



# The SparkPlug

## Oregon State UMCI



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## 2023 Rides and Rally Schedule

Jun 2-5, North Cascades Campout - [Loup Loup Campground](#), Twisp WA  
Dennis Parsley, 360-672-1901 - No Resv, FCFS ([map](#)) ([G. Earth](#))

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Happy New Year

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## INTERNATIONAL REP'S CONCLUSIONS FOR 2022!!

2022, to say the least, was a trying year, but also a very rewarding year for the club. We started out with our spring banquet held at the Senior Center in Othello. We had a fantastic turnout both for the banquet and the breakfast in the morning. A big thank you to Lynette Caruthers for putting it all together and for the all the ladies that helped. We will do it again next year.

June 7-10, was Fields Spring State Park at Anatone, WA. I heard nothing but great reports about it except it rained a lot. But it sounds like everyone had a great time. David Fitzgerald did the foot work on this one and of course did a fantastic job. Maybe again this year???

June 14-16, we were able to attend the Idaho State Rally at the Lewis and Clark Resort in Kamiah, Idaho. Larry Phelps and his gang did another great job with the rally. There are so many beautiful rides in that area and his road captain made sure that we saw many of the sights.

June 21-23, Duane Wood organized a campout at the Alpine RV Park on Hwy 20, Marblemount, WA. I was not able to ride at that time so didn't make it, but heard that it was a lot of fun and again, there are some beautiful rides in that area. Thanks Duane!

July 19-21st, Gary and Wanda Shearer did a fantastic job of hosting the UMCI International although the turn-out was low, the fun and rides were fantastic. Great for me and Kevi, we were able to swap motorcycles with Larry Phelps, his 2008 Honda Trike for my 2008 Honda two wheel and a little cash. Worked out great for both of us. The Rally was a lot of fun; great banquet and Gary and Wanda had self guided rides set up so everyone that attended enjoyed the Rally.

We did find out that burns Oregon has it's fair share of mosquitoes and they established that the campground was theirs. For sure it was a topic of conversation. Sadly, Gary and Wanda said they would be stepping down as Reps. It was just too much, and I totally understand where they are coming from. I just want to say that I have always looked up to Gary, he has done all positions in the club and done them well. Enjoy your retirement and Thanks from all of us.

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July 29-31st, was the North Cascades Campout at Klipchuck Campground at Mazama, WA. Dennis Parsley put this one together and from what I have been told, it was a fantastic time had by all. Again I didn't make it, but thanks to Dennis and Heather for putting it together.

September 2-5, Was Tygh Valley hosted by Mary and Ben. Kevi and I were able to make that our maiden trip on our new ride and it was truly fantastic from start to finish. We had a great time, and Mary and Ben could not have done a better job. We had heard about Tygh Valley but had never attended the rally, but I highly recommend it. There were a lot of rides and it's beautiful country.

As you can see we had a lot of great activities for 2022, and I am hoping we will have the same or more in 2023. Thanks to everyone that planned these events and to those that attended. Without you, it's just not a rally.

