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Announcements & Tid Bits

WANTED - True or False

Share your motorcycle events or experiences with fellow motorcyclists. We're anxious to hear about your activity. Talk about it, post your story in the WASH. Just submit your comments to the WASH Editor by the 20th. It's that Easy!

Email: UmciNewsWash@gmail.com

If it's not in the WASH, did it really happen?

Sidecar Meet Up at DMC - June 13th -14th

DMC sidecars is hosting an open house. Everyone is welcome. Sidecar not required! A place to camp, food and bathrooms provided, but no showers. Great riding! DMC will lead tour in area with some off road riding. Please RSVP so we can gauge quantity of food to have on hand.

[DMC Sidecars](#), 15016 Carbonado South Prairie Rd ([map](#)), Buckley, WA

UMCI International July 20th - 23rd

Moose Hill, Saskatchewan (See Flyer)

[Seattle Area Lunch Rides](#)

Cover Photo

Lunch in the Cascades, across from Liberty Bell Mountain at Washington Pass on the North Cascade Highway. ([Map](#))



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Reprint
From May 7th

International and Washington State Rallies

Well, I hope that this note finds all of you in God's good health and high spirits. I have come to the conclusion that both the International and the Washington State rallies will be canceled for the 2020 season. For the safety of all of our members and with the uncertainty of State and Provincial travel restrictions in place now, I feel that canceling these events is the right thing to do.

I have talked to Linda and Anne, the organizers of the International this year, and they felt this was the right decision. I know they have put a lot of work into the rally and it's really appreciated. I know they were disappointed.

I've also spoke with the Seattle area group, Irene Blanes, David and Susan Fitzgerald, the organizers of our Washington State rally, and although disappointed, they felt it was best to cancel at this time.

I know that this ruins some of your summer plans and we're going to miss our good friends and the get togethers these rallies provide. Until this virus is stopped, I think we all agree that if we can stay healthy, that is the important thing.

I take my position as your International Rep very seriously. Before making this decision, I consulted with the State and Provincial reps. They agreed that the safety of our members is most important to us.

I am so very glad that I have all of you to bounce my feelings and ideas off of. That is why we are the UMCI. This organization is made of great people. We will get through this. I hope and pray for all of us to remain healthy. We can still ride, so call a friend or two and ride on. I know I'm going to.

God bless all of you and stay safe,

Kevin



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Jail Break

While listening to the radio one morning, I thought I heard a reference to a new restaurant in Skykomish. Anyone familiar with Skykomish, knows there's not much to see. The town itself looks like it's on failing life support. There's a railroad yard, a watering hole, school, a few small businesses and the vacant three story hotel that's engulfed in a stalled restoration effort. And there's the old Big Bear Restaurant, front and center on Hwy 2, that's been closed for years. How can you miss it? It's a sizable landmark with a very noticeable red roof. I began to wonder, is there a new restaurant in the ole Big Bear building? After a little detective work, I learned that Big Bear is now Smokey's BBQ from Cle Elum. Well, no doubt, despite the coronavirus quarantine, mama and I had to check it out!

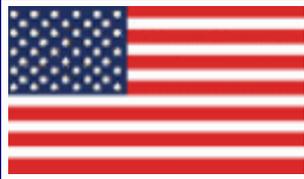
A week later, covid-19 be damned, we were on the bike for a fifty one mile, fresh air cruise east to Skykomish. It felt good to break out of the house after what seemed like months of government imposed confinement. The route to Skykomish was old news, traveled countless times, could have ridden there blindfolded. It was good to relive this route again. We were free!

As we approached Skykomish, I knew the big red roof would be on the left, but having never been on the property, I had to scout for the driveway. And there it was, loose gravel and crumbling asphalt. We made our grand entrance only to conclude that the angled parking stalls were oriented opposite to my direction of travel. I guess I missed the nonexistent exit only sign. No problem, I executed one of my infamous, near lock to lock U turns. These make my wife nervous... Me too, sometimes!

