

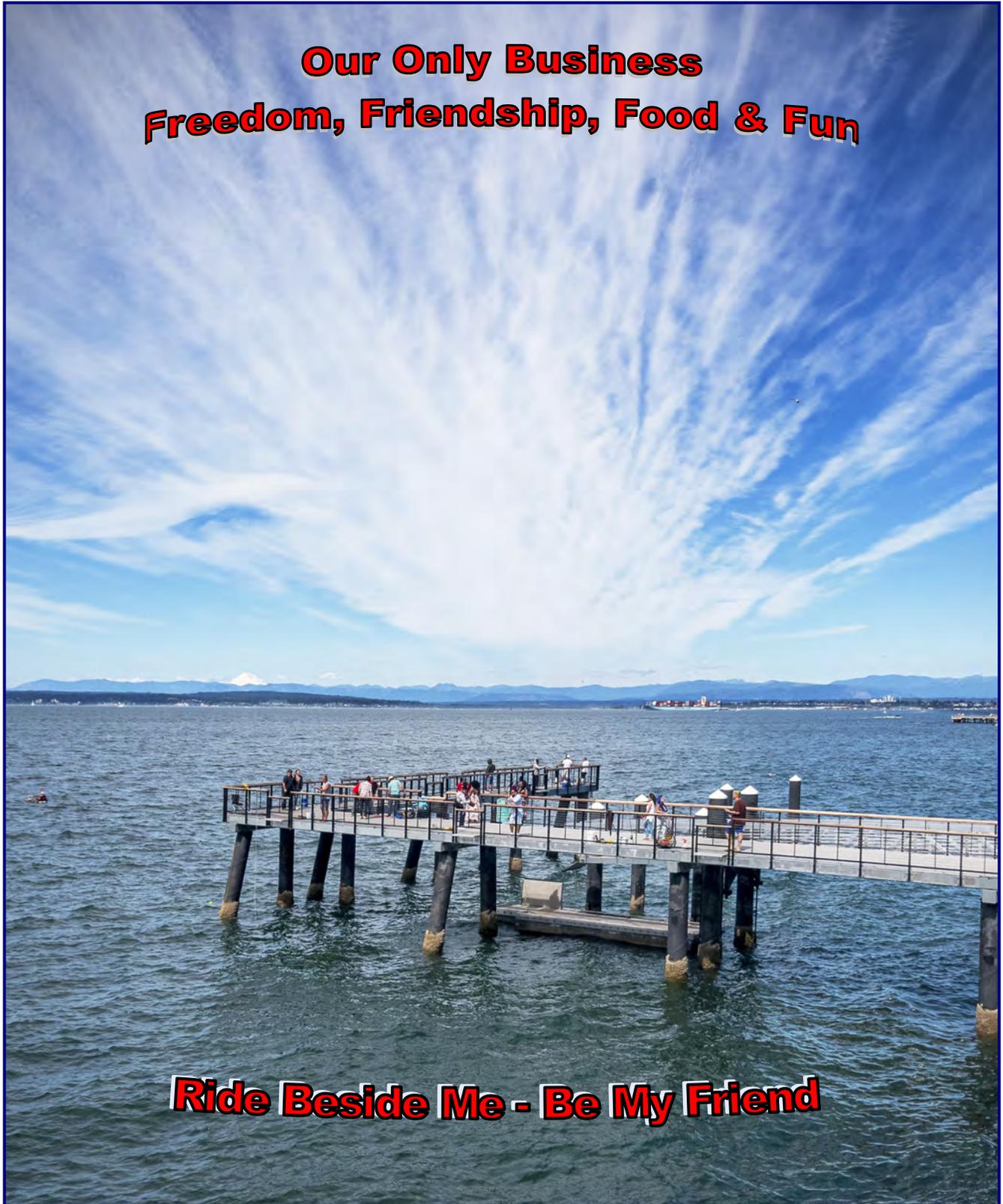


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Announcements & Tid Bits

Sky Valley Motorcycle Show

Snohomish, WA

1st Street - Historic Downtown - See Flyer

September 12, 2021

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[Seattle Area Lunch Rides](#)

Cover Photo

Public fishing dock at the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal. Mt Baker on the horizon.



