



The Sparkplug

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INTERNATIONAL REPS TWO CENTS!

Wow, what a great time at the Idaho State rally. Great fun and beautiful riding. Just a shout out to Larry for the great job on the rally and the time he served as the Idaho State Rep. He did a great job.

Idaho always seems to have it so together when it comes rally time. And the ladies in the Idaho group are outstanding and are always doing something, which usually includes making all of the members feel welcomed, and if you need anything they're ready to assist.

The riding down there is fantastic. If you can't find a ride in Kamiah that trips your trigger, then you're not looking very hard. The weather was great and the campground personnel were great to work with.

It was so good to see our Canadian friends again. The last time I saw Anne and Jerry, Anne said she was not getting the Covid shot so she would not be visiting the States ever again. Such a surprise to see them at the rally. Had a great conversation with Dan Magee and meeting the folks that rode down with him, good people for sure.

One of the things that stands out to me at these rallies is the re-connection with old friends and how that makes you feel inside. It's so cool to sit down for a while and just shoot the bull with an old friend or especially chat with someone you just met.

Needless to say, I had a good time and want to thank all of the Idaho UMCI for the great memories.

Well, now my hope is that some of you can take advantage of the great lineup of campouts that are on the agenda between this rally and the international, there are some great ones.

Now my focus is the International in Cashmere and get all of the details worked out. In talking with George Penner just a few hours ago, we have about 32 registered, so if you've not made up your mind, please send your registration in.

I'm not going to say anymore about the International. We'll have a great time just like we did at the Idaho State rally. I'm hoping all of you are and remain in good health. I'll stop for now. Enjoy your summer and enjoy life to its fullest. Ride safe, ride lots, but most of all have a ton of fun!!

Kevin and Kevi

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Helmet Medical/Contact Info Carriers



I have for sale some medical/contact information helmet carriers that are have self-adhesive on the back. The carrier information might come in very handy, if someone is injured on a ride or an event happens that they are not responsive. You would know who to call in addition to calling for emergency help. This would also be good to give to any new members joining your group that might go on a ride so you know who to contact in an emergency.

If you are interested in getting one carrier for your helmet, please send \$2 and a self-addressed envelope to my address. I will then put a stamp on your envelope and send one to you.

Kathy

Here is my contact information:
Kathy Aldrich, PO Box 1132, Moses Lake WA 98837

Questions? aldrichkathy@outlook.com

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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 23-27, Coos Bay Campout, Coos County Fairgrounds, Myrtle Point OR**
Chris Williams, 541-404-5286, Additional Info - See Registration Form
- 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

View from the [Rowena Overlook](#).

[Oregon UMCI Website](#)

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 = \$ _____

Make Checks Payable To: George Penner

Mail Registration to:

Mr. & Mrs. George Penner

77 Brugh Road

Oroville, WA 98844-9400

July 2023 Wasconian Tidbits – Ben Altman

SUMMER IS COMING

Well May ended with some cooler weather in the low to mid 70s, and of course wind. A couple of days the wind got up to 30 mph. We only had .24 inches of rain for the month, very dry!

June 1 started out with a nice sunny day 77° slight breeze very pleasant! June 2nd, it made it to 79°. It bumped up to 87° Saturday, and 89° Sunday. Then it was back up to the 90°s for the following week, with a cool-down and some rain Thursday evening and Friday morning, but only .10 inch. Still really dry out there.

It cooled off for a week where the temperatures were in the 60°s and low 70s. But the forecast is for warmer temperatures for the beginning of summer, moving back into the 80°s, but still no rain.

By the time you get this edition it will officially be **SUMMER**, as of June 21st, the longest day of the year. The sad thing about that is it means the daylight hours already start to get shorter, so Sad, that just doesn't seem right.

SAD NEWS – Washington Bureau

If you have not heard, on May 29th. Ned Akerman, a longtime member of UMCI, passed away. He was 101 years old and quite the guy.

LEADERSHIP NEEDED - Oregon Needs a State Rep and a Treasurer

Oh, Captain my Captain, where for art thou?

Gary and Wanda Shearer have served us the last couple of years supporting the Club as State Rep. and Treasurer.

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

Is anyone willing to step up?

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Data from the 2024 Highway Safety Plan showed

us that .036% of registered vehicles are motorcycles on Oregon highways. However, motorcycle accidents over the past five years represented between 13-19% of total highway fatalities.

Thirty-three percent of all motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2021 were speeding, compared to 22 percent for passenger car drivers, 15 percent for light-truck drivers, and 7 percent for large-truck drivers. Motorcycle riders 21 to 24 years old involved in fatal crashes had the highest speeding involvement at 49 percent. In 2021 there were 5,636 motorcycle riders killed in traffic crashes compared to 5,199 in 2020. Of the 5,636 in 2021, there were 1,624 (29%) who were alcohol-impaired (BAC of .08 g/dL or higher).

