

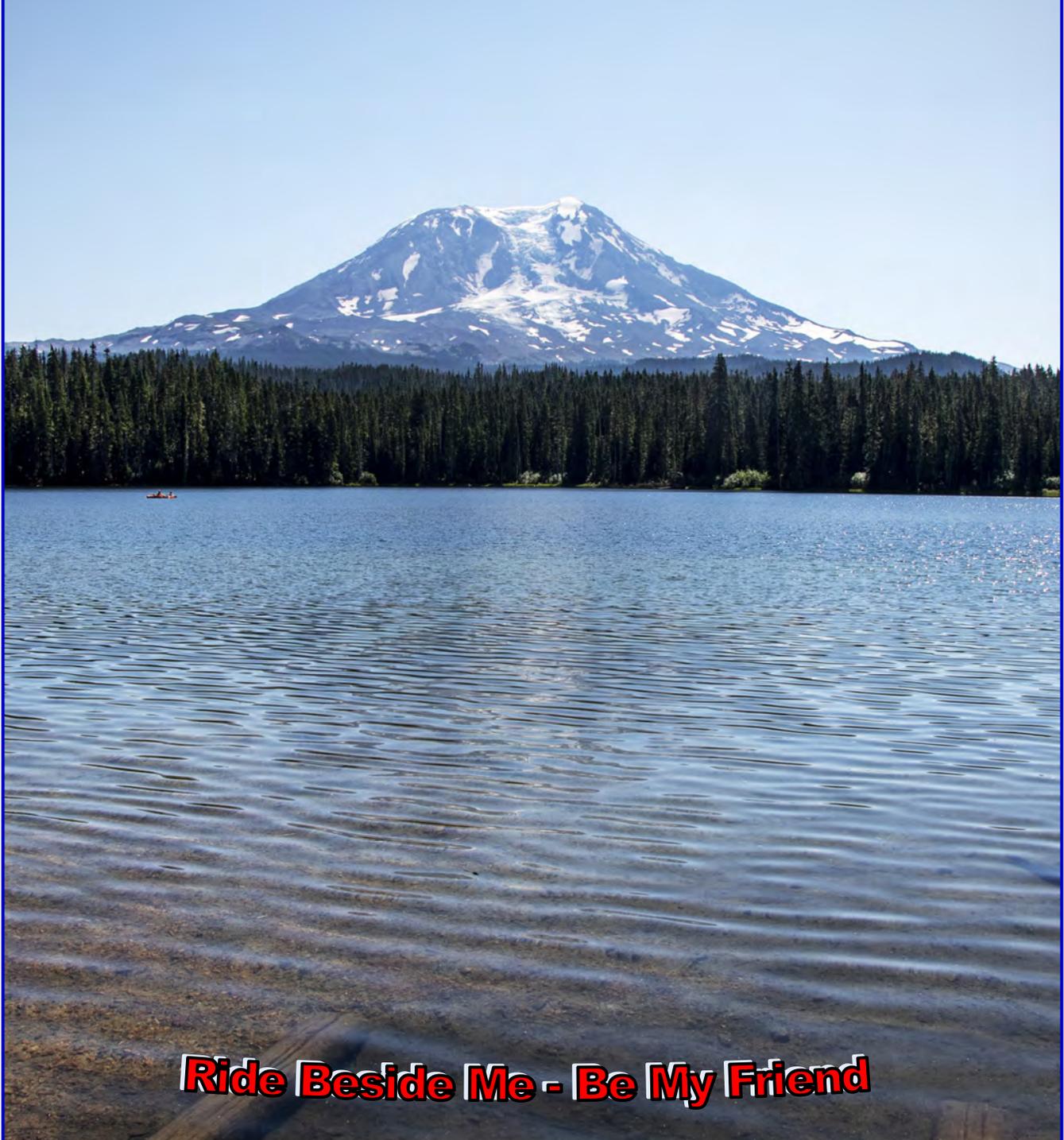


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## Announcements & Tid Bits

# WANTED

## *True or False*

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

Email: [UmciNewsWash@gmail.com](mailto:UmciNewsWash@gmail.com)

## Seattle/Puget Sound Area Lunch Rides

### Cover Photo

Mt Adams from [Takh lakh Lake](#) Campground

Nice location. The last few miles were rough, paved and unpaved roads.

[\(Google Earth\)](#)



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## International Rep's Comments

I certainly hope that this note finds all of you in God's good health and still getting a few rides in before old man winter comes to town. In the Columbia basin we had 38 degrees yesterday morning, it surprised me, but it is the season.

The Columbia Basin group had their breakfast meeting on Sunday the 11th, with about 15 people enjoying and gabbing with old and new friends. After breakfast four of us took a 300-mile ride with Rich leading. He led us up to Okanogan then around Omak Lake (I am amazed at how big that lake is) then we headed to Inchelium. Hope I didn't murder the spelling to badly. Then we crossed the river at Keller and went up to Wilbur and had a lunch, then on home. Thanks Richard, it was a great ride.