I parked next to the only vehicle in the lot, which was backed in, so I figured it must belong to the proprietor. We took a moment to shed some gear and straighten up. Knowing that food service was takeout only, a quick scan of the parking lot didn't reveal anyplace suitable for dining, but there was a city park and other grassy areas in Skykomish, seconds away.

We entered Smokey's BBQ. I was surprised that the building was in such good shape inside considering the years of vacancy. James, the owner greeted us at the counter and after a little chit chat, we placed our order, the BBQ Sampler, chicken, ribs and brisket.

When we picked up our order, and were about to leave, we were unexpectedly surprised. We were directed to a side door that led us to outside seating, the patio. Right before our eyes, there were tables and chairs, don't mention the radiant warmth of the sunshine. I sat down and faced the sun with the warm rays penetrating my motorcycle clothing. I was toasty warm and content, ready to bask for hours.



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Jail Break ...

We slowly consumed our lunch while enjoying the sunshine. The owner visited briefly a couple of times and shared his prized BBQ sauce, which I thought was very flavorful with a lite bite finish. Compared to The Man, the featured killer sauce of another well known BBQ joint in Bellevue, that burns a deep hole through your core, Smokey's prized sauce was truly on target and very usable for the average joe.

A week later, we were still reminiscing over the BBQ find at Smokey's and decided a return visit was in order, so we put it on the calendar.

While speaking to a UMCI acquaintance on the phone, I mentioned the BBQ discovery we discovered at Skykomish the week before and that we were planning to return the coming Friday at 12'ish. He expressed interest and decided to join us.

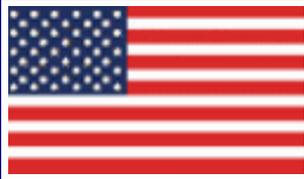
Later, after the phone call, I received a couple of emails from others asking for clarity on the location of the lunch; was it Snohomish or Skykomish? I told my wife that the word was out about the pending return to Smokey's BBQ. Since there seemed to be growing interest in the lunch, I decided to send an email broadcast to Seattle UMCI to alert others that may be interested.

As Friday neared, it became clear that miscommunication between my wife and I resulted in a scheduling conflict on Friday. She had a knitting event between 10 and 12 and I intended to leave for Skykomish at 11. The compromise was that she would leave her event one hour early, 11am, and we would depart for Skykomish at 11:30.

We were on our way to Smokey's at 11:40. As you would know it, all the weirdos were on the road too. The worst was a Jeep on Hwy 2. The speed limit was 55, but this

person was content at 45 or less. They had good directional control, no drifting from side to side, so distracted driving was out, but traveling over 45 must have been too terrifying for them.





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I guess I must not have been too perturbed about the slow driver, since I chose not to pass, a maneuver I rarely perform anymore unless I feel compelled and have exceptional vision and space.

We arrived at Smokey's about 12:45 and entered the exit driveway next to the nonexistent, exit only sign, again. I was surprised by the sea of motorcycles in the lot, all oriented correctly in the angled parking stalls. Yes, I made my now customary U-turn and parked with the others.

There were about sixteen participants that ranged from south Tacoma and Bellingham to the north and Cashmere to the east! Needless to say we had a great time.



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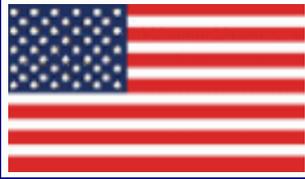
How to Plug and Repair a Tubeless Motorcycle Tire

By Mark Tuttle



Sacre bleu! The discovery we all dread, usually right before a ride. Don't attempt to repair a severe gash or cut, or a puncture in the sidewall of the tire. Once you get the hole plugged, it's off to your dealer for a new tire.

Considering how bulletproof the rest of our motorcycles have become, it's ironic that it only takes a little 1 ½-inch box nail in a tire to bring the whole show to a halt. We're fortunate today that tubeless tire technology prevents intrusions by nails, screws and other foreign objects from becoming catastrophic blowouts. The object usually stays in the hole, the only place from which the tire can lose air, so it deflates more slowly than a puncture in a tire with a tube on an unsealed spoked wheel (which can lose air through all of the spoke nipples and even the tire bead). But even if that pointy thing does stay put and flush with the tread surface, as it flexes back and forth in the carcass the tire will eventually deflate enough to become a problem. Hopefully you will have noticed its presence or even received a low tire-pressure warning before that happens.



