

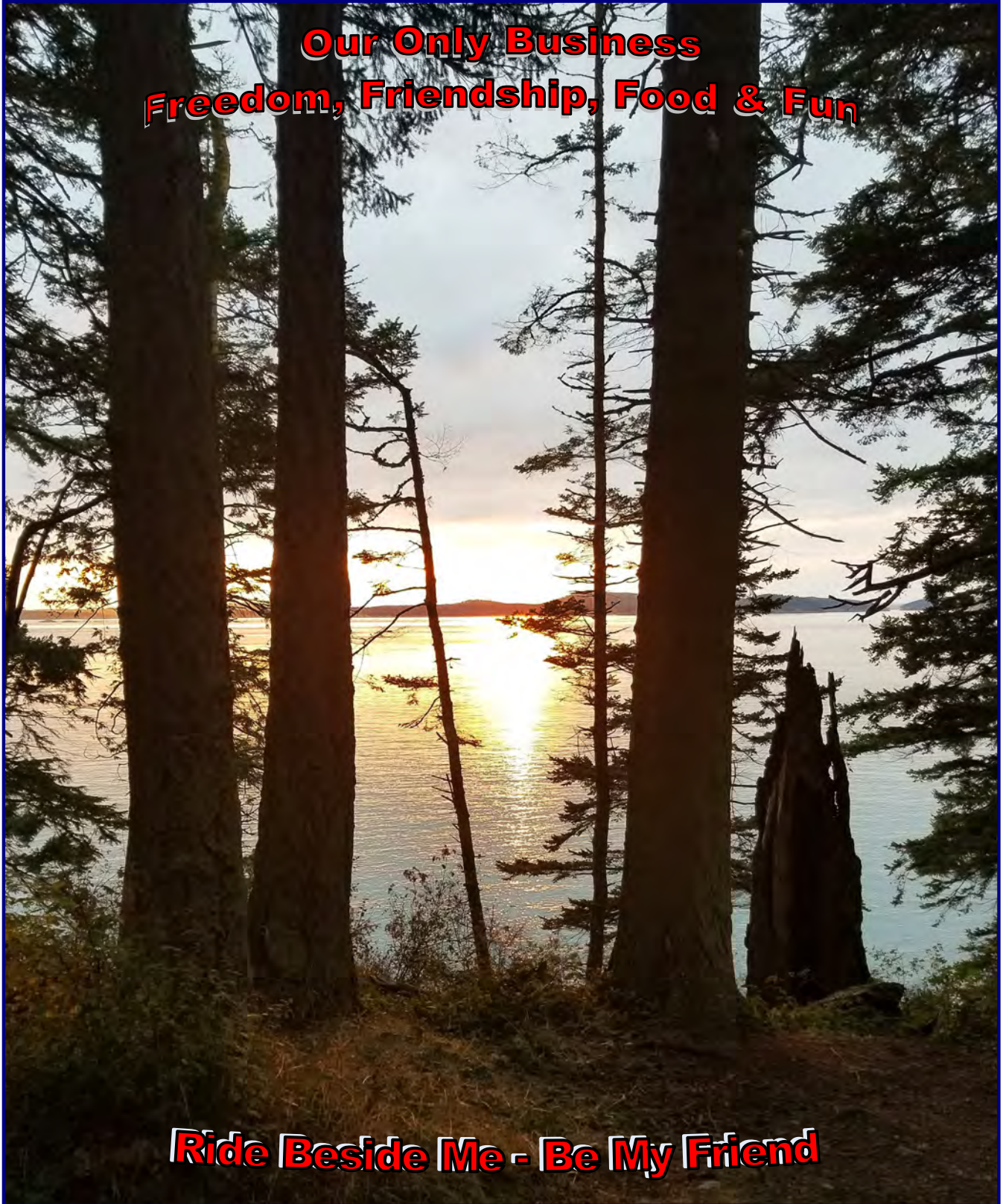


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Announcements & Tid Bits

2024 - UMCI International Rally

July 23-25, 2024 @ Kamiah, ID

Reserve Early • See Flyer

Anticipate 2024



1933 Zudapp K500 498cc

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

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Sunset from the [Washington Park Loop Road](#), Anacortes, WA.



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International Reps 2 Cents

Hi to all. I certainly hope that this finds all of you in God's good health and you're still getting a few rides in. We had our breakfast meeting on the 8th, and then Richard and his better half Kathy, Kevi and I and our good friend Tracy took off for a ride to Waterville.

Our Lord is truly good to all of us, providing beautiful scenery for us to enjoy as we tour. We went up to Waterville by way of Rimrock Meadows. I wanted to see exactly where Highway 2 washed out, about 5 miles from Douglas. Funny, it was right where I had envisioned it would be. Anyway, Hwy 2 has reopened to beautiful riding.

When we arrived at Waterville, we fueled up. Sadly, Tracy had to head back home for a commitment in the afternoon. She is so much fun to ride with, always so positive and smiling. The rest of us traveled over Badger Mountain to East Wenatchee and up to Chelan.

