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2024 CAN YOU IMAGINE WE ARE HERE!!!

It amazes me that it's 2024. It's hard for me to believe that it is here already, and thank the Lord, I'm here to see it. And if you are reading this, I'm most grateful that you are here to see it with me.

2023 was a very exciting year for the club, so many events, campouts and rides. No one can say there wasn't anything to do. I want to thank all of those that put these events on. I know it's sometimes time consuming, but the joy on everyone's face is priceless. If you get a chance to look back at the 2023 agenda, you'll realize that there were a lot of events to participate in.

We had our Columbia Basin Area Christmas party at Bill and Lynette's beautiful home. She had it so nicely decorated and invited our motley crew in with open arms, it was truly great. Before we did our gift exchange, Lynette asked that while opening our gifts, tell everyone what brought you into motorcycling and our club, and what you enjoyed as the driver or in some cases the passenger.

It was really neat hearing each person's story: 1.) It was the freedom that riding gives you and when you're on a ride, you're sometimes in no rush to reach your destination. 2.) Riding with like minded people that enjoy camping and eating at different locations. 3.) And most important to all was being surrounded by people that care not only about you, but themselves and enjoy sharing experiences.

I have made so many lifelong friends through the UMCI it astounds me when I think about it. To me we are not a Motorcycle Club, we are family and we want to be around family. I have not been to one campout, rally or just a get together that I didn't feel that I was with people that really care. Such a good feeling.

I see in last months "Wash" David has already posted some campouts and Rick has already got the International posted so look at them and please get you're reservations set for the International in Kamiah, that place fills up quickly.

Enjoy the winter months. I hope they will be mild where you are at and they don't hang around long.

God Bless and Happy New Year!!

Kevin and Kevi

SPRING BANQUET

April 27th & 28th, 2024

Othello Senior Center
755 N. 7th Ave, Othello, WA



The Spring Banquet is back at the Senior Center in Othello, for a great evening of good food, fun and door prizes. We'll hopefully get a chance to hear from all the Reps on what they have planned for the year.

Please Register ASAP so we can confirm the count with the caterer.

Dinner, served buffet style, starts at 6:30pm; \$25.00 per person. Same great catering service as last year. Good food and lots of it! Sunday morning breakfast starts at 7:30am; \$10.00 per person.

All are welcome! It's a great start to the season. -Kevin & Kevi

Registration

Please complete all fields to help update my records.

Name _____ Tel _____

Name _____ Tel _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Preferred Email _____

Dinner \$25.00 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

Breakfast \$10.00 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Please mail Registration to:

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

Othello Motels

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

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

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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

Apr 27-28, Spring Banquet, Othello Senior Center, Othello WA

Kevin Besel, kbesel52@gmail.com, See Registration - Click & Type

May 10-12, Sauk Park Campground, Concrete WA, FCFS, \$10/Night, [Info](#)

Duane Wood, 360-766-6603, [54569 Concrete-Sauk Valley Rd](#), Concrete

May 13-18, Cove Palisades / Crooked River State Parks, Culver OR

David Fitzgerald (Site #C20), 206-300-5034, [Resv ASAP](#), Will fill fast!

Jun 3-5, North Cascades Campout - Loup Loup Campground, Twisp WA

Dennis Parsley, 360-672-1901 - No Resv, ([Info](#)) ([Map](#)) ([Google Earth](#))

Jul 23-25, UMCI International Rally, Clearwater River KOA, Kamiah ID

Rick Killebrew - ricadev@mindspring.com, Reserve ASAP, See Flyer

Aug 5-9, Vista Park, Skamokawa WA, Reserve now for best selections

David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034, [Online Reservations](#) ([Map](#))

Sep 24-26, Boundary Dam Campground, Metaline Falls WA

Ron Mattox, ronmattox@wavecable.com, Free Camping, [Map](#)

Date TBA, Bear Hollow Park (After Tygh Valley), Fossil, OR

Ron Mattox, ronmattox@wavecable.com, Bear Hollow Road, [Map](#)

Cover Photo

North Falls at Silver Falls State Park.

