

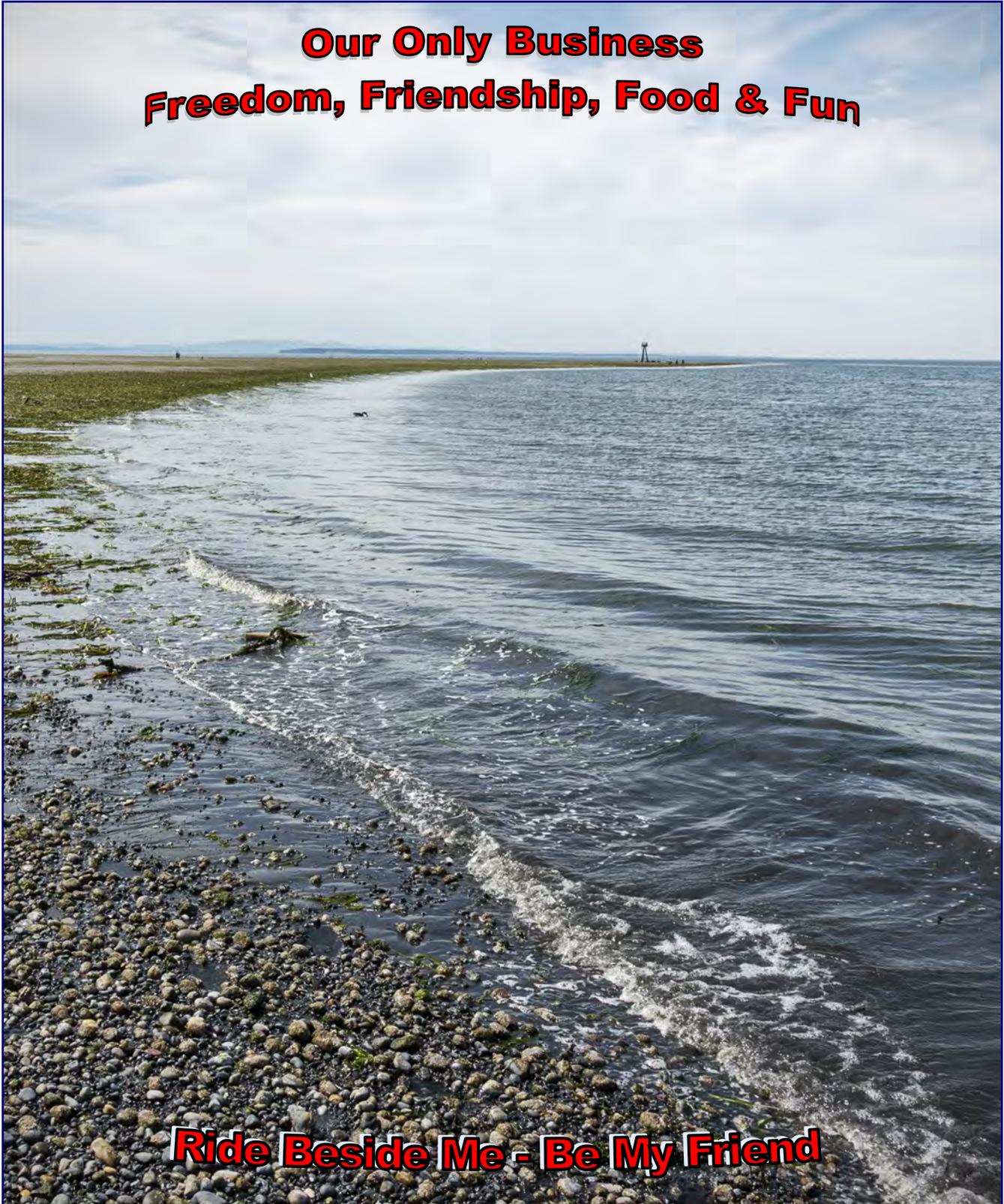


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 March 11-13, 2022

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MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET
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MARCH 27, 2022
 EVERGREEN ST FAIRGROUNDS - MONROE

Sky Valley
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MOTORCYCLE SHOW
 Manufactured Custom
 Mild Custom
 Metro Custom
 Radical Custom
 Metro Chopper
 Old school chopper
 stoke
 Metro Full Dresser
 American Full dresser
 Metro Half Dresser
 American Half Dresser
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SUNDAY MAY 15 2022
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[Spring Banquet Registration - Download](#)

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Semiahmoo Resort [shoreline](#) looking southwest.



