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Announcements & Tid Bits

LOST

All UMCI banners and flags seem to be lost. At the last UMCI International in Columbia Falls, MT they were gathered up by someone who was to bring them to the next rally, which was to have been in Medicine Hat, AB. Covid came along and the border masters in two countries closed things down.

DOES ANYONE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE?

Contact Gary Shearer or Kevin Besel if you know.



Spokane County Fair & Expo Center
March 11-13, 2022

Strategic Adjustment



Due to the holiday weekend, the January breakfast for Seattle & Sedro Woolley is re-scheduled from the 1st, to the 8th, at the Sports Keg, 9am, Burlington

[Seattle Area Lunch Rides](#) (2021)

Happy New Years



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INTERNATIONAL REP'S RANT

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ONE AND ALL

Where the heck did 2021 disappear to? I can't believe we're so close to 2022. By the time you even think about the new year, it'll be here. Even with some of the Covid restrictions in place, I feel that it was a very good year for us in the UMCI. We still held most of our events no matter the obstacles, and for that I want to tip my hat to all of you and say thanks for all of the hard work.

I want to take a few seconds, and hope that you will too, and think about how many of our friends that have passed this year. For sure far too many, so please say a little prayer for them and their families. We all say that they're in a better place, which I'm sure they are, but that doesn't make the pain or the loss go away.

Well, I am sure all of the Area and State Rep's are hard at work planning for next years event and this is the time I ask all of the members to give them your input on where you would like to ride. Ideas of where to have a rally, campout or whatever, just remember it's your club. Your input is needed and wanted to help all Reps plan a great riding adventure for all of us.

The Columbia basin group had our Christmas Party and gift exchange on Sunday, December 12th, and it was wonderful. One of our members, Lynette Caruthers and her husband Bill, were gracious enough to invite us into their home. We had a fantastic dinner and gift exchange. We did the normal gift exchange with the same stealing rules, but Lynette suggested that when you pulled your number and got your pick, you would tell the group of a memorable ride or event. It was really cool and everyone enjoyed some great stories.

The food was fantastic and no one left hungry, that's for sure. One thing about this group, we have the cooking and eating thing conquered for sure. The turn out was light, only 12 of us, but most of the group were wintering in Arizona or southern destinations. We hope they had a great Sunday like we did.

Kevi and I are hoping that all of you have a Very Merry Christmas and a very blessed New Year! I know that it's been a challenge for the last 3 years to keep your enthusiasm with all of the Covid restrictions, but the club has survived and we'll have a great 2022 of riding and fantastic rallies.

God Bless you and have a great Holiday Season. Hope to see you down the road on your motorcycle or at one of the rallies or campouts.

Kevin and Kevi

P.S. A special thanks to all of the Rep's and their wives for all of the hard work that you do!!



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Inland Northwest News



We had 13 at the meeting this morning. It was snowing so I didn't ride. Dave Hill did. It was a little better weather in the valley.

John Caumer (Santa) came in his Santa suit. He looked like the real McCoy.

Rick Geiger and Tom Wells drove in from the farm country. It was good to see them.

We will be having our Tri-Club Christmas party at JB's Restaurant in Coeur d'Alene next Saturday. We didn't have one last year because of Covid.

We just heard Rich Hentz's new engine in his motorhome blew up on the way to Utah. He has been waiting a couple of months to have it installed after losing the first one in Montana. Talk about bad luck.

Hopefully we will have an easy winter. I hope 2022 is a better year for everybody.

Charlie





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Events On The Horizon

Washington, Idaho & Oregon

May 31 - Jun 4, Washington Alpine Campout - Alpine RV Park

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

Jun 7-10, Fields Spring State Park - Anatone, WA ([Map](#))

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





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Even a sip of booze can land you in jail...

by Gary Meeker

Understanding a Neg1 charge

If you've never been charged with a DUI, or the lesser charge of a Neg1 (more on what this is in a moment), you're probably like a lot of other innocents riding or driving around, thinking as long as your blood alcohol content is below .08, you're ok.

