



The Sparkplug

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International Reps 2 Cents

Hi to all. I certainly hope that this finds all of you in God's good health and you're still getting a few rides in. We had our breakfast meeting on the 8th, and then Richard and his better half Kathy, Kevi and I and our good friend Tracy took off for a ride to Waterville.

Our Lord is truly good to all of us, providing beautiful scenery for us to enjoy as we tour. We went up to Waterville by way of Rimrock Meadows. I wanted to see exactly where Highway 2 washed out, about 5 miles from Douglas. Funny, it was right where I had envisioned it would be. Anyway, Hwy 2 has reopened to beautiful riding.

When we arrived at Waterville, we fueled up. Sadly, Tracy had to head back home for a commitment in the afternoon. She is so much fun to ride with, always so positive and smiling. The rest of us traveled over Badger Mountain to East Wenatchee and up to Chelan.

I had planned to have a little lunch at the Lone Pine fruit stand, but it was my luck, they were closed. I forgot to tell them I was coming, LOL. We went on to McNeil Canyon and headed to Mansfield, then home. Fall colors were absolutely fantastic and the ride with friends could not be beat.

I hadn't been home more than an hour when Joanne from The Dalles, called with the sad news that Dennis Miles had passed on Sunday. Dennis was one of the originals. You were always happy to see him and Bernice. They were the inspiration for me going to a trike. They rode everywhere on their Goldwing 1500s.

They visited Tygh Valley to say hi. Everyone enjoyed the visit. Dennis had been fighting cancer, but still had that smile on his face. You could see he enjoyed visiting everyone.

Our hearts and prayers are with Bernice and family. I hope all of you will reach out to them. Dennis was one great man and will be missed by all. I haven't heard if there will be a service but when I do, I will let everyone know.

I hope everyone has a chance for a few more rides this season. It's truly the best time of the year as far as I'm concerned. The fall colors are inspirational to me and reminds me why I love riding a motorcycle. You can see so much more detail in the scenery, sometimes even sagebrush looks good.

I'll close this up for this month, but remember you can reach me anytime with ideas, complaints or whatever, I'm here. Ride Safe, Ride Lots, but 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

The Sparkplug Coming Events

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2024 Rides and Rally Schedule

Aug 5-9, Vista Park, Skamokawa WA, Reserve now for best selections
David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034, [Online Reservations](#) ([Map](#))



Cover Photo

Fishing [platform](#) of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs on the Deschutes River. In you look carefully, you can see the safety rope around his waist.

([Google Earth](#))

[Oregon UMCI Website](#)

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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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November 2023 Wasconian Tidbits – Ben Altman

SAD NEWS

We just lost another time member.

Dennis Miles passed away Sunday afternoon October 8th. He had recently been diagnosed with serious cancer and had been placed in hospice care earlier this week. Dennis was 88. He is survived by Bernice, 1 son, 2 daughters, 11 grandkids and 14 great grandchildren.

Bernice doesn't plan on a service, unless their kids decide they want one. Will provide updates if a decision is made. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bernice and the family.

Weather Report

Fall weather is definitely here. We finally got some rain on September 20th just .12 inches, but much needed. It was only 59°. Thursday the 21st was just 56° and we got a drizzle, barely measurable (.02). I got chilled working in the yard and the house just never warmed up. So had to turn the heat on for the first time since May. Sunday (24th) we got an extended drizzle (.15), but no wind. It apparently drizzled all night adding another .08 inch after midnight.

The last 10 days of September it never got out of the 60s. In fact, Friday the 29th only made it to 55°. Most days were cloudy to partly cloudy skies and some periodic drizzles. The drizzles combined for a total rainfall for September ended up at .68 inch.

Yikes, the morning of October 1st it was only 37! However, being a clear sunny day, it warmed up to 70°. A Very nice fall day!

For the first week of October, we had lots of sunshine and some wind, but not too bad. Friday (6th) it got up to 78°. It was 77° Saturday and 84° Sunday and just a slight breeze. Great fall weather!

Monday to 9th cooled off quite a bit only reaching 65°, mostly cloudy with light breeze. Tuesday and Wednesday it didn't make it out of the 50°s. Scattered drizzles Monday through Wednesday dropped .18 inch of precipitation. The rest of the week was in the high 50°s to low 60s.

The week of the 16th was mostly sunny, with a drizzle on the 16th, but sunny in the afternoon. Wednesday through Saturday got into the 70s with 79° on Friday.

I like the fall weather, but not the shortened daylight hours. We now have less than 12 hours of daylight per day, so sad.

Activity Report

Monday September 25: Had a couple of meetings in Wilsonville, Mary went with me, and we had lunch with CZ.

Sunday October 1: Mid-Columbia @ Bob's Steak House – Mary & I drove down to Rufus this morning for the monthly breakfast. We had the usual 6 suspects, including D & B Miles, Joanne, Klickitat John and CZ. Only one bike (John's).

Thursday October 5: Steve arrived. He will be here a couple of weeks before headin south. Got a yard full of trucks and trailers! Right now, we have 3 trailers and 3 trucks. But Mary is looking to sell her 7x18 flatbed, so hopefully it will be going away soon.



Steve's Sheepcamp and Mary's Trailer on the right.
My new concrete walk from house to garage works great!



