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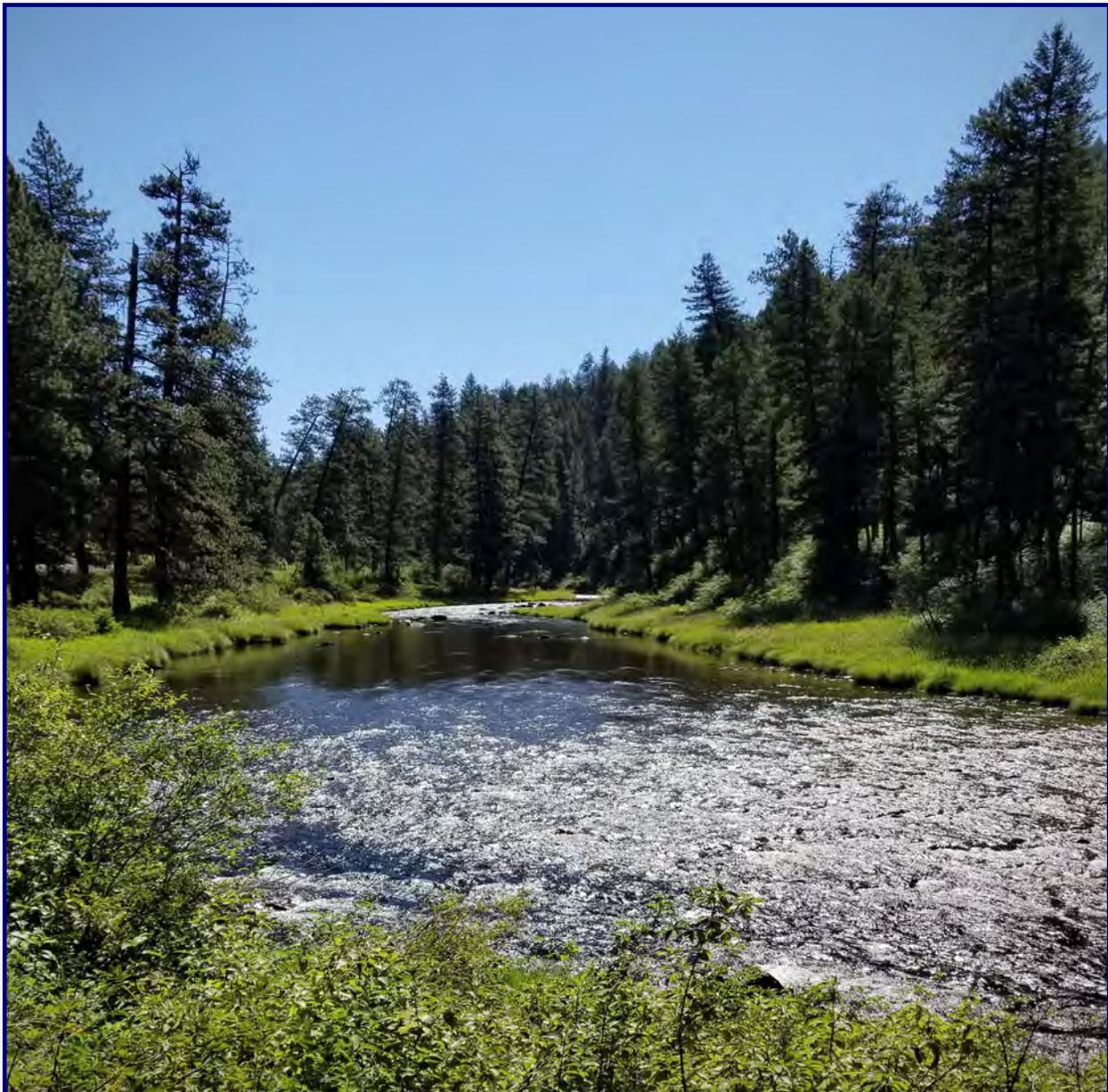
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2022 Rides and Rally Schedule

- 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 - Klipchuck Campground, Mazama WA**
Dennis Parsley, dparsley63@gmail.com, Register upon arrival ([Info](#)) ([Map](#))
- Aug 25-28** **Coos Bay Campout - Coos County Fairgrounds @ Myrtle Point ([Map](#))**
Chris Williams, cwilliams88ci@yahoo.com, \$35 per night/flat rate
- Sept 2-5** **Tygh Valley Rally - Wasco County Fairgrounds, No need to pre-register**
Ben Altman, ben.altman47@gmail.com, ([Map](#))

Cover Photo

North Fork of the [John Day River](#), looking east from Hwy 395.
([Google Earth](#))

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International Rally Minutes

Burns, OR

July 19 - 21, 2022

Minutes recorded by Kevi Besel

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. on the 21st, by the International Rep (Kevin Besel) States in attendance were Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Unfortunately because of border restrictions, none of our Canadian friends could attend.

