

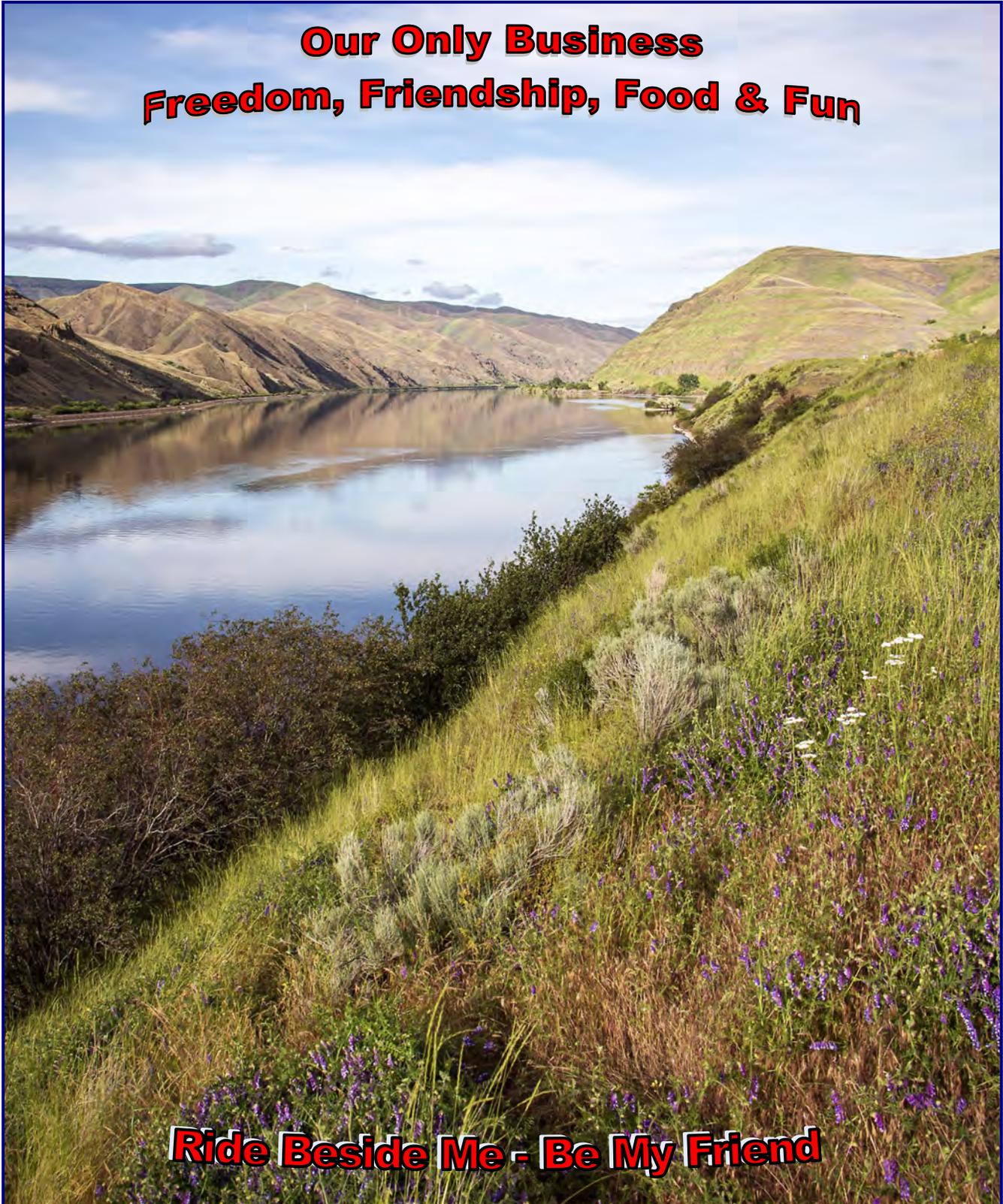


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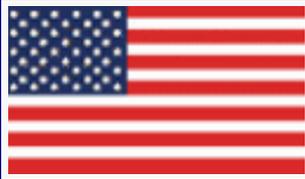


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## Announcements & Tid Bits

### 2022 UMCI International

Jul 19 - 21, Burns Oregon, See Flyer

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### *True or False*

Share your motorcycle events with fellow motorcyclists. We're anxious to hear about your activity. Talk about it, post your event in The WASH. Submit your comments & photos to the editor by the 20th. It's that *EASY!*

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### Seattle/Puget Sound Area Lunch Rides

#### Cover Photo

The Snake River from [Silcott Island](#), looking east.



