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## Oregon State UMCI



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## 2022 Rides and Rally Schedule

- May 31-Jun 4 Washington Alpine Campout - [Alpine RV Park](#) (No RV's/Trailers)  
60751 Hwy 20, Marblemount, WA ([Map](#)) Duane Wood, 360-766-6603
- Jun 7-10 Fields Spring State Park, Anatone WA, ([Map](#))  
David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034 [Reserve ASAP](#) for best availability
- Jul 29-31 North Cascades Campout - Loup Loup Campground, Twisp WA  
Dennis Parsley, [dparsley63@gmail.com](mailto:dparsley63@gmail.com), Register upon arrival ([Info](#)) ([Map](#))



1962 Harley Davidson Aermacchi Sprint C

### Cover Photo

Remains of [powerhouse](#) turbines at White River Falls State Park.

[Oregon UMCI Website](#)

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## INTERNATIONAL REP'S RANT

Hi to all of you. I trust you've survived all of the great times over the holidays and now you're ready for life to slow down just a bit. You know, Christmas and New Years are always so special, but as I get older, I look forward to them being over and life slowing down to a dull roar.

Well, here we sit on the first days of 2022, and all of the Reps including myself are deeply involved in getting our 2022 ride and event schedules set up. As I sit here working on things and receiving information from other State and Provincial Reps, I'm reminded that we have so many things going on in this club, lots of events, rallies, and rides to take advantage of this summer.

It's been a winter with extremely cold weather and for the Columbia Basin, we had a lot of snow. It's the first time that Snoqualmie Pass, that divides eastern from western Washington, has been closed for five solid days in a row. And come to find out, this was the highest snowfall on the pass ever. Should solve some of the drought problems we've had in Washington for sure.

I've been diligently looking for a new place to hold our Spring Banquet and have had no luck so far. The owner that has taken over the restaurant from the Harts has not expressed much interest in catering our event. To me, it doesn't seem he is too interested in operating the restaurant under some routine, kind of opens and closes when he wants to, no set hours that I see.

But, I will continue looking. Something will come up for sure. The restaurant business has really been affected by Covid. It's amazing how many businesses have closed in 2021 and likely more to come. I'll keep you updated on Spring Banquet progress.

It's amazing to me at how prices have jumped. Just getting a place to hold an event is scary. Seems prices have gone up by 50% or more. I think that will be a pattern for any of the events we have this year. I hope that I'm wrong, but have a gut feeling that our events will have an inflation increase across the board.

Now that I have brightened everyone's day with that observation, on with business. It's my hope that we'll have a great 2022 as far as our rallies and special events. It takes a lot of planning and hard work to put these events together so contact your rep and offer assistance. I'm sure it will be appreciated.

If you have any ideas or new things you'd like to try, please let me know and we'll see what we can do.

God Bless all of you! See you down the road.

Kevin and Kevi.

## Gary's View

THERE WILL NOT BE AN INTERNATIONAL RALLY THIS YEAR!

Now let me provide some information as to why the OR UMCI has made this decision. We drove to John Day last fall to check on the availability of the fairgrounds. It took more than a month to receive anything from the fairgrounds. Motels and meals were very expensive. We checked on the Benton County fairgrounds in Corvallis and they either did not want our business or their agent did not know what they had available. We signed an agreement with the Yamhill Co. fairgrounds but within weeks the agreed upon costs suddenly were getting added expenses, so we withdrew from that agreement.

We drove to Tygh Valley and tried to contact someone there. Their telephones would not ring through and there was no one on site. We contacted the Wasco County commissioner's office and because of Covid could only leave a voice mail on their telephone. They requested a better way would be an email. In two months time we did not receive a telephone call from any of our voicemails nor any response to our emails.

We tried a few other places as well.

On January 12 we drove to Redmond and our appointment with the Deschutes Fair and Expo Center. That facility is huge and we were given a small tour and decided on a campground area and dates. Prices were negotiated, but the least cost was more than \$4000 and they wanted someone to sign to guarantee payment. A small lunch cost us \$50 for the two of us. Projected costs per person to attend were very high and that was for a projected attendance of 100 people. Oregon UMCI does not have that sort of cash and others, like me, were reluctant to sign for a debt of that amount. Covid and inflation have wreaked havoc on all of us.

So, after consultation with OR UMCI reps and with the Int'l Rep it was decided to not have a rally this year. It was also suggested that we look at something different, an un-rally, so to speak. That is being looked into now.

## South Region

Hi Friends: Just thought I would send out some vicious rumors. 😞

Well, I guess I'm in a rut. Saturday, January 1st, 2022. I rode to Rice Hill for lunch, Jan 1st, 1975, the first time with Russ Fout to the same restaurant with a different name (Panty Hose junction) as it was called back in the day. I remember it was cold, under 30 degrees. I rode my 72 Honda CB 450 and Russ rode his 185 Suzuki. Enough about back in the day.

