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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
~~July 20-23~~	* Cancelled * International Rally - Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada Anne 1-403-308-5899 or Linda 1-306-591-0602
Aug TBD ??	Decision Pending - Coos Bay Campout - Coos County Fair Grounds, Myrtle Point, Chris Williams, 541-404-5286
Aug 7-9	Likely so far - North Cascade Campout - Twisp, WA. Dennis Parsley, dparley63@gmail.com, Loup Loup Campground (map), Register upon arrival
Sept 4-7 ??	Decision Pending - 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~~	Cancelled - Buoy 9, 966 Pacific Dr., Hammond, OR
~~June 7~~	Cancelled - Cornerstone Café, 102 E. A St., Rainer, OR
July 12	Columbia River Roadhouse, 782 US 101, Chinook, WA (Call to confirm)
Aug 16	Black Iron Grill, 831 Bridge St., Vernonia, OR
Sept 20	Bundy's Café Drive-In, 150 SE Truehaak St., Clactskanie, OR
Oct 11	Camp 18 Restaurant, 42362 US 26, Seaside, OR

Cover Photo

Pelicans & Heron on Young's River at Smith Point/Hwy 101

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International Rep

Hi everyone! I hope that this note finds all of you in good health and in God's good spirits. Wow, what a changing world that we live in. The Corona virus has turned our world upside down for sure. I would imagine that all of you see that in your day to day lives.

I know that it is possible in small groups to ride and social distance and I hope that you are doing that. The county that I work in Franklin, has not gone to stage 2, yet very hard to do anything. My opinion is that some of the counties that have moved to stage 2 are too early and they are seeing large spikes in cases and even deaths.

We did not have our breakfast meeting at Bob's this Sunday, because when I called, the lady didn't sound like they were ready. They'd just opened up last week and were very busy trying to keep social distancing a reality.

I will call later to see if we are good to go for a July meeting. I sure hope so, I don't miss the ride as much as I miss the people. It seems like if you plan to do something, and someone is not open, it can be frustrating for sure. I hope that we can beat this Covid.

I know it was a disappointment for sure that the Idaho, Washington and the International Rally were cancelled. The decisions behind the scenes were mainly focused on safety concerns. First, for our members and secondly for vendors needed to support the rally. It doesn't sound like things have progressed to a point where it would be safe to hold any of those rallies given today's status.

My worry as the International and Washington State rep, is what the long term impacts will be on UMCI as a whole.

1. Do we as a group see our Club eventually just dissolving?

2. Or do we see our club regrouping and becoming even stronger than we were?

Those two questions are on my mind daily and that is why I'm including my e-mail address and hope that you will contact me and give me an honest answer to those two questions. Also, offer some suggestions on how to make us stronger than before ,if that is the direction you want us to go.

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I have said it once and I'll say it again, this is your club! You need to comment so we can guide the club in the direction that you would like to see. The Reps are your sounding board and we can't react if we don't know what to react to.

Please provide your input so the State and Provincial Reps and I can respond to your wishes. I especially would like to hear for the Canadian Provincial Reps. I feel like when Dan retired, I let you down and didn't stay on top of your needs. I am here to listen and try to make things better as a whole, and Canada members are a big part of the whole.

Try to ride as much as you can and we'll soon (I hope) be back to somewhat normal. I hope that all of you will stay safe and keep in mind that even though the powers say the risk is diminished, I for one am skeptical, so be safe.

Kevin and Kevi Besel

Email: kbesel52@gmail.com

If you would like to chat, my number is: 509-531-1942

July 2020 Rep's Ramblings

Well, half of this very strange year is gone, and as of June 20th we are now full into the Summer season. The first part of the month got pretty wet, but this week has been much dryer and warmer.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY
to all you Dads out there!

So now, what about the rest of the year? While most Counties are now operating under the Governor's Phase 2 slightly lower restrictions, the Metro Area is dragging in Phase 1, with continuing uncertainties. But I guess we just have to make decisions that we feel best serve our members, without putting people at any health risk, whatever that means???

So, far, no more shocking news from any of our local Reps. The South Region seems to be getting restarted, but as discussed in my Metro Area report we are holding off for a while longer to see how things shack out.

Rides & Rallies: Remember when we did that, it has been awhile now, but maybe we can ease our way back to some sense of normal, all be it a new normal.

Well, many of the Counties are now semi-open, operating under slightly less restrictive Phase 2 guidelines. The Phase 2 guidelines allow for larger outdoor groups, and some campgrounds are open, which clears the way for some rally/ campout opportunities for the remainder of this year. Based on the most current information here is what the schedule looks like:

Coos Bay Rally – Chris Williams is checking on status at the fairground (Phase 2) and we will have a decision by next month.