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## International Rep's Comments

Well, the way it sounds, I missed a great rally at Fields Spring on the 7th thru the 10th. All of those that I talked to that were there, said they had a really good time. They thought the ride to go get supplies was great, it sounded like it. That country up there is so beautiful, the riding there looks fantastic.

Kevi and I just got home from the Idaho State Rally and it was such a great time and rally, so much fun. Our good friends Randy and Lynn Schaal went down with us to Kamiah. They rode their bikes, Kevi and I drove our car. I'm still not riding but trying very hard to get back on the bike.

The rally attendance was down a little. I think that was because of high cost of everything especially gas and diesel. A lot of our members (like me) drove, but the important thing is we made it to the rally.

In walking around and talking to our members, I came away with one feeling, they were there for the friendships and maybe make some new ones. That was my goal as well. After Covid, it seems so good to just sit around and talk, no masks or any restrictions.

It made me think about when I joined and thought, man what do I have in common with all those old people. But I'm sure glad that we joined. I got to chat with some of those people that I met at my first rally, always the highlight of my day.

Our Motto says it all: Ride beside me, be my friend. Think about that! You could not make it any clearer. That's what this club is all about, riding and FRIENDSHIPS!

Sometimes friendships are one of the toughest things to hold onto in life. People move away, people change, dynamics in general change. Sometimes even the best of friends have disagreements, but in the end, disagreements usually go away and the friendship survives. At the Rally, a few of my good friends, were seemingly not as close as they used to be and that hurt me. I always thought from the first rally that I met them, there is a friendship that would never breakup.

I pray to God that whatever has happened that they take a few minutes to think of the good times, the rides and the laughter they shared. Life is too short. Take it from me, I know every day is a gift and every friend that you can honestly call friend is a gift as well.

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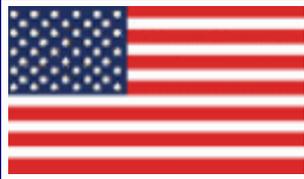
One of the highlights of the rally was Dennis Troms salute to the veterans of this nation. He reminisced about the trip to Italy and coming upon a graveyard that honored 4000 of our nation's men and women. It was something that we don't think about, the men and women that gave their all and never made it home.

It was truly heartfelt by all those in that room. Then they passed out American flags to each person and we said the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. I was ashamed to think that I haven't done that since grade school. Then Dennis asked each veteran to stand and say their name and what service they were in and how many years served.

I didn't realize we had so many retired veterans in our group. I want to thank them all for their service to this country, especially to Dennis and the Idaho group for taking the time to do this. I loved it! God Bless!!!!

Well, this has turned into a book, but after the rally I'm reenergized and positive about our group. Thanks to the Idaho group for a great Rally!!

Kevin and Kevi



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## Inland Northwest News

June 3, 2022

Rode in the rain to the UMCI meeting at Denny's.

There were 11 in attendance. Tom was there with a new member, James. They came in James' little red Corvette. Tom said he may ride to the next meeting. Also a couple that were members years ago were there - Gary? and Millie. I hope everybody keeps coming. Billie & Dave and Mary & Dave and Johnny Fast all came. We went over the coming campouts and rallies.

Johnny and I are going to ride to David and Sue's campout at Fields Spring Park in Asotin County Tuesday morning. Will ride to the Idaho State Rally from there.

For those of you that know Toni Neilson, he finally got out of Canada. He spent one night at my place and then started a few thousand mile ride to different campouts with the motorcycle camping club. Plentywood Montana and Helper Utah were a couple of his stops. Was good to see him. It's been 2 years. Hope to see more of him this year.

Johnny and I took a wet ride to the Long Lake Dam Overlook. The water was really boiling over the dam.

It didn't quit raining but it was still a good ride.

Hope to see some good turnouts at the coming rallies.