Kevin and Kevi

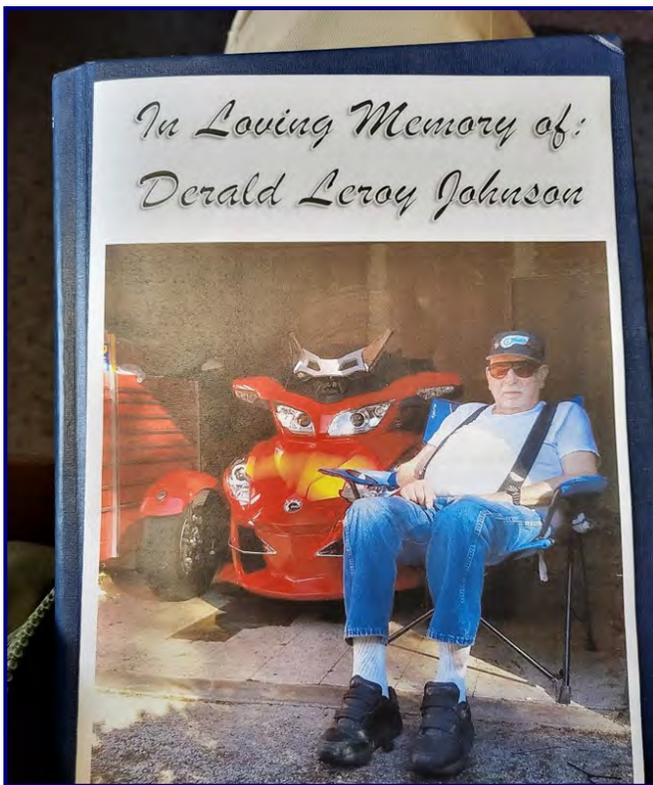


## WOW, Happy New Year!

### Sad News for Year-End

I didn't get the information before my report was sent in for the December issue. But we lost Derald Johnson November 21, 2022. He was 90 (Feb. 16, 1932 – Nov. 21, 2022). We lost Arlys his loving wife of 64 years, in 2021.

Derald is survived by his three daughters, 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.



Derald was a kind and gentle man who made friends with everyone. He was one of our original members, being a transfer from The Retreads. He also previously served as a chapter Rep for Vancouver, Washington.

Derald loved motorcycles and earned the nickname of "Iron Bottom" for his tendency for long rides between stops. He rode until he was 89. He was also a private pilot but quit flying about 8 or 10 years ago.

For all his good and wonderful traits, I cannot give him an A as a lead rider. I remember one trip we

were going to the International Rally in Canyonville but had ridden down to California to meet up with some riders from Grass Valley. On the return north, we stopped for breakfast in Medford. After breakfast Derald said he would lead to Canyonville. That was the last time we saw Derald until we arrived at Canyonville. He did lead, we just couldn't see him.

*I had the privilege of meeting Derald about eight or so years ago, while walking by with my dog, we hit it off and quickly became friends. I had already lived just a few houses away for about 10 years and hadn't made his acquaintance, but noticed he had motorcycles, and on Saturdays would usually ride by the house, often it seemed on a different one than the weekend before 😊, later I found out he was coming or returning from a 'club' breakfast, which later I started attending with him. A nice bunch of old farts, I felt like a kid, even though in my mid to late fifties, it's all relative I guess.*

*Flash back to the sixties when I was just a kid and then lived on the same street but two blocks North, meaning I would have rode the same school buses as at least one of the girls.*

*It was my pleasure too have known such a nice man, I'm going to miss the fun conversation, the stories of the past, the 'always welcome' sign on his face. He had a passion for life that's unfortunately becoming harder to find.*

*He was sharp minded and very aware, another diminishing trait.*

*May he rest in peace and forever in our hearts.*

*The man that lived on the corner,  
for 58 years, had four daughters and a wife,  
but never drank beer,  
as with only one bathroom,  
the 'coast' was seldom clear.*

*Not often in that mirror,  
would his face get to appear.*

*Which perhaps explains why he could fly, or  
ride for so long, without that:*

*'I need to STOP somewhere' fear.*

*But oh, how he held 'his girls' so dear,  
even if every once in a while, he'd hop on a bike  
and say: 'I've got to get out of here!'*

*He loved the Lord, he loved his wife,  
he loved his girls, he loved life.*

*He enjoyed music and so valued his friends,  
traits of which, time transcends.*

*Good bye for now, until we meet once more,  
behind the pearly gates and Heavens door.*

Paul Brown, UMCI Vancouver

## Weather Continues

Well winter weather has arrived in Wasco. December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we got about 3.5 inches of snow. More snow on the 8<sup>th</sup>. While most of the snow disappeared, we had 25° and a skiff of snow on the 19<sup>th</sup> with more snow scheduled for the afternoon.

But worse, the forecast for Thursday (22<sup>nd</sup>) is 5° to a high of only 9°, followed by snow showers and freezing rain for the rest of the week and Christmas day, Yikes!

Mary is now down in Bouse, Arizona with Steve Close. It sounds like it has heated up there.

## Activity Report

Sunday December 3: We had snow this morning.

Mary & I drove over to the Mid-Columbia, Lyle Breakfast this morning. We had 6 attending, all the usual's, with Joanne Daniel still down in Yuma.