The first point of business was to thank Gary and Wanda for getting the rally put together and for doing a great Job. Rides were self-directed, but Gary and Wanda provided maps for the area. There were many places of interest to visit. Many members took advantage of some great riding, weather was great.

Gary and Wanda did a fantastic job kicking off each day. The coffee was ready to go at 5am, along with a variety of pastries.

The venue for the banquet was fantastic, food was great and the staff couldn't have been better. If you get a chance to ride through Burns, the Apple Peddler is a great place for a good meal.

Next, we moved on to Rep's reports!

Oregon Rep, Zack Hoffman reported that Oregon was doing great, not too many new members but they are financially sound, by no means rich, but solvent.

The Grants pass group led by Rick Foley said they have a good turn out and has an active riding group, but seldom go on long rides.

Joe gave us an update on how Dennis and Ladella were doing after hitting a dog on their bike. Dennis is working on converting his 1800 Goldwing to a trike.

Ben and Mary said that they are a new chapter in Wasco, membership of two. Good to see them and to learn their sense of humor is still intact.

Gary and Wanda, unfortunately, announced that this rally would be their last. After stepping down, they will remain active in the group, but didn't feel they had the time or the energy to perform state rep duties. This'll certainly be a big loss, but everyone understood and voiced their appreciation for all they have done for the UMCI.

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Idaho Rep, Larry Phelps reported on the health of the Idaho group. Larry was a little down in the dumps because he felt that the Idaho group was trying to work through some member differences that have split the group. Kevin thought that was unfortunate because he always looked up to the Idaho group because they were always cohesive. He said that at any rally he has attended with Idaho, when the group rode in, it was impressive. Larry said he would keep trying to get everyone back together, otherwise he felt the group might dissolve.

Kevin mentioned to Larry that if he thought it would help, he would serve as a mediator to assist both groups. Life is way too short for this going on. Larry said that Idaho is financially sound. They have 40 participants at most breakfast meetings, but not many active riders.

Washington: Kevin and Charlie Crane gave the report. Charlie said that the Spokane group was doing good, with about 14 or 15 regularly attending breakfast, with typically 5 or 6 people going on a ride afterwards. The Spokane group usually rides to our breakfast in Moses Lake at least once a year. It's always good to see them.

David and Susan Fitzgerald from the Seattle group said that they are active and plugging along. They do a fantastic job and are always coming up with great ideas. David said he was going to hold a surprise luncheon every once in a while, just to keep things fun. David also brought up another great idea of having an unsanctioned event and rent an air B&B. Everyone would chip in, on a first come, first served basis. Great idea! Everyone fix a meal, have plenty of room and some great rides lined out. He mentioned places like Long Beach, maybe something to try for sure. Kevin thanked the reps that reported for Washington, they're the real Washington State reps. Washington is financially sound.

We missed our Okanagan Reps George and Willie Penner. George had a foot injury that kept him from attending the rally. As long as I can remember, this was one of the few International rallies where George and Willie were not present. They were certainly missed.

Kevin talked about wearing our colors, vest, coats, whatever. No one knows that you are a group unless you dress like a group. Lets get back to wearing our colors.

There was input on rallies yet to come. Rick from Idaho said that the Coos Bay campout is on, August 25th thru the 27th, at the Myrtle Point Fairgrounds. The flat rate fee is \$35.

Ben Altman brought up the Tygh Valley rally, Sept. 2nd to the 5th, Wasco County Fairgrounds.

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Kevin commented that he was a little disappointed in the low numbers for an International event, but thanked all of those that were able to attend. He thanked Gary and Wanda again for their hard work putting on the rally. It was a success in his book. Kevin, again thanked everyone that attended and a special thank you to the reps that reported and still trying to keep it all together.

Meeting was adjourned at 3pm. There was a lineup to ride to the banquet at the Apple Peddler Restaurant. The procession was quite impressive in my opinion and the meal was fantastic. Another International in the books!!!

Respectfully Submitted, Kevi and Kevin Besel

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International Rep's Comments

Hi to all. I hope that the heat has not got you down and you're still getting a few early or late evening rides in, with the heat index being so darn high. It's August 17th, as I write this and in Othello it is supposed to be 106° today.

