

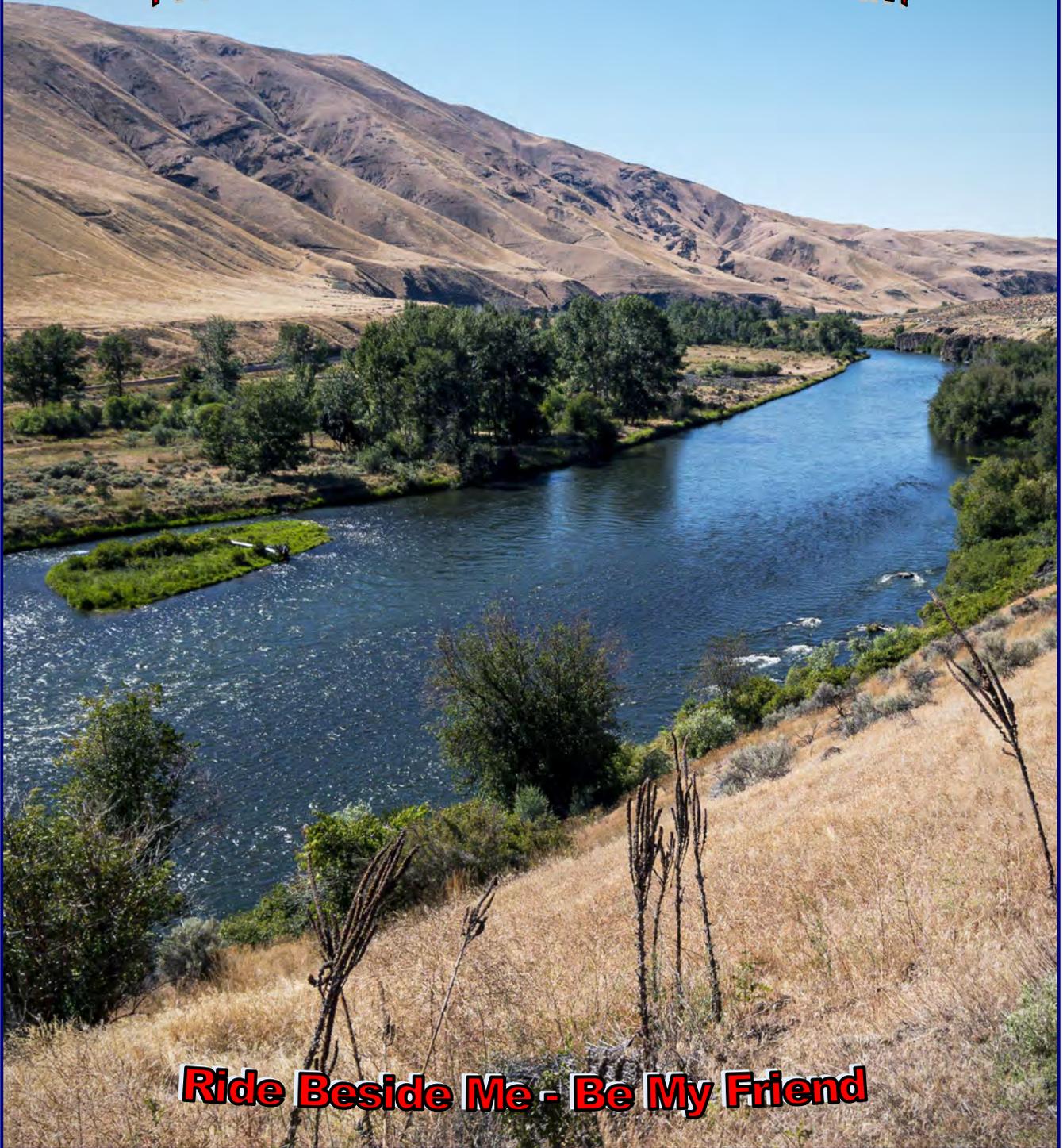


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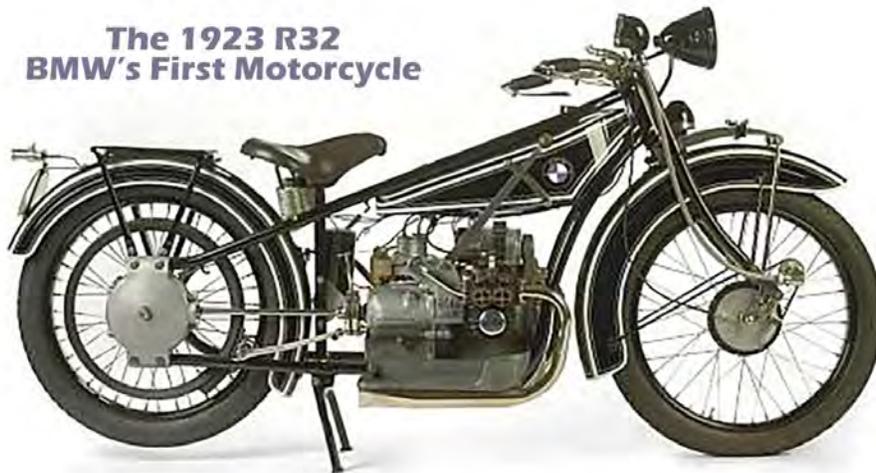


Announcements & Tid Bits

New

Coos Bay Campout, Coos County Fairgrounds @ Myrtle Point, OR
Aug 25-28

The 1923 R32
BMW's First Motorcycle



Seattle/Puget Sound Area Lunch Rides

Cover Photo

Yakima River from the [Yakima Canyon Rd](#), looking Northwest.

([Google Earth](#))



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International Rally Minutes Burns, OR July 19 - 21, 2022

Minutes recorded by Kevi Besel

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. on the 21st, by the International Rep (Kevin Besel) States in attendance were Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Unfortunately because of border restrictions, none of our Canadian friends could attend.

The first point of business was to thank Gary and Wanda for getting the rally put together and for doing a great Job. Rides were self-directed, but Gary and Wanda provided maps for the area. There were many places of interest to visit. Many members took advantage of some great riding, weather was great.

Gary and Wanda did a fantastic job kicking off each day. The coffee was ready to go at 5am, along with a variety of pastries.

The venue for the banquet was fantastic, food was great and the staff couldn't have been better. If you get a chance to ride through Burns, the Apple Peddler is a great place for a good meal.

Next, we moved on to Rep's reports!

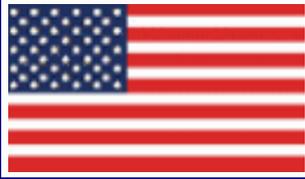
Oregon Rep, Zack Hoffman reported that Oregon was doing great, not too many new members but they are financially sound, by no means rich, but solvent.

The Grants pass group led by Rick Foley said they have a good turn out and has an active riding group, but seldom go on long rides.

Joe gave us an update on how Dennis and Ladella were doing after hitting a dog on their bike. Dennis is working on converting his 1800 Goldwing to a trike.

Ben and Mary said that they are a new chapter in Wasco, membership of two. Good to see them and to learn their sense of humor is still intact.