But you'd be wrong.

Suppose you're out riding your motorcycle, driving your car, enjoying a poker run, holiday dinner, etc., and you get back on the road after a few drinks spread over a few hours or more. From all they taught you in driver education or a motorcycle safety class, you think you should be ok at that rate. And you may well be.



But you just got pulled over by local law enforcement and you're about to learn why you may be getting handcuffed next.

If an officer smells alcohol on your breath, you'll be asked to take a walk to the side of your vehicle and be put through a series of coordination tests. Follow the officer's hand; walk nine paces forward toe to heel, then back; stand on one leg like a flamingo for seven seconds, then repeat on the other leg (many adults over 65 can't do this one 100% sober); count backwards from 69 to 54, and so on. Make one error and the next thing you know you're being told to put your hands behind your back, getting read your rights, and it's off to the precinct you go.

But hold on, you didn't drink that much.

So what.



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After sitting in a cold cell for a while, you're brought in for a blood alcohol content. Blow as hard as you can into the tube for ten seconds. Wait a few minutes and repeat.

The next thing that happens is you go back to your 64 degree cell and wait 30 minutes while you're processed out. Did we mention that this entire time you've been handcuffed and your shoes taken away as they are not allowed in the cell? That concrete floor is pretty cold in winter when it's 30 degrees outside. Right - so is the steel bench you're sitting on.

After 30 cold, uncomfortable minutes, the officer returns, offers to call you a cab, gives you a bag with all your possessions, and finally unlocks you.

Good news, you were under the .08 limit. You blew something under "the limit" like a .04.

Good news? Well it's not all roses as you'll soon see.

There are two pieces of paper in the bag.

One is a citation charging you with Negligent Driving in the 1st Degree (1)(a). What's that?

RCW 46.61.5249 A person is guilty of negligent driving in the first degree if he or she operates a motor vehicle in a manner that is both negligent and endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property, and exhibits the effects of having consumed liquor or marijuana or any drug or exhibits the effects of having inhaled or ingested any chemical, whether or not a legal substance, for its intoxicating or hallucinatory effects.

The above is the Washington State code. If you live outside the state, check your local laws.

And you thought it was okay to ride around with one drink in tow. Nope.

You also note that no hearing date is set. Instead, the box next to "Referred to prosecutor" is checked. In most cases the charging city, county or state has up to two years to contact you before you're out of the woods on that.

The next piece of paper you pull out is the record of your vehicle being towed. It tells you who the towing company was, but there's no phone number and no information about where the yard is where it's being stored.



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As you read the document more closely, you see the checkmark in the box that says you can't get the bike or car for 12 hours, even though by now, you feel zero effects of whatever you drank earlier. The good news is - you have 12 hours to figure out where the vehicle is stored.

Now your two-year wait begins. If you receive a hearing date, you can go and they will charge you in whatever way they see lawfully fit. Or, you can hire an attorney to deal with it at a price. If the Neg1 goes on your record, insurance companies will see it for three years. During that time you can expect a 25% or higher increase in your rates.

If the charge hits your record, it will be visible to the Canadian Border patrol and you may be denied entry at the border officer's discretion. Each time you want to go to Canada, you'll want to have a plan B.

So, after all we learned in class, and all the signs we saw about a .08 limit, you now know that even taking a sip of beer can land you in the pokey. Next time you plan to imbibe, it may be good smarts to find another means back home other than your motorcycle or car.

Ride safe, ride sober.