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International Rep's Comments

Hi to all,

I hope that this note finds all of you in good spirits and in a ramped-up riding mood. The weather here in Washington is getting warmer and warmer and it is so nice to see the SUNSHINE. Man does that put everyone in a lot better mood. I see some smiles; fantastic! I hope you are experiencing the same thing.

The Moses Lake group had the annual chili cook-off at their last meeting. And no, I did not win again. I swear, I am going to bring my own judges to the next contest. Richard Aldrich won, so a big congratulations to him. It was pretty good chili. A fun afternoon was had by all.

After the chili feed, I mentioned that we found a place to have the Spring Banquet and we knew a caterer in Othello that has done many events at the senior center and Lynette highly recommended him. So, a few calls later, the Spring Banquet is set. Please look in this month's "WASH" for all the details and registration. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible a good opening event.

Please keep in mind, all of you are welcome. I know for some it's a long car or bike ride, but it's worth it just to see my smiling face, HA. HA. But, all are welcome.

I must say that this group, the UMCI never fails to surprise me and put a smile back on my face. When it was announced last month that there was not going to be an International, it awoke a sleeping bear. I had gotten into the funk that no one cared, but boy I found out different and it was welcomed. I received several phone calls from our members saying they wanted something so all could congregate and just have fun. They didn't care what we called it or if there was a banquet, to them that was not a big deal.

My intake was, our members wanted something whether it be in Oregon, Washington, Idaho or in one of the provinces in Canada. So, I sent a letter to all the Rep's expressing your concerns and enthusiasms about having a rally somewhere and they responded.

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Gary Shearer sent me an e-mail and he is still looking for somewhere to hold a "get together". Gary calls it an "un-rally". It may not have the banquet, the shirts, the pins and that is entirely fine with me. Main point from all the calls was, we need to have something

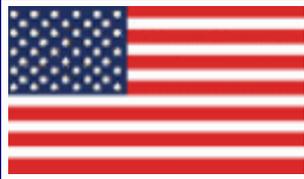
David Fitzgerald sent me info on 3 fantastic locations for future reference, which I am going to look into, but I feel Gary will get something in July or early August. So watch your newsletter for future information on the "Un-Rally".

Bottom line, I want to thank all of you that called in and shared your thoughts. My good friend Dick Burnum always said, it's your club, let us know what you want or would like to see and you did.

Thanks to all the reps especially you Gary, for being persistent in finding a place to have an event, no matter what it's called, just so we can see Old Friends.

Kevin and Kevi





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Inland Northwest News

February 5, 2022

We had nine at the meeting this morning. No one rode. It is still winter here. The temperature has been getting into the 40s during the day but below freezing at night. It is a slow melt but it is going.

We are sorry there will be no international this year. I think Covid is a good part of it. I hope the rest of the rallies and campouts are still on.

Spokane will be having their bike show at the fairgrounds in March. Nice to have it back.

Hopefully we will start having rides soon. We are getting pretty tired of winter. We all need a good ride. Hope to ride to Kevin's meeting next month.

Take care.

Charlie Crane





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Events On The Horizon

Washington, Oregon & Idaho

Apr 30-May 1, UMCU Spring Banquet, Othello Senior Center, Othello WA

Kevin Besel, kbesel52@gmail.com, Register ASAP, See Flyer / [Download](#)

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

David Fitzgerald, route66@outlook.com, [Reserve ASAP](#) for availability.

