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Coming Events
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2021 Rides and Rally Schedule

Apr 24-25	**Spring Banquet @ Michael Jay's Restaurant, Connell WA.** **Kevin Besel, kbesel52@gmail.com *See Flyer***
May 19-21	**Brewster Campout @ Rock Garden RV, Brewster WA, $10 bike/per night** **David Fitzgerald, route66@outlook.com, RSVP, Pay Upon Arrival**
Jun 4-6	**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, Klipchuck Campground, Hwy 20, Mazama WA** **Dennis Parsley, dparsley63@gmail.com**
Aug 19-21	**Coos Bay Campout, Coos County Fair Grounds, Myrtle Point** **Chris Williams, 541-404-5286**
Sep 3-6	**Oregon State Rally @ Tygh Valley Wasco County Fairgrounds** **Ben Altman, ben.altman47@gmail.com, *See Flyer***
Sep 10-13	**Fields Spring State Park, Anatone WA, (Map)** **David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034 Reserve ASAP for best availability**
Sep 15-17	**Season Finale - Rock Gardens Park, 408 Hwy 173, Brewster WA** **$10 tent/night, POA, Jan or Dale flhrdr17@gmail.com See Online Flyer**

2021 UMCI Dinner Rides

May 23 - Buoy 9, 996 Pacific Drive, Hammond, OR 503-861-2962
Jun 20 - Bundy's Café Drive-in, 150 SE Truehaak St, Clatskanie, OR 503-728-3815
Jul 11 - The Black Iron Drive, 831 Bridge St. Vernonia, OR 503-429-0214
Aug 15 - Berry Patch, 49289 US 30, Westport, OR 503-455-2250
Sep 19 - Cornerstone Café, 102 E A Street, Rainier, OR 503-556-8772
Oct 10 - Camp 18, 42362 US 26, Seaside, OR 503-755-1818

***** All dinners on Sunday, at 1pm *****

Cover Photo
Depoe Bay Marina at Depoe Bay, OR

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INTERNATIONAL REP'S COMMENTS

I hope this month's rant finds all of you in great health and high spirits, and that you're all out riding. The weather has been pretty darn nice for riding this year even with some of the limitations of Covid and of course the new variant. I'm so over this I just wish we could blow past it and return to somewhat normal.

Well, our summer has been to say the least, not very exciting. It seems like all of our events happened when I had doctor appointments. I've found that you don't cancel an appointment with a heart doctor, it could move your next appointment by as long as 3 to 6 months.

But, even though I'm not riding much, I think of UMCI a lot and the membership, hoping that you're riding and have been able to take advantage of the rallies and rides that the reps set up for us to enjoy.

This note comes just shortly after 9-11, and a flood of emotions hit me as I watched some of the ceremonies in remembrance of that day and how it changed all of our lives. It brought a lot of negative thoughts, but I was also blessed with some very positive thoughts about our country and how all of us banded together as Americans.

I looked at it as a wake-up call for all of us. We live in the greatest country in the world, it was then and is now. I remembered that our fall festivals are usually on the 11th, or the day after and on 9-11, 20 years ago, it was the day after. As I sat watching the parade, there were 100s of flags on that event and not one person didn't stand and pay respect for our flag, our country, and for the men and woman that protect this country.

This year was different. There were people ignoring the colors, not standing and just ignoring what our country is all about. I thought to myself, please everyone don't ever forget that day 20 years ago and how strong we were. Let's get back to taking pride in our country again.

Sorry, I feel very strongly about this and about our motorcycle club. We've survived the Covid mess and stuck together from not having any events in 2020, to the events we have had this year. I'm so proud of you, the members that make these things happen. Without your support we'd separate like I see our country splitting and it makes me sad.

My opinion is the UMCI and you the members are some of the finest people that Kevi and I have had the pleasure of knowing and most of all calling friends. I am so looking forward to all the doctors telling me that it is ok for me to ride again and I will keep all of you in touch with that news.

Sorry for all of the rambling, but I'm very committed to this country and this club. We'll continue to ride in the greatest country in the world! God bless to you all, and God please bless our troops.

Kevin and Kevi

Gary's View

September 20, 2021

Well, I had hoped to have information regarding the 2022 International Rally in this SparkPlug, BUT, there were some obstacles that could not be overcome. So, what we had hoped for was a rally at the Yamhill Co. Fairgrounds. That is off the table for now and we have several other places needing to be contacted.

This covid mess has really altered the way businesses operate. WE WILL HAVE THE RALLY BUT JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE YET. Also, it may not be the 3rd week of July, but should be close to that time

October 2021 Metro News (Milwaukie, Oregon City & Portland) – Ben Altman

Wow, some rain, well more like a drizzle August 21, but wet. Gee it didn't even settle the dust.

We are creeping into the shorter daylight hours of fall, sunrises closer to 7:00 AM and sunsets before just after 7:00 PM. I like the cool nights but hate losing the daylight. By the time you read this it will officially be Autumn Sept. 22, with sunrise at 6:59 AM and sunset at 7:08 PM.

Activity Report

Saturday August 21: The schedule is for the Hermiston breakfast with Ed Baker. CZ drove over, but apparently Ed didn't show up. The rest of the normal crew were at Coos Bay, so it was just CZ.

Friday August 27: Had the day off, so met CZ at the Home Plate in Silverton for breakfast.

Saturday August 28: 4th Saturday, so it was over to Vancouver breakfast this morning. This morning it was just Derald, CZ & myself.

Thursday September 2-6: Took off from work early and headed to Tygh Valley.