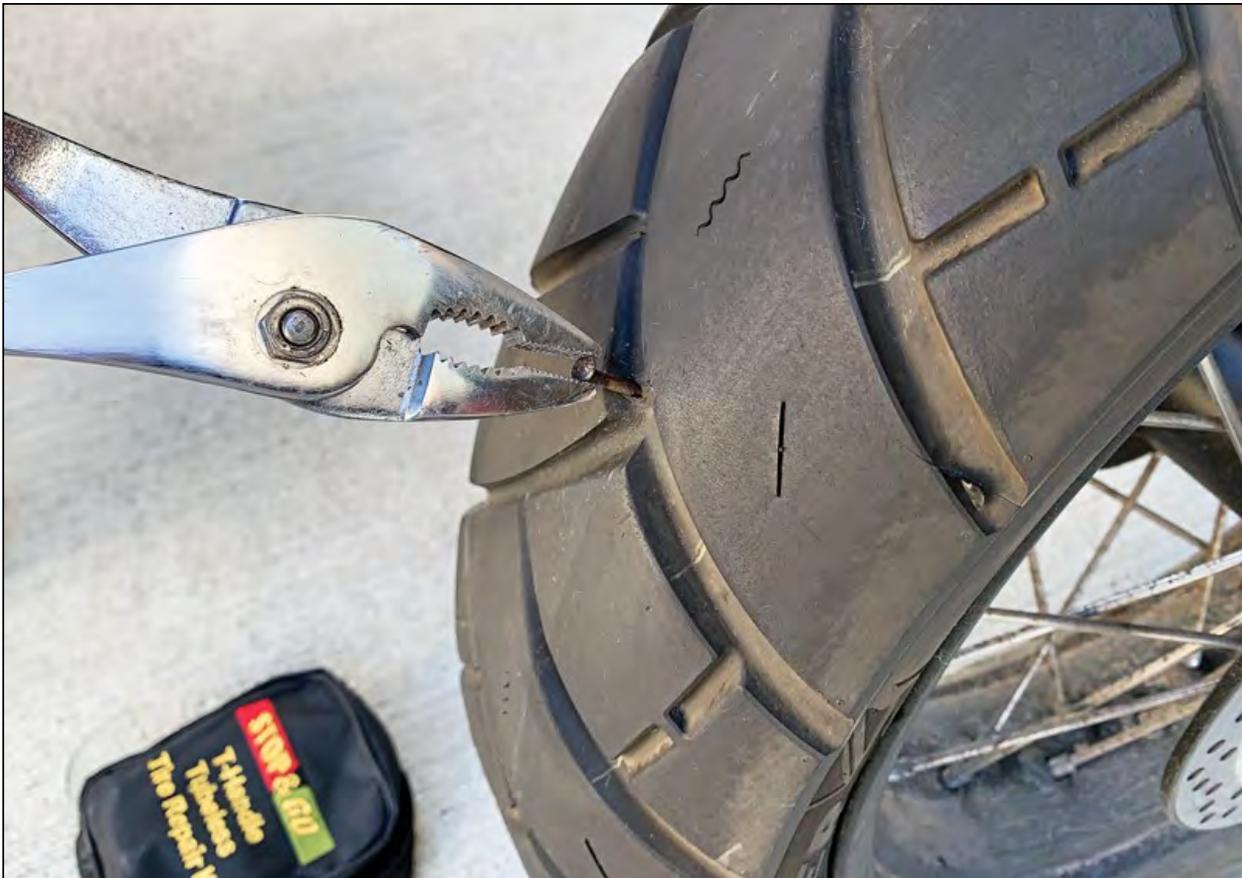
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Of course, if it doesn't stay put or is large enough to stick out of the tire (like a 6-inch gutter nail — don't ask), the tire will probably deflate rapidly enough to strand you by the roadside. Unless you're lucky enough to be next to a motorcycle shop at the time, you're going to need either a good roadside assistance plan or a tubeless tire repair kit. (We'll cover tube-type tire roadside repairs in another installment).