RSVP

Jun 14-16, Idaho State Rally - [Lewis & Clark Resort](#), Kamiah ID

4243 Hwy 12, Tel 208-935-2556, Email: lcresort@lewisclarkresort.com

**New
Date**

Jun 21-23, Washington Alpine Campout - Alpine RV Park

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

Jul 29-31, North Cascades Campout - Loup Loup Campground, Twisp WA

Dennis Parsley, dparsley63@gmail.com - Register upon arrival ([Info](#)) ([Map](#))

UMCI SPRING BANQUET

April 30th and May 1st, 2022

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!

OTHELLO SENIOR CENTER

755 N. 7th Ave - Othello, WA 99344

Kevin's note: Its has been difficult to find a new place and a good caterer but we did. Now, all we need is you to get out of the house and come enjoy the evening . We will have door prizes raffles and try to make it a fun evening. We will try to hear from all the Rep's and get their views of the coming riding season.

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____

Dinner will start at 6:30pm, Buffet Style, at **\$25.00 per plate.**

We're trying to setup breakfast at **\$10.00 per plate.**

Registration Dinner **\$25.00** x ____ = \$ _____

Breakfast **\$10.00** x ____ = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please Forward Registration ASAP to:

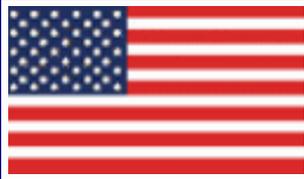
KEVIN BESEL, 1045 East Oak, Othello WA. 99344

Accommodations

Othello Inn & Suites, 509-331-5722, 665 E Windsor St (*Mention UMCI*) (0.6 miles, [map](#))

Quality Inn Motel, 509-488-5671, 1020 E Cedar St (0.8 miles, [map](#))

M&M Motel, 509-234-8811, Connell, WA (25 miles, [map](#))



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2022 Seattle/Puget Sound Area Lunch Rides



March 19th, 11:30am

Brown Lantern Ale House

412 Commercial Ave

Anacortes

July 16th, 12:30am

Pete's Club Grill

4640 Tolt Ave

Carnation

April 16th, 12:30am

Big Rock Roadhouse

14779 Hwy 9

Mt Vernon

August 20th, 11:30am

Rusty Tractor Restaurant

602 E Young

Elma

May 21st, 11:30am

Jeff's Texas Style BBQ

9214 State Ave

Marysville

September 17th, 11:30am

Roanoke Inn

1825 72nd Ave SE

Mercer Island

June 18th, 11:30am

Conway Pub & Eatery

18611 Main St

Conway

October 15th, 12:30am

Edison Inn

5829 Cains Ct

Bow



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Spokane County Fair & Expo Center

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3/12 – Saturday 10am-7pm
3/13 – Sunday 10am-4pm**

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\$12.00 at the door (cash only please)

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SUNDAY MARCH 27 2022 9AM-3PM

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ADMISSION
\$5 ABATE MEMBERS (SHOW CARD)
\$10 NON-MEMBERS
 AGE 16 & UNDER FREE

VENDORS

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 425-765-3912

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- 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

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SUNDAY MAY 15 2022

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

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Café to Café Grand Tour Ride to Eat – Eat to Ride

Do you enjoy long rides on scenic roads and great food along the way? If so, you're gonna love the Café to Café Grand Tour!

The Café to Café is an annual grand tour of 15 restaurants in the Pacific Northwest. The restaurants, a.k.a. "targets," change each year. Riders are provided a list of the restaurants and may ride to each one any time they like between March 1st and September 30th (spring & summer). Once there, all that's needed is a photo of the rider with their bike and signage in the background identifying the location. You'll email your photos in as per the guidelines in your registration package.



[CLICK Here To Register](#)

Those completing the entire list of 15 locations are awarded a special, customized certificate to certify their bragging rights. Dining at the locations earn riders bonus points which are calculated into your final score. You'll send your bonus point receipts to us in September through the US mail.



Included in the list of 15 restaurants are details about nearby roads and scenery worth a ride and/or look while riding in the area. While not necessary, these tips make the ride that much more worthwhile.

ANYONE with a street legal motorcycle, motorcycle endorsement, and insurance specific to their bike (required by Oregon and Idaho State law) can participate in the Café to Café Grand Tour. Over the years, hundreds of individuals have participated. Many do it solo, but the event can make for good competition internally among members within riding clubs that enjoy high mileage adventure and fun road games. The tour is also a favorite with riders participating in other grand tours at the same time.