Gary and Wanda, unfortunately, announced that this rally would be their last. After stepping down, they will remain active in the group, but didn't feel they had the time or the energy to perform state rep duties. This'll certainly be a big loss, but everyone understood and voiced their appreciation for all they have done for the UMCI.



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International Rally Minutes

Idaho Rep, Larry Phelps reported on the health of the Idaho group. Larry was a little down in the dumps because he felt that the Idaho group was trying to work through some member differences that have split the group. Kevin thought that was unfortunate because he always looked up to the Idaho group because they were always cohesive. He said that at any rally he has attended with Idaho, when the group rode in, it was impressive. Larry said he would keep trying to get everyone back together, otherwise he felt the group might dissolve.

Kevin mentioned to Larry that if he thought it would help, he would serve as a mediator to assist both groups. Life is way too short for this going on. Larry said that Idaho is financially sound. They have 40 participants at most breakfast meetings, but not many active riders.

Washington: Kevin and Charlie Crane gave the report. Charlie said that the Spokane group was doing good, with about 14 or 15 regularly attending breakfast, with typically 5 or 6 people going on a ride afterwards. The Spokane group usually rides to our breakfast in Moses Lake at least once a year. It's always good to see them.

David and Susan Fitzgerald from the Seattle group said that they are active and plugging along. They do a fantastic job and are always coming up with great ideas. David said he was going to hold a surprise luncheon every once in a while, just to keep things fun. David also brought up another great idea of having an unsanctioned event and rent an air B&B. Everyone would chip in, on a first come, first served basis. Great idea! Everyone fix a meal, have plenty of room and some great rides lined out. He mentioned places like Long Beach, maybe something to try for sure. Kevin thanked the reps that reported for Washington, they're the real Washington State reps. Washington is financially sound.