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INTERNATIONAL REP'S COMMENTS

Hi everyone! I hope all is well and you're out riding in this somewhat challenging weather. I don't know where you're located, but the smoke and heat have done me in. I haven't been riding, but I'm staying positive that this new device they attached to my heart will help calm down the dizziness, so I'll be able to ride again.

Well, the International is over and it was a big success as far as I am concerned. It was a lot of fun watching all the bikes go out on the rides. The Idaho group did a fantastic job, especially the ladies that worked on the banquet and ice cream social.

I am sorry to say that I missed the Coos Bay campout which is being held now Aug 19-21st I am hoping everyone is having a great time. I hope it's not as smoky there as it is here in the basin. It doesn't matter where we congregate, we always have fun. I'm looking forward to getting back in the action again.

At the International, we said we would contact Anne and Linda first before setting the next location. Well, Gary Shearer and I did that and Anne gave her blessing to Gary to have the next International in Oregon. Gary told me that the location was not determined yet and neither was the date. He said he may change it in June, when it's a little cooler possibly.

There's certainly nothing holding to the third full week in July, and at the recent International we determined maybe change is coming. Thanks to the Oregon group for taking this on and I know it will be a great Rally. Of course, I think Gary may have just a little bit of experience in doing rallies.

Next event that we should be planning on is the Oregon State Rally, in Tygh Valley, at the Wasco County fairgrounds, on Sept, 3rd - 6th. Kevi and I have never been there, but hope to make it, might be in a car, but oh well.

Then, David and Susan Fitzgerald are hosting a campout at Fields Springs Park in Anatone WA. Reserve your spot as soon as possible. Then on Sept 15th thru the 17th the season finale @ Rock Gardens Park, Brewster Washington. So, please try to attend these events. There's still a lot of good times to be had. Be Safe, Ride Safe and most of all have a lot of fun.

Thank you all for all of your well wishes, it was certainly appreciated.

Kevin and Kevi



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International Rally 2021 Minutes State and Provincial Rep's Meeting! Kevi Besel, Scribe

Meeting was brought to order by International Rep Kevin Besel at 3:10 PM, July 22nd, Kamiah, Idaho.

Attending were Larry Phelps, Idaho State Rep; Kevin Besel, Washington State Rep; Gary Shearer, Oregon State Rep; Southern Oregon Rep, Zach Hoffman; Grants Pass Oregon Rep, Rick Foley; George Penner, Okanagan Washington Rep; Charlie Crane and Richard Hentz, Spokane Washington Reps. Several other members were in attendance and welcomed for their constructive input.

Kevin started meeting with introduction of State Reps. Provincial Reps were unable to attend because the Canadian border is still closed due to Covid. All areas reported that they survived Covid but it will be a struggle to get back to where we were before Covid.

One idea suggested was that each State or Province host a get together, possibly a picnic, at a location reasonably accessible to respective areas. This proposal would be in addition to normal rallies. The focus would be to invite new riders to our club.

Larry Phelps reported that Idaho is doing fine, even with the leadership change and said he had fantastic help from Lonnie and others helping him through the transition. Larry said he is handing out cards and inviting new riders to their breakfast meeting or get togethers.

Rick Foley, from Oregon, said the majority of his group are not campers and was having trouble getting information on club events, and thought that some of the events didn't make the Oregon Sparkplug, their monthly newsletter. Rick said for this rally, he brought a couple of members to observe rally activities.

Rick said the average age of his group is 69 or 70. They usually have rides on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Rick suggested distributing flyers in your area or at the place where you have your meetings to share our story.

Zach Hoffman said his group is hanging in there. They're talking to new riders and inviting them to breakfast meetings and rides, and having limited success.



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Suggestions for improvements were possibly changing breakfast or lunch meeting locations periodically, which may attract different riders. It was brought up that we used to have UMCI flags for our bikes, and at one time we had reflective UMCI decals, which were very popular.

Kevin said he would look into trying to get some of both made. It was pretty much determined that the target group for new members is around 40 to 50 years of age. That group seems to still want to belong to a group. Kevin noted that the younger people don't seem interested in groups.

It was suggested that we consider inviting vendors to display their wares at selected rallies, food vendors included. Kevin thought there was something in the By-Laws that prevented that. Rick Foley and George Penner volunteered to review the By-Laws and see if there is room to soften some of them up.

