



# The Sparkplug

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## INTERNATIONAL REPS TWO CENTS!

Hi to everyone.

I am hoping this month's comment finds all of you in God's good health and that your health is allowing you to get out and ride. The weather is finally here to do exactly that.

I thought this month I would focus my comments on the Spring Banquet that was held a couple of weeks ago. First, I want to thank all of the members that made the journey to Othello, a five or six-hour drive for some. We had several from Idaho and Oregon. It was good to see them all.

I can mark this event as a success, just by the great attendance. Saturday night we fed fifty-four (54) for dinner which was a new record for Spring Banquet. Everyone commented that the food was great, they had plenty to eat and enjoyed themselves. That's what makes it all worth doing, the smiles on people's faces when they're having a good time.

As the evening went on, we had some great door prizes and thanks to those that donated them, there were a bunch of them given out. I even won a couple of door prizes. One door prize that I thought was special was a water bottle with a pen on it. I don't think folks realized that the pens were hand made by Richard Dunning. They were beautiful. I forget who won them but I considered them very lucky.

Thank you, to all of the people that brought such great door prizes, a lot of them hand made. We actually did get some business done during all of this and heard from all of the Reps from Idaho, Oregon and Washington. It really brought out to me, not only it was interesting, but how hard the Reps work to make sure the riding year is full of something for everyone. There are a lot of campouts, rides and rallies this year. Please attend as many as you can. Special thanks to David and Susan Fitzgerald, they had some great campouts that they have looked into.

They are the prime example of motorcycle camping. When they find a spot that they want to go to, they share it with all of us so we can choose to go there as well. I encourage all of you to do the same. If you have a spot where you have camped, or think you would like to, share it with your friends. They may enjoy camping there as well.

The ladies of the Moses Lake Chapter prepared five or six breakfast casseroles, plus some delicious cinnamon rolls made by Bob Kilmer of the Moses Lake chapter, and they were delicious. I believe everyone left Sunday morning with a full belly and hopefully some great memories.

All I can say is, we have some amazing people in the UMCI to share our love of riding motorcycles. We'll see you down the road. Love you all and cherish the fact that we can call you friends.

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 - See Flyer for information
- 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](#)), Please RSVP
- 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 24-26, Coos Bay Campout, Coos County Fairgrounds, Myrtle Point OR**  
Chris Williams, 541-404-5286
- 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 Deschutes River looking north from the [SE Jordan Bridge](#), Terrebonne, OR.

[Oregon UMCI Website](#)



# 2023 Idaho State Rally

**Clearwater River KOA**  
**June 13th - 15th**  
**Kamiah, ID**

**Register for Rally Upon Arrival**  
**Singles 15\$, Couples 25\$**

**Camping Reservations**

**Tent • RV • Motel**

**800-562-9038**

# 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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## June 2023 Wasconian Tidbits – Ben Altman

### More Like SPRING

The last week and a half of April provided more springlike weather. We had a mix of mostly cloudy to mostly sunny days and only a couple more days with any measurable rain. The final total precipitation for the month so far was only .77 inch of rain.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> was very nice, and it almost made it to 70, topping out at 69 and hardly any wind. It was definitely a snack on the deck day.

Wow, first 80° day, 4-26! It was forecast for high of 57, missed that one. In fact, we had a string of 4 days in the 80s. To end the month Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> it only made it to the upper 60s with 20-35 mph wind for our return from the Spring Banquet.

Well, broke 90° for the first time this year Saturday and Sunday May 13-14! The following week we had a couple of thunderstorms, with temps running in the upper 70s to low 90s. the forecast for Memorial Day weekend is mid-70s.

## LEADERSHIP NEEDED 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.

## Is anyone willing to step up?

### Lane-Splitting Legislation Moving Forward

The Oregon Senate passed (SB422) on March 21<sup>st</sup> and the House, 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 and only on certain highways. On March 17, the Judiciary committee

officially recommended that this bill be passed with a single amendment. The Bill is currently before the Joint Transportation Committee to resolve amendments before going to the House floor for a final vote, which has not, yet, been scheduled.

A similar Bill was passed two years ago by the legislature but vetoed by Governor Brown.

### Activity Report

Saturday - Sunday April 29-30: Mary Nordby, Steve Close & I attended the Spring Banquet in Othello, Washington. As usual it was a great event, thanks to Kevin, Kevi, Lynette and her Cookin Court, they do an awesome job! There were 57 attending, which was great!

The weather was perfect, sunny, no rain or wind. A great way to start the 2023 season.



At the banquet we found out that Patrick McMannis has moved to Seaside, with this lady friend Jeany. So, Oregon can officially count them as members, but we will continue to share Patrick with Washington.

On-going: Mary has me helping her reconfigure her cargo (RV) trailer adding cabinets and moving things around. Guess it keeps me off the streets.

May 7: Mid-Columbia group - Klickitat John, Joanne Daniel, CZ and I met for breakfast at Bob's Texas Steak House in Rufus. D&B Miles didn't make this morning, seems like D had covid.



**May 10:** Paul Brown, Vancouver, stopped by this morning for a short visit. He was on his way to meet a friend in Mitchell. Nice to see him as we no longer have the Vancouver breakfast after we lost Darrel Johnson.