I have check with Kay at the Wasco Fairgrounds about our regular Labor Day Weekend Campout. It seems like it fits within the Phase 2 guidelines. The key controlling factor for go-no-go will be if the restrooms and showers will be open. They are still working out details under the new guidelines to determine the necessary sanitation frequencies. Other convenience factors are if Molly B's is open and if there will be a Wamic Fire District Breakfast?

So, like Coos Bay, we should have a decision next month.

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www.orumci.weebly.com
For all newsletter information, or Web postings, please submit to David by the **20th of each month**. David is ***always*** looking for 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:

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Thanks so very much David for another great year of Newsletters!!!

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With Sandy remaining incapacitated, until further notice please send all communications and financial transactions **please to me**:

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July 2020 Metro News (Milwaukie, Oregon City & Portland) – Ben Altman
Well, got tired of waiting for restaurants to open, so CZ, Larry Dunton, and Del Nutbrock met at the Harley Kitchen on May 28th for a Social Distanced breakfast meeting. For you non-Metro folks, the Harley Kitchen might be recognized as the McDonalds next to Latus Motors Harley Shop. We order at the drive-up than moved over to the Latus parking lot from a late breakfast, coffee and general chattin. It was a nice change of pace, and good for me to see someone other than CZ.

On Sunday, May 31st, CZ joined me for dinner at Oswego Grill, which had just re-opened. I had a gift card, so it was one of those so called "free lunches." Food was pretty good, but the place was pretty empty.

Even with the lack of customers, our waitress actually forgot us. We got served right away, it was follow-up and getting us the check that got lost. After maybe 15-20 minutes, we had to flag down someone to get the check, guess she was just out of practice?

Metro Area Breakfasts

The Governor has approved about 2/3s of Oregon Counties to move to Phase 2 reopening under updated restrictions. However, Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah Counties are now all linked together, and stuck in Phase 1 until at least July 11th. Only time will tell if the Tri-County Area qualifies for Phase 2 in July.

Under Phase 1 guidelines restaurants must still maintain 6 feet between tables, and groups are limited to 10 people. Further, based on some local feedback, not everyone is ready for public gatherings, yet. Consequently, I am holding off on restarting our regular breakfast schedule. I thought about July 11th at the Wichita Grill, but given recent spikes in Covid cases in the Metro Area, that does seem to be prudent. So, maybe August.

Health Checks:

Sandy: Sandy continues to make recovery progress. In fact, her family has decided, as of June 12th to bring her home, and continue therapy there, where she can interact with the family. At this point, out of precaution, they are not prepared for non-family visitors.

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, unfortunately, it sounds like it will still be some time before he is ready to ride again. The doctor still has not approved him for any weight-baring exercises, monthly just range of motion stuff.

Dell Nutbrock has recently been hospitalized for congestive heart failure conditions. They are working to stabilize his heart rate. So our thoughts and prayers go out to Dell for good results.

South Region

Hi Friends:

Slowly "As the World Turns" things in Southern Oregon are getting better. We are out riding our bikes and trikes.

The Roseburg group have been doing Wednesday rides, or Thursday depending on the weather. I rode with them a couple of weeks ago. We went up Idlewild Park, took Rock Creek Rd. North (paved Forest Service Rd) up and over the hill and down to London. Then past Cottage Grove Res. into Cottage Grove. There was some wildlife and a little roadside SNOW on top of the Pass. The road was mostly clear, a few limbs and tree tops littered the road. Someone with a chain saw had cut a path all ready. I think there was a pretty good wind storm a week or more earlier.

We got a bite to eat at Mickey Ds.in Cottage Grove a went West to Loraine, then South on Territorial Rd. to Curtin. Most of us went West on Hwy 38 to Drain. We turned left on Hwy 99 and ended up at the K&R Drive In at Rice Hill for ice cream. We rode South on I-5 towards home. Good Friends, Good Roads, I was a Good Day. 160 miles

The next day another friend and I took some back roads to Cottage Grove. Then more back roads to Pleasant Hill, then up Hwy 58 to Oakridge. We got a great bowl of Chili. We should have gotten some Tums or Rolaids. Chili was very GOOD, but within an hour it had upset our stomachs. By then we had gone through Westfir and was on our way north up and over the hill. We Followed the middle fork of the Willamette. I stopped and took a picture of the river rushing through the rocks through the trees. Cascading water is so refreshing to the mind. After an hour+ we came to Cougar Res. Our tummy's still a little upset. I took another picture from the Dam. We rode just a few more miles and came to Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy), above Blue River. We rode down to Springfield back roads to Creswell the I-5 to home. 300 plus miles We stopped for coffee at Walterville. It was the place UMCI meetings were held. It was late in the afternoon the coffee was not good.

We should have asked for a fresh pot, our seats needed a rest, KLR 650 are good bikes, however after several hours and 200 plus miles, it did take our minds of the Chili we had for lunch.

