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2021 Rides and Rally Schedule

Draft Only
Events and Dates subject to change.

New
Date

- Apr 24-25 Spring Banquet @ Michael Jay's Restaurant, Connell WA.
Kevin Besel, kbesel52@gmail.com *See Flyer*
- Jun 3-5 Washington Alpine Campout - [Alpine RV Park](#) (No RV's/Trailers)
60751 Hwy 20, Marblemount, WA ([Map](#)) Duane Wood, 360-766-6603
- Jun 24-26 Washington State Rally - [Hidden Village RV](#), Lynden WA
David Fitzgerald, route66@outlook.com
- Jul 20-22 UMCI International, [KOA](#), 4243 US-12, Kamiah, ID ([Map](#)) - Register ASAP
Larry Phelps, spanky51@cableone.net *Please Register Early*
- Jul 29-Aug 1 North Cascades Campout, [Loup Loup Campground](#), Hwy 20, Twisp WA
Dennis Parsley, dparsley63@gmail.com
- Aug Coos Bay Campout, Location & date TBD
- Sep 4-7 Oregon state Rally @ Tygh Valley Wasco County Fairgrounds
Ben Altman, ben.altman47@gmail.com
- Sep 25-26 Season Finale Campout, Info TBA

Cover Photo

Don't remember where this location is, but I must have been there...

[Oregon UMCI Website](#)

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International Rep's Comments!

Hi everyone! I hope that this winter's blast has not got you down and you're at least getting prepared to ride. I don't think the west side of Washington and Oregon has seen this much snow and super cold, especially in February.

Well, if you read the Wash this month, which I hope that you read it every month, I placed a registration form for the Spring Banquet. I'm acting on the real positive side and hoping we'll have our banquet this year.

All of Washington State is now in Phase 2. Restaurants can now open at 25% capacity and hopefully, reach 100% by April. Covid cases are slowing down, in Othello, that is a real positive thing in my opinion.

Please remember that the Spring Banquet is for all UMCI members, not just Washington. Would love to see all of you attend. Also, if you weren't aware, you can visit the UMCI International website, to access all the newsletters by area; very good reading and informative as well. The registration for the International is in the Idaho State newsletter now and will be in Oregon and Washington this month.

I am so looking forward to things getting back to normal. It's been so long that we have seen some type of normal, I'm not sure I know what normal even is. I'm looking forward to the time we can just ride, see our friends and attend our rallies. I think I miss the friendships the most.

I've been having a little trouble with my heart staying out of AFib, the last month, so I saw my heart doctor yesterday and he changed my medication in hopes that it will regulate itself. We will see. I asked him if there was any danger of me riding and he just said we will watch and see what the new meds do. I am sharing this with you because I consider you all friends and if I can't ride any longer I plan on staying close to all of you one way or another. That is a worst case scenario, I hope that will not be the case.

I would like someone from the Medicine Hat UMCI to contact me by phone or by e-mail so we can reconnect with you. I know travel between the States and Canada is really hard now but we can still stay connected.

Keep healthy everyone and God Bless all of you.

Kevin and Kevi

Spark Plug Printed Issues.

On 6-22-2020 UMCI was charged \$.20 to print a sheet of paper. For today's mailing number that would be \$3.60 to print and mail each SparkPlug.

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On 12-28-2020 UMCI was charged \$.55 to print a sheet of paper. For today's mailing number that would be \$7.80 to print and mail each Spark Plug.

I would suppose that does not look like a huge cost but for a person to receive each of the 12 issues for 2021, that is $12 \times \$7.80 = \93.60 . For that each person receiving the Spark Plug by US mail paid the UMCI \$24.00. Who is paying the \$69.60 difference?

Now let's look at a similar but unrelated issue. I purchased Rider Magazine for myself, my son, and a grandson. We still had three years to go on our paid subscription when Rider stopped making their printed issue, and told us we could obtain the digital copy. Digital copy means we get it by email. I don't like reading a magazine as large as Rider on my computer screen, but Rider listened to my complaint and gave me an additional eight months of the Rider digital issues. Their reason for going digital was cost of printing.