I just wanted to thank all of you that read my comments last month and e-mailed me to let me know what you felt about the club and in general the club going forward. I heard from a couple of former International Rep's and I so value their input. Several members pointed out high prices of everything limited their travels this year and some said they just aren't riding any longer.

I have come to the painful conclusion that because of our current economics, our age group and the fact that the majority of people 40 or even younger don't really want to belong to a group. So, I'm going to do my best to keep the group active and hope that the current members participate in the events that are offered.

Keep in mind that you do not have to ride a motorcycle to come and enjoy the rally or breakfast, lunch, or even dinner meetings. Just keeping in touch with old friends and making new ones is so rewarding to me and Kevi. Please if you can, participate.

Kevi and I had the opportunity to ride our new to us, Trike to Tygh Valley campout and it was such a great weekend. Mary and Ben put the rally on as they have in the past and they did a fantastic job. It was our first time to Tygh Valley. What a beautiful ride through grass country. We went on a couple rides and went above the Dalles to a lookout and it was fantastic. Seemed like you could see forever. We also got to see our first Lawnmower Race that was fun and very interesting. Man them things really move. I don't imagine there was a lawnmower blade on any of the mowers, nothing stock at those races. It was so good to see Dennis and Bernice, not only at the Dairy Queen in the Dalles, but later the next day when they rode up on there trikes to the rally. The smile that Dennis had on his face when he got off the bike was simply fantastic. That was to me what this club is all about, seeing old friends and being seen by old friends. Thanks to you Ben and Mary for a fantastic weekend.

Keep riding as long as the weather will let you, I know that since I'm back riding I will. God Bless, Ride Safe, Ride often, but most of all have Lots of fun.

Kevin and Kev



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## Inland Northwest News

Charlie Crane, John Fast and Dave Hill attended the UMCI rally at Tygh Valley in Oregon. We will hear all about their adventures at our Saturday meeting.

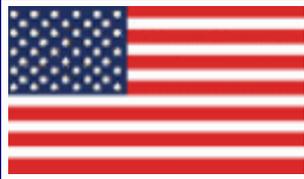
Tom Wells, emailed me with some very sad news, he is going to sell his motorcycle and sidecar. His health has become a major problem. We will all hate to see him and his sidekick Petey quit riding. We wish him better health in the future.

Tom has been one of our riding buddies for several decades.

Speaking of health, Dave and I both caught the Covid virus two weeks ago. Dave came down with it first and kept getting worse. We went to the hospital in Coeur d'alene . They tested us both and we were Covid positive. They hospitalized him with Covid pneumonia , and prescribed a five day pill regimen for me and sent me home. The pill made me get over it in just 5 days. Dave was in the hospital for 3 days and returned home. We are both extremely grateful to have survived it and are able to resume some of our activities from before we got sick. We don't know where we caught it, or how. We stay away from large groups, we wash our hands whenever we return from going anywhere. Covid is still out there. We are both vaccinated and think that is why it wasn't more severe.

I just received an email from one of my old riding buddies, Teri Troyer. She sold her house and is now full time RV. She bought a brand new trailer and she and her mother Marsha Kahlar, headed out on a cross country trip. They were in Montana when they got a flat tire on the trailer. The wheel was defective, and was leaking air. The next day, the second wheel did the same thing and she had a second flat. She called the outfit that sold her the trailer and they said they will deal with it when she returns to Spokane. She ended up buying all new wheels and tires for the trailer. It makes you wonder if anything is made like it used to be. I am glad she had the common sense to replace all the tires and wheels before she had a serious accident. Blowouts at highway speeds are serious , and can lead to a loss of control. This incident makes me wonder if there is any quality control going on at the factory where this trailer was assembled.

One of my friends bought a toy hauler brand new. She and her husband went on a couple of camping trips. Their friend was in his motor home following them on their way home and noticed that the roof on the toy hauler was rippling in the wind. When they got home, they took it to the dealer and he said that it was not part of the warranty. They ended up having to pay \$8000 for a new roof. After hearing about these incidents, it would be wise to make sure what is covered when buying any recreational vehicle. Buyer beware.



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The weather is supposed to be milder and not so hot this weekend. If the smoke isn't so bad, the club will go on a ride to be determined at the meeting. The annual Oyster Fest is the last Sunday of September at Anacortes, WA. Dave and I plan on attending. We will be visiting his brother who lives on Deception Pass, and his sister who lives on Camano Island. The weather will determine whether we ride our motorcycles or take the van.