Kevin acknowledged the achievements of the rally and recognized the hard work of the ladies resulting in a smooth running event. Kevin thanked all of the woman of the Idaho group, for a job well done.

Kevin asked that all members go back to wearing their patches, vests and coats, having observed the Wednesday ride of seventeen participants, only two patches were visible. He emphasized that UMCI needs to be identifiable to attract interest in the club. He reminded everyone that the UMCI emblem is very attractive and can be the basis for questions, providing a member an opportunity to promote our club.

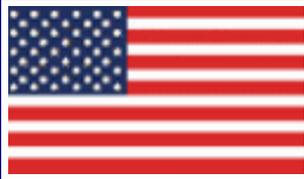
The next International will be in Oregon, location to be determined. Zach thought before Oregon was set, we should speak with Anne from Canada, since they lost their opportunity last year due to Covid and the border closure. Canada may want to do it in 2022. Kevin said he would e-mail Anne and Linda and clear that up.

Kevin requested everyone to ask around for the whereabouts of the flags of the International countries that we display at each International Rally. Anne thought Kevin took them from Montana in 2020, but Kevin says he doesn't have them. Kevin remembered someone saying he was going to Canada for the next International so he would carry them, but doesn't remember who that was. So please ask around, someone has them for sure.

Kevin thanked all of the Reps for keeping things together through Covid and a big thank you to all of our members that hung in there through Covid. Kevin stated that he is coming away from the International with a great feeling that UMCI will survive almost anything. We certainly missed our Canadian members, but hope that we can get back together in 2022.

Kevin adjourned the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted Kevi Besel.



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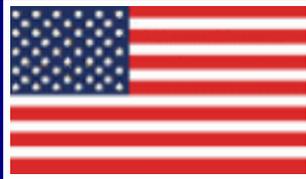
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GOALS

- 1.) Try attracting new members by the tried-and-true method of promoting the club, handing out cards and inviting prospects to your ride meetings.
- 2.) Focus on riders that are between 40 and 50 years of age. Younger is great but we have found they really don't want to belong to groups.
- 3.) Review By-laws and amend them, if needed, to allow more promotional flexibility.
- 4.) Get back to wearing our patches and telling people who we are when we are recognized; questions will be asked.
- 5.) Confirm the location for the 2022 International (Oregon or Canada).
- 6.) Ask questions to learn who may have possession of International Flags since the Montana Rally!
- 7.) Support current membership and do our best to meet their wants and needs.
- 8.) Ride lots and have lots of fun!!!





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Inland Northwest News

August 7, 2021

I rode the 78 to the meeting. We had 13 members there. We enjoyed the International. It was a good rally. We had a lot of fun. The Coos Bay Rally is coming up. I think 3 or 4 of us will make that one.

We are glad this Covid thing is winding down. We hope it stays down.

John Gaumer (Santa) lost his wife a few weeks ago. He will be in our prayers.

Dave Irvine is soon going in for a new heart valve. We wish him the best.

We had a ride after the meeting. John Fast, Scottie Wicher, myself and Rick Geiger were the riders.

We rode to Wenatchee where we called Irene and she met us for lunch at Denny's. It was good to see her.

On the way home I had bike trouble before we left Wenatchee. It turned out it was just my shut off valve. I took a wrong turn leaving town and never did catch up. I had a nice solo ride going home. The weather was nice and the bike ran o.k. We rode close to 400 miles.

Charlie



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2021 - Events On The Horizon

Washington, Idaho & Oregon

May 19-21, Brewster Campout, Rock Garden RV, Brewster WA

[408 Highway 173](#), (Mile Post 4), \$10.00 per bike, per night,
RSVP, Pay Upon Arrival, David Fitzgerald, route66@outlook.com

Jun 4-6, Washington Alpine Campout - Alpine RV Park (No RV's/Trailers)

60751 Hwy 20, Marblemount, WA ([Map](#)), Duane Wood, 360-766-6603

Jun 24-26, Washington State Rally - Hidden Village RV, Lynden WA

David Fitzgerald, email: route66@outlook.com

Jul 20-22, UMCI International - **KOA** @ Kamiah, ID ([Map](#))