For 16 years I was also a member of another motorcycle club that produced a nice newsletter on heavy paper with lots of ink, four times a year. That newsletter was not and is not available in digital format. When I left that club several years ago the talk was that their cost was going to increase to perhaps \$100 a year subscription.

I have asked the Area Reps for suggestions and input into this matter and have received some good feedback.

We will be exploring some different options for the print issue and started making some small changes with the February issue. As of now, no new subscriptions for printed issues will be accepted.

February and March 2021 Metro News (Milwaukie, Oregon City & Portland) – Ben Altman

So Easily forgotten

Didn't think I would be so easily forgotten, having just stepped down as State Rep. in December. But, it seems like Sir David, our faithful, but forgetful editor did just that. I actually did submit a report for February, but it didn't make it in the Newsletter. Consequently, I had to bribe David with cookies! Therefore, this is a double report covering February and March. That is if the cookies actually helped David's memory. Maybe I should have laced them with Prevagen.

I am also obligated to report that our new leader (Gary Shearer) didn't even include me in his email distribution of the February Sparkplug. I had to get Mary Nordby to forward it to me. So sad to be forgotten. I will however, give Gary credit for so graciously adding me to his list. Thanks Gary!

As I prepared the summary (for February) I note that, at that time, it was only 59 days until Spring. Of course, now spring is even closer, with some hopes of be able to re-start our regular activities sometime this year.

So far, the New Year has brought us a lot of rain, wind, and even ice and snow, and not just in the mountains. With March just around the corner, we should be out of any further major winter weather.

Just in time for the big ice/snow storm the Governor lifter some Covid related restrictions allowing restaurants in the Metro area to open for indoor dining at 25%. But given the weather, many places stayed closed or limited to take-out service.

Here in Wilsonville, we got about a ½ inch of ice and maybe an inch of snow, but not bad compared to other areas, and, local restaurants did open. Woodburn, Canby, Molalla, and Oregon City didn't fare so well, with major loss of power.

The Lost Report

Sunday January 3: – Hood River (Lyle Café) Unfortunately, nothing schedule, so just another day locked in the box.

Saturday January 9: Our regular breakfast at the Wichita Grill didn't happen due to lock-down.

Wednesday January 13: So, while I had to work, Mr. CZ had made arrangements with the Miles and Klickitat John to meet them for lunch in Lyle, Washington. Mary Nordby decided to go also.

However, the major storm Tuesday and overnight caused landslides on both I-84 and SR 14, which limited access to the east. But that didn't faze CZ's dedication to his duty to meet his social commitments.

Without missing a beat, CZ swiftly altered plans to go to the Redland Café, with Mary. As I understand, the Miles and John did have lunch in Lyle. Report is that it was very busy.

CZ's motto:

"Neither snow nor rain nor mudslides nor heat nor gloom of night nor covid-19 stays this social worrier from the swift completion of his appointed rounds for food and social gatherings!"

Wednesday January 20: Consistent with his Moto, CZ arranged to meet Jim & Joy Roehr, and CZ's sister, Linda at Stuffy's in Longview. Mary went with him, while I did my work duties.

Thursday January 21: Continuing his duties, CZ arranged to meet [Denise and Bernice Miles and Klickitat John at the Lyle Café, in Washington](#). Mary went with him again, while I did my work duties. It sounds like Mike & Sheryl Bisceglia also showed-up.

I probably wouldn't have gone anyway, even if I wasn't working. I am just not that comfortable with safety given this stupid virus, especially given the new mutant strain, which apparently are even more easily spread. Really, I am most concerned about protecting my job and continued income until I get my house built.

Saturday January 23: Paul's is still not open, so no go for our Vancouver breakfast.

