



# The Sparkplug

## Oregon State UMCI



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## INTERNATIONAL REP'S OUTLOOK!!!!

Hi to all! It's our hope that this letter finds all of you in God's good health and that you're getting in the riding spirit. I know I am. I got the bike out of the shed last weekend and cleaned it up, but by the time I almost finished cleaning, it started to rain. Then, the temp lowered quickly so back in the barn she went.

I will try again this weekend. It's supposed to be nice out, at least not freezing! I'd like to at least take a short ride to make sure all is good with the bike and get my hips in shape for riding.

Well, I finalized the International Rally in Cashmere. The fairground camping arrangements have been made and I finally secured a caterer for the Thursday night banquet dinner. I hope to have the reservation sign up along with this note, if not it will be in next month's "Wash." I'm having a heck of a time getting anything to go right on my computer.

Please set aside July 17th thru the 20th, for the International. It should be a lot of fun and there are some fantastic rides in the Cashmere area. Plus, for the ladies there's shopping in Leavenworth.

As I've said many times before, these events are a lot of work to set times and places, especially food. This International is no exception, so if you could please get your reservation in as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.

I've never put a time limit for reservations, but for this International, I'm shooting for at least 60 signed up by the 1st of June!! I think this is realistic and if we do have that by June 1st, it will finalize our decision to go on with the Rally. Sixty (60) is basically a break even, so please get your reservations in as soon as possible. I really hate being that blunt, but it's just a reality of the times.

Enough on the International. Don't forget the Idaho State Rally at Kamiah, Idaho. Those folks down there really know how to put on a rally and it's always great riding there, either guided or exploring on your own.

There's also a ride that includes the Idaho State Rally and that's the Idaho Panhandle Tour that Dan Magee is ramrodding. Be sure to look into it, that looks like a lot of fun. And don't forget all of the campouts coming. There are a so many things and new places to go. It looks like it is going to be a great year for all of us.

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I just want to take a few minutes to thank all the reps in all areas. I know it's been tough trying to keep things together. I worry about burn-out, not only myself, but all of you as well. Then this year comes and we have all of these events and campouts that all of our members can participate in. It's rejuvenated me and I want to thank you, we will continue to flourish. So, when you hear the negative that we are drying up, there's no interest anymore, etc. etc, ignore that kind of talk. This is the finest group of people that I have had the pleasure of calling friends. I must say that one of the couples that inspire me and keeps me positive are David and Susan. They're always so positive and looking for new rides and places to go Thank you so very much.

Ride Lots, Ride Safe and most of all have tons of fun.

Kevin and Kevi

# The Sparkplug Coming Events

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## 2023 Rides and Rally Schedule

- Apr 29-30, Spring Banquet - Othello Senior Center, Othello WA**  
Kevin Besel, kbesel52@gmail.com - Registration attached
- Jun 2-5, North Cascades Campout - [Loup Loup Campground](#), Twisp WA**  
Dennis Parsley, 360-672-1901 - No Resv, FCFS ([map](#)) ([G. Earth](#))
- Jun 11-16, Idaho Panhandle Tour 2023 - Includes Idaho State Rally**  
Daniel Magee, 403 878-5859 - [Panhandle Tour Information](#)
- Jun 13-15, Idaho State Rally - Clearwater River KOA, Kamiah ID**  
Larry Phelps, ljphelps1951@gmail.com - *Info to follow*
- Jun 20-23, Farragut State Park (Snowberry Campground), Athol ID**  
David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034 - [Resv](#) (Non-Idaho Residents = \$\$\$)
- Jun 26-29, Laird Park Campout - [Laird Park Campground](#), Harvard ID**  
David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034 ([map](#))
- Jul 17-20, International - Chelan County Fairgrounds, Cashmere WA**  
Kevin Besel, kbesel52@gmail.com, See Registration - Complete ASAP
- Aug 8-10, Clyde Holiday Campout - [Clyde Holiday State Park](#), Mt Vernon OR**  
Dick Hohstadt, 541-786-0230, [dhohstadt007@gmail.com](#)
- Aug 25-28, Lost Resort, Cabins & Campground ([map](#)) - Ozette WA**  
David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034 ([Info](#))
- Sep 1-4, Tygh Valley, Wasco County Fairgrounds ([map](#)) - Tygh Valley OR**  
Ben Altman, 541-993-9015 - Reservations not required

### Cover Photo

The Crooked River and River Trail at [Rhyolite Dyke](#) (rock pinnacle on the right) in [Smith Rock State Park](#), Terrebonne, OR.

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## SPRING BANQUET

Othello Senior Center

755 N. 7th Ave  
Othello, WA



We will be at the Senior Center in Othello, April 29th and 30th. All we need is for you to get out of the house and come and enjoy a festive event. We will try to hear from all Rep's and get there views of the coming riding season. We'll have door prizes, raffles and make it a fun evening.

Dinner will start at 6:30pm and served Buffet Style. Cost is \$25.00 per plate. There's a shortage of restaurants in Othello for breakfast, so we'll have breakfast before you leave.

### Please Register ASAP

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Dinner ..... \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast ..... \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### Mail registration to:

Kevin Besel, 1045 East Oak St, Othello WA 99344-1651

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### ... Othello Motels ...