Larry Phelps, email: spanky51@cablone.net, *Please Reserve Early*

Jul 29-Aug 1, North Cascades Campout - Off Hwy 20, near Mazama

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

Dennis Parsley: dparsley63@gmail.com

Cancelled

Aug 19-21, Coos Bay Campout - Coos County Fair Grounds

Myrtle Point, Chris Williams, 541-404-5286

Sep 3-6, Oregon State Rally - Tygh Valley, Wasco County Fairgrounds

81849 Fairgrounds Rd, Ben Altman, email: ben.altman47@gmail.com

Sep 10-13, Fields Spring State Park - Anatone, WA ([Map](#))

David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034, [Reserve ASAP](#) for best availability

Sep 15-17, Season Finale @ Rock Gardens Park, Brewster WA

[408 Highway 173](#), (Mile Post 4), \$10.00 per tent, per night, No RSVP

Pay Upon Arrival, Jan & Gordon Dale, flhrdr17@gmail.com [Online Flyer](#)



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ABATE of Washington Sky Valley 24th Annual

MOTORCYCLE SHOW

- Manufactured Custom
- Mild Custom
- Metric Custom
- Radical Custom
- Metric Chopper
- Old School Chopper
- Stock
- Metric Full Dresser
- American Full Dresser
- Metric Half Dresser
- American Half Dresser



- Antique / Vintage
- Classic
- Factory Trike
- Custom Trike
- Sport Bike
- Rat
- European
- Japanese
- Sidecar
- 250cc & Under
- Women Rider

SUNDAY SEPT 12 2021

DUAL POST
RIDE PINS

EVENT SHIRTS

Snohomish, Washington

1st Street Historic Downtown

Live Music * The Seattle Cossacks

Ride-In Motorcycle Show Registration \$15.00 9:00 am – Noon

Advertise your Business with a Sponsorship!

Vendor Registration \$150.00 10 x 10 Spaces – 1st Come!

Information (360) 926-4265 ⚙️ www.skyvalleybikeshow.com

Proceeds Benefit Food Bank and Senior Center



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Chasing the Northwest Sun

Using winter sun breaks to escape

Here we go again. Fall is here with winter on the way, and it seems like forever before we see the sun and enjoy a ride again.

Photo: *The snow capped Cascades show their balding heads on a ferry ride from Port Townsend to Whidbey Island on a brisk sunny winter day.*



I say enjoy because while many of us are fine riding all year long, riding in the rain is work, not typically fun.

And so the fair weather riders store their bikes for the winter and the number of motorcycles we see on the road between now and April is nil.

But don't you just want to kick yourself in the middle of winter when you awaken to a 40 or 50 degree sunny day outside and you hadn't planned on taking advantage of it? The bike isn't ready, your schedule isn't flexible enough to change and so you miss out on some prime riding. Bummer.

But thanks to modern technology we can change all that. This fall and winter I'm going to take advantage of those sunny days and ride. Here's the plan.

I start by firing up the battery charger every month and connect it to the bikes so they always have a full charge. That's simply good winter maintenance anyway.

Ditto on the tires. I roll the bikes out and back in each month so they don't rest on the same part of the tires too long, and at the same time I check the air pressure.

Seattle Forecast				°F/°C
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13 TUE	53°/45° 88 % precip	61°/46° 90 % precip	63°/46° 98 % precip	
14 WED	52°/38° 30 % precip	52°/42° 0 % precip	51°/40° 70 % precip	
15 THU	50°/39° 63 % precip	49°/44° 0 % precip	51°/41° 4 % precip	
16 FRI	52°/46° 66 % precip	52°/47° 40 % precip	54°/48° 50 % precip	
17 SAT	52°/42° 58 % precip	50°/45° 90 % precip	52°/44° 97 % precip	
18 SUN	51°/39° 51 % precip	50°/45° 90 % precip	50°/47° 95 % precip	
19 MON	51°/40° 44 % precip	60°/36° 60 % precip	49°/44° 98 % precip	
20 TUE	50°/37° 94 % precip	41°/39° 0 % precip	48°/45° 95 % precip	
21 WED	48°/38° 94 % precip	49°/47° 80 % precip	49°/43° 90 % precip	
22 THU	49°/39° 100 % precip	50°/41° 70 % precip	49°/44° 75 % precip	



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Then there's the voodoo about the oil. Not a problem. I fire the bikes up and take each one for a short ride to keep the fluids moving around.