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**Oregon
Listing**

For Sale

2008 Bunkhouse Lil B • Motorcycle Camp Trailer Asking \$2500

12 inch wheels • Radial Tires • Bearing Buddies • Extended Tongue, with Swivel Hitch
Retractable Front Screw-Jack Wheel • Screw Jack Stabilizers • Entry Canopy, w/custom curtains
Custom storage pockets on Top Cover • Storage Boxes front and rear • Spare Tire Rack



Front Entry Canopy, with Velcro side curtains



Front Tool Box, Cooler, Wheel Jack, Swivel Hitch



Front Tool Box • Cooler • Wheel Jack Swivel Hitch • Top Cover, with Custom Storage Pockets • Top Cover with Custom Storage Pockets

Rear Tool Box • Spare Tire • LED Lights Screw Leveler Jacks • 12" Rims • Radial Tires with Bearing Buddies

Contact: Ben Altman • 541-993-9015 • ben.altman47@gmail.com



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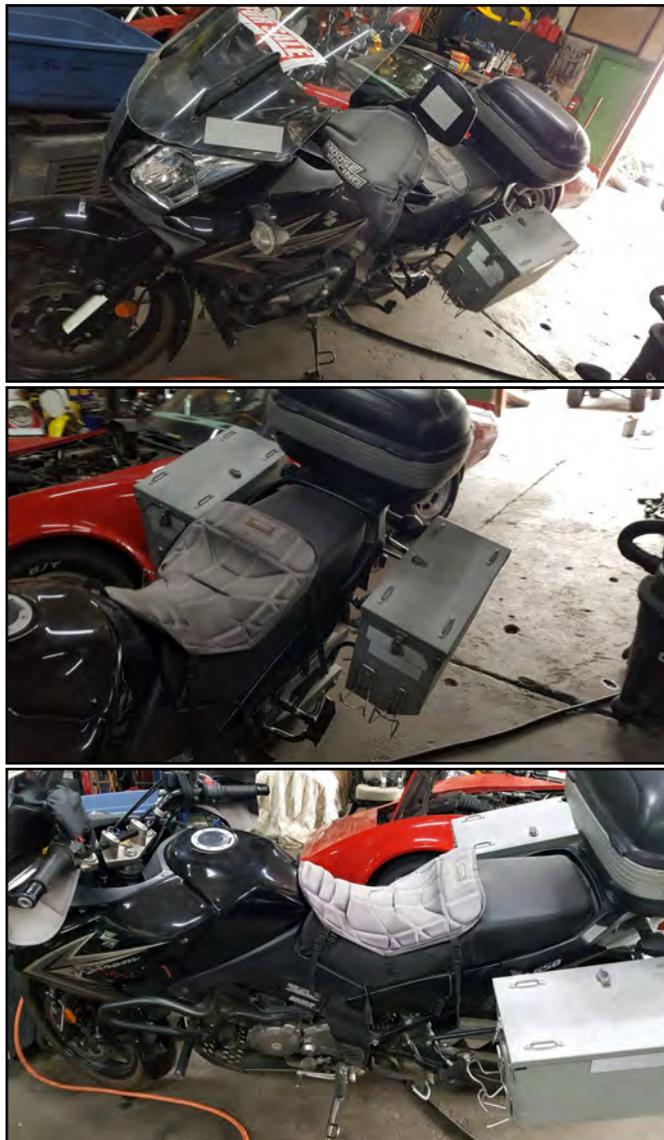
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For Sale

2011 Suzuki V-Strom 650 • 64,000 miles

Happy Trails Medium Saddlebags • Trunk • Extras



Steve Close: 541-620-1944

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Oregon Listing



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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
Eastern Washington**



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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



Call Dave at: 208-210-8088 OR 208-627-8945

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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	509-429-1736
Seattle/Puget Sound Area Rep	David Fitzgerald, Kirkland, WA - Temp	206-300-5034
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.	8:30am, Denny's Restaurant, 6 N Pines Rd, Spokane
Okanogan Area, 1 st Sat.	8:30am, Cariboo, 233 Queen Street, Okanogan
<i>Seattle/Puget Sound, 2nd Sat.</i>	9:00am, Sports Keg Grill, 1660 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington
<i>Sedro Woolley Area, 2nd Sat.</i>	9:00am, Sports Keg Grill, 1660 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington

**January
Only**

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