Once you're sure your glue isn't dried out and you have a way to re-inflate the tire, pull the offending object out. You may need pliers if it's really in there.



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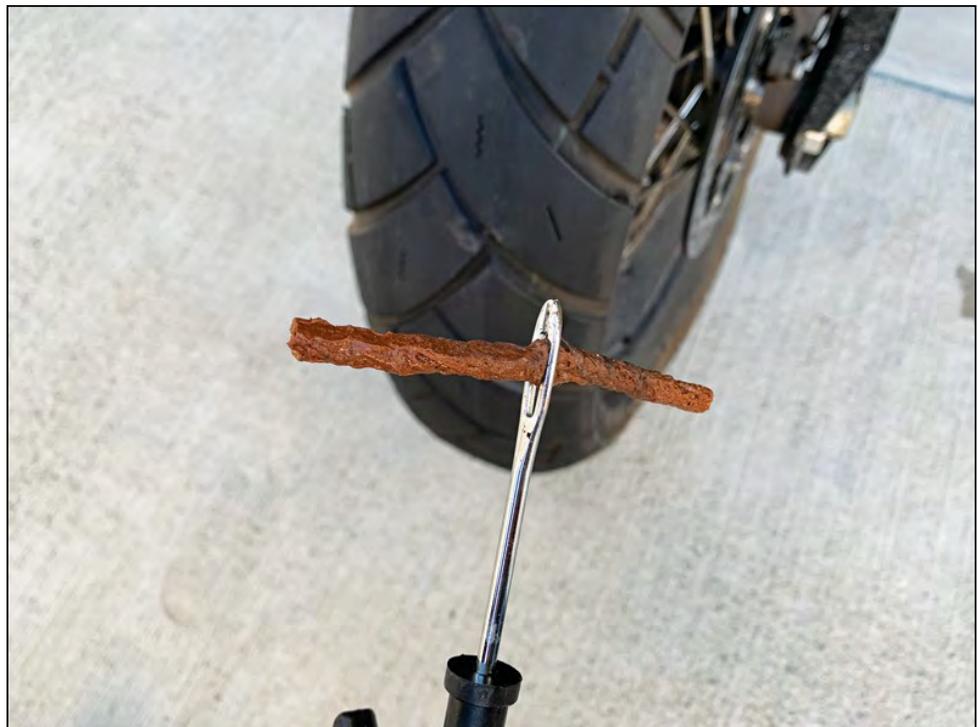


How to Plug and Repair a Tubeless Motorcycle Tire ...



Use the reamer in the kit to enlarge and clean the hole—this is where large T-handles make the job a lot easier. Take some extra time if the tire has steel belts.

Put some rubber cement on the worm and a blob on the hole, too, and slowly insert the string in the hole about two-thirds of the way. If it falls inside the tire, just start over with a new string. Gently pull the insertion tool free, leaving the worm in the tire. Again, T-handles make this much easier.





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Use the knife in the plug kit or any sharp blade to cut the plug flush with the tread surface. Give it a few minutes to set up, inflate the tire and then spray some water or a soapy solution on the plug to make sure it's holding air.





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Here at Rider we've fixed enough tubeless punctures to appreciate that the most dependable tire repair kit you can carry uses rubber strings or "worms" for the plug that gets inserted into the tire, preferably the large red ones like those in the T-Handle Tubeless Tire Repair Kit from Stop & Go. There are more convenient plug types, but the strings rarely let us down. If you've had good luck with liquid sealers, installed either pre- or post-puncture, more power to you — we often carry Slime for tube-type tires on bikes that have tubes in the hope of avoiding a roadside tire dismount. But we change bikes too often to make using the pre-installed sealers practical, and prefer to avoid irritating the mechanic who has to change a tubeless tire on a wheel full of messy sealer.