I had planned to have a little lunch at the Lone Pine fruit stand, but it was my luck, they were closed. I forgot to tell them I was coming, LOL. We went on to McNeil Canyon and headed to Mansfield, then home. Fall colors were absolutely fantastic and the ride with friends could not be beat.

I hadn't been home more than an hour when Joanne from The Dalles, called with the sad news that Dennis Miles had passed on Sunday. Dennis was one of the originals. You were always happy to see him and Bernice. They were the inspiration for me going to a trike. They rode everywhere on their Goldwing 1500s.

They visited Tygh Valley to say hi. Everyone enjoyed the visit. Dennis had been fighting cancer, but still had that smile on his face. You could see he enjoyed visiting everyone.

Our hearts and prayers are with Bernice and family. I hope all of you will reach out to them. Dennis was one great man and will be missed by all. I haven't heard if there will be a service but when I do, I will let everyone know.

I hope everyone has a chance for a few more rides this season. It's truly the best time of the year as far as I'm concerned. The fall colors are inspirational to me and reminds me why I love riding a motorcycle. You can see so much more detail in the scenery, sometimes even sagebrush looks good.

I'll close this up for this month, but remember you can reach me anytime with ideas, complaints or whatever, I'm here. Ride Safe, Ride Lots, but most of all have a ton of fun.

Kevin and Kevi



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2024 Events On The Horizon Washington, Oregon & Idaho

Aug 5-9, Vista Park - Skamokawa WA, Reserve now for best selection.
David Fitzgerald, route66@outlook.com, [Reservations](#) ([Map](#))





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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

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



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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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Close Call

After our UMCI meeting last Saturday, Dave Hill, Charlie Crane, Joyce Kelley and myself, went for a ride to Coolin, Idaho.

Dave Hill was leading, with Joyce Kelley as a passenger. About a mile before our destination, a restaurant, several deer ran out in front of Dave Hill.

I was behind him and could tell he hit one as I saw it flying through the air. Dave and Joyce stayed upright. The impact broke the front fender off of his bike.

John Fast





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Sunday Ride

Mose Lake, WA
October 15th, 2023

We decided to go on a ride on Sunday, October 15, while the weather was still good! (Lynnette's idea!) We had a group of eight riders with Richard leading the group. They included Ross Andrews, Kathy & Hale Enlow, Kevin & Kevi Besel, Lynnette Caruthers, Richard & Kathy Aldrich. The group of riders started out from Half Sun Gas Station in Moses Lake and headed to the old Vantage highway winding up the road to Ellensburg. The ride was cool with temperatures in the 60s and then as the elevation climbed we were suddenly in the 50s. We reached Cle Elum and quickly scouted out a restaurant called Cottage Café that could accommodate our group of eight.

The place was packed, so our group was split into two separate booths. We still had a wonderful time visiting and eating our lunch. However, when we got ready to leave it was raining. We changed into whatever rain gear we had and then continued back on a secondary road until we got to a clearing to view and take a couple pictures. We continued on to Ellensburg to gas up and then stopped at the Wild Horse Wind Farm. It was a curvy ride up to the visitor center, but well worth the slower ride. Then we went back down to the old Vantage road and continued to Vantage. We split at the end of the bridge to go to our separate towns and home. It was a perfect ending to a great ride!

Kathy Aldrich



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Fall/Winter Moto Projects

by Patrick Thomas

Unlike bears, we don't hibernate in the winter, but for many, our bikes do. Instead, we hang out in our dens, watch football, cook and read books – dreaming about the coming spring when we can ride again.

Turns out fall and winter are a great time to take care of some odds and ends we've been putting off throughout the summer, allowing us to tend to our passion even if we're not on the bike. Here are a few ideas to consider in the upcoming months.

Make a bucket list of new places to ride

Many riders stick close to home and don't get the chance to venture beyond a few hundred miles. Time constraints, financial inability and otherwise can all play a hand in why. But just for the heck of it, start dreaming and create your bucket list of places you would like to ride your motorcycle. Print one copy out to hang in the garage as a reminder. Place another near your entertainment center and start searching for videos of motorcycle trips people have taken in these areas. You never know when you might win the lottery, or your 22 year-old successfully graduates high school and all of a sudden you can start working on the list.