To play, simply [register online using this link](#). Once your registration is received, you will be sent a number card via US Mail and the list of this year's restaurants. If you're participating in other Sound RIDER! events this year, these locations are noted by event so you can hit them while on the route. Always be sure to read the updates below before each ride as they change often.



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About the 2022 Tour

- One café is located in the woods and was built by loggers.
- Another café features poke and scotch eggs as specialties.
- One café specializes in coffee... and motorcycles, too!
- Rattlesnake sausage is a great appetizer at one sageland café.
- One location actually has three and you can choose which one to visit.
- Dynamite food is located at one café perched on a hilltop overlooking three cities.
- “Grandma” still makes all sauces used at this authentic south of the border café in the Wheatland's.
- Did we include a B-B-Q location? Several!
- How about some Southwest cuisine by the seashore? You got it!
- Another café features New American cuisine in an old American town.
- Bring your clubs. One café is hidden at a golf course that is hidden in the woods.

Advance purchased packets will ship 2/28. Packets purchased after that will ship within three days of purchase.

Passport Readiness: Since we typically include a location in BC and/or Alberta, be sure your passport is in order.

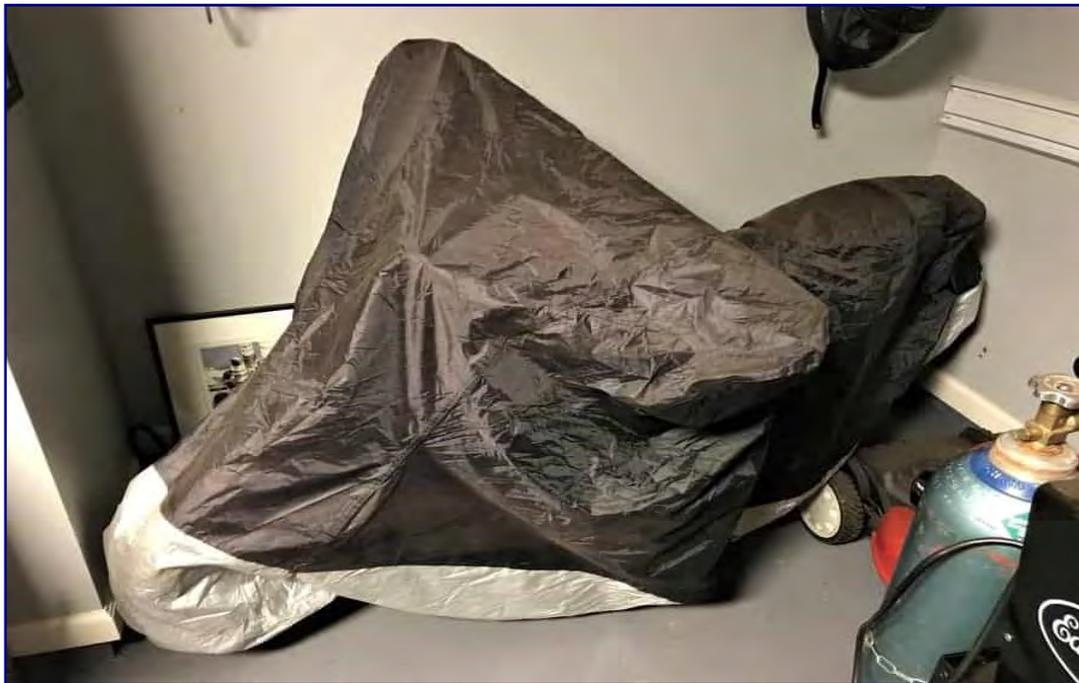
[CLICK HERE to order your registration package!](#)





Are Motorcycle Covers Worth It?

by Kyle Cannon



Anyone who owns a motorcycle, or would like to own one some day, has an understanding that a motorcycle will require some basic maintenance. Taking good care of the motorcycle means it will take good care of you.