Mary Nordby was there when I arrived, and we had 8 others who also arrived Thursday. It was about 76° Thursday and it dropped down to a cool 46° that night. The rest of the weekend was upper 80's to low 90's and low 50's at night. It got a little warm and muggy a couple of the days, but overall, I thought the weather was almost perfect!

The only downside was pretty thick smoke 3 of the days, most likely from the Breitenbush and

Bull fires. But we survived. We ended up with 37 campers, 2 cats, 2 dogs and 5 drop-ins from The Dalles.

Unfortunately, due to covid there was no Fire District Breakfast at Wamic. So, we relied upon Molly B's for breakfast. We had camp chili Friday evening, biker stew Saturday, and a Potluck Sunday. Comments from the eatees (my new word) indicated the food was very good. I was very pleased with the turnout, and I offered breakfast Monday morning, which seemed to delay departures. Charley and Jonathan (Spokane) were on their bikes, stopped by to say goodbye, then stayed for breakfast.

We had a bit of excitement, when 3 County sheriffs raced into camp Saturday. They had been reaching for a hit & run driver, who they ultimately found at the fairgrounds. Apparently, he had hit a girl at the GrassCar (riding mowers) races at the pub in Wamic. He was hauled off in handcuffs and it was all over in about 20 minutes.

Note: If someone is missing a Betty Crocker large stirring spoon, I have it.

SPECIAL COVID NOTICE

I HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT RON MATTOX, WHO ATTENDED TYGH VALLEY HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID 19!

THEREFORE EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND SPENT ANY TIME CLOSE TO RON, SHOULD TAKE THE APPROPRIATE PROTOCOL PRECAUTIONS!

Sunday September 5: Dennis, Bernice, Joanne, CZ and Klickitat John went over for the Lyle Breakfast. Joanne came to camp after breakfast and Dennis and Bernice came later for the Potluck dinner.

It was awesome to see everyone after so long. I for one totally enjoyed the Rally, even without a bike. I plan to do Tygh Valley again next year, Labor Day weekend.

Saturday September 11: Second Saturday, so it was the Wichita Grill this morning. There were only 5 of us this morning, CZ, Larry Dunton, Mike & Sheryl and myself.

Sunday September 12: Unscheduled breakfast at Woodburn Country Estates Club House, with CZ, Mike & Sheryl and Larry Dunton.

Saturday September 18: Third Saturday, the schedule says Hermiston breakfast with Ed Baker. Report next month. However, CZ could not make contact with Ed, so he and the folks from The Dalles did not go to Hermiston.

I actually drove over to Rufus to Mary Nordby, me sister, to check out her brand new toy hauler. We spent the weekend get all her stuff reasonably organized,

Saturday September 25: Vancouver, at Paul's is on the schedule.

MEETING CHANGES

Due to some pretty poor service we have decided to leave the Wichita Grill.

We are going to try Shari's at the Oregon City Shopping Center, 1926 McLoughlin Blvd, Oregon City, OR 97045.

We are also changing the time to 8:30 AM. This will be for the breakfast meetings on the First & Second Saturdays until further notice.

Motorcycle Safety

Portland Police report that in 2020 there were 58 motorcycle fatalities. So far this year, there have been 40. Those are the highest vitality rates in 3 decades.

I'm just wondering if this isn't another symptom of covid misbehavior, or did folks just forget how to ride?

Be Safe out there!

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Tygh Valley

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October Birthdays

1 - Betty Spaulding
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
14 - Dennis Broaddus
15 - Joyce Young
16 - Ben Altman

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For Sale

Harley Davidson Leathers, Like New!

1. Harley Davidson leather pants. No hem at bottom. Waste is marked 40, but more accurate size guess would be 38. Cut like Wrangler or Levi. Length is good on me and I'm 6'1" easily cut shorter $150
2. Harley Davidson Chaps. Size M, hemmed at bottom. Unisex. Small pocket. $150.
3. J&J chaps. XXL with no hem. Pocket with flap on left leg. $120
4. Harley Davidson FXRG lined Heavy Leather Jacket. Excellent condition in all aspects. $350

Open to offers and would discount for multiple items purchased.

Contact Tom Wells: 509-995-5747 or tewells99029@gmail.com

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For Sale

2011 Suzuki V-Strom 650 • 64,000 miles
Happy Trails Medium Saddlebags • Trunk • Extras
Asking $3500

Contact: Steve Close • 541-620-1944
steve.yuma@gmail.com

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For Sale

1995 Honda Goldwing GL 1500 Interstate • 54,000 miles
New Windshield • Tune Up • Brakes • Ready to go • $4800

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1995 Kwik Kamp with Queen Bed • $2500

Contact Lucy Johnson at: 509-269-4648
Eastern Washington

Chapter Breakfast Meetings - Come Early!

1st Saturday Metro South (Oregon City) 8:30 AM
Shari's at the Oregon City Shopping Center
1926 McLoughlin Blvd, Oregon City, OR
Ben Altman, 541-993-9015
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
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 8:00 AM
Lyle Cafe, 605 State St, Lyle Washington
John & Hazel Dougherty, 541-399-6172
Goldendale, WA

1st & 2nd Saturdays, Metro South (Milwaukie) 8:30 AM
Shari's at the Oregon City Shopping Center
1926 McLoughlin Blvd, Oregon City, OR
Ben Altman, 541-993-9015 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

4th 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
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New Membership Registration Form

Rider: _____

Print Name

_____

Signature

Navigator: _____

Print Name

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Signature

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

Address: _____+_____

_____ State ____ Zip _____

Important for Newsletter & General Communications

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

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

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