Saturday January 30: Nothing planned, as no local restaurants are open yet. So, Mary Nordby & I went looking at RV trailers. She is looking to upgrade from her cargo trailer.

I also looked at some furniture for my Wasco house.

I finally got the permit for the house, so things are moving forward, all be it a bit slower than originally planned. But I found out the deliver timeline has also slipped a couple months. So it could be August before it is ready to move in.

The New Report - Month 2

The continuing saga of CZ's Social Outings:

Thursday February 4, 2021: CZ arranged to meet Jim & Joy Roehr in Longview, Mary went with him, and his sister Linda also joined. However, Stuffy's wasn't open, so they found a burger place, and to food to Linda's home.

Saturday February 6: Again, nothing planned, still no local restaurants open for indoor service. So, Mary & I went looking at more RV trailers.

Sunday February 7: I think CZ met Denise and Bernice Miles and Klickitat John at the Lyle Café, in Washington.

Saturday February 13: So, the Governor lifter some restrictions allowing restaurants to serve indoors, but only at 25% capacity. But as it turns out, this was Snow & Ice-amagedon weekend, so a lot or places didn't open.

As it turns out, CZ (and all of Woodburn and other outlying areas) lost power Friday night. But, Wilsonville was under full power; and Shari's in Wilsonville was, in fact, open, so CZ met Mary & I there for breakfast. That afternoon, CZ joined us for supper, and stayed overnight.

Sunday, we had breakfast at Shari's again. This time, it was a bit of a wait! It seems like there were mass refugees from Canby, Woodburn and elsewhere who drove into Wilsonville for some hot food. Others were just out for frozen Valentine's Day.

We had to wait about an hour, but others who came in after us were waiting up to 2.5 hours. They had to wait in their cars, given the 25% capacity limit. We were glad we got there when we did.

That afternoon, I made a pot of chili for supper, and CZ stayed the night again. But, we all survived the weekend.

Saturday February 20: Like the Metro Area, southwest Washington also opened up a bit. So, this morning we gathered at Paul's in Vancouver. Given the circumstances, we had a good turn-out with 6 attending, including Derald Johnson, Mike & Sheryl Bisceglia, CZ, Mary Nordby and myself.

Hopefully, we will be able to meet again the second Saturday in March, back at the Wichita Grill. Stay tuned to find out the rest of the story...

GACMS Update

Here is an update from the Governor's Advisory Committee for Motorcycle Safety.

I see that a new Lane-Splitting bill is back on the table (SB 574). The rule, if passed, will allow lane-splitting in limited circumstances, such as when traffic is stopped or moving at less than 10 mph.

Personally, I believe lane-splitting is a very bad idea. Generally, I do not believe it is a safe practice. But further, I see no reason why riders need any special treatment different from drivers of cars or trucks. I also see it as potentially resulting in more road-rage, where some drivers will consider being passed in traffic as somehow unfairly infringing upon their rights.

Last year a similar bill never made it out of committee. The Committee took no action on legislative issue in January, and the February meeting was canceled. We will see what happens as the year progresses.

Greetings from the Grants Pass/Medford Area

I hope you are all doing well and good. Our part of Southern Oregon is still on "lockdown". I really hope to see things get back to normal soon. We still haven't been able to hold our Monthly Meetings while our Wednesday and Saturday Breakfast Social "get togethers" at Herb's have been happening. We have been getting 6 to 8 show up on average and Herb's has done a pretty good job keeping us warm enough.

Herb's hours are back to normal, so starting this Wednesday (Feb. 17th) we will be returning to our normal breakfast time of 8:00 and don't worry if you want to show up a little later 8:30ish is fine.

