



The SparkPlug

Oregon State UMCI



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The SparkPlug Coming Events

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2022 Rides and Rally Schedule

- Apr 30-May 1** **UMCI Spring Banquet, Othello Senior Center, Othello WA**
Kevin Besel, kbesel52@gmail.com, Register ASAP, See Flyer / [Download](#)
- Jun 7-10** **Fields Spring State Park, Anatone WA, ([Map](#))**
David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034 [Reserve ASAP](#) for best availability
- Jun 14-16** **Idaho State Rally, Lewis & Clark Resort, Kamiah ID**
4243 Hwy 12, 208-935-2556, Email: lcresort@lewisclarkresort.com
- Jun 21-23** **Washington Alpine Campout - [Alpine RV Park \(No RV's/Trailers\)](#)**
60751 Hwy 20, Marblemount, WA ([Map](#)) Duane Wood, 360-766-6603
- Jul 19-21** **UMCI International Rally, Burns RV Park, Burns OR. See Flyer ([Map](#))**
Gary Shearer, backroad-rider@comcast.net, Call Park ASAP to Register, FCFS
- Jul 29-31** **North Cascades Campout - Loup Loup Campground, Twisp WA**
Dennis Parsley, dparsley63@gmail.com, Register upon arrival ([Info](#)) ([Map](#))
- Sept 2-5** **Tygh Valley Rally - Wasco County Fairgrounds, No need to pre-register**
Ben Altman, ben.altman47@gmail.com, ([Map](#))

WANTED

True or False

Share your motorcycle events with fellow motorcyclists. We're anxious to hear about your activity. Talk about it, post your event in The Sparkplug.

Submit your comments & photos to the editor by the 20th. It's that EASY!

Email: SparkplugEditor@gmail.com

Cover Photo

Old [Methodist Church](#) at Grass Valley, OR.

[Oregon UMCI Website](#)

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International Rep's Comments

Well, the way it sounds, I missed a great rally at Fields Spring on the 7th thru the 10th. All of those that I talked to that were there, said they had a really good time. They thought the ride to go get supplies was great, it sounded like it. That country up there is so beautiful, the riding there looks fantastic.

Kevi and I just got home from the Idaho State Rally and it was such a great time and rally, so much fun. Our good friends Randy and Lynn Schaal went down with us to Kamiah. They rode their bikes, Kevi and I drove our car. I'm still not riding but trying very hard to get back on the bike.

The rally attendance was down a little. I think that was because of high cost of everything especially gas and diesel. A lot of our members (like me) drove, but the important thing is we made it to the rally.

In walking around and talking to our members, I came away with one feeling, they were there for the friendships and maybe make some new ones. That was my goal as well. After Covid, it seems so good to just sit around and talk, no masks or any restrictions.

It made me think about when I joined and thought, man what do I have in common with all those old people. But I'm sure glad that we joined. I got to chat with some of those people that I met at my first rally, always the highlight of my day.

Our Motto says it all: Ride beside me, be my friend. Think about that! You could not make it any clearer. That's what this club is all about, riding and FRIENDSHIPS!

Sometimes friendships are one of the toughest things to hold onto in life. People move away, people change, dynamics in general change. Sometimes even the best of friends have disagreements, but in the end, disagreements usually go away and the friendship survives. At the Rally, a few of my good friends, were seemingly not as close as they used to be and that hurt me. I always thought from the first rally that I met them, there is a friendship that would never breakup.

I pray to God that whatever has happened that they take a few minutes to think of the good times, the rides and the laughter they shared. Life is too short. Take it from me, I know every day is a gift and every friend that you can honestly call friend is a gift as well.

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One of the highlights of the rally was Dennis Troms salute to the veterans of this nation. He reminisced about the trip to Italy and coming upon a graveyard that honored 4000 of our nation's men and women. It was something that we don't think about, the men and women that gave their all and never made it home.

It was truly heartfelt by all those in that room. Then they passed out American flags to each person and we said the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. I was ashamed to think that I haven't done that since grade school. Then Dennis asked each veteran to stand and say their name and what service they were in and how many years served.

I didn't realize we had so many retired veterans in our group. I want to thank them all for their service to this country, especially to Dennis and the Idaho group for taking the time to do this. I loved it! God Bless!!!!

Well, this has turned into a book, but after the rally I'm reenergized and positive about our group. Thanks to the Idaho group for a great Rally!!

Kevin and Kevi

Gary's View

Well, it seems that the Spark Plug information is to be early this month. Wanda and I have to be leaving early for Burns for the rally site, but not before July. We have to make sure the RV park is ready for UMCI plus we have to finalize the banquet. At this point things should not be too difficult. I only wish more people would get signed up for the rally. There are good paved highways in all directions from Burns, plus the people in Burns are very welcoming. If you want to ride you can do so; if you want to remain parked in town you can do that also.