Charlie



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## Events On The Horizon

Washington, Oregon & Idaho

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

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

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

David Fitzgerald, [route66@outlook.com](mailto:route66@outlook.com), [Reserve ASAP](#)



*Have a Kwik Camp or small trailer and want to share a campsite?*

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**Jun 14-16, Idaho State Rally - Lewis & Clark Resort, Kamiah ID**

4243 Hwy 12, Tel 208-935-2556, Email: [lcresort@lewisclarkresort.com](mailto:lcresort@lewisclarkresort.com)

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

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

**Jul 19-21, UMCI International, Burns RV Park, Burns OR, See Flyer** ([Map](#))

Gary Shearer, [backroad-rider@comcast.net](mailto:backroad-rider@comcast.net), Call Park ASAP to Register, FCFS

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

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

**Sep 2-5, Tygh Valley Rally - Wasco County Fairgrounds, OR** ([Map](#))

Ben Altman, [ben.altman47@gmail.com](mailto:ben.altman47@gmail.com), No Registration, not required!



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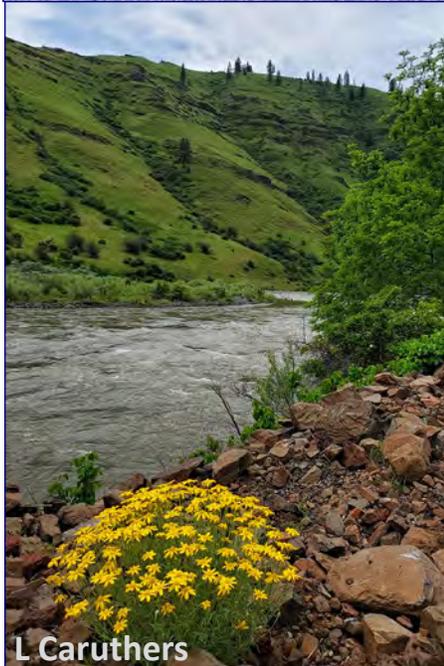
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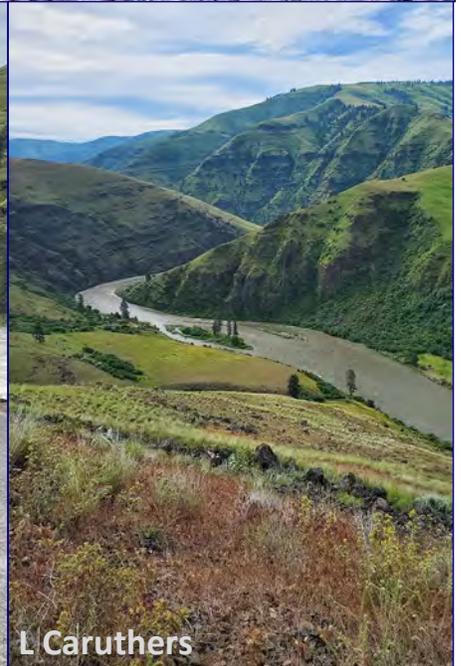
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# 2022 UMCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY

**The rally will be July 19, 20, and 21, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, departing on Friday morning.**

It will be at Burns, Oregon, at the Burns RV Park. tel/541-573-7640

There is one cabin remaining for rent, \$61 a night (I have the other already), there are tent sites and at least one teepee. (More teepees are on order).

There are a number of RV sites of various sizes, ranging from \$49 to \$55 a night, and up, with 30- or 50-amp service.

For those wanting to have a motel room there are a number of motels available,

Days Inn at \$72 to America's Best Value at \$108 and Best Western for \$119.

The RV Park said that the summer months fill up very fast and they cannot hold open any spaces for UMCI, so contact the RV Park, 541-573-7640 right away if you are going to tent, teepee or RV at their place, and pay their rate.

Register for this rally by completing the attached folder and mailing it to Gary Shearer, 1995 Michigan City Ln NW, Salem, Oregon 97304 and including the registration fee of \$20 per person.

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## 2022 UMCI Rally Registration

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Address-----

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## Okanagan Valley

### Kelowna or California?

"Why do you want to bring your laptop?" asks my 82 year old mom in California as we discuss my upcoming trip to Canada. The phone conversation revolved around how to carry a laptop on a sport bike, which I eventually solved by heading to Seattle Cycle Center and announcing to Lisa, the accessory queen, "give me the biggest tank bag you've got!" She pointed me in the direction of a Joe Rocket bag that was more the size of a three level condominium.