Some of us have been getting in some riding here and there. A few weeks ago Bill, Don and I took advantage of the "Chetco Effect" and rode out to the Coast. When I left home at about 9:45 to meet up with Bill and Don and it was a chilly 39 degrees. But after we got down the road it started to warm up when we got to Cave Junction and when we got to Brookings it was a warm 70 degrees. How nice it was and in Curry County we can dine indoors! Then when I got back home it was 39 degrees again. It was a beautiful, great ride. We are looking forward to taking advantage of the Chetco Effect for a nice ride again soon.

We have some new people. Brian and Robin Egusquiza have been with us a little while now and we are glad to have them. Our website is working for us. Mike and Linda Hopkins found us on-line a while back while planning to move back to the area and we just met them in person five days ago.

I look forward to riding with you soon,

Rick

South Region

Hi: This 2 week shut down seems like the LONGEST 2 WEEKS EVER.

Just had to get that OUT.

Well friends, I hope all is well with you. Things are a pretty good here in the southern part of Oregon. Compared to the Ice Storm some of you are enduring up North. The cold damp weather has not inspired me to go riding for eons or so it seems.

I went to Grants Pass the first Saturday, in the pickup. Rick has several dedicated members that meet 1 or 2 days a week for breakfast. I must confess, I have extra incentive, my daughter comes up and has breakfast with us. Even better this time, one of my grandsons who lives just a few blocks away joined us. Nine were there for breakfast in total. Thanks Rick for all the efforts you are doing.

I called people a couple of days before the Roseburg meeting we have in Sutherlin. Well, I ain't a very good telemarketer cause I ended up eating by myself. At least here in Douglas County, we can eat indoors. Towns are so small here, in the almost OUTBACK, we can't eat in the same town as most live in.

Don Evernden and I are planning on going vermin eradicating this spring. We are also planning a ride or two this Summer. We have the trikes and Kwik Kamps, ready, just waiting TO BE SET FREE.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Zack Hoffman

The “retirement” of a long-time motorcyclist.

John Pursley mailed a letter to Oregon UMCI asking that he be dropped from the membership roles this year. To somewhat quote what he said, “I can't see, can't hear, don't ride, too old” and wished to say goodbye to all.

I met John sometime in the late 1970's or early 1980's when I attended a motorcycle show in Seattle. John was one of the greeters for American Motorcycle Assn. He is a Life Member and eventually I joined those ranks. When the UMCI formed in the late 1980's he became a member of Oregon UMCI and stayed active for many years.

So, as John moves off into the sunset, I wave goodbye and wish him much enjoyment in his retirement years.

Gary Shearer, Oregon State Rep, UMCI

Death of a member:

Navada Broaddus of NE Portland passed away at home from heart and cancer issues on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2021. Navada was 84 years of age. She and husband Jerry had three children. Jerry and Navada rode many miles over many years with a number of us “old” members.