NX650		FREQUENCY					
ITEMS		56	60	64	68	72	76
Fuel Line		I		I		I	
Fuel Strainer Screen		C	C	C	C	C	C
Throttle Operation		I		I		I	
Carburetor-Choke		I		I		I	
Air Cleaner		I		I		I	
Crankcase Breather		C	R	C	C	R	C
Spark Plug		C	C	C	C	C	C
Valve Clearance		R	R	R	R	R	R
Engine Oil		I	I	I	I	I	I
Engine Oil Filter	Every 2,000 miles						
Engine Oil Strainer Screen in Down Tube		R		R		R	
Carburetor Idle Speed		C		C		C	
Secondary Air Supply System		I	I	I	I	I	I
Evaporative Emission Control System		I		I		I	
Drive Chain		I		I		I	
Drive Chain Slider	Every 600 miles						
Brake Fluid		I	I	I	I	I	I
Brake Shoe/Pad wear		I	R	I	I	R	I
Brake System		I	I	I	I	I	I
Brake Light Switch		I		I		I	
Headlight Aim		I		I		I	
Clutch System		I		I		I	
Side Stand		I		I		I	
Suspension		I		I		I	
Spark Arrestor		I		I		I	
Nuts, Bolts, Fasteners		C	C	C	C	C	C
Wheels/Tires		I		I		I	
Wheel Bearings		I		I		I	
Steering Head Bearings		I		I		I	

Battery = YTX9BS or YTX912B



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Plan a trip you'll probably never take

Kind of like the bucket list, start planning a trip you may never take. Figure the details of shipping your bike, what that costs, where you would stay, how many miles you would travel each day, what things to see and do along the way. Use the internet to search images of each area you'll go to and create your own little wish-trip. You might be surprised at how this adds to your own trip planning right here at home.

Dial in your ergonomics

Motorcycles come in all shapes and sizes and so do humans. What looks like a great bike in pictures may not provide the best fit to the rider once they've purchased it. But that doesn't mean you need to trade it in and try again. Foot peg position, seat height, handle bar height, sweat pocket position and more are all variables that can be dealt with to improve the ergonomic fit of your motorcycle. To learn more, enjoy our two-part series about how to get started.

Up your storage game

Sure, it may seem a little anal to get all your gear organized just so, so that you can access what you need on the road without rummaging through a tank bag or side case where everything is piled in together. Follow this link to details of how to successfully categorize all your gear, store individually, and make navigation a snap.

Create a custom packing list

Do you continually find yourself leaving important things at home, usually at the most inopportune time? Having a set packing list you can follow as you prepare for a trip will lessen those moments, if not put an end to them altogether. Use ours as a template to get started or refine an existing list.

Go gear shopping

Oddly enough, fall is when many manufacturers release new products into the market. But since you're in the northern hemisphere, it's also when sales are the slowest at dealers. So, it's often a good time to get some deals on last years' close-outs as well as new lines of gear that have just arrived.

Pick a sunny day and go ride

Be sure to keep your bike on the trickle charger so it's ready to go in the event of an unusually warm, sunny day, which has a way of happening just about annually in most parts of North America during the cooler months.



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Digitize your maintenance schedule

In most manuals, you'll find a maintenance schedule for level I, II and III services. What many manufacturers tend to leave out are other important aspects such as checking steering and wheel bearings, cable quality and so on. Take a minute to determine five or six add-ons items and add them into the service schedule. Store the file on the cloud and you'll be able to access it from just about anywhere at any time.

Up your riding skills

Sage riders know they can never possess all the best skills for riding a motorcycle, no matter how many years they've been riding. Savvy riders make a point of taking a next-level skills class every two years or so. This could be an intermediate or advanced course, a well-run track day, a three-wheel class, some off-road training or the latest craze, Gymkhana.

Hang out with your local community

With so much riding to do in the spring and summer, you may be missing out on some of the other social aspects of motorcycling. Fall and winter is a great time to hang out with other riders at a year-around local bike night, if you have one in your area. It's also a great time to find a local motorcycle show, visit a museum that has bikes on display and so on. And if you're able to ride there, that's a bonus, but don't be ashamed for going in the car if you so choose.





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FOR SALE

2022 Flatbed Utility Trailer
8.5' x 18', with gate ramp
Tongue Mounted Storage Box
Tandem axle 7,000 GVWR
Curb weight 1,750
Clear Title

See at 303 Asher Street
Wasco, Oregon

ASKING \$3,850



Contact Mary Nordby
206-310-2777



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For Sale

2006 BMW K1200R • <14,000 miles • Garaged
New Michelin Tires • Custom Black Leather Seat
Tank Bag • Panniers • Trickle Charger
Purchased for \$10k • Asking \$ 4,500



Contact: Jack in Gig Harbor, 253-370-5710
(Text is best)



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For Sale

2018 Suzuki 650 Bergman

Asking \$4,000, with extras



Contact: Dick Czomowski

971-338-3196 dickczmo@aol.com

Please Note Corrected Number

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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

Oregon Listing



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For Sale

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



Contact: Patrick McManus @ 206-355-1924



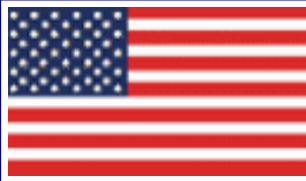
For Sale

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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Seattle/Puget Sound Area Rep	David Fitzgerald, Kirkland, WA - <i>Temp</i>	206-300-5034
Sedro Woolley Area Rep	Duane Wood, Bow, WA	360-766-6603

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.	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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