Months ago I had traded this years week at my Hawaiian property and picked up two weeks anywhere else in the world. The bonus week could only be booked up to 45 days in advance, so I started poking around with the property management people about where to go. Places like Port Townsend, Oregon and even Lake Chelan didn't fit the time constraint and my choices became limited.

Lower British Columbia has some of the greatest riding anywhere in the world, but there's more to the ride than just the ride, isn't there? Perhaps not, but when it came time to leave the sky was full of clouds and one could only hope there was more to this than the rain, which I know I could look forward to for the next nine months, anyway. The idea here was to catch one more gasp of summer before it was gone.

So off I went from Seattle heading east toward Monroe. The skyline was littered with clouds and the weather report the night before indicated that I would be following the jet stream as it lifted northward along my route. Ce 'est La Vie. I had waterproof clothing on and all my belongings had been packed using 8 gallon plastic trash bags.

I headed east out of Monroe along Highway 2 and no sooner did I leave the city limit than the rain began to come down. Any smart Seattleite knows rainstorms are typically harder in the late summer than winter, and they can also include some hail and icy golf balls at that time of year. The rain was there, luckily the hail was not. By the time I hit Index, I opted to cut out for food at the Index Cafe and see if I might be able to wait it out a bit in hopes the sun might come. No such luck.



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Following breakfast, I took off in a mist and headed for Stevens Pass. Temperatures dropped, but without a thermometer the only indicator I had is that by the time I hit the eastside of the pass my fingers were numb and in a lot of pain.

Leavenworth was a site to see, wondering if I was still alive, or if this was just a dream following my passing. There was a hint of blue sky and the sun showed its face a bit as I headed for Wenatchee.

I've ridden this stretch countless times, but never in cool weather. I'm used to it being around 105 degrees along this corridor. This must be what it's like to ride this area in say, February?

I headed north up 97 and opted for the easterly route, skirting the Lake Chelan drift. This was new to me and I sailed through orchard after orchard until it became blatantly clear that I was riding along fertile farmland.

It was also obvious that this plain is very similar to riding up Highway 395 on your way from San Bernardino to Mammoth Lakes, with one significant difference - No one had sucked the rivers dry to send water to LA, so this valley was indeed a place that could get warm, but still sustain crops. Probably what the Owens River Valley was like 100 years ago?

And crops there are, as you wind your way up 97 northward to Oroville where you find peaches, pears, apples and other fruit trees dripping with succulent treats that will either be consumed whole, or changed into nectar and other forms of juices.

As for the riding thus far, it had been cold in the good spots and boring where the weather was better. But for Christ's sakes man, what do you want, paradise all day long? This is probably an excellent stretch for the couple dating on a Harley. For a sport bike it's a bit tedious. Perhaps the beauty to a boring ride might be that you get a chance to enjoy the scenery around you? Is that so bad? I think not. As I made my way into Oroville it was all too clear how similar the geology of the area rang in my soul as a reminder to traveling the east side of California.

Border Patrols hate me whether I'm coming or going. Whether I have a pony tail or my hair cut to one inch. The border patrol into Canada was no exception. As soon as I answered 'yes' to the dreaded question "Have you been into Canada in the last 12 months?" I was sent over to park on the right, they ran my ID countless times and eventually cleared me when they realized I was not the person they had hoped for.

Northward into Canada, Osoyo is your first taste of the sweet life here. But looking around you realize that this area shares the same geological textures as the US area you just came from. Well, imagine that, just because we changed countries doesn't have much bearing on looks despite the boundaries.



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## Okanagan Valley...

Indeed, in the US below they call this the Okanogan Valley, and here they call it the same, with a slight change in the spelling, Okanagan. After all, it's the Okanagan River that rules this domain and it was here before governments decided on who owned what.