[Othello Quality Inn](#), 1020 E. Cedar St. (509-488-5671)

[Othello Inn and Suites](#), 665 E. Windsor St. (509-331-5722)

# 2023 UMCI International Chelan County Fairgrounds

July 17th - 20th

Cashmere, WA

Wescott Dr. & Kimber Rd.

**Please Register ASAP**  
(by June 1st is desirable)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Travel distance to Cashmere, WA: \_\_\_\_\_ Miles/Kilometers

Registration and Banquet per person ..... \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RV Camping per night ..... \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tent Camping per night ..... \$17.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Make Checks Payable To: George Penner**

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**Mail Registration to:**

**Mr. & Mrs. George Penner**

**77 Brugh Road**

**Oroville, WA 98844-9400**

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## April 2023 Wasconian News – Ben Altman

### IT's SPRING!!!

February ended with a cold streak (8°-25°) and a shot of snow. Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup>) the windchill was 1°.

So now I'm officially the Wasco Weatherman, with my new weather station, including wind gauge, speed, direction, and chill; rainfall, etc.



March has been a mix of snow, wind, rain, wind, sun, wind and temperatures from 15° to 52°.

By the time you get this edition of the Sparkplug it will officially be Spring (March 21<sup>st</sup>). The last few days have been mostly sunny with varying degrees of wind.

We also have completed that annual time-travel thing to Daylight Time.

### HELP WANTED

### Oregon Needs a **State Rep** and a **Treasurer**

Gary and Wanda Shearer have served us the last couple of years supporting the Club as State Rep. and Treasurer. But understandably they have stepped down.

So far no one has stepped up to take over. Gary is holding the available funds in the bank account for now.

I have volunteered to keep the Sparkplug distribution going, so that is covered. But currently we are without a leader of the pack.

### Who is willing to step up?

### Activity Report

I could say I have been so busy that I barely had time to prepare my report this month. But, with the colder, wet and windy weather not much activity here for me.

Sunday March 4: Klickitat John, D&B Miles, CZ and I met for breakfast at Rufus. Oh, almost forgot, Mary Nordby also attended. She was in town for a short bit on a pass-through visiting some friends up north for St. Patrick's Day.

Looking forward to the Spring Banquet next month!

### 2023 Rally Info

Clyde Holiday Campout

August 8-10

Host Dick Hohstadt

541-786-0230

[dhohstadt007@gmail.com](mailto:dhohstadt007@gmail.com)

**Please note email Correction!**

Tygh Valley

September 1-4

Early arrivals Thursday August 31, depart Monday

September 4

Host Ben Altman

541-993-9015

[ben.altman47@gmail.com](mailto:ben.altman47@gmail.com)

### Lane-Splitting Bill Back

Back in 2021 the Oregon Legislature passed a bill to allow lane-splitting in certain traffic conditions, but the bill was vetoed by then Governor Brown. Well, this issue is back before the current legislature (SB422), given some new legislators and a new Governor. The bill only allows lane-splitting in stop & go traffic (speeds under 15 mph) and under other limited conditions.

It seems as some bikers think the bill already passed as I see more and more lane-splitting. I suspect if the bill passes this time and becomes law, the limits set in the bill will be ignored.

Personally, I think it is a bad idea, but I don't get to vote on it. We'll see what happens this time.

Not much else going on, yet. That's it for now.

Ben

### South Region

Hi Friends,

Thought I better send in a report from Southwest Oregon. Sorry about no report for last month, I'm old, give me a break. Same O same O. Only no 50/50 at Roseburg.

Got snowed OUT LAST WEEK going to Grants Pass. So nothing to report.

Ten days and Spring will sprung, well if Mother Nature permits. I'm getting pretty damn fed up with SNOW, AND MORE SNOW, RAIN AND COLD FREEZING !

At least we are getting SNOW IN THE MOUNTAINS. I checked the percentage of water in Lake Shasta up from 33% in October, to 43% now. Snowpack in the Cascades is up to 110% of normal. Thank GOD.

Well now, "What's Happening Now?" Just got home from our meeting. Eleven happy faces. Nick Bardaville rode his Harley Trike. He left early headed for Eugene Harley Shop. They were headed to Oakridge for lunch. It was 32 degrees when I left my house this morning. I opted not to ride this morning, I'm such a woos.

Don Evernden and his daughter Teri, headed out Wednesday after our last meeting in the MOTORHOME. They went south to the Yuma area last Monday and they are having a great time.

The 50/50; Gary Miller won \$10, Duane and Lee Huff won \$10, and \$6.

GOD BLESS AND RIDE SAFE AND OFTEN.

Zack Hoffman



**1962 Norton Atlas**  
*Turtle Shell Tank*



# April Birthdays



7 - Tonni Nielsen

21 - Zack Hoffman

22 - Jean Opp

22 - Lyn McCabe

23 - Tom Wells

26 - Donna Graves

29 - Shirley Huft

30 - Robert Daniels



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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>Logger Restaurant</u>            42929 Old US Hwy 30, Knappa 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 (In heart of town)</u>            32994 Hwy 99E, Tangent OR            Floyd McMillin, 541-990-5304  <a href="mailto:ellentonimcmillin@gmail.com">ellentonimcmillin@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>4th 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 (No Host)</u>            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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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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