



# The Sparkplug

## Oregon State UMCI



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# 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](#))

New

**Jun 24-27, Laird Park Campout, Laird Park campground, Harvard ID**

Lynette Caruthers, 509-760-7956, [Info](#), ([map](#)), BBQ/Potluck on 26th.

**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](#))

New

**Aug 27-Sep 1, Tygh Valley, Wasco County Fairgrounds - Tygh Valley OR**

Ben Altman, 541-993-9015, No Resv, Early Arrival 26, Depart on 1st?

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

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

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

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

### Cover Photo

Visitors on the park loop trail at the Lower South Falls of Silver Falls State Park.

[International Website](#)

[Oregon UMCI Website](#)

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## The biggest show on Earth is back.

April 19 - 21, 2024 | Portland, Oregon

[Click for INFO](#)



The One Motorcycle Show is an annual exhibition that showcases custom-built motorcycles from around the world.

It was first organized in 2009 by See See Motorcycles and has since grown into a highly regarded event for motorcycle enthusiasts, builders, and riders.

The show featuring stunt shows and demonstrations as it celebrates the creativity, artistry and individuality of the custom motorcycle community, the show features a wide variety of motorcycles, from vintage to modern, hand built to professionally constructed.

In addition to the motorcycles on display, the event also includes live music, art, and other motorcycle-related activities, making it a unique and exciting experience for all who attend.

The One Motorcycle Show 's program, tickets, venue, shows time / schedule of events, how to get, FAQ etc. is present in the festival's link website.

[Get Tickets](#)

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## Maupin Madness Rally

Poker Run Saturday

June 6-9, 2024

[Click for Info](#)



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## INTERNATIONAL REPS INPUT

It's so unbelievable that we're starting a new year; it's 2024 already. I'm really thankful that I made it to 2024 and still have so many great people in my life. Looking back on 2023, it was a great year for the UMCI, and I want to express to all of you my deepest thank you, for having so many great campouts and rallies that were fantastic.

It's planning time for the State and International rallies and believe me, the reps can use your help. Give them some of your ideas on rides or campouts that you might like to include in 2024. Hopefully, they'll be able to work them into the year's agenda. As it has been said so many times before, it's your club and your input is not only wanted, it's needed.

Our first event for the new year is the Spring Banquet. The registration form is in the newsletters and thank you to all that have sent in your registration. It helps tremendously in planning for food etc. I want to thank Lynette and the ladies of the Columbia Basin chapter that do all the preparation for the Spring Banquet, making it one of our top events of the year!

The Columbia Basin group had our breakfast meeting on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> at Bobs Restaurant in Moses Lake. We had ten participants and no riders. Go figure, it was subzero that morning; just not as tough as we used to be (LOL). I didn't make the meeting. I woke up Thursday morning about 3, with my ankle hurting like heck. I couldn't remember injuring it. So I went to work and was on it all day. It was still hurting so went to the doctor.

After several x rays, the doctor said he had no idea what it was or could have caused it to swell up as much as it was. So, I have been home for 4 days with it elevated. I missed breakfast, but Kevi handled it nicely for me. The group discussed trying to get the senior center for next month's meeting for our annual chili cooking contest. I haven't won, yet, but I have a new recipe and I plan on picking the Judges, so should be a shoo-in (LOL).

I hope that we can get a pretty good handle on our agenda calendar for the March edition of the Wash so it will be easier for all members to do some planning of their own. Don't forget the registration for the Spring Banquet and reservation information for the International rally at Kamiah Idaho.

And let the fun begin!!

God bless you all! Ride Safe, Ride Lots and most of all have a ton of fun!!!

Kevin and Kevi

# SPRING BANQUET

April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Please mail Registration to:**

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

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## 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](mailto:lcresort@lewisclarkresort.com)

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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**

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Let them know you are with **UMCI**

**Please make your reservations early**

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(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

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**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](mailto:ricadev@mindspring.com)

February 2024 Wasconian Tidbits – Ben Altman  
I hope you are all well and ready to engage in activities this new year, 2024.

The new year is underway and before you know it spring will be in full bloom and motorcycles and their riders will be emerging from their winter hideouts.

Now is the time to make sure your bike is in top condition for the riding season. If you don't know what that means, maybe you shouldn't be riding.

### Weather Report

Damp drizzly Friday Dec. 23rd only amounted to .01 inch. However, it cleared off in the afternoon with blue sky and sunshine, very nice to see. Sunshine continued Saturday starting out at 32° warming up to 44° and no wind. It cooled off Sunday with a high of only 34°.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were forecasted for 60% chance of snow. Christmas Eve it was 28°-34° with a major snowstorm that lasted 3 minutes.



Of course, there are always those few hardier riders that never really put their bikes away for the winter, but I know there are fewer and fewer of you each year.

As we proceed with the new year, we have opportunities to create new lasting memories with our

fellow members. And we can recall wonderful memories we shared with those who we lost last year and years past. To me, that is what this Club is all about, creating shared memories!

Then, Christmas Day it was 27° - 32° and it actually snowed, not much (1/4") but it made for a White Christmas!

But Christmas afternoon it started to drizzle (.18 inch) and washed most of the snow away. Periodic rain showers through the end of the month added (.12 inch). Temperatures for the last week of December were low 30s during the night and mid-30s to low-40s during the day. The last two days reached highs of Saturday 47° & 41° Sunday as the fog never fully cleared. There was really heavy fog New Year Eve morning. It was so thick I couldn't see across the street, which is only about 75 feet.



The fog cleared to about 2,500 feet by 2:00 PM, but then thickened up again by 4:00.

Total precipitation for December was 1.92 inches, and 3.6 inches over the last 3 months of 2023.