The bike at this point was running smooth, but ahead it's all too obvious there's a nasty rainstorm area and the wind is now blowing enough to bend the apple tree branches way down. And I'm amazed. This sport bike creature with no fairing is handling the wind in a way I would never expect. As if it weren't there. If that three level Joe Rocket tank bag contraption wasn't on board I'd have an even better grasp of the machine, and I'd also be able to read the speedometer. But what the hell, I'm in Canada now, speed is no concern, expect maybe for me, as I might want to return again, and knowing how frisky they get at the border crossing I better keep my nose clean.

Something has changed, though. Yes, there are apples, pears and peaches grown here, but someone in Canada about 30 years ago decided that Canada better grow grapes like all good first world countries, and hence I pass a sign that says 'Okanagan Valley - Canada's only desert'. Desert my butt, there's evergreen trees everywhere, but grapes are all of the sudden in the agricultural picture here, too. Now it seems I've left the eastern side of California and entered into Napa/Sonoma. The further north I ride, the more I feel I'm in California. Good thing I packed my Birkenstocks.

Around Penticton someone had the bright idea to dam up the Okanagan River, thus creating the 90 mile long Okanagan Lake. Very nice. The rest of 97 hugs the west side of the lake until you reach Westbank just prior to entering Kelowna. But don't let the name fool you, this is not the Gazza strip.

Arriving in Kelowna it becomes painfully obvious we are not in a cosmopolitan area of Canada, like Vancouver. Here they still pronounce the word 'out' as 'oot' (as in boot or loot) and it's comforting to know you've entered the Twilight Zone or a Bob & Doug McKenzie record and gotten away from it all. I won't go into the details of my accommodations, but trading my place in Hawaii for an RV park that has a few apartments that use reclaimed lake water was more like entering a third world retirement community, and not what I had expected.

The wine growing thing rears its head once again the following day as I search for things to do in lieu of the bad weather. Turns out Kelowna/Okanagan Valley plays host to about 90 wineries, so it's time to venture out and see if they can top other bizzarro wine growing regions such as Maui's upcountry (where they grow the world's most despicable wine).

Okanagan Valley wines are delicious indeed. What they do is blend together decent grapes with some of Europe's flavors that have long been forgotten by US Wine makers. When was the last time a US winery made a respectable Rose for instance?



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## Okanagan Valley...

That's a flavor we've all been trained to imagine is soda pop. Remember when we were led into Sav's and Chards through things like White Zinfandel?) But the Grey Monk winery turns out one of the finest Rose's in the world, and it is only one of three wineries left in the America's to create the flavor because they grow the right fruit.

By Monday the sky begins to clear and a chill sets in, but I've been couped up all weekend and need to get out and ride. I head south from Kelowna to Highway 3 through White Pass. It's cold, dang cold. An hour and a half into the ride I'm seriously thinking of going back, but instead I continue my trek to Nelson. The air warms up and it's Canadian riding at its best. Another mountain pass with some awesome twisties and sweepers and I reach my loop destination of Nelson, just 5 hours later. A bite of lunch, another tank of gas, and I hit the road heading northward to a cable ferry some three hours away which will take me to the northwest sector of the ride. The road from the ferry landing to next big town is fantastic and I'm into my 11th hour of riding for the day. This is the point I reach a Zen moment with the machine. Some riders know this feeling, others have yet to experience it. It's when you, the machine, and the road become one. Life is perfect and there is sanctuary in riding the motorcycle like you've never known. A sweet Canadian sunset and I return to Kelowna. Prime Rib and a glass of wine, this has been a great day.

The return trip to Seattle consisted of utilizing SR 20 through Winthrop. Many know this as the upper portion of the Cascade Loop . The weather stayed sunny until I reached Diablo Dam where once again the rain set in and it was - just another day in Puget Sound.





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## Fossil/Shaniko Road Ride



### Searching for signs of life

Some riders just can't get enough. You can pretty much work your way back and forth across Eastern Oregon along a myriad of state routes and never repeat the same road twice. And that's good, of course, considering the endless amount of vacation time you've built up toiling at your day job all these years.

For this one, we grab a little gas and maybe a snack in Fossil and ride west to Shaniko. Along the way there are plenty of sweepers and twisties and if you're a fossil nut, you could check out the Fossil Museum before leaving. There's also a worthy pullout at the John Day Clarno unit which is stunning if it's early morning or mid-day when the colors of strata light up in the full sun.