We missed our Okanagan Reps George and Willie Penner. George had a foot injury that kept him from attending the rally. As long as I can remember, this was one of the few International rallies where George and Willie were not present. They were certainly missed.

Kevin talked about wearing our colors, vest, coats, whatever. No one knows that you are a group unless you dress like a group. Lets get back to wearing our colors.

There was input on rallies yet to come. Rick from Idaho said that the Coos Bay campout is on, August 25th thru the 27th, at the Myrtle Point Fairgrounds. The flat rate fee is \$35.

Ben Altman brought up the Tygh Valley rally, Sept. 2nd to the 5th, Wasco County Fairgrounds.



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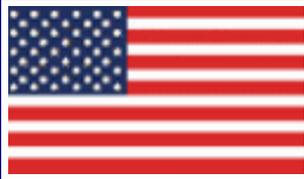


International Rally Minutes

Kevin commented that he was a little disappointed in the low numbers for an International event, but thanked all of those that were able to attend. He thanked Gary and Wanda again for their hard work putting on the rally. It was a success in his book. Kevin, again thanked everyone that attended and a special thank you to the reps that reported and still trying to keep it all together.

Meeting was adjourned at 3pm. There was a lineup to ride to the banquet at the Apple Peddler Restaurant. The procession was quite impressive in my opinion and the meal was fantastic. Another International in the books!!!

Respectfully Submitted, Kevi and Kevin Besel



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International Rep's Comments

Hi to all. I hope that the heat has not got you down and you're still getting a few early or late evening rides in, with the heat index being so darn high. It's August 17th, as I write this and in Othello it is supposed to be 106° today.

Well, the 2022 International Rally is in the books and I just want to thank Gary and Wanda Shearer for an excellent job they did on the rally and for all of the hard work that goes with it. The count was certainly down, but the enthusiasm of those that participated was fantastic. Unfortunately, Gary and Wanda announced that they would be stepping down as Oregon State Reps after the rally, pointing out that they were tired and it's just too much. I totally understand that I'm just hoping that they will remain in the group and just sit back and enjoy life.

On my mind since the International, is what do we have to do to get the participation at all of the events that we put on from here on out. We had 27 at the rally, and those that did come had a great time. Rides were self directed. Each day there were groups going out and enjoying the area. These rallies are a lot of work and it's the organizer's hope that they have a good turnout.

When I ask for your input on how to get things going again, I pretty much get nothing back or very little to go on. Your Reps need your help. Talk to them and help them in the planning stages of an event. Your help is not only needed, but will be welcomed.

I'm heart broken by the low turnout at the International and I'm questioning myself as to should I just step down and let one of you take over. When I took over the International Rep's position, I was full of hope that the UMCI would not only survive, but thrive. But that's not what's happening and I need your input NOW, to get things back on track.

Here is all I ask; is that you e-mail me, write or call. My contact information is at the bottom of this message. It's your club. Let me know what you would like to see the future of the UMCI to look like. Frankly, I worry about it too much simply because I do care. Enough said, I'll be waiting for your input. God Bless

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Inland Northwest News

August 6, 2022

Rode to our UMCI meeting at Denny's. 10 showed up. Kari, our favorite waitress took care of us. I hope to ride to Coos Bay for the rally later in the month. Also looking forward to Tygh Valley.

The International at Burns was a good rally. About 30 showed. Zack led us on a good ride to French Glen. Riding across that high desert is quite an adventure. Had a real good time. Everybody was great.

Had a ride after our Spokane meeting. Riders were myself, Dave and Mary Hill, Billie Leonard and Dave Irving.

Rode to Chewelah to see a car show at the casino. It wasn't on till after lunch so we decided to ride to Northport for lunch. Rode to Northport and had a good lunch at their only café.

After lunch we took the bridge across the Columbia and rode to Kettle Falls. We herded about a dozen cattle for a while on the way. We rode back to Spokane from there. It was a good ride. Weather was great. We rode about 240 miles.