Repair kits that use string plugs often come with rubber cement, which — depending on the string type — may not be necessary to complete the repair, but at a minimum it acts as a lubricant to ease inserting the plug, and seems to help vulcanize the plug to the tire. It's important to keep your glue supply fresh (preferably unopened), or you may find that it has dried out when you need it.



Stop & Go's T-Handle Kit has everything you need to affect a solid repair. Just add pliers and something with which to inflate the tire (CO2 cartridges or a compressor).



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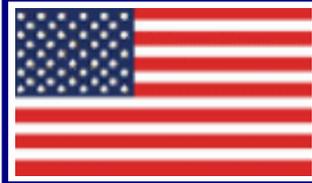
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Stop & Go also offers a plugging kit that uses special mushroom-shaped plugs that don't require glue, and the pocket version doesn't take up any more space than the T-Handle Kit, so we often carry both.

A portable mini compressor beats the heck out of CO2 cartridges if you have the space. Stop & Go's is small, inexpensive and has a built-in gauge.





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No matter what sort you use, any plug inserted from the outside should be considered a very temporary repair used to get you and your bike to the nearest replacement tire. Limit your speed per the plug kit instructions, and replace the tire as soon as possible. Special patch plugs inserted from the inside of a tubeless tire are certainly safer, but even if you can find someone who will install one for you, every tire manufacturer (and even those who sell patch plugs) recommend replacing the tire instead since it has to come off anyway.

The photos in this article cover the basic plugging process with rubber strings. Depending on the size of the hole, you may need more than one — I once used three in an ATV tire and it got me back to camp.





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2020 - Events On The Horizon

Washington, Idaho & Oregon

Cancelled

~~Apr 25-26~~, Spring Banquet @ Michael Jay's Restaurant, Connell WA

Kevin Besel, 509-531-1942, kbesel52@gmail.com, See Registration

Cancelled

Cancelled

~~Jun 12-14~~, Idaho State Rally, [Lewis - Clark Resort](#), Kamiah, ID

Lonnie Holloway, 208-841-0395, lonzo@rocketmail.com, See Registration

Cancelled

Cancelled

~~Jun 25-27~~, Washington State Rally, [Hidden Village RV](#), Lynden, WA

Irene Blanes, 206-914-2147, ireneblanes@outlook.com, See Registration

Please Register Early

Cancelled

Cancelled

~~Jul 20-23~~, UMCI International @ Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada

[Prairie Oasis Campground](#), See Registration info herein.

Please Register Early

Cancelled

Aug TBD, Coos Bay Campout @ Coos County Fair Grounds

Myrtle Point, OR Chris Williams, 541-404-5286

Aug 7-9, North Cascades Campout @ Twisp, WA (W. Fork Rd.)

[Loup Loup Campground](#) ([Map](#)), Register upon arrival.

Dennis Parsley, email: dparsley63@gmail.com

Sep 4-7, Oregon State Rally @ Tygh Valley, Wasco County Fair Grounds

Ben Altman, 541-993-9015, email: ben.altman47@gmail.com

Sep 10-12, Season Finale @ [Douglas RV Park](#), Douglas WA (See Flyer)

Gordon & Jan Dale, email: flhrdr17@gmail.com ([Online Information](#))



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Washington State Rally

Hidden Village RV & Campground

7062 Guide Meridian Rd. (Hwy 539), Lynden, WA
June 25 - 27, 2020

**Country Setting • Club House • Heated Swimming Pool
Electricity • Wi-Fi • Fitness Center • Free Showers**

Hidden Village RV ([map](#)) was a great find last year, with nice rides to boot. Irene and available staff, outdid themselves with the banquet funds; home cooked all meals, breakfasts and dinners, on premise in the clubhouse. Also, Mama Susan's strawberry shortcake, mmmm good! And, can't forget Duane Wood and his custom BBQ grill made for UMCI; excellent job! This year is slated to be the same; food everywhere.