Up next, Antelope. It's a small town, but big enough to have a post office. No restaurant, no fuel, but they've got a post office.

The best is yet to come as you turn right and continue north on SR 218. A few miles out of town, you'll ascend through a series of switch backs. You really need to plan about an extra hour in this area for several reasons. At the top of the hill is the most stunning view of the Cascades range looking south to Mt. Bachelor and north to Mt. Adams. No wide-angle lens is wide enough to suck this fantastic 200-degree view in, so switch your camera to panorama mode.



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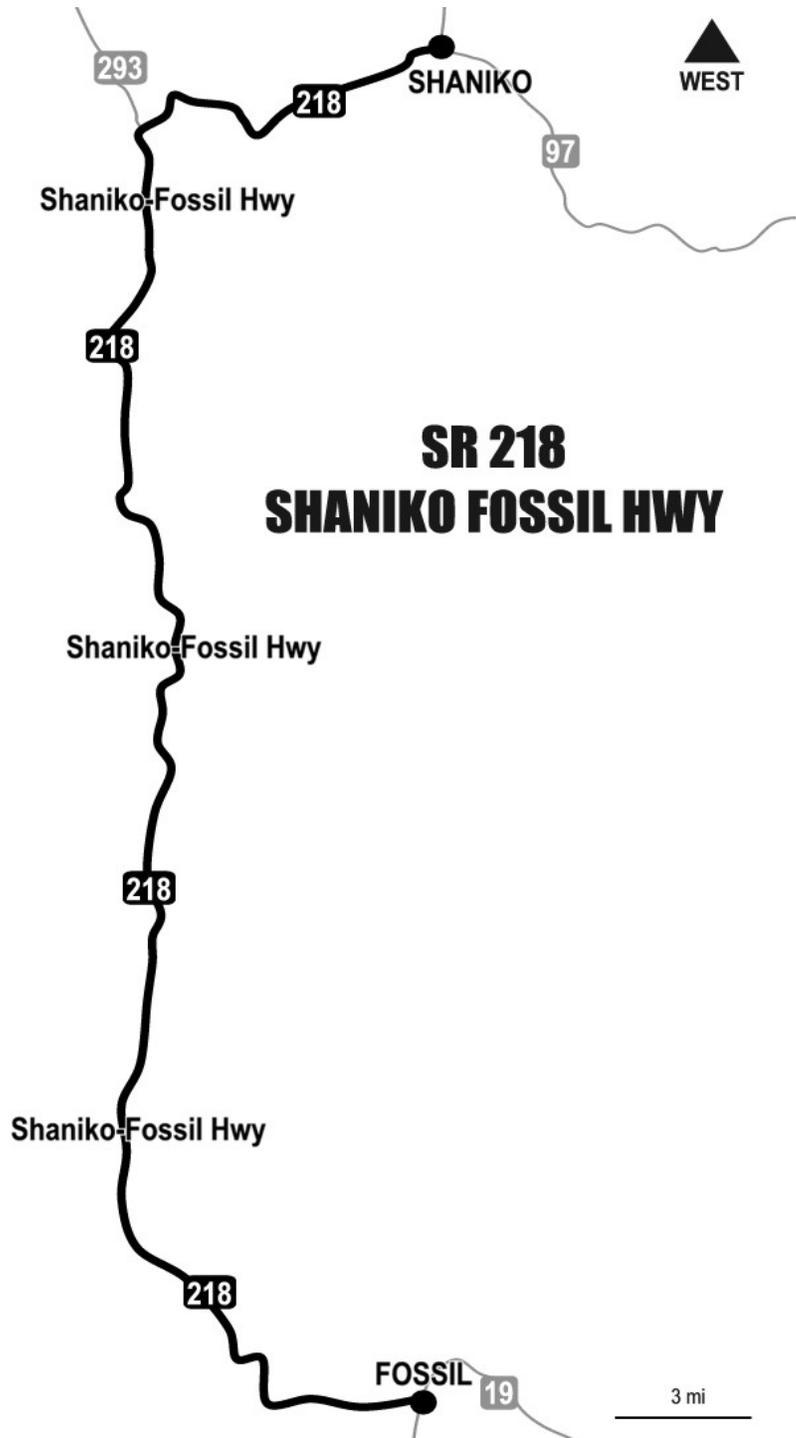


## Fossil/Shaniko Road Ride...

But hey, those twisties you just came up on are awesome. Take your photos, then turn the bike around and replay your way through them, several times if you can.