Not in Picture, My Truck is on the Street, Hum!
Sure, glad I widened the driveway!

Well, I actually parked on the street, so Phil Spor would have room to get his car in the garage.
Friday & Saturday October 6 & 7: Phil Spor brought his '50 Studebaker over for the Concour de Maryhill car show. The show is put on by the Goldendale Motorsports Association (CMA).

Saturday morning, I rode with Phil over to Maryhill to get registered. There were 200 cars registered. Mary & Steve came over about 10:30. A beautiful fall day 77° slight breeze keepin it comfortable, perfect!





Some of the cars.



More of the cars.



Phil's car Won the Orphan Car Class. Phil picking up his trophy.

An orphan car is a vehicle who's parent company, like Studebaker, is out of business

Saturday October 14: Celebration of Life – Keith

Matteson: Mary & I drove over to Newport to share Keith's Celebration of Life with family and friends. The event was held at the Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, Newport.

Good by Keith, you are missed!



It was good to see Jaylene Doug and Chad. Got to give Jaylene a hug! And had a chance to visit with Doug and Chad. I asked Chad how Kathie was doing, and he said just fine, she is happy at her care facility.

Chad also shared a recent call (voice message) he received from the care facility. What he heard on the message was "your mother is out of line." So, when he got the message, he called the center to find out what she had done. He asked, so what did she do? Your message said she was out of line, and I was just wondering what had happened. The person said, "Oh, no the message was she is out of wine!"

A really pleasant surprise was to see Clarence Storey! I was talking to Jaylene, and he walked up smiling, like he knew who I was. At first, I didn't recognize him, but after he stared at me for a minute, I finally realized who he was.

It was great to see him. I think the last time I saw Clarence was at the 2006 Seattle Motorcycle show. At that time, he had just taken over as President of the BMW Club. He has been busy with the BMW group and has not had time to participate in any UMCI events.

I was sad to hear he lost his wife about a year and a half ago. I believe he said they were married 52 years.

We left early as we had a long drive back to Wasco. But I was glad we went, just wish it was under better circumstances.

Monday October 16: Mary made pancakes, ham & eggs for my birthday breakfast. We were originally going to go to dinner at Bob's Texas Steak House in Rufus. But plans changed and we ended up in The Dalles, had to renew my driver's license, so we had halibut fish & chips. Later I had my favorite lemon pie.

Tuesday October 17: Steve left this afternoon. He had a dentist appointment in Condon, then heads to John Day from there. This is the start of his wondering south to Bouse, Arizona.

Mary plans to head down south in the middle of December.

South Region

Dear Friends,

Only 5 weeks until TURKEY DAY. I hope all are well, wealthy and wise. By wealthy I mean you have friends and family that you love and love you.

Local News; Gary Miller is back in Pennsylvania visiting his son. Don Evernden, his daughter Teri and I met up with friends in Central Oregon and camped for a few days. A friend of over 70 years stopped by camp on his 95 Birthday, we had cake and had a great visit. It rained some the last couple of days so we sat around the campfire with UMBRELLAS. 😊 It was awesome to sit with friends telling stories and LAUGHING. It was a good time.

PS, cell phone reception is not good in many areas where it was good before. They're switching from 3G to 5G, which does not have near the coverage as before.

Roseburg's meeting in Sutherlin, the second Saturday, Betty Jo and I met up with Gary and Judy Baker about 8:35 and had breakfast. Yesterday I saw Lee and Dwayne Huff at BiMart (lucky # Tuesday) and Lee wondered why there was no meeting Saturday. They got there at 8, ate and left before we arrived. Oh well.

BJ and I went up to Newport that day for Keith Mastersons, Celebration of Life. It was a wonderful gathering of friends, family, coworkers and many others, who had become part Keith and Jalene's life. Keith was diagnosed with ALS in August of 2020 and left this earth August of 2023. I met Keith the first time at the Coos Bay campout along with Jalene (Darrell Case's daughter), Darrell the Legend. Who was this guy who was dating Darrell's little Girl? He was riding a sport bike. Well I was riding a sport touring. We talked and struck up a friendship that lasted many years and some AWESOME memories. Keith my Brother/Friend REST IN PEACE.

Treasure your Friends they are much more valuable than Gold or Silver.

Zack Hoffman

PS mark your calendar:

JAN 1, 2024 NOON O'CLOCK DENNEYS IN RICE HILL WE WILL MEET AND HAVE LUNCH. 🤗🤗



November Birthdays

happy
birthday

2 - Karen Taylor

9 - Dennis Carr

12 - Gary Lesko

14 - Judy Baker

21 - Linda Bayless

22 - Jolene Foley

29 - Rick Foley

28 - Georgia Rinnan



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FOR SALE

2022 Flatbed Utility Trailer
8.5' x 18', with gate ramp
Tongue Mounted Storage Box
Tandem axle 7,000 GVWR
Curb weight 1,750
Clear Title

See at 303 Asher Street
Wasco, Oregon

ASKING \$3,850



Contact Mary Nordby
206-310-2777

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For Sale

2018 Suzuki 650 Bergman

Asking \$4,000, with extras



Contact: Dick Czomowski

971-338-3196 dickczmo@aol.com

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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!

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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