



The Sparkplug

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International Reps 2 Cents

What a great way to start out September, by attending the Tygh Valley campout hosted by Mary Nordby and Ben Altman. Finer hosts cannot be found. There were about 40 people in attendance and all were very pleased. And to top off the great hospitality, the weather was great except for those that arrived on Thursday, they got some pretty heavy rain.

Ben and Mary prepared dinner for everyone all three nights and the meals were fantastic. Plus, they highlighted points of interest that would make enjoyable rides. Thank you, Ben and Mary, for making us all feel like we were home. A great rally!

Speaking of rides, on our way to Tygh Valley, Richard, Lynette and Tracy rode with us. I took them via the Washington side of Biggs Junction. They had never traveled the north side of the Columbia River, so it was a pleasant surprise. We had no troubles getting there and a little trouble getting home.

Lynette's bike displayed a check engine light on the ride to the Three Sisters. Lynette called the campground and spoke to Ron Mattox and Dick Burnam about continued driving and they advised that if the fluid levels were good, it shouldn't hurt to return to camp. We drove back home to Othello with the light on although the bike sounded a little rough.

Lynette text me with the Can Am dealers diagnosis; a cam shaft sensor that was going south. She was certainly lucky to get the bike home. The Lord was truly watching over her and all of us. Can Am dealer was backlogged, delaying service until the end of September, so that ruins all her riding for that month. But the bottom line is, everyone got home safely and had a great time.

Our Sunday breakfast meeting at Bob's, had about 12 participants. Kevi was in Bremerton with her sisters so I asked my youngest daughter to join me. We had a great time. Richard took the lead and we rode to Davenport where there was a display of old time combines harvesting a wheat field. They were even shocking wheat and running it through a thrashing machine. That was the first job I had at age 12, shocking wheat. It was really cool to see again.

It was a great way to spend a Sunday, watching something that your dad did when he was a kid. I thought my daughter Sandra, would be bored, but she said she really enjoyed it, the ride especially. It was her first ride on a trike. Great ride and great friends, that's what it's all about.

I hope that you'll get out and ride. The month of September is one of the prettiest months of the year in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. The registration for the 2024 International is already in the newsletters. Please, let Rich know at least, that you're intending to go to the International. He is in the planning stages now and would appreciate the early heads up.

Ride Safe, Ride lot's, and most of all have a ton of fun.

Kevin and Kevi

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2024 - UMCI International Rally

Sponsored by:

UMCI Idaho

July 23-24-25, 2024

Kamiah / Clearwater River KOA

4243 HWY 12, Kamiah, Idaho

208-935-2556

Email: lcresort@lewisclarkresort.com

Motorhome / Camping / Tent Spots Available

(50 Max Amp, 100' Max Length, Wi-Fi, Pool, Pavilion...)

Motel and Cabins Available

Everyone needs to make their own reservations ASAP

Let them know you are with **UMCI**

Please make your reservations early

(Proposed) **Schedule of Events** (Times TBD)

Mon 22: Early Check-In

Tue 23: Check-In; Organized Ride (Route TBD); Hosted Ice Cream Social; 50/50

Wed 24: Late Check-In; Organized Ride (Maybe a \$5-Poker Run?? Route TBD); 50/50

Thu 25: Rep's Meeting (All May Attend); Banquet; Raffle Prizes; 50/50

Fri 26: Departure

Registrations:

Registration Fees have not as yet been determined or set.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Watch your UMCI Newsletters in early 2024 for "Official" Registration Forms.

If you have any questions, please email to: Rick Killebrew - ricadev@mindspring.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, **Reservations Required**, [See Info](#)
- 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

North Falls at [Silverfalls State Park](#), about [20 miles east of Salem](#).

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October 2023 Wasconian Tidbits – Ben Altman

Fall will be here by the time you receive this edition of the Sparkplug with the Fall Equinox occurring on September 23rd. The daylight hours are shrinking with sunrises occurring after 6:00 AM and sunset before 8:00 PM.

While we still had a few days in the 90°s but mostly low to mid-80°s. However, Wednesday the 22nd started out at only 52° and just reached 76°. Then early Thursday we had quite a thunder and lightning show and finally some measurable rain about at .09 inch. Think we were close to flood stage. That rain brought the total rainfall for the month to .10 inch, the only measurable rain since February. The rain stopped by 8:00 AM and it warmed up to 86° and pretty much dried things out again.

The nights are now definitely cooler dropping into the low 60°s and even into the 50°s. We also had 5 or 6 days of thick smoke from wildfires, but it finally cleared off on the 22nd.

On Saturday (26th) we had an isolated rain cloud float over Wasco (west to east), and dropped about a 5 shower, but not enough to be measurable. It got up to 84° by late afternoon and it was a bit muggy with the cloud cover and added moisture in the air.

Sunday early sometime while sleeping the power went out so woke up in the dark. Fortunately, Mary's trailer has solar power, so she made coffee so all was good. About 10:00 AM we drove down to Rufus for breakfast at Bob's. The power came back on at about 11:30. That was good as it reached 98° today, which wouldn't be good with A/C. Haven't heard what the cause was, but suspect transformer damage from overnight lighting.