Invite a friend or a member

Early registration (*helps planning*), is discounted to \$35.00 per person (3 nights). After May 23rd, registration reverts to the full rate of \$45.00 per person.

Registration

- Please register ASAP so event planning can be adjusted as needed.
- Camping cabins available, but must call office ASAP to reserve: 360-398-1041
- Make checks payable to: Irene Blanes (Not UMCI)
- Mail registration to: Irene Blanes, 21429 - 44th Ave. W. #10, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

1.) Name _____

2.) Name _____

3.) City _____ State _____

4.) Email Address _____

Banquet is, \$20.00 per person \$ _____

Camping, \$35.00 per person total (3 nights) or \$45.00 after May 23rd . . \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____



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2020 UMCI International Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan July 20th - 23rd



Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan is where the 2020 UMCI International Rally is being held. So, come one & come all for an exciting Rally on the Prairies.

Aside from Dry Camping, here are other camping options. Reservations for the following are only available at Prairie Oasis Office (1-800-854-8855 or 1-306-692-4894)

Tent camping dry \$25.00, with water & power \$ 41.00 per night

RV sites, 30 amp service, \$45.00 per night

RV sites, 50 amp service, \$47.00 per night

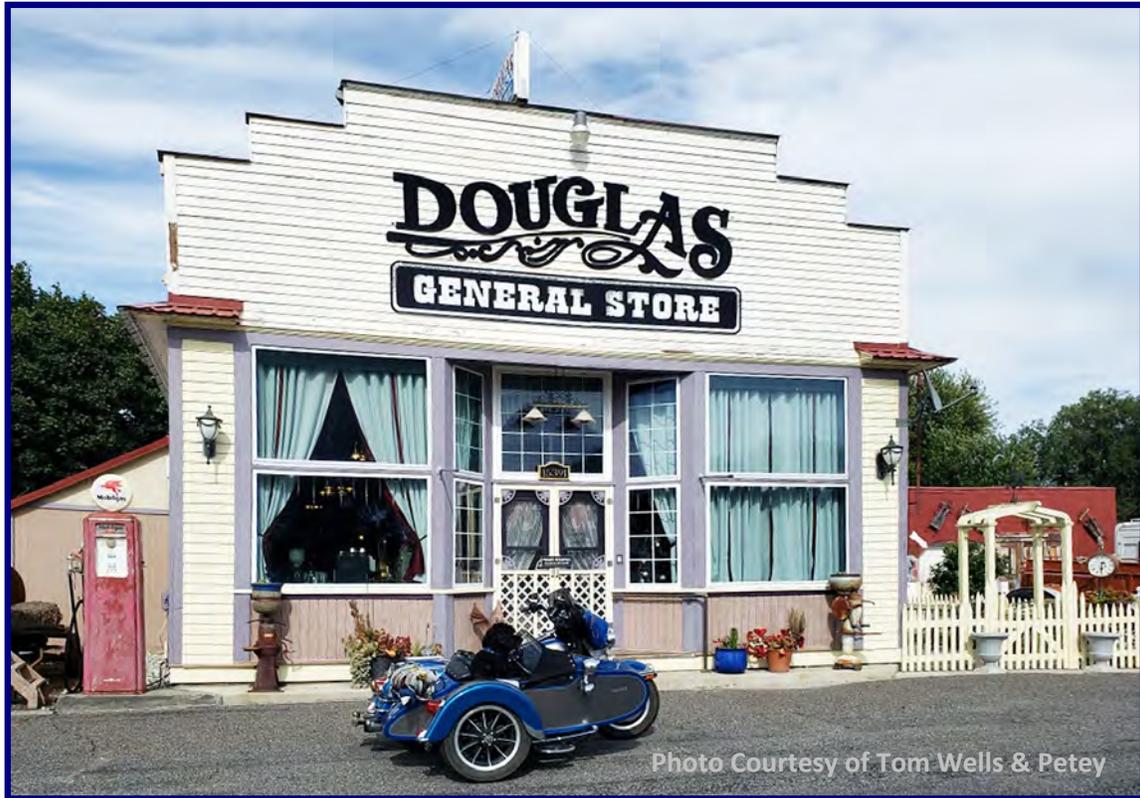
Motel: 2 people 2 beds \$91.00 per night, 4 people, 2 beds \$97.00 a night