[Oregon UMCI Website](#)

MERRY CHRISTMAS



and
HAPPY NEW YEAR

**HERE'S TO A NEW YEAR
FULL OF FAMILY, FRIENDS,
AND PLENTY OF RIDING!**



Wow another year gone by!

Sadly, each year we lose a few of our Family of Friends and the membership slowly shrinks. Nevertheless, I would say 2023 was a pretty good year for the club, given our circumstances.

We had several good rallies and campouts with decent attendance. Local chapters continue to meet regularly keeping folks involved. Now, there are already plans being made scheduling events for 2024. And that's great! Lookin forward to 2024!

Weather Report

It's a bit sad to think the most exciting thing to report is the weather.

A rain shower Saturday (19th) evening brought another .22 inches, which put us at 2 inches total for the last two months.

Sunday night (20th) temperature dropped to 29° with Monday high of 46°. The below freezing nights and mid-40's during the day was the pattern for the week, through Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Saturday.

Sunday (26th) through Thursday overnight temps dropped into the 20s with daytime highs only in the 30's, but no rain. Friday thru the end of the month overnights stayed in the 20s with highs generally in the mid- to upper 30's. However, Wednesday (29th) the overnight low was 28° and the daytime high was 28°.

No additional measurable rain for November, but .90 inch for the month. But, at 1:00 PM Thursday (30th) it started snowing, at 31°. It snowed at various rates throughout the day until about 7:00 PM, with accumulation of 1.5 inches. It snowed again early Friday morning adding bring the total accumulation of 2 inches. Last year our first snow fall was December 3, with 3.5 inches.

Friday afternoon it warmed up into the 40s and later in the evening and overnight there were rain showers. The next 5 days of December we had rain showers some pretty heavy at times (atmospheric river) with day and night temperatures in the 40's-50s and lots of wind. Although we did have a couple of days with no wind, which were a nice relief. Showers (actually more like extended drizzles) late on the 18th and early 19th dropper .012 inch. Total precipitation through December 19th was 1.61 inches.

The total rainfall over the past 3 months to 3.61 inches. That is more than we had over the past 18 months.

So far, this El Nino winter appears to be a bit warmer and quite a bit wetter than last year. We have had 3 inches of rain since October 1st. We've had more rain in the past 66 days than all of last winter. But the snow pack is still low.

The week before Christmas the day and night temperatures were in the 30's to 40s, with a 30% chance for snow forecast for Christmas Day @ 32° to 34°.

Limited Daylight: We're in that dark period of the year. It sure does get dark early, 4:21 PM, and that just isn't right. We currently get less than 9 hours of daylight, so Sad.

But, after the 21st we start the long slow process of slowly increased daylight hours. Something to look forward to!!!

Report – Pretty quiet month around here

November 23: I cooked a 13 lb. turkey all for myself for Thanksgiving. Mary & Steve are in Arizona and Dot & Harold (sister & brother-in-law) stayed in Lake Stevens. So, I had a quiet dinner with lots of leftovers!

Sunday December 3: The wet December morning was Mid-Columbia breakfast in Rufus. We had over .50 inches of rain before breakfast, that's a lot for this area. This morning it was just our regular winter group of Bernice Miles, CZ, Klickitat John & myself.

Monday December 4: I drive into Estacada this morning for Sheryl Bisceglia's Funeral Service. CZ, Larry Dunton and DE Broaddus were also there. We gathered for a late breakfast after the service.

Coming Up:

Monday December 25: **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Monday January 1, 2024: **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Sunday January 7: Mid-Columbia breakfast at Rufus

As I reported earlier, Sheryl Bisceglia passed away at 11:00 PM November 27, 2023. She was 77, too young.

Mike and Sheryl were married in 1991, 32 years together. They had 5 children between them from prior marriages. There are 17 grandchildren, and I missed the count on great Grands, but several.