That is only the second time in the year and a half that I have been in Wasco that the power went out. The first time was only for about 10 minutes.

Tuesday the 29th we had high winds at 30-40 mph, overcast and only 72°. High winds like this make it hard to go to the garage, as they seem to accelerate through the breezeway. Ya really havta brace yourself.

It did rain in Wasco Thursday just like at Tygh Valley, but don't know how much since my weather station resets the rain gauge the first of each month

and doesn't keep a running total. But that was the most rain we've had since February.

Tuesday the 5th it was 50° in the morning and warmed up to 77°. The forecast for the rest of the month looks like nice fall weather with temps in the mid-70s to low-80s and nights in the 50s, but no rain. We did have a couple of 90° days sneak in.

Activity Report

Saturday August 26: Mary & I spent a good part of the day getting supplies and getting organized for Tygh Valley.

Sunday August 27: As noted above, we had a power outage. So, while waiting for the power to return, I did some deck maintenance. I reset deck screws that were sticking up above the boards. I found out there are almost 900 screws in the deck, AARGH!

Wednesday August 30: **TYGH VALLEY 38th Annual (minus 1 for Covid).**

Mary & I headed to Tygh Valley to get set up for the rally (September 1-4). Some of the Idaho folks (Dunnings, Posts & Killebrews) were already there, having come over directly from the Coos Bay Rally on Tuesday. They had come in from the Coos Bay Rally. By Thursday evening we had 20 campers. Eventually, we ended up with 40 campers and 4 drop-ins (Joanne Daniel, CZ & Dennis & Bernice Mills).



Wamic Fire District Breakfast Friday 9-1-23

Lost Member, Friend and Overall Great Person

Last month (August 15th) we lost Keith Matteson, Jaylene Case's husband. Keith finally lost his 3-year battle with ALS. What was amazing to me is that Keith maintained a positive, reactive attitude throughout his horrible ordeal.

Keith was an avid biker, much like his father-in-law Derral Case! Too bad they didn't get to ride together more, as we also lost Derral way too early.

However, Jaylene did ride with Keith. Some of you may recall the big bike trip that Keith and Jaylene took from Canada down to South America. What an amazing and wonderful adventure for them to be able to share while Keith was still physically able!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jaylene and the rest of the Case and Matteson families.



A Celebration of Life was held October 14th at the Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, Newport. Good bye Keith, we miss you!



Hot Dogs & Chili Friday 9/1/23



Like Father - Like Daughter, but think Teri is teaching Don tech stuff.

The weather was a mix, but not really hot as in some past years. Wednesday (30th) it was about 75° with light overcast. Then Thursday it rained pretty much all day. Friday was dry and in the 70s. Saturday was partly overcast and in the upper 70s and Sunday cleared off and got up to 83°. Monday was clear and again in the upper 70s. The nights were cool in the mid-50°s but comfortable.

OVERALL, we had a Great Turnout! Based on all the thank-yous (at camp, emails and phone calls) I conclude all had a great time.

Thanks to all who attended! You are what keeps the club relevant. On the way home Monday (4th) Mary & I started planning for next year...

Follow-up Report – Bernice Mills trike is still pending repair, either a driveshaft issue or worse the transmission. Of course, Dennis is holding his breath for it being the driveline.

South Region

A BIG SHOUT OUT to Ben and Mary for an OUTSTANDING CAMPOUT at Tygh Valley. GOD BLESS AND GOD KEEP YOU ALL SAFE.

Zack

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Tygh Valley Photos

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October Birthdays

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birthday

1 - Betty Spaulding

3 - Gregg Weber

5 - David Fitzgerald

6 - Ben Altman

7 - Donna Lesko

8 - Sherry Gadberry

9 - Edward Baker

10 - Sharon Scofield

11 - Patti Hughey

12 - Pat Roberts

14 - Dennis Broaddus

15 - Joyce Young

16 - Ben Altman



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For Sale

2018 Suzuki 650 Bergman

Asking \$4,000, with extras



Contact: Dick Czomowski

971-338-3196 dickczmo@aol.com

Please Note Corrected Number

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For Sale

1995 Bushtec Turbo Trailer • New \$6000
Was ~~\$2500~~, Now \$1500



Contact: Gary Shearer

503-508-2104 • backroad-rider@comcast.net

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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!

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| 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 | 3rd Thursday North Coast Lunch 11:30 AM <u>Logger Restaurant</u> 42929 Old US Hwy 30, Knappa OR Jim Roehr, 503-458-5852 |
| 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 | 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 |
| 4th Saturday North Coast Breakfast 9:00 AM <u>Buoy 9 Restaurant</u> , 996 Pacific Dr. Hammond OR Jim Roehr, 503-458-5852 | 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 |
| 1st Sunday Mid Columbia 8:00 AM <u>Lyle Cafe</u> , 605 State St, Lyle Washington John & Hazel Dougherty, 541-399-6172 Goldendale WA | 4th Saturday Vancouver 7:00 AM <u>Paul's Restaurant</u> (No Host) 1800 Broadway Street Vancouver WA |
| 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 | 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 |
| 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 | Burns - Call Jim 9:00 AM Jim & Zelly Campbell, 541-573-7607 32401 Airport Lane, Burns OR |
| 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 | |

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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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