Last year, it froze on the first day of September. The weather is so unpredictable, that you can't rely on past years to plan on anything. The weather has remained hot so far this September. If it stays warm there will still be great camping ahead,

I talked to Rich Hentz. The mechanics in Idaho Falls, where his motorhome had been for months, believe that the reason the motor overheated and burned up was because the fans in the cooling system were much too small. They ordered new ones quite some time ago, but they still haven't arrived, so there sits his motor home and he is staying with his sister in Utah, when he isn't staying at a hotel or resort. He recently messaged me from Park City, Utah. He has been to rallies on his bike. He had bad luck with his Qwik Camp trailer. He didn't secure the latches on the upper part of the trailer and they came undone when he was towing it and caused considerable damage. He said he will have to get it repaired before he can use it again. Poor guy sure has the darndest luck. We have sure missed having him as our usual summer guest. He usually camps on our RV pod every summer. Hopefully, he will get his motor home repaired and be able to come back up here in the late spring next year. The main problem I have with the mechanic's theory is that Rich drove the motor home all over from here to Arizona and never had any problems. Why all the sudden are his fans too small for the cooling system? We can only hope that when the new fans are installed, it will fix the problem.

There is still plenty of riding time left in the year, if the weather will cooperate and the smoke doesn't get too bad. Enjoy the rest off the riding season. It has been much too short this year. We had wet cold weather clear into July, then the hot weather came and now the smoke. But on a clear day, we can ride and enjoy because the cooler weather has begun.

There have been several motorcycle fatalities this year in the area. We must all be vigilant and observe what's going on around us at all times. Our very lives depend on it. Ride safe and ride aware!

Billie



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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?***

Contact Daniel Magee for info, email: [dastmagee@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:backroad-rider@comcast.net), Call Park ASAP to Register, FCFS

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

Dennis Parsley, [dparsley63@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ben.altman47@gmail.com), No Registration, not required!



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## The Bald Eagle Boogie

### The winter ride with a payoff

Searching for Bald Eagles in the dead of winter on your motorcycle? For some that's not such a bad idea. During an extreme winter, a few mild days means you get a chance to get out on your bike. If it's been raining for 30 days straight, and it finally stops for a few days 'why not get out for a ride' I say.

A place like Marblemount along Highway 20 in Washington doesn't sound like much of a place to go in the dead of winter. It's up in the Cascade Mountains for God's

sake!!! Actually, when you look at a topo map, you'll realize it's only about 1,400 feet above sea level, not 5,000. So take a semi-cloudy day with temperatures in the mid 40s or higher and you've got the perfect conditions for a trip to the Cascades sans the motor homes and summertime traffic.

A group of us recently did this. Several sport and sport touring types along with one cruiser took off from Arlington and had lunch in Marblemount. Along the way Bald Eagles were spotted doing their search for chum while auto traffic was nearly non-existent, except for a few cage drivers packing binoculars and camera gear with the same view in mind. And thus the Bald Eagle Boogie was born.

Summer in the Cascades brings out droves of tourist along with plenty of speed traps. In the dead of winter, you have the roads pretty much to yourself most of the time. It's advisable to keep your eyes focused for gravel that may have been sprayed earlier on colder days.





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## The Bald Eagle Boogie...



Begin the ride from Arlington. If you need anything for your bike, the nearest shop is Cycle Barn in Smokey Point. Head north up Highway 9 making your way to Clear Lake. Keep your eyes peeled for Bald Eagles along the Stillaguamish River just as you start out in Arlington. Once you hit Clear Lake, head east along Old Day Creek Road. At the junction, turn right onto South Skagit Highway and follow the river east as it winds its way to Concrete. If you stick close to the speed limit your peripheral vision will be wide enough that you may see Bald Eagles hanging out in the trees along the way.

*Above: A VFR rider winds his way into Darrington from Marblemount in January*

At the junction for Concrete, turn left and make your way into town. From here go east on Highway 20 for 16 miles to Marblemount. Along the way you will spot pullouts where good Bald Eagle sightings can be had; the most common are near Rockport. You'll also see people fishing and floating in rafts trying to get a waterfront look as well.

Marblemount has a decent restaurant – the Buffalo Run. A typical roadhouse menu exists, but you also have the option of ostrich and buffalo meat when it comes to the burgers.

After lunch, head east and cross the steel bridge onto Cascade Road,. Make the first right onto the Rockport-Cascade road. I passed one car along this entire stretch, never saw another soul. When you hit the junction for 530, turn left and go to Darrington. Once in Darrington you continue down 530 into Arlington.

That's a loop, but if you're headed back south to Seattle or otherwise read on. At Arlington find your way to Burn road and head south to Granite Falls by way of 100 th St NE or Engebretson Road. From Granite Falls head south using Robe-Menzel Road, Carpenter Road and the OK Mill Road to reach Machias. Turn left and follow Machias south into Snohomish. From Snohomish you can continue south down Highway 9 to Woodinville, or use Marsh Road and Seattle Hill Road to get to Bothell.

It's a long day in the saddle, but you've been itching for a ride. Now keep that smile on your face as you step into a warm tub - deservedly so.



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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



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

Email: [sidecarbikerbillie@hotmail.com](mailto:sidecarbikerbillie@hotmail.com)



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Sedro Woolley Area Rep	Duane Wood, Bow, WA	360-766-6603

### 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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