I will miss all of her FB posts. Most were interesting, many with beautiful flowers or natural landscape scenes, and always presented a positive outlook on life. **RIP Sheryl!**

South Region

Hi Friends,

Just thought I would invite you to Denny's in Rice Hill for lunch at NOON JAN 1, 2024. A few of us from the Roseburg area have been gathering there for 40 plus years. Whether you call it the Icebreaker or the Polar Bear ride, it's just an opportunity to ride or visit with friends.

Sorry I didn't post anything last month. Only 6 showed last month. Which was better than Dec 9 we

only had 5, Gary and Lyn, Duane Huff, Gregg Webber and me. No 50/50.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Zack Hoffman

PS my email is zhoffman3478@gmail.com

The MSN account no longer exists.

GOD BLESS

Grants Pass/Medford

Greetings from the Grants Pass/Medford UMCI Members,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I have not written an article for a while. So this will be a re-cap of my area and some of our activities.

We have been active here in So. Oregon. Although fires and smoke have put a damper on things here the end of this summer, we all did some fine riding.

Annually, here I organize a ride. I try to figure it out early and for about 4 days. I try not to have a conflict with the UNCI schedule of events, but this past year it did. I will try not to do that again. The end of June we rode from Grants Pass, around the Cascade Scenic Byway to Sisters. It was a cold ride, but a nice ride. There were going to be 9 of us, but one had to cancel, so then there was 8. We had a really nice dinner in Sisters.

After breakfast the next morning we rode west for McMinnville. At the Santiam Junction there was an accident as we turned onto Hwy 20. This is difficult for me to write, and it was difficult for us all at the time. Our good friend, Jerry, was hurt badly and Shirley was hurt too, but not so badly. Then there was 6 of us. Before Jerry was taken to the hospital he said we shouldn't waste the nice day and finish our ride.

So we did. We rode to McMinnville with plans to tour the Air and Space Museum, but it was a little late in the day so we planned to see the museum in the morning. In the morning Bill was sick and had to return home. It turned out to be Covid. Then there was 5 of us. The Museum was great. So was the ride from there over to Waldport and on to Florence for the night.

We had a great dinner in Florence. The next morning we had a nice ride home. As for Jerry. He made a good recovery and has a new bike now.

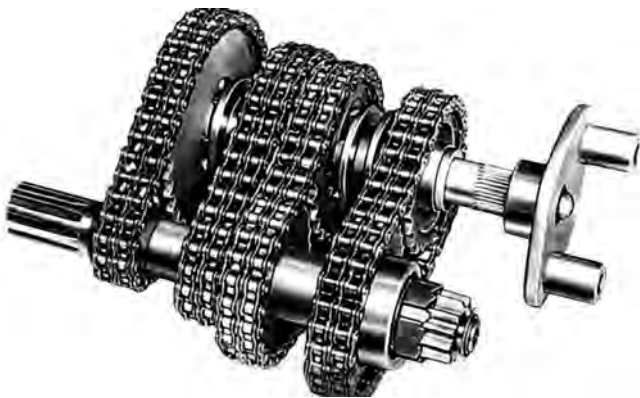
This December 7th we had a dinner together with wives and family members. Most of us were able to make it and we had a real nice time. We are doing well here.

I hope the rest of you all are doing well and good also. We are looking forward to some nicer riding weather.

Respectfully,
Rick Foley



800cc Opposed 4 Cylinder 26 hp Flathead Engine. Shaft drive with 4 speed chain transmission, hand shift lever on right side. Left floorboard swings out to serve as side stand (some bikes).



January Birthdays

happy
birthday

4 - Bob Sandgren

8 - Mike Oday

11 - Jerry Huft

15 - Tea Duong

18 - Jerry Roberts

27 - Bob Hoxie

28 - Nancy Attebury

30 - Carol Muir



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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!

<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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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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