So, it looks like rider safety tends to improve with age, which is good news for our Club. But alcohol clearly does not improve safety.

BE SAFE OUT THERE!

Motorcycle Lane Splitting Bill

At this point SB 422 is stuck in the Joint Committee on Transportation and with only 5 more days of the legislative session it may never make it out of committee.

Activity Report

Saturday May 27: Today Mary Nordby headed for Yellow Pine Campground to do her Camp Hosting.

May 28-29: Phil Spor brought his green '50 Studebaker over for the Wasco Memorial Day Car Show again this year. Naturally, people walked in front of me just as I took the picture. There were a few more cars this year, and unfortunately Phil didn't win anything. The weather was very pleasant, low 80s, very little wind for a change, well at least until after the event. After 4:00 PM the wind picked up to about 15-20 mph.



June 4: This morning it was the Mid-Columbia Breakfast at Bob's Steak House in Rufus. Attendance this morning included D & B Miles, Joanne Daniel, Klickitat John, CZ and me. We even had three riders.

Looking forward to the International July 17-20 in Cashmere!!!

South Region

Hi Friends,

Thought I might spread some rumors. It will be summer by the time you read this. Funny how fast time goes by as I get older.

Tomorrow, we plan to ride up to Diamond Lake for lunch. Looking forward to it with the gang. It will be TRIKES ON PARADE. I don't know if anyone still rides on two wheels here in Roseburg. Looking back on the month, I went to Grants Pass the 1st Saturday. There were over a dozen at the meeting. They were planning a ride starting Monday. Rick has a great ride planned. I wish I was going also, I have some family plans that conflict. At 8am, we started showing up and ordering breakfast. Twelve, HAPPY, SMILEY..... Faces were in attendance. We talked and ate, then we talked some more.

I was tired of Archie saying he never wins, so I let him draw his number, \$15, Lee Huff won \$10 and Shanie, our server won \$10.

At 9am, we finished our meeting, but the TALKING WENT ON AND ON.

Love you all, GOD BLESS

Zack Hoffman

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37th Annual UMCI Coos Bay Camp Out Coos County Fairgrounds, Myrtle Point, Oregon August 23-27, 2023

WEDNESDAY – Camp setup; self-guided tours.

THURSDAY - On-site registration; self-guided tours; **bring a can of chili!**; 50/50.

FRIDAY – Self-guided tours; hot dog and chili dinner; 50/50.

SATURDAY – 8 am: No host \$5 Pancakes & Eggs Breakfast (at fairgrounds)

9 am: Poker run; 6 pm: No host \$25 Seafood Dinner (at fairgrounds).

8 pm: Official meeting; 50/50 and **door prize** drawings.

SUNDAY – 8 am breakfast at Kozy Kitchen; breakdown camp. See you next year!!!!

RIDER 1 _____ AGE _____ YEARS ATTENDED _____

RIDER 2 _____ AGE _____ YEARS ATTENDED _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

<u>Fees</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration per person	\$7		
Campsite at fairground \$35 per night	\$35		
Poker Run per person (optional)	\$5		
Dinner per person (optional) Sign up by Thursday night	\$25		
Grand Total of Fees			

Make checks payable to Chris Williams and mail to 721 7th Street, Myrtle Point, OR 97458
Questions or comments call Chris at 541-404-5286 or send an e-mail to ebecknesr@gmail.com.

THE UNDERSIGNED DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I/WE WILL NOT HOLD THE OREGON UMCI RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY THAT MAY OCCUR WHILE AT THIS CAMP OUT.

Signature, Rider 1

Date

Signature, Rider 2

Date

July Birthdays



2 - Navada Broaddus
4 - Bill Nelson
7 - Michael Williams
8 - Archie Billings
8 - Barbara Sandgren
16 - Ann Blair
17 - Wanda Shearer
21 - Jim Scarborough

22 - Jim Thornton
22 - Joy Roehr
22 - Ray Shaw
27 - Suzette Maxfield
28 - Roberta Selensky
30 - Sheryl Bisceglia
30 - Gary Baker
31 - Fred Muir



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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>Logger Restaurant</u> 42929 Old US Hwy 30, Knappa 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 (In heart of town)</u> 32994 Hwy 99E, Tangent OR Floyd McMillin, 541-990-5304 ellentonimcmillin@gmail.com</p>
<p>4th 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 (No Host)</u> 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, Meeting at 9:00 AM, Breakfast 8:00 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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Position Open

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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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