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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

Merry Christmas

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International Rep's Comments

Where did the year go? It's so hard for me to look back on 2022, then realize it's December already and that the cold weather has pretty much shut down our riding season.

As I look back, I have nothing but a smile on my face because this year I got back on a bike and was once again able to see all of you at one rally or another. I think about how lucky I am to have the Doctors and the family support, to just be here at this place. We are truly blessed and are able to enjoy all the friends that we have.

The UMCI and the membership are very Important to Kevi and I. We work hard to hold the club together. We are in the process of getting a location for the 2023 International and looking forward to having a great rally.

We're approaching Thanksgiving and Christmas. To me, they're the two most important Holidays of the year, because for us, the focus is on family and friends and getting together to enjoy all of the blessings we received throughout the year.

I also reflect and thank the Lord for all the great things that we as Americans, are so lucky to enjoy freely. God bless America and our troops for our freedoms.

This holiday season, please take a few minutes and think about what UMCI events you'd like this year, places to go, places to see and/or just day rides. Your reps and myself need your help in these decisions so we can plan new and exciting rides or rallies. You know my address and e-mail by now so please send me any comments or suggestions or tell me what I'm doing wrong. At least I'll know you read my comments!

Our hope for all of you is that your Holiday Season is blessed with many hours and days to enjoy your family and friends. This to me is the time of year that I reflect on all of the positive and dump the negatives for the year. Thank you all for making Kevi and I very blessed to call you a friend.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!

Gary's View

December! This year 2022 is nearly gone and for those of us who did not get all of our riding done, well, we can still use this winter month to finish up. We hope for the best, and if we get it, we hope for something more.

At the start of this year Wanda had a stroke. She has lost the ability to talk, to carry on a conversation. We have been dealing with that this year and it has not been something one should ever want. We thought it was unusual but then came politics this fall and we all got to see John Fetterman, the Pennsylvania Senate candidate. He has the same issues. Not good.

I have been dealing with issues that I hope are age related. I can't remember sh-stuff; for example, we went to a local restaurant to celebrate a granddaughter's 40th birthday. Wanda said we had been there several times but I thought it was our first time! Good grief!

Anyway, I still managed to get the sidecar rig out for a few rides and that was great. I am not ready to give that up, at least not yet. But, that said, we are giving up some things. We have placed our house on the market after talking with a respected realtor. We plan on moving to a retirement community in Woodburn. My sidecar was built by Jay at DMC Sidecars in Buckley, Washington and I see where Jay says it is time for him to retire also.

Also, it is time for me to give up the role of UMCI Oregon State Rep. This last international rally in Burns was not easy to get done. Hopefully those who attended enjoyed it. I have talked to several people who may be willing to replace me. The International Rep, Kevin Besel, has been advised, so if you are interested in taking on this role in 2023 let one of us know.

The Canadian border is open again and perhaps some our friends from the north country will come to the next UMCI International Rally.

Well, I think I will close this page and get if off to the editor. Zack has already gotten the southern Oregon report sent in. Until next time, enjoy the holidays, enjoy friends, ride when you can, and be safe.

Gary

Cz Speaks

November 5th,

The first Saturday meeting was held at the Shari's at Berryhill Mall on Beaver creek Rd. The traveling janitor and De Broaddus made up the group?

Mike & Cheryl were on an adventure trip to Ogden, Utah. When they return, they'll be to inform you of what happened on the trip. De and I had a good breakfast. De drives a car that burns fossil fuel and my car burns electrons? We also were missing Larry Dunton. He is in Illinois visiting his daughter for several weeks.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Dick Cz.

November 6th,

The Lyle breakfast proceeded with 6 members present. Dennis & Bernice, Ben & Mary, John Lyons and Dick Cz. As usual the food was good? John rode in on a Yamaha cruiser that he borrowed from one of his sons. His ST1100 is in the shop in The Dalles waiting on repair parts to be shipped from England. He said he is starting to like the cruiser as it is lower and easier for him to reach the ground. Dennis is having some knee problems so they came in the car. It was a pleasant day with the breakfast meeting. Good way to get away from the Portland metro area. Next will be the Hermiston breakfast and the Vancouver meeting, till then be safe and have a good turkey day.

