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## Announcements & Tid Bits

September 24, 2023

### [40th Annual Oyster Run](#)

Free event • No official starting point • No time schedule • No required route

[Oyster Run - Motorcycle Run](#) - Anacortes WA



1936 Zundapp K800 798cc 4 cyl, 4 speed Trans  
[Click for more information](#)

### [Seattle/Tacoma - Sedro Woolley Lunch Rides](#)

**Cover Photo**  
Mt Adams from Forest Road 25, about 30 miles south of Randle WA.



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## International Reps 2 Cents

(for what it's worth)

Hi to all. I hope this note finds all of you in God's good health and enjoying a few good rides yet this fall. It has been really hot this last couple of days so I haven't been doing too much riding. Yesterday it was 102, so it doesn't make much sense to be running around in that.

But, it looks like next week will be down in the mid 80's. That I can handle and there still should be great riding. I think in the Pacific Northwest and the Columbia Basin it has forgotten how to rain. I've been talking to some of the farmers in the basin area and they're certainly down in the dumps, especially the dry land farmers where no rain means no wheat.

Kevi and I have not been able to attend many of the campouts that we have had this year. I thought we'd be able to attend several, but I'm still working so that throws a monkey wrench into camping. I just want to thank all of you who organized these campouts. No one can say this year there was nothing to do, there certainly was.

We had planned on going to Coos Bay and had things all lined up when Kevi remembered that her sister would be visiting during that time. She has Parkinson's disease and needs some assistance. So, Coos Bay will have to wait one more year! But we're going to Tygh Valley come hell or high water.

As I look over this year's events and things to do, man, we had a bunch of activities this year. I hope that you had a chance to take part in a few of them. I know as a rep, I get all wound up in trying to plan too much. A campout or a rally doesn't have to be difficult to put on, just a place to camp and an area where there is good riding. If meals are wanted, then do them, but not a requirement.

The best thing that I came away with from some of our get-togethers is that friendships are renewed and new friendships are made. I value those friendships made long ago and making a new friend is nothing better.

I wanted to take a few minutes and thank Rick and Carla Killebrew for stepping into the leadership role for the Idaho UMCI. Thanks for stepping up. I feel that you will do a great job. I just read the Idacycle and his write up was spot on. The letter exudes spirit and get up and go. "Thanks, I needed that". It's so refreshing to see someone's energy pop off the page. Keep it up Rick!!

I hope to see all of you at one of the next rallies. In the mean time, God Bless. Ride safe, ride lots and most of all, have a ton of fun.

Kevin & Kevi



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## 2023 Events On The Horizon Washington, Oregon & Idaho

**Apr 29-30, Spring Banquet - Othello Senior Center, Othello WA**

Kevin Besel, kbesel52@gmail.com - Registration attached!

**Apr-May? North Cascade Highway Opening Campout - Date TBA**

Duane Wood, 360-766-6603, See Flyer for Info *Fun, short notice excursion...*

**Jun 2-5, North Cascade Campout - [Loup Loup Campground](#), Twisp WA**

Dennis Parsley, 360-672-1901 - No Resv, FCFS, ([map](#)) ([Google Earth](#))

**Jun 11-17, Idaho Panhandle Tour 2023 - Includes Idaho State Rally**

Daniel Magee, 403 878-5859 - [Panhandle Tour Information](#)

**Jun 13-15, Idaho State Rally - Clearwater River KOA, Kamiah ID**

Larry Phelps, ljphelps1951@gmail.com - See Flyer for information

**Jun 20-23, Farragut State Park (Snowberry Campground), Athol ID**

David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034 - [Reservations](#) (Non-Idaho Residents = \$\$\$)

**Jun 26-29, Laird Park Campout - [Laird Park Campground](#), Harvard ID**

1101 Palouse River Rd ([map](#)), David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034 (Please RSVP)

**Jul 17-20, International - Chelan County Fairgrounds, Cashmere WA**

Kevin Besel, kbesel52@gmail.com - See Registration - Complete ASAP

**Aug 7-11, Silver Falls Campout - [Silver Falls State Park](#), OR**

David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034 - Popular; [Register ASAP](#) for best selection