January 1st, 2022 we had 10 people show up. Evernden and I were on our trikes. There were people from Halsey, Glide, Broadbent, Roseburg, Green and Winston.

The so called leader, forgot to bring tickets so no 50/50 drawing. They should FIRE him. The weather was a little chilly, about 35 when we started out, but it was over 50 by the time we got home.

It was great to see old friends out and about. I think about those who are only with us in our memories. In case you haven't heard, Floyd McMillen had a heart attack. Keep him in your prayers.

We sang happy birthday to Toni, it was her birthday.

Saturday, Jan 8th, we had our regular meeting at Abby's in Sutherlin. Three trikes and one motorcycle made it. There was another motorcycle in the parking lot, but he wasn't one of the gang. He looked under 50, so he didn't fit in with all the white haired people. Gary and Judy Baker rode their respective machines. Don and I managed to find out way on our trikes. Gregg Weber, and Dwayne Varner were there, great see them.

Someone remembered the 50/50 bucket so we drew tickets. Jeff Mason \$15, Dwayne Varner won \$10 as did Gary Baker.

Dave McMillen had an operation today. Please Pray for him and his Dad.

GOD BLESS AND GOD SPEED

Zack Hoffman

**February 2022 Metro News (Milwaukie, Oregon City & Portland) – Ben Altman**

December brought bucket loads of rain! And then, on the 26<sup>th</sup> we got Snow and very cold temperatures for about a week! Not a lot of snow, mostly just cold, but no White Christmas. January started

off ok, then we got lots of rain again, but the back to more normal January weather. It's been pretty wet out there, but the good news, at least in the northwest part of Oregon it looks like we will finish the annual rain year a few inches above average. Not such good news for southern and eastern Oregon, where rainfall is still below average.



Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> we hot 60° which is a record high for the date. It was great to see the blue sky & sun. The forecast through the weekend and next week is dry, mid-50s, but cold nights in the 30s. That is better than wet or snow & ice.

**Activity Report**

Saturday December 25: No scheduled breakfast today, as it seems to be Christmas Day.

I spent Christmas day with CZ and his sister (Linda) in Longview. Very good food and nice visit, plus I got to take home some left-over turkey & ham!

Friday December 31: We didn't have a Vancouver breakfast, because it fell on Christmas Day. CZ & I were gonna have lunch with Derald Johnson at his new Senior Housing digs. But Derald called and to tell us the menu for the day was not worth the trip, and we should reschedule.

So, Option B, CZ & I just had lunch at his Club House.

Saturday January 1: [It was only 22° this morning!](#)

We started the New Year with breakfast at Sheri's in Oregon City this morning. It was just Mike & Sheryl, CZ & Me-self this morning.

Sunday January 2: Mid-Columbia – CZ reported that there were 4 at the Lyle Café, Denise & Bernice, Klickitat John and CZ.

Saturday January 8: It was back to Sheri's. We had just 4 this morning.

Saturday January 15: Nothing scheduled locally, and with freezing temps and fog in the gorge, no one venture over to Hermiston. So, CZ & I met for breakfast at his Club House. Very cold this morning only 35°. I had to deice the windows on the truck.

After breakfast I went golfing. As I noted, it was still very cold, not the best idea, but it wasn't my idea, but on the other hand I didn't say no, when my friend asked me to go. This was the first time I played golf since last July. You may recall I hurt my hand at the end of August and it's still healing with weekly therapy. So, in part it was a test to see if I could hold the club well enough. Turns out my hand worked ok. But I still got to use it as an excuse for any miss hits, lol. All I can say is I left plenty of room for improvement for future rounds.

Saturday January 22: This morning it was back to

Paul's in Vancouver. Had to make sure Derald was feeling good enough, as he had not been feeling good the last week or so. But he said he was good to go. So, CZ picked him up and brought him to the restaurant.

There were 6 of us attending this morning. Attendance include CZ, Derald, Mike & Sheryl, Paul Brown and me-self.

Ok, it's past the 20<sup>th</sup> my normal delivery date, and I can feel David pacing so, that's about it for now.

## Windhoff Motorcycles

### A Brief History of the Marque

Built in Berlin from 1924 to 1933, these quality machines were constructed using mostly water-cooled Bekamo-licensed two-stroke engines, along with some very advanced four-stroke designs powered by four cylinder OHC engines of 750cc designed by Ing. Dauben. A 1000cc prototype was built using the same approach, with the unit-construction water-cooled engine acting as a stressed member. There were also side valve shaft-drive flat twins, and late in the game some smaller Villiers-licensed two-strokes.