Gary Shearer

Cz Speaks

June 4th, 2022

The north coast chapter met at Buoy 9 Restaurant at 9am. In attendance were the rep Jim Roehr, his son Paul, grandson James and Dick Cz. Of course the subject was Dick's Tesla and which way he would go home. James mentioned that he thought there were Tesla chargers at the outlet mall in Seaside. He was right, so Dick changed his route from Longview to Seaside, then to Lincoln City, and then home thru Salem. It was kind of a damp day so no one rode their bike to breakfast. Some of the discussion was about where to have the 3rd Thursday lunch and maybe have an extra breakfast at the Cowbell Deli in Longview. Seems the Cowbell has a good reputation. Jim and Dick want to try it for breakfast. Tuff being old with lots of free time?

June 5th, 2022

The first Sunday breakfast was held at the Lyle Cafe in Lyle, Washington. John Lyons rode his ST1100 to the cafe at 7:30am. Dick Cz showed up at 7:30 in his "Tesla". It was sloppy wet all the way from Woodburn to Lyle, so Dick had permission from his boss to drive instead of riding the trike. Ben and Mary Nordby showed up to make the conversation flow freely. John has good tires on his bike, so when he's free of family commitments, he's checking out the canyons at Klickitat and Goldendale.

Sounds like Ben is fast becoming a resident of Wasco, and enjoys having his morning coffee on his deck looking out at Mt. Adams. That's all from the traveling janitor? God Bless and keep riding.

June 11, 2022

The Metro group met at 8am, at the new breakfast place, Elmer's Restaurant on 82nd Dr., in the Clackamas area of Portland. Julie and Bill Harney, Suzi Jenkins, De Broaddus, Mike & Cheryl and the traveling janitor (Dick Cz). That makes a total of a little less than 50?? We started at 8am and left at 9:30am. Lots of visiting and old stories. We will be having the second Saturday breakfast at this location in the future. Julie & Bill are relatives of John Pursley, a longtime member who passed away in March, of this year. De Broaddus lives in St. Helen's, so he has quite a drive. Larry Dunton was absent due to issues with his family. Hope everything is ok with him.

Cz

June 18, 2022, Hermiston Breakfast meeting.

At 8am, Ed Baker our UMCI rep for the Hermiston area led us into our new breakfast meeting place, namely the Denny's in Hermiston. Ed has been our rep for over 40 years. The other 4 members in attendance were Dennis & Bernice and Joann Daniel, all 3 are from The Dalles. The other member was the traveling janitor (Dick Cz). Cz drove his lektrik car from Woodburn to The Dalles and then rode the rest of the way to Hermiston in Dennis's Subaru. We had good food and "really" good service. Ed was happy with the food there as he is a connoisseur of pancakes. When the weather settles down we decided we could ride to breakfast.

Ed is the one who put on the famous 'Watermelon Feeds' at Irrigon in 80's and 90's. We would show up at one of the fruit stands in Irrigon. The fruit stand had some picnic tables behind the stand and we would pay \$1 to sit down and have half a watermelon put in front of us and we would just eat the heart of the mellon and then have half a cantaloupe. If we weren't full yet we could have another half watermelon and more cantaloupe.

Sometimes we would have as many as 30 members there. We went through a lot of melons for \$1 per person. The good old days? Enough rambling, God bless everyone.

Dick Cz

JULY 2022 Wasconian News – Ben Altman

Activity Report

Friday May 27: Mary Nordby & I drove over to Westport and met up with Jim Rohr, CZ and his sister Linda, and De Broaddus for lunch at the Berry Patch. Weren't sure on travel time, as it ended up, we got there about an hour early, so it was PIE TIME while we waited for the others to arrive! So there is a benefit to early arrival, and it's not always just a worm.

Saturday May 30: Big Doins in Wasco for Memorial Day, well big for Wasco anyway. The Oregon Air Guard 142nd Fighter Group did an F-15 flyover, always Cool & Load! There also was a Car Show and Phil Spor drove his 1950 Studebaker over from The Dalles.



The Stude won "People's Choice"! Ya, I know it ain't a motorcycle, but it does have sparkplugs, so I figure that counts.



Sunday June 5: Mary & I joined the Mid-Columbia Group at the Lyle Café for breakfast. There were just 5 attending this morning.

Tygh Valley Rally

Mark your calendar for Tygh Valley Rally again Labor Day Weekend (September 2-5), Wasco County Fairgrounds (Hunt Park). No need to pre-register.

South Region

Hello Friends :

Just another day in this earthly Paradise.

The weather is getting better with two days of sunshine then a day of rain.

Rode my 2 wheeler (ZG 1000) the other day for the first time really out riding it in about a year. The Trike is so much better running around town doing errands.