New Year Day started out at 32° light fog and cloudy kinda gloomy day. Had a bit of rain the 1st & 2nd a dusting of snow overnight and a little more rain the 3rd & 4th for a total of (.31 inch).

Saturday the 6th the wind kicked up to 30 mph. That's the most wind we've had in several weeks. I guess the wind blew everything out yesterday as Sunday morning it was clear blue and 35°, wind about half of what we had yesterday. This morning is the first time in several weeks I have been able to clearly see Mt. Adams.

Temperatures over the rest of the weekend were -1° to 13° (wind chill 0° to -8°), with snow most of Saturday and accumulation of about 5 inches. It was a fine crystallize snow, so it didn't pile up very fast.

Monday morning the 15th started out at -6° wind chill -15! No new snow with clear sky, but only warmed up to 10°. Snowed 1.5 inches Tuesday night, with some freezing rain Wednesday afternoon, and more snow Thursday adding 2-3 inches. With snow drifts the depths range from 6 inches to 1 foot, so probably ever all there is an average of 8-9 inches as of Friday morning.

The snowplow woke me up at 3:00 AM Wednesday, a bit annoying, but at least ODOT is keeping the roads passable.



Monday (8th) snow was predicted but it was too warm so just rain (.05) and a light breeze. Heavy wind blowing rain against the window woke me up about 2:30 AM (how rude!). There was overnight rain and periodic showers (.25) Tuesday with high winds continuing during the day at 35 and with gusts up to 42 mph. It snowed a bit over night and apparently the power was out for 1.45 hours, but it was back on when I woke up.

Thursday (11th) we had mostly clear sky starting the morning at 33° with a high of 40° and winds 20-30 mph. The wind continued all day with rain (.06) in the late afternoon and evening.

Overnight and early Friday an arctic cold front moved in dropping the temperature to 12° (wind chill -2°) and it started to snow Friday morning.

And, per my request last year, they have slowed down passing my place, so no broken windows this year.

No new snow Friday, but some expected Saturday afternoon. Then things are forecast to get better next week.

Total rain up to the 20<sup>th</sup> of January .87 inch, plus 9 inches of snow.

It has definitely been wetter and warmer than last winter. Last year the temperature got down to -19° for 4 or 5 days. More snow this year also, not a lot at one time, but more days that it snowed, which is consistent with the increased level of precipitation.

So far this year we have had snow in November, December and January. Also, by this time last year, I had used 6 cans of windshield deicer. This year I have only used a little bit of one can.

**Activity Report** – Another pretty quiet month around here

January 1, 2024: New Year Day started out kinda gray with light fog and cloudy. The fog lifted by 9:00 AM but thick gray clouds limited sunlight, so the high was only 37°. Besides that, because of the holiday there wasn't any Monday coffee at the Old School, so sad.

To kill some time, I putzed around in the shop sortin and cleanin. Still tryin to figure out the best arrangement for everything.

I'm definitely looking forward to a sunny spring!

Sunday January 7: This morning it was the first Mid-Columbia breakfast of the new year at Rufus. It was our regular winter group with Bernice, Klickitat John, CZ and me.

Bernice reported she finally got her trike to the shop in Walla Walla after the breakdown on the return from the International last year. They think it is the clutch.

Monday January 8: Not a UMCI thing, but I went to the Monday coffee at the Old School. There was a light turnout, just 4 of us, as a few of the regulars have gone south to Arizona.

### **Coming Up:**

Sunday February 4: Mid-Columbia breakfast at Rufus.

### **Tygh Valley 2024**

Tygh Valley this year will be August 27 thru September 1. Early arrival Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup>, Departure Monday September 1, or whenever.

I see this year Ron Mattox is planning a campout at Bear Hollow Park, Fossil, Oregon following Tygh Valley.

### **South Region**

Hi Friends:

I know some of you think you are in the Arctic. But remember last August when we were concerned our air conditioner might quit. It's the weather so like the Boy Scouts motto is "Be Prepared"

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and didn't embarrass yourself on New Years Eve by staying up past 9PM ☐☐.

Well, on New Year's Day, we did the Annual POLAR BEAR RIDE. 13 UMCIERS showed up, 4 on motorcycles, well trikes. It appeared everyone had a good time. Don and I rode about 70 miles that day. I love riding back roads.

Last Saturday, we gathered at Abby's in Sutherlin for our monthly meeting, 8 showed up; NOT on bikes. For good reason It was raining hard with standing water on I-5. I had to only drive 60 MPH, because of the standing water. We had a good time visiting. We discussed having 50/50 but figured Gregg Weber would win. He suggested we just give him the money; we decided NOT.

I looked out one day last week and saw sunshine. I went out, put a jacket on, fired up the trike and took off; after about 2 miles I realized I should have put on MORE GEAR. 45 degrees is rather fresh when you didn't bundle up. It took 3 hours to thaw out when I got back home.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next get together.

GOD BLESS AND GODSPEED.

Zack Hoffman your Southern Area Rep.

Jan 15 2024



# February Birthdays

happy  
birthday

3 - Doris Walter

3 - Jay Spaulding

5 - Bonnie Balloy

7 - Diane Collings

9 - George Eagen

11 - Betty Jo Hoffman

16 - Derald Johnson

23 - Janet Ward

24 - Michael Horn

26 - Nina Duong



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

### Position Open

#### Oregon State Rep

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 503-508-2104

### Position Open

#### Treasure, Pins & Patches

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### Zack Hoffman

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## New Membership Registration Form

Rider:

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Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Navigator:

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

By signing for membership, I agree to abide by the By-Laws of UMCI.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

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Important for Newsletter & General Communications

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