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, Register ASAP, See Flyer / [Download](#)

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

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



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

Contact Daniel Magee for info, email: dastmagee@gmail.com

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

4243 Hwy 12, Tel 208-935-2556, Email: lcrestort@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, Call Park ASAP to Register, FCFS

Jul 29-31, North Cascades Campout - Klipchuck Campground, Mazama

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

Aug 25-28, Coos Bay Campout, Coos County Fairgrounds, Myrtle Point, OR

Chris Williams, cwilliams88ci@yahoo.com, \$35 night/flat rate ([Map](#))

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

Ben Altman, ben.altman47@gmail.com, No Registration, not required!



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Epic Rides: Klickitat Turkey

21st century road building at its best

Epic rides are what motorcyclists live for. And while some motorcycle-focused map companies will tell you that riding FS 25 along the east side of Mt. St. Helen's tops the list of rides in the Pacific Northwest, they could not be further from the truth. A ride along poor old broken FS 25 should be concluded with a visit to the nearest chiropractor as soon as possible. FS 25 is a prime example of how not to maintain what could be a great road.

Recently, Klickitat County completed its multi-layered plan to make a complete paved route running between Glenwood down to Lyle, without having to run the long way around through Klickitat Canyon.

To the south, Canyon Road has been paved for decades up to Appleton. Around 2010 they paved the road to the north and Fisher Hill Road all the way to the Yakima Reservation boundary. In 2020 the road department completed paving the north length of Fisher Hill Road and Lakeside Road through the Conboy Wildlife Refuge. After producing the Rally in the Gorge for two decades, we were finally able to introduce road riders to this excellent romp during the Panoramica Fun Run. No reason why others shouldn't enjoy it as well.

But let's talk turkey, because you just may see a few along the way. On a recent September morning romp along the route, my bike and I encountered not one, but three turkey broods in the road. That'll keep ya on your toes. Turkey broods are a common sight along the roads of both Klickitat and Skamania counties. Consider it a sign of luck each time you encounter them. After all, you're lucky to be out riding in this pristine area.

If you're planning for the holidays, turkeys can be legally hunted in Klickitat County; consult the county website for details.

For the actual ride, I like to have breakfast or lunch in White Salmon where there are multiple eateries on the hill above the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Then I hop down to Highway 14, gas up in Bingen if I need it and head east a few miles to the start of the route, Old Highway 8.



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Epic Rides: Klickitat Turkey...

Years ago, Highway 8 was the only way to ride along the lower section of the Columbia River on the Washington side. Today State Route 14 handles the task, but there are sections of Old Highway 8 you can still ride today. This particular section brings you up out of the Gorge passing across an alluvial fan of an ancient lava flow as you make your way across the upper ridgeline. Views down to the river are stunning here.

As you descend, you'll make a left onto Canyon Road and ride this 10 mile collection of endless twisties and sweepers up to the Appleton area. The actual town, a few houses, a fire station, and a post office are hidden away in the trees to the left near the junction with Sleepy Hollow Road.

Continuing north, the road shifts into roller coaster mode for the next ten miles as you slalom your way northward. At the Y, keep left onto Fisher Hill Road.

When the road begins to descend, a stunning view of Mt. Adams appears, and you glide downhill. To your left, an overlook appears which is worth pulling out for and getting a picture of Mt. A with your bike in the foreground. Photo tip: Use the 2X zoom option on your phone, back up from the bike and the mountain will appear twice as large in your shot.

Depart the overlook and turn right onto Lakeside Road. You are in the vicinity of the Conboy Wildlife Refuge, home to many kinds of birds, from raptors to songbirds and more. Just not pterodactyls as far as we know. After five miles, turn left at the stop sign and ride into Glenwood where you'll find a small grocery store, café, and gas station.

For your return flight, you have options. You could retrace your route and see which direction was better for you. Another option is to ride the BZ Glenwood road back toward the Gorge. Or you can take the Glenwood Highway, through upper Klickitat Canyon, then ride the Klickitat Highway south back into the Gorge.

This ride is a perfect way to work on your cornering skills, throttle and braking control, or making use of the ride-changing vanishing point technique. But if you packed a bow and arrow or a musket in September, you might just bring home Thanksgiving dinner.





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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



2003 Road Glide FLTRI Anniversary • Approx. 35,000 miles • Black • Rider & Passenger back rests.

Contact Tom Wells for info

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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

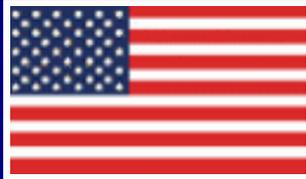
Sidecar mounted on bike was ~~\$10,000~~

Asking: \$6000 or Best Offer



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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, 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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