Founded in 1902 by brothers Hans and Fritz Windhoff, the firm manufactured radiators which were installed in many automobiles, trucks and early aircraft. One of the brothers departed to form his own firm in 1907, and Windhoff production moved from the Rhine to Berlin in the same year.

Windhoff's early two-stroke designs were very successful on the track, winning international races in both the 125 and the 175 classes in 1925. Tragatsch describes these machines as "superb".

In 1928 a Windhoff 125 established both World Speed and Endurance records on the Opel racing circuit during the annual Opel 24-hour race.

Towards the end they built machines powered by their own 198cc and 298cc engines, developed by Kurt Pohle and based on the Villiers design after licensing negotiations with the British firm failed. These engines were supplied to Elfa, Walter and other manufacturers.

A horizontally opposed twin was introduced in 1929, but the onset of the global financial crisis meant that few were built.

Prior to the first war, Windhoff built a variety of automobiles and commercial vehicles which were also very well received. These were exported to Brazil, China, Russia, Sweden and Norway.



# February Birthdays

3 - Doris Walter

3 - Jay Spaulding

5 - Bonnie Balloy

7 - Diane Collings

9 - George Eagen

11 - Betty Jo Hoffman

16 - Derald Johnson

23 - Janet Ward

24 - Michael Horn

26 - Nina Duong



BIRTHDAY  
BALLOON COUNTDOWN

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## For Sale

### 2008 Bunkhouse Lil B • Motorcycle Camp Trailer Asking \$2500

12 inch wheels • Radial Tires • Bearing Buddies • Extended Tongue, with Swivel Hitch  
Retractable Front Screw-Jack Wheel • Screw Jack Stabilizers • Entry Canopy, w/custom curtains  
Custom storage pockets on Top Cover • Storage Boxes front and rear • Spare Tire Rack



Contact: Ben Altman • 541-993-9015 • [ben.altman47@gmail.com](mailto:ben.altman47@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](mailto:steve.yuma@gmail.com)

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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!

<p><b>1st Saturday Metro South (Oregon City) 8:30 AM</b>  <u>Shari's</u> at the Oregon City Shopping Center            1926 McLoughlin Blvd, Oregon City, OR            Ben Altman, 541-993-9015  <a href="mailto:ben.altman47@gmail.com">ben.altman47@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>3rd Tuesday Portland Widow's Chapter 12:30 AM</b>  <u>Applebee's</u> 10172 SE 82nd St., Happy Valley            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>Shenanigans Lounge</u> at Herb's Restaurant            515 Rogue River Highway, Grants Pass, OR            Rick Foley cell: 541-916-2506  <a href="mailto:rick1foley@gmail.com">rick1foley@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>3rd Thursday North Coast Lunch 11:30 AM</b>            Golden Luck, 159 W. Bond St, Astoria            Jim Roehr, 503-458-5852</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, 541-990-5304  <a href="mailto:ellentonimcmillin@gmail.com">ellentonimcmillin@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>1st Sunday Mid Columbia 8:00 AM</b>  <u>Lyle Cafe</u>, 605 State St, Lyle Washington            John &amp; Hazel Dougherty, 541-399-6172            Goldendale, WA</p>	<p><b>4th Saturday Vancouver 7:00 AM</b>  <u>Paul's Restaurant</u> (No Host)            1800 Broadway Street, Vancouver, WA</p>
<p><b>1st &amp; 2nd Saturdays, Metro South (Milwaukie) 8:30 AM</b>  <u>Shari's</u> at the Oregon City Shopping Center            1926 McLoughlin Blvd, Oregon City, OR            Ben Altman, 541-993-9015 <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, 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 Restaurant</u>, 132 128th St SW, Everett, WA            David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034</p>	<p><b>4th Sunday Coos Bay 9:00 AM</b>  <u>Kozy Kitchen</u>, Myrtle Point            Chris &amp; Eva Williams, 541-404-5286            721 7th St. Myrtle Point, OR 97458  <a href="mailto:cwilliams88ci@yahoo.com">cwilliams88ci@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p><b>2nd Saturday, Breakfast, 10 AM, Meeting at 10:30 AM</b>  <u>Abby's Pizza</u>, 1011 W. Central Ave, Sutherlin, OR            Zack Hoffman, 541-430-3568, <a href="mailto:zhoffman3478@msn.com">zhoffman3478@msn.com</a></p>	<p><b>Burns - Call Jim 9:00 AM</b>            Jim &amp; Zelly Campbell, 541-573-7607            PO Box 1010, Hines, OR 9773</p>

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## New Membership Registration Form

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Print Name

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Signature

Navigator:

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Print Name

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Signature

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

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