A lot of people wonder, though, if whether or not a motorcycle cover is worth it. Cars sit out in all weather conditions and seem to do fine, so it would make sense that a motorcycle would be fine without a cover, too.

Are motorcycle covers worth it? **It would be worth purchasing a good quality cover for a motorcycle whether it's stored indoors or outside. A motorcycle cover is beneficial because it protects a motorcycle from water damage, UV rays from the sun, dust, and keeps it inconspicuous to possible thieves.**

Motorcycle covers can be a bit pricey, so it's no wonder that motorcycle owners contemplate whether or not it's actually worth getting one. But the price of a motorcycle cover doesn't compare to the price of damages caused to a motorcycle by not having one. This article will explain why a motorcycle cover is worth it and what could happen if you don't use one.



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Are Motorcycle Covers Worth It?

Why You Need A Motorcycle Cover

Motorcycle covers are an excellent accessory to have while owning a motorcycle and every owner should plan on investing in a good one. Many people don't realize that owning a cover is a large part of basic motorcycle maintenance.

One of the biggest reasons that makes a motorcycle cover worth it is because of the protection it provides against water and condensation. This is especially true if the motorcycle is kept outside. It's true that most cars do just fine when left outside for long periods of time exposed to the elements. But the basic and vital parts of a motorcycle are exposed and therefore are much more susceptible to damage.

Water is especially detrimental to a motorcycle and it has a tendency to find itself in places it shouldn't be. **While it's just fine for a motorcycle to sit in the occasional rain storm or be ridden in a storm, continued exposure will have a lasting effect.** Water may find it's way into the carburetor and engine and can begin the process of rusting.

A motorcycle cover will repel most, if not all, water from ruining a motorcycle while it's sitting in wet weather. A cover also helps protect a bike during freezing temperatures and can help keep condensation out. Click here to see my other article that discusses more in depth about the damage water can do to a motorcycle.

On the flip side, the sun isn't too friendly to motorcycles either. **The UV rays from the sun can damage many components to the motorcycle that can be expensive to fix.** While occasional exposure to the sun is just fine for a motorcycle, excessive amounts of sitting in the sun will start to take a toll.

A good motorcycle cover would block these UV rays. The lack of a cover during a hot summer would cause the clear coat on the tank to start to chip, exposing the paint underneath. Once that paint becomes exposed, it starts to fade and discolor.

The rubber and plastic will also be impacted without coverage. UV rays from the sun has a tendency to break down the elements of these parts which means handle grips, gaskets, and side panels may become damaged. See my other article (in this newsletter) to learn more about the damage the sun can do to a motorcycle when left out in the sun.

Dust may not seem like it can cause damage to a motorcycle, but over time it can. **If enough dust and dirt accumulates, water is likely to be absorbed through it and will speed up the rusting process.** This is why you need a cover over a motorcycle whether it's stored inside or outside since dust and dirt are prevalent to both places.



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Lastly, a motorcycle cover is worth it because it can help prevent potential theft. While the cover itself won't stop a thief from stealing a motorcycle, it does make it inconspicuous to potential thieves who are on the prowl. Thieves want an easy target and having to investigate by looking under a cover with the risk of getting detected isn't big on their radar.

When To Use A Cover

Understanding how to use a motorcycle cover will have a huge impact on it's effectiveness. A motorcycle cover is worth it when it's used right and used at the appropriate times.

There are thousands of ways to store a motorcycle, but it all boils down to whether the motorcycle is stored indoors (such as a garage, shed, storage unit, etc.), or if it's stored outdoors. Either type of storage is completely doable and a motorcycle can last just as long one way or the other; doing it right is key.

A motorcycle should be covered any time it is stored outdoors. It will be exposed to all elements and is more susceptible compared to being stored indoors. But occasional exposure should be just fine. If you leave your motorcycle out in your driveway for a day or two without a cover, your motorcycle won't be impacted too much.

Taking your motorcycle out on errands and leaving it parked in the parking lot should also be just fine. Some motorcyclists take a cover with them while taking it for a ride, but the little while a motorcycle is parked in the open like this shouldn't be concerning.