**Aug 8-10, Clyde Holiday - [Clyde Holiday State Park](#), Mount Vernon OR**

Dick Hohstadt, 541-786-0230, Reservations Required, [See Info](#)

**Aug 23-27, Coos Bay Campout - [Coos County Fair Grounds](#), Myrtle Pt, OR**

Chris Williams, 541-404-5286 or ebecknesr@gmail.com, See Registration Form

**Aug 25-28, Lost Resort, Cabins & Campground ([map](#)), Ozette WA**

David Fitzgerald, route66@outlook.com, No Resv, [Info](#)

**Sep 1-4, Tygh Valley, Wasco County Fairgrounds ([map](#)), Tygh Valley OR**

Ben Altman, 541-993-9015 - Reservations not required



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## Badges of Adventure

After I sold the bike, I retired my vest. Much like an athlete's number being retired. But I believe that there is much more history told here. Many memories in every patch and pin, that hangs slowly spinning as the fan circulates the air. It's still in the wind.

Tom Wells





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## 2024 - UMCI International Rally

Sponsored by:

### UMCI Idaho

### July 23-24-25, 2024

### Kamiah / Clearwater River KOA

### 4243 HWY 12, Kamiah, Idaho

### 208-935-2556

Email: [lcresort@lewisclarkresort.com](mailto:lcresort@lewisclarkresort.com)

### Motorhome / Camping / Tent Spots Available

(50 Max Amp, 100' Max Length, Wi-Fi, Pool, Pavilion...)

### Motel and Cabins Available

### Everyone needs to make their own reservations ASAP

### Let them know you are with UMCI

### Please make your reservations early

#### (Proposed) Schedule of Events (Times TBD)

Mon 22: Early Check-In

Tue 23: Check-In; Organized Ride (Route TBD); Hosted Ice Cream Social; 50/50

Wed 24: Late Check-In; Organized Ride (Maybe a \$5-Poker Run?? Route TBD); 50/50

Thu 25: Rep's Meeting (All May Attend); Banquet; Raffle Prizes; 50/50

Fri 26: Departure

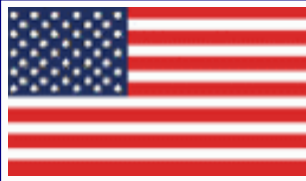
#### Registrations:

Registration Fees have not as yet been determined or set.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Watch your UMCI Newsletters in early 2024 for "Official" Registration Forms.

If you have any questions, please email to: Rick Killebrew - [ricadev@mindspring.com](mailto:ricadev@mindspring.com)



## Motorcycling in Yellowstone

by Tom Mehren

### Two wheels through the fiery paradise

Yellowstone. It's hardly outside of the Pacific Northwest corridor. In fact, about 4% of Yellowstone National Park's boundary line falls on Idaho and Montana, so it's not just a Wyoming kind of thing.

There are several things to know about riding a motorcycle here. Whatever kind of traveling you're doing that brings you to the park, you should allocate at least a day or two in the park to explore its many wonders. Unlike smaller national parks like the North Cascades, you can't blow through or you'll miss much of what the park is about.



*The Grand Viewpoint in late afternoon really lets the walls of the canyon light up! So this is why they call it Yellowstone...*



*Pullouts get up close and personal with much of the geo thermal formations.*

For starters, there's the pullouts. There's a lot to see. Might be bison, might be a geyser or it might just be wolfing down a bison dog in Canyon Village. If you think you'll just blast through in a day or less on your next trip to Sturgis, you'll miss a lot.

Top speed in the park is 45 mph. This sensible speed limit keeps wildlife alive and crash occurrences are rare.

Incidentally, riding your motorcycle around on the two loops all day, mounting and dismounting your bike gets a little tedious for the older set. Consider leaving your bike parked and taking a Yellow Bus or other tour line as an alternative on one or more of your sightseeing days.