Last Saturday we had our FIRST UMCI MEETING since March. I was great to see their faces. Archie, Gary, Lyn, Dick CZ, Gary & Judy, Dennis, Jeff & Lynda, and Gregg.

I called Abby's in Sutherlin when Douglas County went to Phase 2 and set up out meeting for the second Saturday. YES, I CHANGE OUR MEETING DAY FROM THE SECOND SUNDAY TO THE SECOND SATURDAY. I hope the world does not end, I was a little worried, so far so good.

The Sun is still coming up in the morning. The reason I change the meeting day is I have taken on some more responsibility at my church, so I am unable to be active with UMCI Sunday mornings and do the things at my Church I have taken over.

Dennis Coats had a crash while riding several weeks ago with the Wednesday riders. He was Hurt pretty seriously and was life flighted to Eugene. He spend several days in the hospital, then spent some time in a nursing home in Roseburg. He is doing much better. Dennis, glad you are doing better. 50/50 winners were Gary Miller, Archie Billings, and myself. I was very SURPRISED Gregg Weber didn't win. Maybe the Covid virus has an upside.

GOD BLESS

Ride and be Safe.

Zack Hoffman

PS; NEW MEETING DAY AND TIME Second Saturday 8 for Breakfast 9 meeting. ABBY'S Pizza In Sutherlin 1011 W Central Ave. (about a mile East of I-5)

July Spark Plug Up Date

Rod Gilman and I rode over to Bandon Yesterday and I took a picture from the South Jetty looking South toward Face Rock. We went North on 101 from there to Beaver Hill Rd. and Seven Devils Road in to Charleston.

We had fish and chowder, Yummy Yummy good, at Fisherman's Grotto.

We went back out to 101 and went south, took North Bank to Hwy. 42, then home. It was really cooler along the Ocean. Got toasty warm on the way so we stopped at Sandy Creek covered bridge and removed the liners out of the riding jackets.

So wonderful to ride around Oregon with Friends.

GOD has Truly Blessed us Here in Oregon.

Make the best of every Opportunity.

SMILE AND BE HAPPY

Zack Hoffman

News Flash: Myrtle Point

Myrtle Point will have a meeting the 4th Sunday. Kozy Kitchen in Myrtle Point, 8 to eat and meeting at 9.

Just got off the phone with Chris Williams and he is checking with the fair grounds. Should have an answer by next month. Regarding the COOS BAY CAMPOUT.

Zack Hoffman

PS Grants Pass meeting will be the first Saturday at the Black Forest or Herb's. Call Rick Foley around the 1st, he will know by then.

541-916-2506.

Keep Rick in your Prayers

Zack Hoffman

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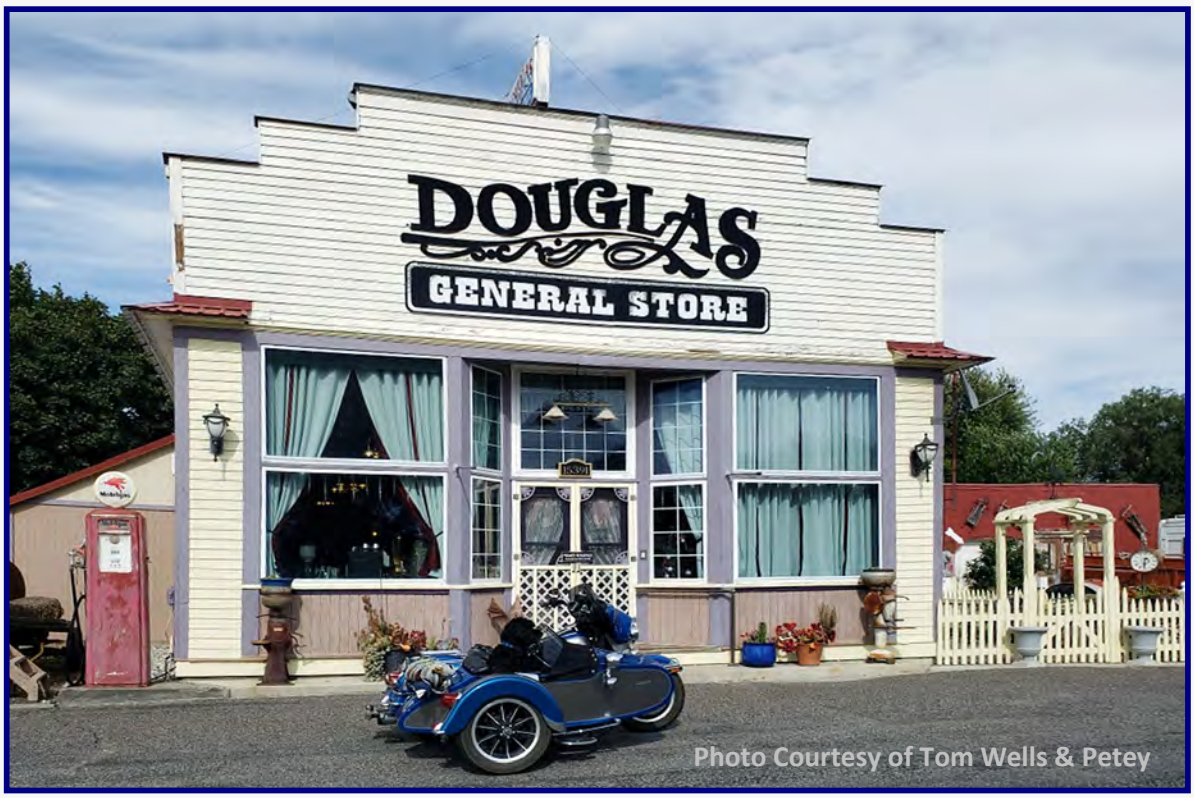