If you store your motorcycle indoors, you will still need to use a cover. As it was previously stated, a motorcycle cover can prevent dust and dirt from getting on it. And with the right cover, it will repel condensation from building up underneath.

In addition, it's worth using a cover on a motorcycle stored indoors to prevent any scratches it may get. The most common place for a bike to be stored is in a garage. Most owners are probably doing other activities in their garage which puts potential damage risk to their bike and a cover may help prevent some of that damage.

The Best Type Of Cover To Get

When looking for the right motorcycle cover to use, there are a few things about the cover you'll want to watch out for. It's probably best to not get the cheapest cover out there. It'll provide some protection, but you'll likely have to replace it within a year. It would save you money investing in a quality cover that will last a long time and provide the coverage your motorcycle needs.



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First, you'll want to look for a cover that is water-resistant. **Note that water-resistant is different from water-proof. Water-proof motorcycle covers do an excellent job at repelling water, but it does have a tendency to trap condensation underneath it.** A water-resistant cover will repel most water and won't trap condensation.

Next, you'll want to look for a motorcycle cover that is UV ray resistant. UV ray resistant doesn't mean your motorcycle won't get hot underneath the cover, but it will block the damaging rays from the sun that breaks down the rubber and plastic as well as the paint on the tank.

There's an array of different materials motorcycle covers are made out of. **If you store your motorcycle indoors, it would be worth getting a cover made out of a cotton or cotton/poly blend.** These types of covers are not water proof which obviously isn't needed indoors, but it does provide protection against dust and dirt while also making it breathable so condensation doesn't get trapped underneath.

Make sure to get the right size of cover for your bike. Too big or too small of a cover will possibly do some damage to the bike and defeat the purpose of having the cover in the first place. Do some research about what size your motorcycle needs before purchasing one.

Regularly using a motorcycle cover means you'll need to clean your motorcycle frequently. Don't leave it dusty or dirty because that could mean scratches each time you put your cover on. This is especially true if you leave your motorcycle outside on a windy day; the constant movement of the cover could cause scratches from dirt if your motorcycle isn't rinsed/clean regularly.





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Is It Bad To Leave A Motorcycle In The Sun?

by Kyle Cannon



Performing maintenance on the motorcycles we own can be a bit of a task because it requires work on our part. But what about the preventative maintenance we might not be thinking about that could be affecting them?

There is some damage that can be done to a motorcycle by simply not remembering or neglecting certain parts of it. Many people don't realize the effect certain weather can have on a motorcycle, even if it's a nice and sunny day. Believe it or not, the sun can actually have a major impact on a motorcycle.

Is it bad to leave a motorcycle in the sun? **It is okay to occasionally leave a motorcycle out in the sun. If a motorcycle is left out in the sun for long periods of time on a regular basis, the UV rays from the sun can start damaging the paint and any rubber or plastic as well as impact the fuel inside the motorcycle.**

When the sun is out, that motivates us motorcycle owners to pull our bikes out and go for a ride. Knowing the effects the sun has on a motorcycle is important so you can better understand how to care for your motorcycle and prevent any damage to it.



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Here's What Happens When You Leave A Motorcycle In The Sun

Sun damage to a motorcycle is one of the last things a motorcyclist would expect to happen. Motorcycles aren't humans, so how can the heat and rays from the sun impact a machine such as this?

Most of us don't realize that the sun can damage a motorcycle even when it's not a hot day. However, it does take a consistent amount of exposure for the sun to cause such damage, but it does happen nonetheless.

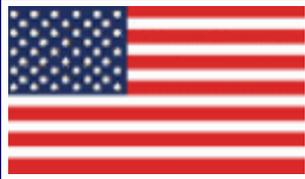
First, if your motorcycle is normally stored inside a garage, shed, or somewhere similar and you've taken it out for a few hours or parked it in a parking lot for a while right under the sun, you're probably okay. **Occasional exposure to the sun isn't going to harm your motorcycle.**

Your motorcycle does become impacted by the sun when it's constantly in the sun, meaning you have it stored and/or parked outside as it's permanent parking spot.