So far, so good. The bikes are ready to ride at any time.

Above: The Bing weather forecast for Seattle revealed that it would likely be sunny on the 14th and 15th. So of course I took off and indeed it was sunny as I rode both days.

With better weather forecasting, we're able to get fairly reliable 10-day forecasts. In fact, using a service like Bing Weather (free online) I'm able to see three separate 10-day weather forecasts on the screen at one time. Excellent. This goes a long way in helping me plan my ditch days and handling re-scheduling of meetings, dining dates or otherwise.

I'm at somewhat of an advantage because I work for myself and set my own schedule. There are a lot of self-employed people out there. There are also a lot of unemployed and retired riders, all chomping at the bit to go for a ride in the winter as they suffer from cabin fever.

Using that 10-day forecast, I can see far enough ahead to know some sun and warmer temps are coming in. At about the five-day advance mark, I can book some lodging somewhere, reshuffle my appointments and when those sunny days kick in - I'm gone!

A few things to keep in mind here. Days are shorter so road time will be as well. I won't wander too far and 4,000 foot mountain passes are not on the itinerary. All low elevation jaunts, but there are plenty of them around my home in the Puget Sound region.

The sun is lower. This has two consequences. Visually there's a lot of light flickering as I ride through a heavily-wooded area because the sun never gets above the tree line. To counter this I use driver lenses which help compress the bright flashes of light and amplify low levels of light, unlike sun glasses that use a smoke lens which are too dark for this type of situation.

The other consequence is that some areas of pavement don't see any sun in December or January. If the temps drop below 40 degrees, one can expect some ice in these areas. Not good for two wheels so watch those lows carefully before you ride.

I'll need to watch for gravel too. If we've had any snow or freezes, the roads may have been sprayed so a little extra attention is needed along the route.

I'll work on a weekend. If I see a sunny stretch on the horizon for Wednesday and Thursday I know I'm going to take those days off. It will be raining all of Saturday and Sunday before, so I'm content to stay in, get office work done in advance and ride with some piece of mind knowing nothing is getting left behind. The weekend is whenever the sun breaks through!

I've had my years when I stored the bikes for six solid months. This isn't going to be one of them. See you on a sunny day. Whatever day that may be.



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Brake Smarter, not Harder

New Brembo lab in Silicon Valley to focus on AI, software development, data science

Remember back when brakes were just brakes? A cable-actuated drum arrangement, or a hydraulic-actuated disc assembly. Those days are long gone now, as manufacturers pursue electronically-managed safety systems. For the latest proof of that, check out this news: Brembo is opening a “center of excellence” in Silicon Valley.

Brembo, of course, is based in Italy, with manufacturing facilities in other countries (including Indian subsidiary ByBre). So why is it looking to start an outpost in California? The answer lies in the press release:



The opening of Brembo’s first center of excellence is a step forward in the path to become a trusted Solution Provider and accelerates the digitalization of the company, one of the key objectives of the strategic vision, Turning Energy into Inspiration ...

Later in the press release, Brembo bigwig Daniele Schillaci says:

“We are in an era of data science and the application of artificial intelligence, which offers us a great opportunity to build our future and strengthen our technological leadership. With the Brembo Inspiration Lab we accept the challenge to increase the company’s digital culture and to bring ‘Made in Brembo’ innovation even closer to our partners.”

Cutting away the Corporate Speak, here’s what’s going on: Brembo appears to be headed towards the business of electronic safety tech.

Brembo already has a brake-by-wire system for cars. If it can integrate that tech with other data about traffic, vehicle dynamics and drivers’ habits, Brembo would have the ability to build extremely powerful next-generation braking systems, far beyond anything on the market today.

That info on driver’s habits is already available, floating around the Interwebz. It’s a dirty secret your cell phone company might not want you to know, but your phone is able to harness a considerable amount of data from built-in accelerometers. Pair that tech with easily-available traffic data and other notes from Big Brother’s files, and you can build very, very powerful AI-enabled braking systems, along with many other things.

And, Brembo is likely not the only company doing this. Bosch and Continental, two other Euro companies best-known for hard parts production over their history, have basically taken over the motorcycle safety electronics industry in recent years. If Brembo joins them, it’s just one more player at the party.