I'm thinking about selling the 2006 ZG 1000 I bought in March of 2006. Connie has 138,000 miles on the Speedometer and she will hit triple digits in third gear rather quickly. She can tour nicely with her GIVI top trunk and original saddle bags, plus tank bag. \$1,500 cash. Tires have about 50 % rubber.

Back to business, Grants Pass has two planning on going to Burns for the International. There were around twelve at their meeting .

At our meeting we only had six and no bikes, Darn weather. As of now, only Don Evernden and I are Going to Burns.

That's all for now folks

GOD BLESS AND GOD SPEED

Zack



1963 Ducati Apollo V4 1260cc



2022 UMCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY

The rally will be July 19, 20, and 21, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, departing on Friday morning.

It will be at Burns, Oregon, at the Burns RV Park. tel/541-573-7640

There is one cabin remaining for rent, \$61 a night (I have the other already), there are tent sites and at least one teepee. (More teepees are on order).

There are a number of RV sites of various sizes, ranging from \$49 to \$55 a night, and up, with 30- or 50-amp service.

For those wanting to have a motel room there are a number of motels available,

Days Inn at \$72 to America's Best Value at \$108 and Best Western for \$119.

The RV Park said that the summer months fill up very fast and they cannot hold open any spaces for UMCI, so contact the RV Park, 541-573-7640 right away if you are going to tent, teepee or RV at their place, and pay their rate.

Register for this rally by completing the attached folder and mailing it to Gary Shearer, 1995 Michigan City Ln NW, Salem, Oregon 97304 and including the registration fee of \$20 per person.

2022 UMCI Rally Registration

Name-----

Address-----

Name-----

Address-----

Registration fee per person attached: \$20

Mail to: UMCI, Gary Shearer, 1995 Michigan City Ln NW, Salem, OR 97304

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

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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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!

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| <p>1st Saturday Metro South (Oregon City) 8:00 AM <u>Shari's Restaurant</u> 19001 Beaver Creek Rd, Oregon City Dick Czmowski, 971-338-3196 dickczmo@aol.com</p> | <p>3rd Thursday North Coast Lunch 11:30 AM <u>Golden Luck</u> 159 W. Bond St, Astoria OR Jim Roehr, 503-458-5852</p> |
| <p>1st Saturday Grants Pass/Medford 8:30 AM <u>Shenanigans Lounge at Herb's Restaurant</u> 515 Rogue River Highway, Grants Pass OR Rick Foley cell: 541-916-2506 rick1foley@gmail.com</p> | <p>3rd Saturday Tangent 8:00 AM <u>Dixie Creek Saloon (In heart of town)</u> 32994 Hwy 99E, Tangent OR Floyd McMillin, 541-990-5304 ellentonimcmillin@gmail.com</p> |
| <p>1st Saturday North Coast Breakfast 9:00 AM <u>Buoy 9 Restaurant</u>, 996 Pacific Dr. Hammond OR Jim Roehr, 503-458-5852</p> | <p>3rd Saturday Hermiston 8:00 AM <u>Denny's Restaurant</u> 2265 Hwy 395 S, Hermiston Ed Baker, 791-338-3196 PO Box 141, Heppner OR</p> |
| <p>1st Sunday Mid Columbia 8:00 AM <u>Lyle Cafe</u>, 605 State St, Lyle Washington John & Hazel Dougherty, 541-399-6172 Goldendale WA</p> | <p>4th Saturday Vancouver 7:00 AM <u>Paul's Restaurant (No Host)</u> 1800 Broadway Street Vancouver WA</p> |
| <p>2nd Saturday, Metro South (Milwaukie) 8:30 AM <u>Elmer's Restaurant</u> 16087 SE 82nd Dr, Clackamas OR Dick Czmowski, 971-338-3196 dickczmo@aol.com</p> | <p>4th Sunday Coos Bay 9:00 AM <u>Kozy Kitchen</u> Chris & Eva Williams, 541-404-5286 721 7th St. Myrtle Point OR cwilliams88ci@yahoo.com</p> |
| <p>2nd Saturday, Breakfast, 10 AM, Meeting at 10:30 AM <u>Abby's Pizza</u>, 1011 W Central Ave, Sutherlin OR Zack Hoffman, 541-430-3568 zhoffman3478@msn.com</p> | <p>Burns - Call Jim 9:00 AM Jim & Zelly Campbell, 541-573-7607 32401 Airport Lane, Burns OR</p> |
| <p>3rd Tuesday Portland Widow's Chapter 12:30 AM <u>Applebee's</u> 10172 SE 82nd St, Portland OR Lyn McCabe 503-351-7009 lcbrenna3068@gmail.com</p> | |

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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 _____

Important for Newsletter & General Communications

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

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

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