Your first concern with constant exposure to the sun is the impact the UV rays has on the paint of your motorcycle, specifically the gas tank. The UV rays first begin to eat away at the clear coat on the tank.

This is something you probably won't notice at first until it completely gets eaten away and starts to chip. **Once the clear coat starts chipping, the paint underneath becomes exposed and the rays from the sun will start "dying" the paint or fading it.**





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Pictured above is a 1980 Yamaha XS850 I purchased back in 2013. It had been sitting outside for a while and you can see the impact the sun had on the tank. I had to completely sand it down and repaint it.

Your next concern will be any rubber and plastic you have on your motorcycle. This will include the tires, handle grips, and foot peg covers. Rubber acts differently when it's left in heat. Usually when an element gets heated up, it expands.

Rubber on the other hand actually contracts in the heat. Though this usually doesn't cause a problem, if you have too much air in your tires the contraction of the rubber in your tires could potentially cause your tire to blow while you're out riding.

Your biggest concern with any rubber and plastic you might have on your motorcycle is, again, damage done by the UV rays from the sun. **UV rays have a tendency to break down the elements in rubber and plastic pretty quickly.** So when you leave your motorcycle out in the sun constantly, you'll probably have to end up getting new tires, handle grips, and foot pegs sooner than you thought.

Gasoline is pretty volatile and it can evaporate quickly. **When gas is placed in hot circumstances the evaporation process speeds up, meaning it turns from the liquid state to a gas state quickly.** Not only is this bad for the environment, but it's also bad for your wallet.

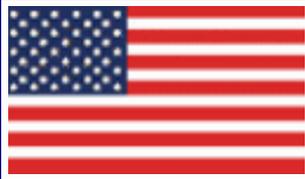
Gas sitting there evaporating means that it's gas you're buying but not actually using in your motorcycle. So if you notice you're getting worse gas mileage during the summer and you keep your motorcycle out in the sun a lot, you'll know where some of that gas is going.

If you have a genuine leather seat on your motorcycle, the sun may also have an impact on that as well. **UV rays and heat can fade leather as well as dry it out.** This can make it susceptible to ripping and cracking. Faux leather can have the same symptoms but may happen much more quickly since it has a plastic base.

If you have found your motorcycle is worn out by sitting in the sun, you may be interested in a video series I have created about completely restoring a motorcycle from start to finish. Within this series includes body work such as repainting the tank and the frame and sprucing up the wheels. [Click here](#) for more information if you're interested in giving your motorcycle a nice makeover!

How To Protect Your Motorcycle From The Sun

I understand that some of you have no choice but to leave your motorcycle stored outside whether it's the winter or the summer usually because there's no garage or shed available. I've been there many times myself.



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The first and obvious solution is to find a parking spot that is mostly under shade. It's pretty phenomenal how much a little bit of shade can help your motorcycle out. If you're parking in a parking lot, you may have to go out of your way a little and walk an extra distance to do this, but it'll save you money in the long run.

Also available is something called a motorcycle gas tank shield. This is a covering you can place over your gas tank that will not only guard it from the UV rays from the sun, but it also has deflectors that keep the heat away which will slow down the evaporation process in your gas tank.

As for your seat, you will need to regularly use a leather conditioner and clean it about once a week if you constantly keep it in the sun. The cleaning and conditioner treatment will help it endure through the UV rays beating down on it during the day.

Really the best way to protect your motorcycle against the sun is to simply put a cover over the whole machine. This can be a bit of a pain if your constantly out and about with your motorcycle and have to put a cover on and take it off after your errands. Not to mention carrying it around with you on rides.

But motorcycle covers provide much needed protection to motorcycles and will prevent every negative outcome from sun damage explained in this article. If you take care of your motorcycle, it will take care of you. [Click here to see an article I wrote that explains my recommended cover for motorcycles.](#)

How To Store A Motorcycle Outside In Hot Weather

Though storing a motorcycle outside during the summer doesn't seem the most ideal, it is completely possible and thousands of people do it every year.