Saturday December 10: Memorial Service for Derald Johnson. There were only 4 UMCI'rs attending, partly due to getting notice out too late.

Wednesday December 21: I have some business to take care of in the Metro area so I've schedule a

lunch the CZ, and whoever else might show up. Not much else happening, its too cold! So that's it for now.

## South Region

Hello Friends:

The daylight will be getting more abundant in just a few days. I was able to find a couple of days with sunshine so I went for a little ride, 43 to 53 temperature with sunshine. So I soaked up a little VITAMIN "D".

Last weekend I went to the Grants Pass meeting. There were around 12 in attendance. Rick is going to have a winter party in January.

Today, I joined up with the UMCI group at Abby's in Southerlin. Don Evernden, Dennis Coats, Gary and Judy Barker, Gary Miller and Lyn, OH yeah I

was there too. We did our normal discussions {BS sessions}. Several of our members gather a couple of times per week, for coffee. I join in when I can. It's good to keep with the latest info.

GOD BLESS, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 🍌

Zack

## Grants Pass/Medford

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I haven't written anything here for a while. We are mostly doing well here. For the most part just looking for warmer weather. One of us, Joe Gianini, had a stroke and we are hoping to see him recover soon.

We thought we were going to lose our breakfast meeting and monthly meeting spot, Herb's. Herb's was going to close but now they say they will continue to stay in business. So if any of you are in the area, stop in and see us for breakfast any Wednesday or Saturday.

I have a dinner date for us, our friends and family, at the Taprock Grill.

As most of us here already know, I was unsuccessful at securing a venue for us to share a Christmas/New Years dinner together. But, I've made a dinner date for us at the Taprock Grill, in the Evergreen Room, for Thursday, January 26th. The Dining Room will be open for us at 5:30 and we are scheduled to order dinner at 6:00.

Please RSVP to me at 541 916-2506, and let me know how many are in your party. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Rick



# January Birthdays



4 - Bob Sandgren  
8 - Mike Oday  
11 - Jerry Huft  
15 - Tea Duong

18 - Jerry Roberts  
27 - Bob Hoxie  
28 - Nancy Attebury  
30 - Carol Muir

**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><b>1st Saturday Metro South (Oregon City) 8:00 AM</b>  <u>Shari's Restaurant</u>            19001 Beaver Creek Rd, Oregon City            Dick Czmowski, 971-338-3196  <a href="mailto:dickczmo@aol.com">dickczmo@aol.com</a></p>	<p><b>3rd Thursday North Coast Lunch 11:30 AM</b>  <u>Golden Luck</u>            159 W. Bond St, Astoria OR            Jim Roehr, 503-458-5852</p>
<p><b>1st Saturday Grants Pass/Medford 8:30 AM</b>  <u>Shenanigans Lounge at Herb's Restaurant</u>            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 Saturday Tangent 8:00 AM</b>  <u>Dixie Creek Saloon</u> (In heart of town)            32994 Hwy 99E, Tangent OR            Floyd McMillin, 541-990-5304  <a href="mailto:ellentonimcmillin@gmail.com">ellentonimcmillin@gmail.com</a></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 Hermiston 8:00 AM</b>  <u>Denny's Restaurant</u>            2265 Hwy 395 S, Hermiston            Ed Baker, 791-338-3196            PO Box 141, Heppner OR</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>2nd Saturday, Metro South (Milwaukie) 8:30 AM</b>  <u>Elmer's Restaurant</u>            16087 SE 82nd Dr, Clackamas OR            Dick Czmowski, 971-338-3196  <a href="mailto:dickczmo@aol.com">dickczmo@aol.com</a></p>	<p><b>4th Sunday Coos Bay 9:00 AM</b>  <u>Kozy Kitchen</u>            Chris &amp; Eva Williams, 541-404-5286            721 7th St. Myrtle Point OR  <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            32401 Airport Lane, Burns OR</p>
<p><b>3rd Tuesday Portland Widow's Chapter 12:30 AM</b>  <u>Applebee's</u> 10172 SE 82nd St, Portland OR            Lyn McCabe 503-351-7009  <a href="mailto:lcbrenna3068@gmail.com">lcbrenna3068@gmail.com</a></p>	

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## New Membership Registration Form

Rider:

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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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