All the above rates are plus GST & PST



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Season Finale @ Douglas General Store & RV Park September 10th - 12th, 2020 [1175 Hwy 2 SW, Waterville WA](#)

- Cost: \$15 per tent, per night, Electricity included. Two bathrooms, with showers; no charge.
- No registration: Please pay Gordon or Jan when you arrive.
- We will have coffee in the mornings. Please bring your own cup and mess kit.
- There will be Biker stew on Saturday. Please bring 1 can per person to donate to the pot.
- There is a Group fire ring; wood provided. Nice lawn to camp and park on. Good cell service.
- In Waterville there's a general store, restaurant (Coyote Pass Café), (Pioneer Deli), bar, gas station and Hotel.
- Due to space, no RV's please at Douglas Store RV Park. Optionally, there's RV space nearby at the [Waterville RV Park](#) w/hook ups at [418 E 3rd St, Waterville, WA](#), Tel: 509-745-8480

For those of you that came last year, we thank you, and hope to see you again this year. Please bring a friend. We had a great time.

Any Questions?

Gordon Dale: 509-423-3256, Jan Dale: 206-953-4701

Thank You!



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For Sale

1999 Honda Valkyrie

31,300 Miles • Corbin Seat • Backrest • Windshield
Saddlebags • Loud Horns • Lots of Chrome
Has many miles left to go on it!

\$4500



Contact: Gordon Dale, 509-423-3256



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For Sale

2012 Kawasaki Voyager California Sidecar Trike Conversion

ABS Brakes • 6,600 Miles
Asking \$18,000



Contact: Jan Ward @ 509-488-5862

Leave message if no answer
Othello, WA



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For Sale

2009 Starlight Cargo Trailer
Cargo box 2½ x 4 (approx.) • LED Lights • Cooler



Call: Vern Chance • 541-980-4011 • Leave Message
The Dalles, Oregon



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Sold

For Sale

2008 Honda Goldwing GL1800

Navigation System • Heated Seats • Heated Grips
Lots of Chrome • Nice Bike • 40,375 miles
Asking \$8500

**New Price
\$7000**



**New Price
\$7000**



Dick Burnam, 208-362-4260

jusfun02@cablone.net



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For Sale

2004 Honda Goldwing Lehman Trike

Fork Rake Kit • Running Boards • Air Deflector

\$17,000



Jim Walker • 928-276-9165

Yuma, Arizona



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For Sale

2010 Harley-Davidson Trike
9800 Miles • Asking \$20,000

**New Price
\$17,500**



Contact: Jan Ward • 509-488-5862
email: wardhj09@gmail.com



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Inland Northwest Area Rep (2)	John Fast, Spokane, WA	509-238-2341
Okanogan Area Rep & Treasure	George & Willie Penner, Okanogan, WA	509-485-1922
Seattle/Puget Sound Area Rep	Irene Blanes, Mountlake Terrace, WA	206-914-2147
Sedro Woolley Area Rep	Duane Wood, Bow, WA	360-766-6603

Monthly Breakfast Schedules

Columbia Basin Area, 2 nd Sun.	9:00am, Bob's Restaurant, 1807 E. Kittlestone, Moses Lake
Inland Northwest Area, 1 st Sat.	9:00am, Denny's Restaurant, 6 N Pines Rd, Spokane
Okanogan Area, 1 st Sat.	8:30am, Contact George Penner @ 509-485-1922, for current location
Seattle/Puget Sound, 2 nd Sat.	8:00am, Denny's Restaurant, 132 - 128th St. SW @ I-5, Everett
Sedro Woolley Area, 1 st Sat.	9:00am, Bonnie Joe's (Hometown Café), 818 Metcalf St, Sedro Woolley

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