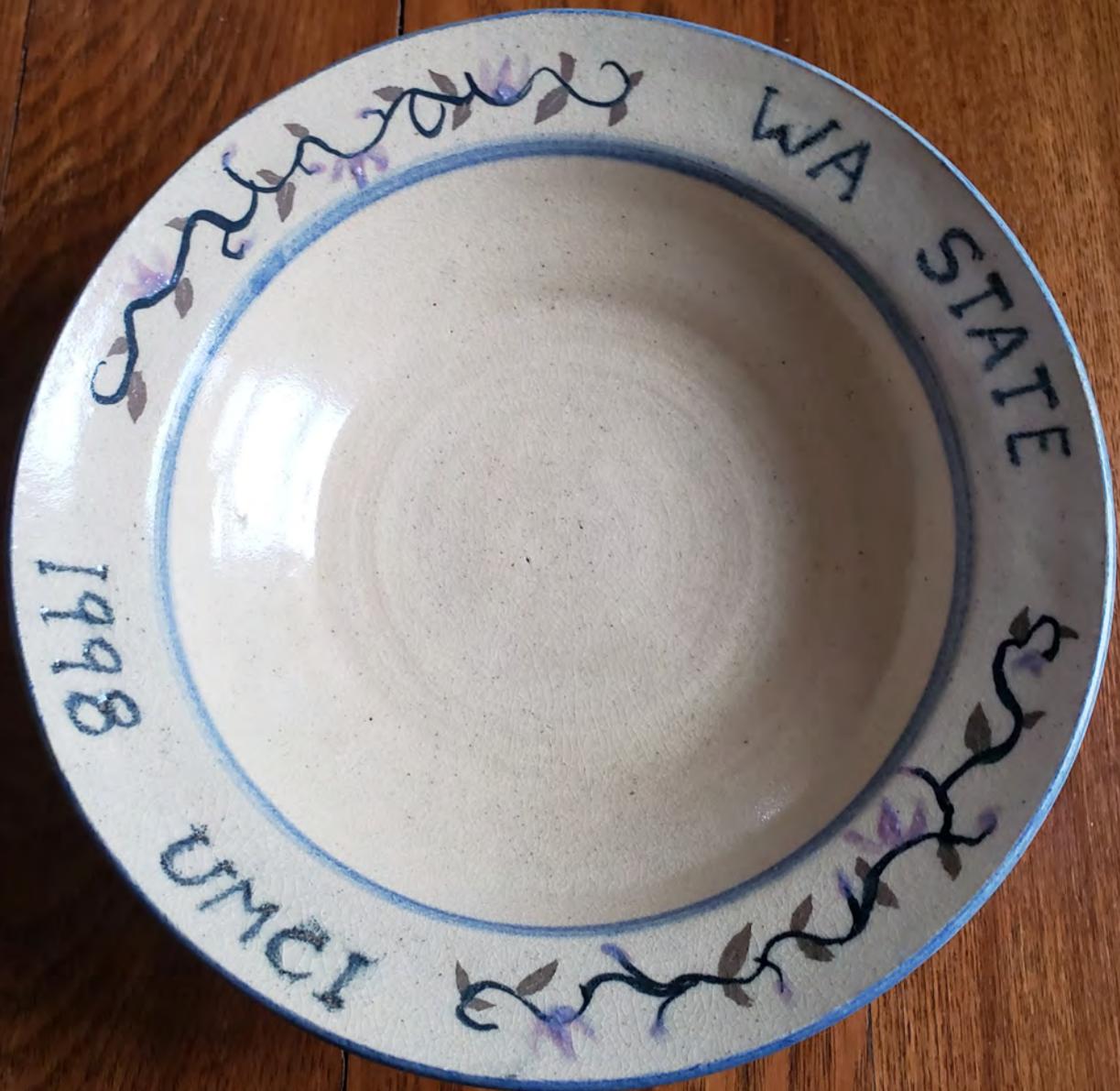


1960 Norton 500cc Dominator 88 Deluxe

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All you UMCI old timers who remember and were close to Ned and Esther Akerman, here's the deal for you. We won this bowl, hand made by Esther, as a door prize at a rally. Barb is jumping on Spring Cleaning right now and among other things, we need to pass this bowl on to someone who will appreciate it and would enjoy having a



Just let me know, I'll ship it but perhaps, just maybe ask you to pay the shipping. Other than that it's free. Contact: Tom Wells, 509-995-5747.

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WASHINGTON STATE UMCI SPRING BANQUET

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!!!!

APRIL 24th AND 25th, 2021

MICHEAL JAY'S RESTURANT

Connell, WA



PLEASE SEND NO MONEY NOW. I WOULD LIKE TO JUST GET A HEAD COUNT AT THIS TIME. WE ARE STILL UP IN THE AIR AS TO IF WE CAN HAVE A GATHERING IN WASHINGTON YET.

BANQUET MEAL \$23.00 PER PERSON SATURDAY NIGHT

\$ _____

BREAKFAST MEAL \$11.00 PER PERSON SUNDAY MORNING

\$ _____

You can pay at the door. My hope is that by April, we will be able to hold the event. This registration is for head count.