Don't expect much in the way of services when you hit Shaniko. Hours on the restaurant are tight, if it's open at all. There's a hotel and a post office, but there's no gas here. For that you'll need to continue north to Madras or Grass Valley.

This is a popular road with motorcyclists, so if it's a weekend you may see a few. The most important thing to know is that the topography of the road changes abruptly several times. You can be relaxing through some wide corners, when all of the sudden a tighty shows up, especially as you ascend out of Fossil. Keep your eyes scanning well ahead so you're ready when that happens.





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## For Sale

Two well maintained Harley's



1995 Heritage Softail Classic FLSTC • Approx. 35,000 miles • Stage 1 kit with Shotguns • 14" Apes • Custom paint



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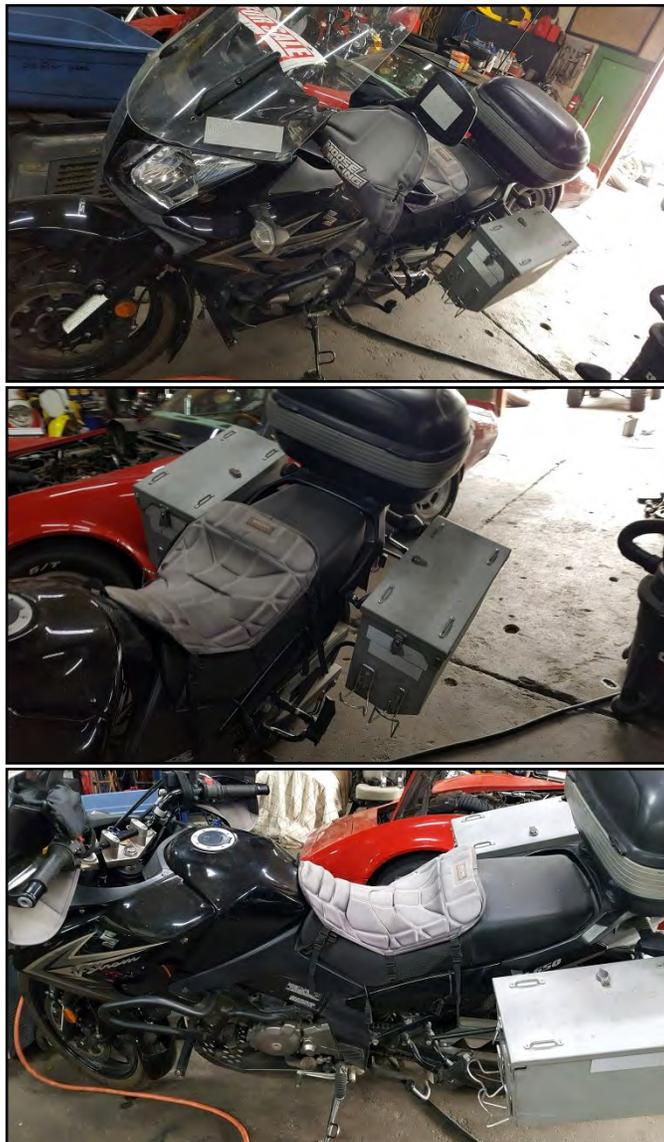
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## For Sale

2011 Suzuki V-Strom 650 • 64,000 miles

Happy Trails Medium Saddlebags • Trunk • Extras



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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**



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## **For Sale**

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### Monthly Breakfast Schedules

Columbia Basin Area, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun.	9:00am, Bob’s Restaurant, 1807 E. Kittlestone, Moses Lake
Inland Northwest Area, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat.	8:30am, Denny’s Restaurant, 6 N Pines Rd, Spokane
Okanogan Area, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat.	8:30am, Cariboo, 233 Queen Street, Okanogan
Seattle/Puget Sound, 1st Sat.	8:00am, Sports Keg Grill, 1660 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington
Sedro Woolley Area, 1st Sat.	8:00am, Sports Keg Grill, 1660 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington

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