**May 12:** Mary Nordby & Steve Close returned today from the Alaska Inland Passage cruise.

**May 18:** Today Mary & I drove over to the North Coast lunch, which was actually in Rainier at the Corner Café. We had told Patrick McMannis about the North Coast lunches so he brought Jeanne along. De Broaddus and Janice were also there, with the regulars Jim Roehr and CZ, so we had a full table.

**May 28-29:** Phil Spor is bringing his '50 Studebaker over for the Wasco Memorial Day Car Show again this year. More details next month...

### Grants Pass/Medford

Winter is over! I haven't written an article for quite a while, so here goes.

Last January 26th we had a really nice club dinner in the Evergreen Room at The Taprock Grill here in Grants Pass. It was a great thing with, if I remember correctly, 21 in attendance.

While waiting out the winter, Don Mills, Rich Garisto and I got put together plans for a ride during the third week of June. Four days and three nights. A big circle around Oregon, with a bunch of scenic routs along the way. So far, I have seven of us on my list for the ride. A ride to look forward too.

We continue to meet socially for breakfast twice a week at Herb's, and we continue having our monthly meeting in Shenanigans Lounge at Herb's. At the monthly meetings we normally see Zack, most of the time he meets up with one daughter or the other, sometimes one or two of his grand kids. It is nice to see. I think that by the time you read this, our Wednesday and Saturday breakfasts will be out on the patio?

Back on April 27th ten of us rode to Crescent City for lunch. What a nice day and a perfect ride. When we rode into the Redwoods and when we got to Hiouchi it was 85 degrees, and when we

crossed over the smith river a mile down the road it was 62 degrees. Really nice, and the restaurant had a table to fit us all together. On the way home the weather was great. People were actually swimming and sunbathing at the Smith River.

I want to thank David for everything he does publishing this newsletter. Thanks David.

Keep your feet on the pegs and the rubber on the road.

Rick Foley  
Grants Pass/Medford Area Rep.







## South Region

Hi Friends,

Not much to say. I went to Grants Pass the First Saturday in May, We had the normal number of people, about a dozen. Rick has a 3 day ride planned for the 3rd week of June. Northern California and ...

Last Saturday, four showed up for the Roseburg meeting. Everyone who showed up was on **THREE WHEELS!** **COULD WE BE GETTING OLD ? BUT NOT DEAD !**

It's getting to be that time of year when people are busy. Don Evernden and I went down to the Lakeview area for some R&R. We assisted some farmers with rodent control. I came back after a week. Weather wasn't looking too good and several of the places were turning over the ground. Don is still down there hanging out with his cat Lucy, in his motorhome.

The "WEATHER" went from a cold and rain day, after day two, Sunshine and high 90's.

Got the oil & filter changed yesterday on my trike.

See You Later

Zack Hoffman



# June Birthdays



6 - Maggie Buchanan	19 - Brent Christiansen
12 - Floyd McMillin	20 - Jerry Carson
14 - Roy Service	20 - Karen Tolle
15 - Della Aarnio	



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## For Sale

### AKRAPOVIČ Exhaust System for **CAN-AM**

A new muffler, or near new. It was on the bike for one short ride, two hours total. Then decided the original was more to my liking. Will fit Can-Am 2010 to 2023 RT models. New they cost \$1,000.00 but will sell for \$600.00 or best offer.



Contact Denny at: 541-817-3175



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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!

<b>1st Saturday Metro South (Oregon City)</b> <b>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>	<b>3rd Thursday North Coast Lunch</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> <u>Logger Restaurant</u> 42929 Old US Hwy 30, Knappa OR Jim Roehr, 503-458-5852
<b>1st Saturday Grants Pass/Medford</b> <b>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>	<b>3rd Saturday Tangent</b> <b>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>
<b>4th Saturday North Coast Breakfast</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <u>Buoy 9 Restaurant</u> , 996 Pacific Dr. Hammond OR Jim Roehr, 503-458-5852	<b>3rd Saturday Hermiston</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <u>Denny's Restaurant</u> 2265 Hwy 395 S, Hermiston Ed Baker, 791-338-3196 PO Box 141, Heppner OR
<b>1st Sunday Mid Columbia</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <u>Lyle Cafe</u> , 605 State St, Lyle Washington John & Hazel Dougherty, 541-399-6172 Goldendale WA	<b>4th Saturday Vancouver</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> <u>Paul's Restaurant</u> (No Host) 1800 Broadway Street Vancouver WA
<b>2nd Saturday, Metro South (Milwaukie)</b> <b>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>	<b>4th Sunday Coos Bay</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <u>Kozy Kitchen</u> Chris & Eva Williams, 541-404-5286 721 7th St. Myrtle Point OR <a href="mailto:cwilliams88ci@yahoo.com">cwilliams88ci@yahoo.com</a>
<b>2nd Saturday, Breakfast, 10 AM, Meeting at</b> <b>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>	<b>Burns - Call Jim</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Jim & Zelly Campbell, 541-573-7607 32401 Airport Lane, Burns OR
<b>3rd Tuesday Portland Widow's Chapter</b> <b>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>	

### Position Open

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### Position Open

#### Treasure, Pins & Patches

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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