Both meals are buffet style lots of food. Send registration to:

Kevin Besel, 1045 East Oak, Othello Wa. 99344

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2021 UMCI International Registration

July 20-22

Lewis-Clark Resort

4243 HWY 12, Kamiah, ID

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

NAME _____

NAME _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROVINCE _____

Total distance from Home to Kamiah _____ miles

Registration per person:

Prior to June 30th \$25.00 X _____ =\$ _____

After June 30th \$30.00 X _____ =\$ _____

Mail or email registration to: Larry Phelps
110 Grizzly Dr Fruitland, ID 83619
spanky51@cableone.net





UMCI Membership Directory

A directory of UMCI members is under construction. Your assistance is important. Please complete this form and direct to:

Kevin Besel, PO Box 190, Connell WA 99326-0190 or kbesel52@gmail.com

Optionally, you may [download](#) a fillable version of this form, suitable for emailing.

Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Navigator _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Email-1 _____ Email-2 _____

Tel-1 _____ Tel-2 _____

Birthday-1 _____ Birthday-2 _____

March Birthdays



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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Gladys Smith | 4 - Susan Fitzgerald |
| 1 - Dennis Smith | 8 - Karen Headley |
| 2 - Grace Baker | 9 - Sam Roth |
| 2 - Al Williamson | 9 - Pam Nelson |
| 2 - Roger Neale | 20 - Katie Scarborough |
| 2 - Gary Shearer | 21 - Carol Williams |
| 3 - Betty Evans | 22 - Mike Bisceglia |
| 3 - Larry Balloy | 28 - Bruce Schulz |
| 3 - Mary Lou Melzer | 29 - Dick Carson |
| 4 - Mary Canfield | 29 - Al Gritzner |



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For Sale

2002 Honda GL1800 Goldwing
2008 Suzuki 650 V-Strom



Contact: Doris @ 503-913-4834

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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
 No Host - Temporarily on Hold (Covid)
 Ben Altman, 541-993-9015
 29515 SW Serenity Way Apt D
 Wilsonville, OR 97070
ben.altman47@gmail.com

1st Saturday Grants Pass/Medford 8:30 AM

Shenanigans Lounge at Herb's Restaurant
 515 Rogue River Highway, 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 7:00 AM

Ranch Drive In, 1950 12th St., Hood River
 No Host
 John & Hazel Dougherty, 541-399-6172
 Goldendale, WA

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

The Wichita Grill, 19140 Mollala Ave., Oregon City
 No Host
 Ben Altman, 541-993-9015
 29515 SW Serenity Way Apt D
 Wilsonville, OR 97070
ben.altman47@gmail.com

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

Denny's Restaurant, 132 128th St SW, Everett, WA
 David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034

2nd Saturday, Roseburg Brkfst, 8 AM, Meeting 9:00 AM

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
 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, 541-990-5304
ellentonimcmillin@gmail.com

3rd Saturday Vancouver 7:00 AM

Paul's Restaurant (No Host)
 1800 Broadway Street, Vancouver, WA

3rd Saturday Hermiston 8:30 AM

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

4th Sunday Coos Bay 9:00 AM

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

Burns - Call Jim 9:00 AM

Jim & Zelly Campbell, 541-573-7607
 PO Box 1010, Hines, OR 9773

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Member: _____

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Beginning Immediately, from November 2020, all Renewals will run from January to December, regardless of prior renewal dates or date of membership.

Annual Renewal \$24.00

Make check payable to: **Oregon UMCI**

Mail to: Wanda Shearer, State Treasurer
1995 Michigan City Lane NW
Salem, OR 97304-9561



New Membership Registration Form

Rider:

Print Name

Signature

Navigator:

Print Name

_____ + _____

Signature

By signing for membership, I agree to abide by the By-Laws of UMCI.

Address: _____ + _____

_____ State ___ Zip _____

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Accepted By: _____ -- __, State Rep. Date _____

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