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How Motorcycle Transmissions Work



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Season Finale Rock Gardens Park

408 Highway 173 • Brewster WA
September 15th - 17th, 2021

Camp on nice green grass. Reservations not required. Camping is \$10 a night per tent or tent trailer, pay upon arrival. Nice restrooms and free showers. Fire Ring and free firewood. No RV hookups.

Barbecue/Potluck on Friday the 17th. Bring what you want to grill and something for the potluck. Bring your own utensils, they will not be provided.

Grocery stores and gas stations just minutes away at Brewster or Bridgeport.

- Coffee provided in the mornings.
- Please bring your own cup.
- We hope to see you there.

Any questions? Please call:

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



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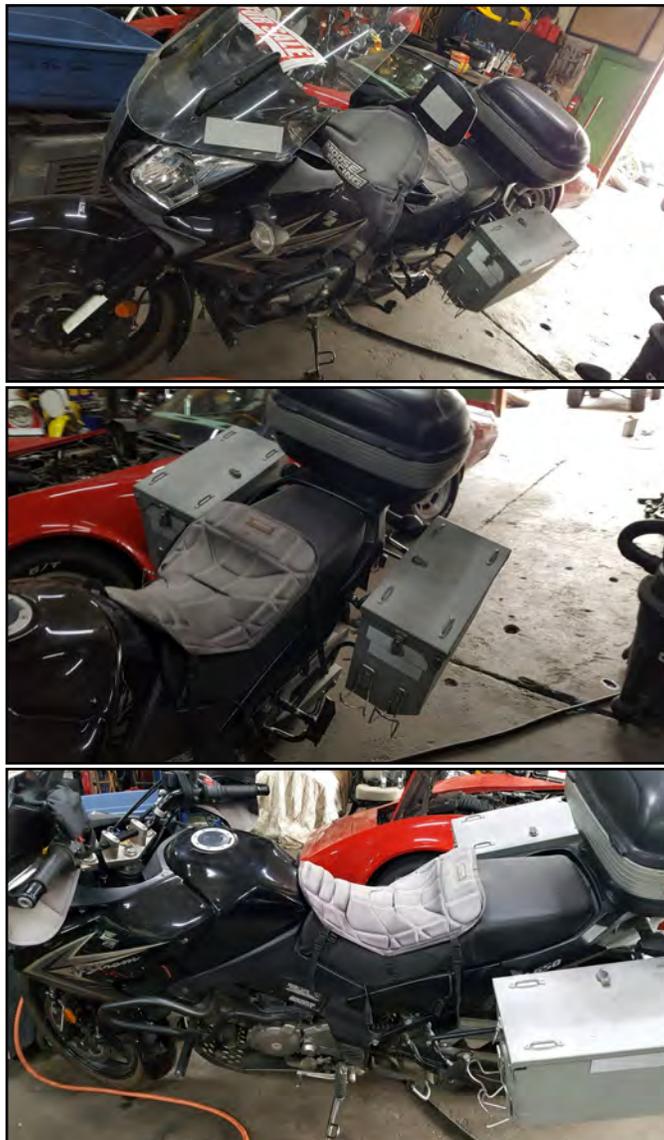
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For Sale

2011 Suzuki V-Strom 650 • 64,000 miles

Happy Trails Medium Saddlebags • Trunk • Extras



Steve Close: 541-620-1944

steve.yuma@gmail.com

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For Sale

**1995 Honda Goldwing GL 1500 Interstate • 54,000 miles
New Windshield • Tune Up • Brakes • Ready to go • \$4800**



1995 Kwik Kamp with Queen Bed • \$2500



**Contact Lucy Johnson at: 509-269-4648
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For Sale

Motorcycle / Sidecar Outfit

1996 Yamaha Royal Star 1300cc

V4 • 5 Speed • Champion Escort Sidecar
Fully Equipped with Running Boards • Fairing
Studded Leather Saddlebags • Special Road Lights
Special Patriotic Themed Painted Tank and Fender
Color Matched Sidecar • Good Tires

Sidecar mounted on bike was ~~\$10,000~~

Asking: \$6000 or Best Offer



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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.	8:30am, Denny's Restaurant, 6 N Pines Rd, Spokane
Okanogan Area, 1 st Sat.	8:30am, Cariboo, 233 Queen Street, Okanogan
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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