Well, the 2022 International Rally is in the books and I just want to thank Gary and Wanda Shearer for an excellent job they did on the rally and for all of the hard work that goes with it. The count was certainly down, but the enthusiasm of those that participated was fantastic. Unfortunately, Gary and Wanda announced that they would be stepping down as Oregon State Reps after the rally, pointing out that they were tired and it's just too much. I totally understand that I'm just hoping that they will remain in the group and just sit back and enjoy life.

On my mind since the International, is what do we have to do to get the participation at all of the events that we put on from here on out. We had 27 at the rally, and those that did come had a great time. Rides were self directed. Each day there were groups going out and enjoying the area. These rallies are a lot of work and it's the organizer's hope that they have a good turnout.

When I ask for your input on how to get things going again, I pretty much get nothing back or very little to go on. Your Reps need your help. Talk to them and help them in the planning stages of an event. Your help is not only needed, but will be welcomed.

I'm heart broken by the low turnout at the International and I'm questioning myself as to should I just step down and let one of you take over. When I took over the International Rep's position, I was full of hope that the UMCI would not only survive, but thrive. But that's not what's happening and I need your input NOW, to get things back on track.

Here is all I ask; is that you e-mail me, write or call. My contact information is at the bottom of this message. It's your club. Let me know what you would like to see the future of the UMCI to look like. Frankly, I worry about it too much simply because I do care. Enough said, I'll be waiting for your input. God Bless

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Gary's View

Oh my gosh. David just sent me an email that I am late getting this for the Spark Plug for September.

I am still paying a physical therapist to try to eliminate the pain from my rotor cuff damage to my right shoulder. I am also dealing with back pain and an injured left knee. Wanda said I am getting old, of all sentiments.

Our youngest son just spent some time visiting with us when he flew in from Arizona. He did not have the time to ride his Triumph here but he did say we need to go on a ride again, like the old days. He also said all the aches and pains are probably because of age. I am about ready to buy that argument, but today I fired up the bike and sidecar and went for a ride in the back country near home. When I gassed up it cost me \$5.30 a gallon.

The ride today was wonderful, even the 3 miles of gravel county road. The sun was shining but the temperature was not too hot. Other drivers even returned my wave and no one was impatient. The vineyards all have signs out proclaiming this year's wine is great.

The Coos Bay Campout is next week, the end of August and the Tygh Valley Campout is the Labor Day weekend. Also, remember, school is starting again and that means slower speeds. And as a last thought for this month, get out there and ride a little or a lot, because age is catching up to us all (see my first paragraph).

Also, you should be thinking of a younger replacement for me.

Gary, Oregon UMCI State Rep.

Wasconian News, September 2022 - Ben Altman

Activity Report

Sunday August 7: Mary Nordby & I drove over to the Lyle breakfast. This morning it was just Joanne, CZ and Klickitat John attending with us.

Not much else happening, just finishing up my garage interior, trying to get things organized so I can get the truck inside for the winter.

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.

No need to pre-register, just show up. You pay using the Camp kiosk pay envelopes.

This year, we are changing things a bit. May & I will provide food for Saturday and Sunday dinner, Contributions great fully accepted. All other meals will be on your own.

Rumor has it there will be a Fire District breakfast at Wamic this year!

There will also be the Grass Car Races at the Pub on top of the hill., and a chili cook-off.

Look forward to seeing everyone!

South Region

Hi Friends: A Great Big THANK YOU TO GARY AND WANDA.

Some of you may be unaware of the CHALLENGES that Gary and Wanda encountered. There were many and numerous.

So from Me, THANK YOU and GOD BLESS.

Your perseverance and dedication paid off. You gave us an INTERNATIONAL RALLY! I only wish that more people could have been there. We who participated, I believe had a great time.

FREEDOM, FOOD, FUN and FRIENDS are what this club is all about. This year that goal was reached and surpassed.

Seeing Old Friends becomes more important, because with each passing year fewer and fewer are unable to attend.

Our monthly meeting had 8 people, Jeri and Dick Carson, Dennis Coats, Gary and Judy Baker, Gary Miller, Don Evernden and me.

I'm wondering what time the meeting starts. When Don and I got there at 9am, most were finished eating. We stayed until almost 10 in case anyone came for the meeting.

I should quit complaining but I probably won't.

GOD BLESS AND GODSPEED

Zack



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September Birthdays



SEPTEMBER

3 - Harold Miller
3 - Odes Graves
3 - Duane Wood
4 - Dave Hill
7 - Jim Roehr
9 - Rich Attebury
12 - Mary Hill

14 - Julia Weber
17 - William Rees
19 - Don Evernden
21 - Barbara Reed
25 - Richard Emerling
27 - Kay Bowman
29 - Johnie Hughes

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

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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!

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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</u> (In heart of town) 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</u> (No Host) 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: _____

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

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