First, park it under shade if possible. **If shade isn't available, park it in a place that's less susceptible to heat, i.e. not against the house or apartment or parked by another car that radiates more heat.**

Be sure to regularly clean your motorcycle and wax the tank. The heat from the sun can cake on any dirt, grease, or grime that may have gotten on it which can be difficult to remove later. This will also prevent the cover from rubbing on anything and scratching it.

Regularly condition the seat whether it's real leather or not. Routinely inspect the tires and make sure it has the right tire pressure and that there aren't any cracks forming.

Last but not least, make sure there is a cover over it any time you are not using it. If you are going to own a motorcycle, you need to make sure it has a good cover to protect it from the elements whether that be rain or shine.



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What To Do If The Sun Has Damaged Your Motorcycle

Luckily, that damage done by the sun is only mostly cosmetic issues. Usually motorcycle engines don't have a problem being in the heat because they heat up anyway when they're running. Gaskets will not be affected either.

If you've noticed your gas is evaporating like crazy in the summer heat, try getting a new gas cap to your tank. It helps a lot with the evaporation if the seal from the cap is efficient.

If you notice any cracks in your tires, immediately get new ones and never ride on them. Cracks will possibly cause it to blow while you're out riding which can be potentially hazardous.

Unfortunately, there's no other way to fix a faded gas tank other than simply repainting it. But painting a motorcycle tank yourself actually isn't that hard nor is it expensive. I have painted dozens of gas tanks with zero training and they have turned out beautifully. [Click here](#) to see an article I wrote about what paint I recommend for motorcycle gas tanks that also has directions on how to paint it.





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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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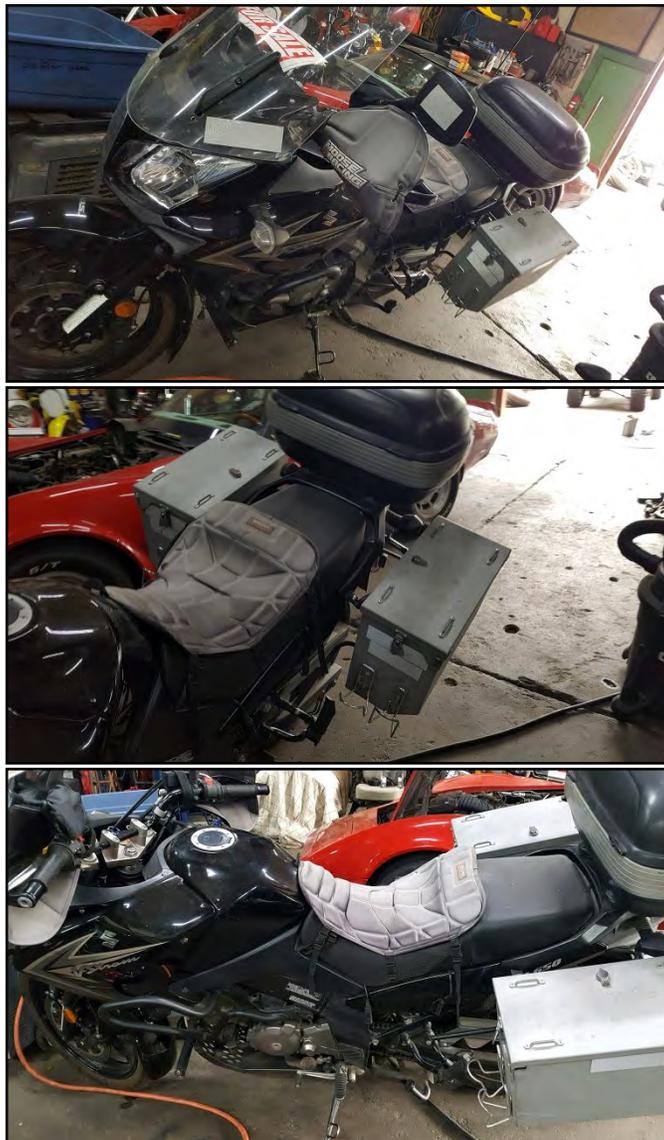
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For Sale

2011 Suzuki V-Strom 650 • 64,000 miles

Happy Trails Medium Saddlebags • Trunk • Extras



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**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



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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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