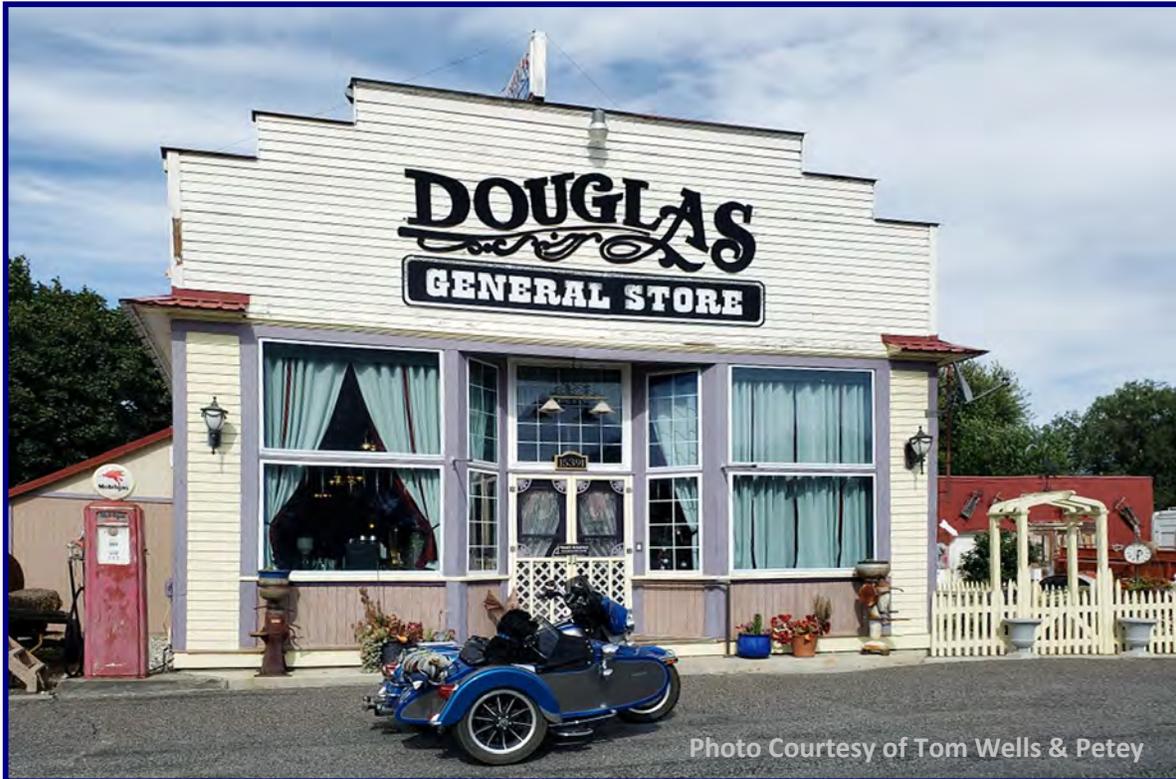
RV sites, 50 amp service, \$47.00 per night

Motel: 2 people 2 beds \$91.00 per night, 4 people, 2 beds \$97.00 a night

All the above rates are plus GST & PST

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## Season Finale @ Douglas General Store & RV Park

September 10th - 12th, 2020

[1175 Hwy 2 SW, Waterville WA](#)

- Cost: \$15 per tent, per night, Electricity included. Two bathrooms, with showers; no charge.
- No registration: Please pay Gordon or Jan when you arrive.
- We will have coffee in the mornings. Please bring your own cup and mess kit.
- There will be Biker stew on Saturday. Please bring 1 can per person to donate to the pot.
- There is a Group fire ring; wood provided. Nice lawn to camp and park on. Good cell service.
- In Waterville there's a general store, restaurant (Coyote Pass Café), (Pioneer Deli), bar, gas station and Hotel.
- Due to space, no RV's please at Douglas Store RV Park. Optionally, there's RV space nearby at the [Waterville RV Park](#) w/hook ups at [418 E 3rd St, Waterville, WA](#), Tel: 509-745-8480

For those of you that came last year, we thank you, and hope to see you again this year. Please bring a friend. We had a great time.

Any Questions?

Gordon Dale: 509-423-3256, Jan Dale: 206-953-4701

Thank You!

# June Birthdays

Happy  
Birthday!

6 - Maggie Buchanan

12 - Floyd McMillin

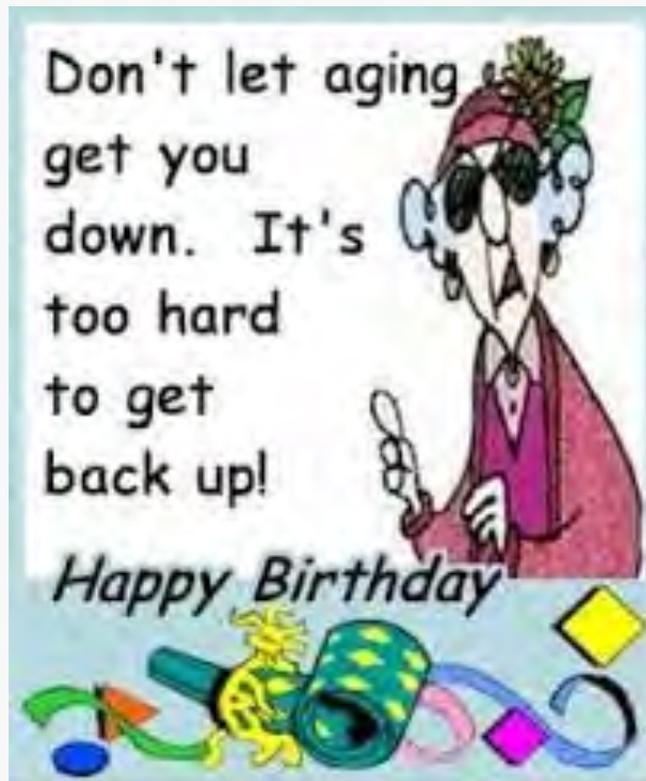
14 - Roy Service

15 - Della Aarnio

19 - Brent Christiansen

20 - Jerry Carson

20 - Karen Tolle



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## For Sale

### 1999 Honda Valkyrie

31,300 Miles • Corbin Seat • Backrest • Windshield  
Saddlebags • Loud Horns • Lots of Chrome  
Has many miles left to go on it!