Dick Cz.

South Region

Howdy FRIENDS: Just a little Update from Southern Oregon. Well I enjoyed my Fall camping trip to Central Oregon. Yes it was DEER Season and I did draw a Buck tag. The buck deer were absolutely uncooperative. It was a fantastic 10 days of camping and visiting with FRIENDS and FAMILY. Time spent with friends and family in the woods around a campfire is so S[ECIAL. indescribable.

We have made plans to go camping next year with or without TAGS.

Nothing to report regarding last month, the meeting that we didn't have.

This month's report is as follows: Grants Pass had 11 show up without a MOTORCYCLE in the parking lot. It was cool and damp. Rick tried to book a place for a Christmas party without any luck. He's working on something after the holiday. My daughters and one grandson joined us for breakfast.

We had our Roseburg, UMC meeting at Abby's in Sutherlin last Saturday. Fourteen showed up. Dick and Jerri Carson had just arrived so Evernden and I sat with them. They are moving to San Diego after the first of the year. They're going to live with their daughter and her family.

We had 50/50. Winners were Don Evernden, Dwayne Varner \$25 each, Chris Williams got \$6. We had people from Glide to Myrtle Point and Salem to Powers.

No bikes but, many happy faces.

GOD BLESS and SAFE TRAVELS FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Zack Hoffman

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Warm Weather Continues

October 23 it was only 39° this morning, Yikes!

November started out wet and cooler. On the 7th it was 30° when I got up at 6:00 and the forecast is for a high of only 40°. The later part of November brought the low temperatures into the teens and highs in the just in the mid to upper 30s. I guess summer is over.

The only good thing is that with the “fall back” to standard time, we now get daylight before 7:00 AM, but the bad news is sunset is before 5:00 PM.

Missing Mountain – It's back

For those that attended my Open House/Birthday party October 15th, you unfortunately missed seeing the great view of Mount Adams and the peak of Rainier. I promise it really does exist. But I had to wait until the 23rd after the rain cleared all the smoke and the clouds moved out. This is the view from my deck. Mt. Adams, with Rainier peeking over the hills on the right, just above the red machinery.



Activity Report

Sunday November 6: Mary & I drove over to the Mid-Columbia, Lyle Breakfast this morning. We had 6 attending, all the usual's, except for Joanne Daniel, who once again has snow-birded down to Yuma for the winter.

Saturday November 26:

Happy Thanksgiving

Wow, it's that time of year already. Hope you all have an enjoyable Thanksgiving.



Careful now, as they say, you are what you eat!



Tw'as the night before Christmas and all through the garage, not a motor was purring not even an Indian Scout. The riding gear were hung on the hook with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there. The UMCI'rs were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of new bikes danced in their heads, When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow, gave the luster of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny motor-bikes, with a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, and he whistled, and shouted, and call'd them by name: Now! Honda, Now! Harley, Now! Beamer, and V-Strom, On Suzuki, on! Kawi, on! Indian and Enfield; To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!

Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year

SPECIAL THANKS to Gary & Wanda

As previously reported, Gary & Wanda will be stepping down as State Rep and Treasurer at the end of December.

Thanks Gary & Wanda for taking the helm for Oregon and for all you have done for the Club over the many years. Extra thanks for your efforts in putting together the International in Burns.

At this point I do not know if anyone will step up to take on the State Rep role or not. Time will tell.

However, to partially fill part of the gap, I will make sure the Sparkplug continues to be distributed by email.

Ben



December Birthdays



16 - Richard Headley
17 - Gary Miller
21 - Julia Bowcutt
21 - Linda Gritzner

26 - Bill Garner
31 - Carol Smith

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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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!

<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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Print Name

Signature

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

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