Accommodations. Not easy in the summer, but things open up after Labor Day, temps are cooler and the park moves into autumn mode, so you may enjoy some time here later in the year, even if you're on the bike. Your choices are indoor lodging, or camping at reasonable rates having your bike within a few feet of your tent on the pavement.



*Bison along the side of the road are common. Mind your own business and they won't mind you. Get too close and you may be gored, even if you're riding.*





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Road Quality - With a typical elevation above 6,000 feet, Yellowstone roads are actually some of the best in the world. The reason is because it's a national park, so don't feel too bad when they wank you for \$20 plus at the gate. Part of that goes to road maintenance which is top grade. But it also means you're going to come upon sections that are under repair. Relax, get off the bike and enjoy the surroundings while you wait your turn to move again. They typically don't have more than one or two sections under repair at any given time.



*The Yellow Bus tours pack 13 passengers into a 1930s White Freightliner bus and provides a relaxing tour of the park daily during the warmer months. Old Faithful burbles in the distance.*

It's Magnetic. Yellowstone National Park is a magnet to every kind of driver in the world. Plan for the following on a daily basis:

- People who cross the centerline because they are so busy looking at the bison and not at oncoming traffic.
- People who know you are walking through a crosswalk, but they will come at you at the speed of their choice and not worry about what speed you think they should be driving.
- Road Toads - There are a few, but before Memorial Day, or after Labor Day it won't be long before you can ride around them. And then it might be some time before you have another driver in front of you.



*There are all types of hydro-thermal pools to be viewed ranging from this pristine deep blue spectacle to the various mud and oxide colored pools.*

Did someone say thunderstorms? Like so many National Parks, Yellowstone has the ability to create its own weather. If you're camping, be sure to secure your tent for a gale before taking a day ride around the park. If it's 100 degrees when you leave home, do not use that as an excuse to leave your rain gear at home. Pack your rain gear no matter what.

Did someone say Beartooth Highway? Just northeast of the park is the Beartooth Highway, a wonderful delight. If the weather is just right it is awesome to ride. If you plan to ride to Yellowstone, add in an extra day to go to lunch at Red Lodge and return that night, or add it as a one-way trip on your way in or out.



*Sitting at 9,000' on the top of the Beartooth Highway between Yellowstone and Red Lodge.*



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Fire is a common occurrence here in the summer and early fall months. Fires caused by lightning strikes are allowed to burn on their own until they go out and are only managed by humans if they endanger structures in the park. One benefit to having 3% of the park boundary in Montana and 1% in Idaho is that fires crews from these states can be called in for support if needed.

Yellowstone is a grand treasure everyone should experience in their lifetime. Getting to and going from by motorcycle is an excellent way to discover its riches.





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## **For Sale**

### **2018 Suzuki 650 Bergman**

Asking \$4,000, with extras



**Contact: Dick Czomowski**  
503-971-3196 [dickczmo@aol.com](mailto:dickczmo@aol.com)  
Oregon Listing



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## For Sale

**1995 Bushtec Turbo Trailer • New \$6000  
Was ~~\$2500~~, Now \$1500**



**Contact: Gary Shearer**

503-508-2104 • [backroad-rider@comcast.net](mailto:backroad-rider@comcast.net)

*Oregon Listing*



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# For Sale

2001 Goldwing • Great Shape • 45,000 miles • \$6100



Contact: Patrick McManus @ 206-355-1924



# For Sale

## AKRAPOVIČ Exhaust System for CAN-AM

A new muffler, or near new. It was on the bike for one short ride, two hours total. Then decided the original was more to my liking. Will fit Can-Am 2010 to 2023 RT models. New they cost \$1,000.00 but will sell for \$600.00 or best offer.



Contact Denny at: 541-817-3175  
••• 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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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.	9:00am, Big Lake Bar & Grill, 18247 Hwy 9, Mount Vernon
Sedro Woolley Area, 1st Sat.	9:00am, Big Lake Bar & Grill, 18247 Hwy 9, Mount Vernon

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