**\$4500**



**Contact: Gordon Dale, 509-423-3256**

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## For Sale

**2012 Kawasaki Voyager  
California Sidecar Trike Conversion**

ABS Brakes • 6,600 Miles

Asking \$18,000



**Contact: Jan Ward @ 509-488-5862**

Leave message if no answer

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## For Sale

### 2009 Starlight Cargo Trailer

Cargo box 2½ x 4 (approx.) • LED Lights • Cooler



Call: Vern Chance • 541-980-4011 • Leave Message  
The Dalles, Oregon

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## For Sale

2004 Honda Gold Wing Lehman Trike  
Fork Rake Kit • Running Boards • Air Deflector

**\$17,000**



**Jim Walker • 928-276-9165**

**Yuma, Arizona**

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## For Sale

2015 Kawasaki Vulcan Classic LT 900  
Good Condition • 18,000 miles • \$4500 OBO  
Tracy 503-534-4776 (wk.)



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**For Sale**

**2009 Yamaha V Star 950 Tourer**

8200 total miles, in brand new condition

~~\$3500.00~~ No trades, firm

**New Price**  
**\$3000.00**



**Contact: Fred Muir 541-733-8382**

## Chapter Breakfast Meetings - Come Early!

<p><b>1st Saturday Metro South (Oregon City) 7:00 AM</b>  <u>Wichita Bar &amp; Grill</u>, 19140 Molalla Ave., Oregon City            Ben Altman Ph: 541-993-9015            29515 SW Serenity Way Apt D            Wilsonville, OR 97070            Email: <a href="mailto:ben.altman47@gmail.com">ben.altman47@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>3rd Tuesday Portland Widow's Chapter 12:30 PM</b>  <u>Applebee's</u>            10172 SE 82nd St., Happy Valley            Ph: 503-775-7770            Lyn McCabe 503-351-7009  <a href="mailto:lcbrenna3068@gmail.com">lcbrenna3068@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>1st Saturday Grants Pass/Medford 8:30 AM</b>  <u>The Black Forest Restaurant</u>, 820 NE E Street            Grants Pass, OR            Rick Foley cell: 541-916-2506            P.O. Box 2497, Grants Pass, OR 97528  <a href="mailto:rick1foley@gmail.com">rick1foley@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>3rd Thursday North Coast 11:30 AM</b>            Great Wall of China</p>
<p><b>1st Saturday North Coast Breakfast 9:00 AM</b>  <u>Buoy 9 Restaurant</u>, 996 Pacific Dr.            Hammond, Or            Jim Roehr 503-458-5852</p>	<p><b>3rd Saturday Tangent 8:00 AM</b>  <u>Dixie Creek Saloon</u> (In heart of town)            32994 Hwy 99E, Tangent, OR 97389            Floyd McMillin Ph: 541-990-5304  <a href="mailto:ellentonimcmillin@gmail.com">ellentonimcmillin@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>1st Sunday Mid Columbia 9:00 AM</b>  <u>Ranch Drive In</u>, 1950 12th St., Hood River            John &amp; Hazel Dougherty Ph: 541-399-6172            Goldendale, WA</p>	<p><b>3rd Saturday Vancouver 7:00 AM</b>  <u>Paul's Restaurant</u> (No Host)            1800 Broadway Street            Vancouver, WA            No host</p>
<p><b>2nd Saturday Metro South (Milwaukie) 7:00 AM</b>  <u>The Wichita Grill</u>, 19140 Mollala Ave., Oregon City            Ben Altman Ph: 541-993-9015            29515 SW Serenity Way Apt D            Wilsonville, OR 97070            Email: <a href="mailto:ben.altman47@gmail.com">ben.altman47@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>3rd Saturday Hermiston 8:30 AM</b>  <u>Pheasant Café &amp; Lounge</u>,            149 E. Main St., Hermiston            Ed &amp; Grace Baker Ph; 541-989-8347            PO Box 141, Heppner, OR 97836</p>
<p><b>2nd Saturday Seattle/ Puget Sound Area 8:00 AM</b>  <u>Denny's</u>, 132 128th St SW Everett, WA            Irene Blanes 206-805-2122</p>	<p><b>4th Saturday Portland 7:00 AM</b>  <u>Elmers</u>, 102nd &amp; Sandy, Portland            No Host</p>
<p><b>2nd Sunday Roseburg 8:00 AM</b>  <u>Abby's</u>, 1011 W. Central Sutherlin            Zack Hoffman 401 Grape Ave. Ph: 541-430-3568            Winston, OR 97496 <a href="mailto:zhoffman3478@msn.com">zhoffman3478@msn.com</a></p>	<p><b>4th Sunday Coos Bay 9:00 AM</b>  <u>Kozy Kitchen</u>, Myrtle Point            Chris &amp; Eva Williams PH: 541-404-5286 721 7th St.            Myrtle Point, OR 97458  <a href="mailto:cwilliams88ci@yahoo.com">cwilliams88ci@yahoo.com</a></p>
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