Photo Courtesy of Tom Wells & Petey

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!

July Birthdays

2 - Navada Broaddus
4 - Bill Nelson
7 - Michael Williams
8 - Archie Billings
8 - Barbara Sandgren
16 - Ann Blair
17 - Wanda Shearer
21 - Jim Scarborough
22 - Jim Thornton
22 - Joy Roehr
22 - Ray Shaw
27 - Suzette Maxfield
28 - Roberta Selensky
30 - Sheryl Bisceglia
30 - Gary Baker
31 - Fred Muir

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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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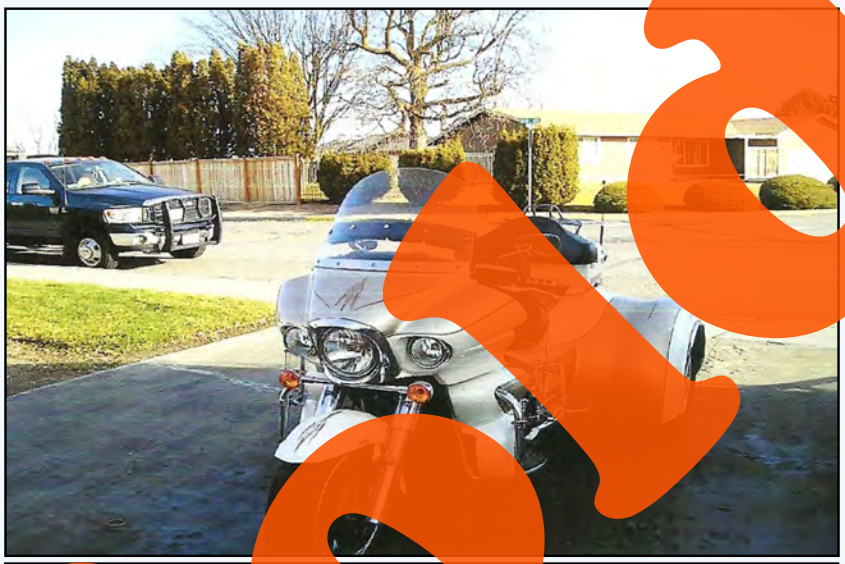
For Sale

2012 Kawasaki Voyager

California Sidecar Trike Conversion

ABS Brakes • 6,600 Miles

Asking $18,000



Sold

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

For Sale

2004 Honda Gold Wing Lehman Trike

Fork Rake Kit • Running Boards • Air Deflector

~~$17,000~~

Jim Walker • 928-276-9165

Yuma, Arizona

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!

1st Saturday Metro South (Oregon City) 8:00 AM
Wichita Bar & Grill, 19140 Molalla Ave., Oregon City
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Wilsonville, OR 97070
Email: ben.altman47@gmail.com

1st Saturday Grants Pass/Medford 8:30 AM
The Black Forest Restaurant, 820 NE E Street
Grants Pass, OR
Rick Foley cell: 541-916-2506
P.O. Box 2497, Grants Pass, OR 97528
rick1foley@gmail.com

1st Saturday North Coast Breakfast 9:00 AM
Buoy 9 Restaurant, 996 Pacific Dr.
Hammond, Or
Jim Roehr 503-458-5852

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

2nd Saturday, Roseburg Breakfast 8AM, Meeting 9AM
Abby's Pizza, 1011 W. Central Sutherlin
Zack Hoffman 541-430-3568
zhoffman3478@msn.com

3rd Tuesday Portland Widow's Chapter 12:30 AM
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 Tangent 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 (No Host)
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 7:00 AM
Elmers, 102nd & Sandy, Portland
No Host

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
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Burns - Call Jim 9:00 AM
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