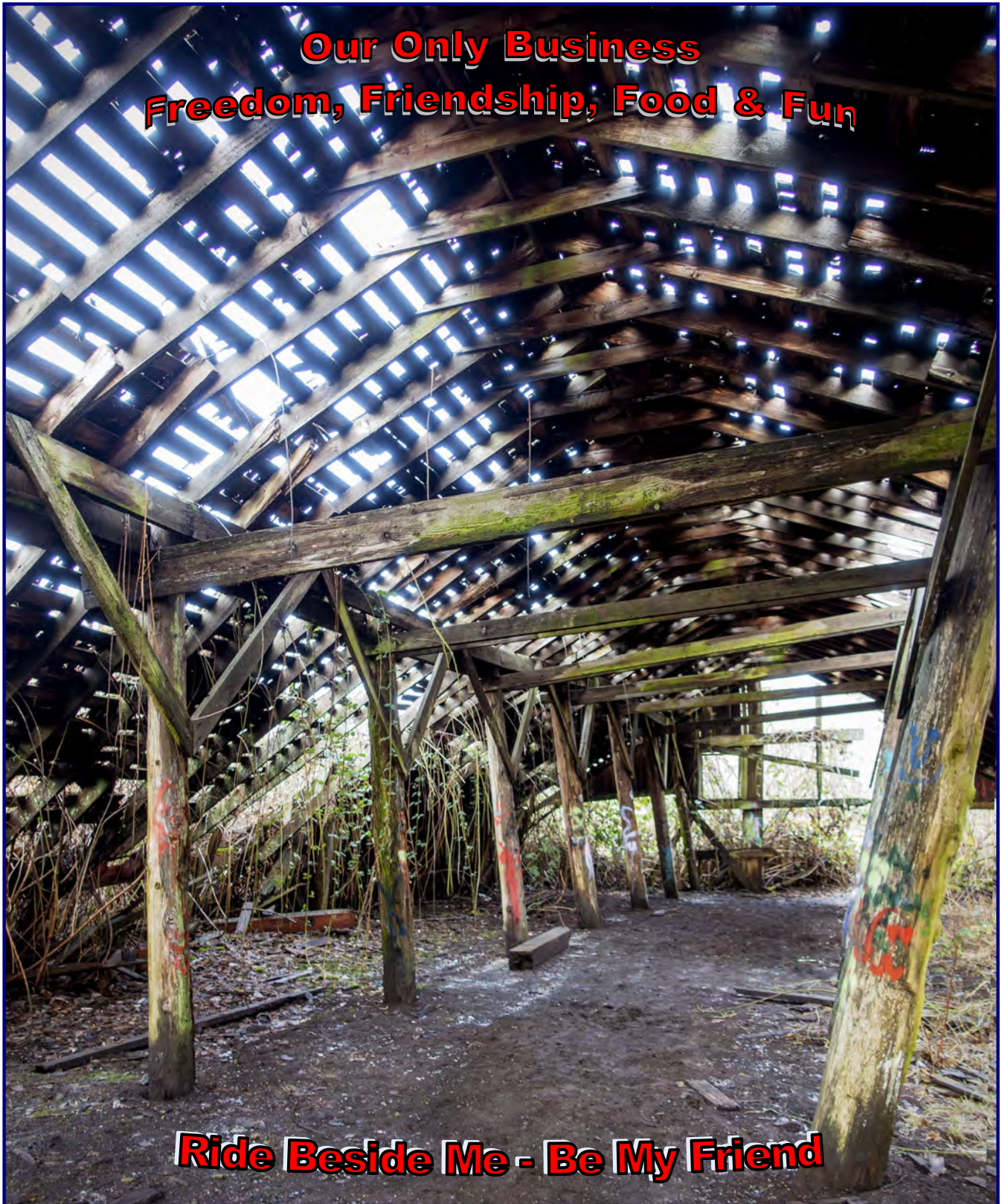




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Announcements & Tid Bits



Spokane County Fair & Expo Center
March 8-10, 2024 • See Flyer

Mar 24, Motorcycle Swap Meet, 9am - 3pm, Monroe WA
[Evergreen State Fairgrounds • 14405 179th Ave SE • Hwy 522 & Hwy 2](#)

Apr 27-28, Spring Banquet • Senior Center, Othello WA
[See Registration Flyer • Just Click and Type • Complete ASAP](#)

May 19, Sky Valley Motorcycle Show, Snohomish WA
9am - 4pm • Live Music • Rain or Shine



Updated Information
2024 UMCI International Rally
July 23-25, 2024 @ Kamiah, ID
[See Flyer & Registration Form • Reserve Early](#)

Sep 22, Oyster Run Motorcycle Rally, Anacortes WA
Free Event • No Schedule • No Required Route • [Info](#)

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

Cover Photo
The remains of Horse Barn No 2 at Northern State Hospital, Sedro Woolley, WA.



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INTERNATIONAL REPS TWO CENTS

Hi everyone! I certainly hope that all of you have survived winter with great health and ready for a great riding season. On the east side of Washington, it's been unusually wet, but it was so badly needed for our farmers. Lots of smiles when they come into the store now. They have a little hope for a good crop.

I'm tired of the rain and fog, but when around dryland farmers, you have to be careful saying you're tired of the rain, they could tell you off. I had a conversation with one of my farmer friends and he even said we had enough for a while.

It's getting time if you haven't already done so, to check your bike over and get it ready to roll. One of the first things I check is my tires and inflation. They can lose a pound of pressure a month during the cold winter, so you could be as much as 4 to 5 pounds low.

I want to point out and say welcome to the club; Hale and Kathy Enlow. They're the Columbia Basin's newest members. They rode with us a couple of times last year and were a pleasure to ride with. They heard about our club by word of mouth and also know Richard and Kathy Aldrich. They actually came to our chili feed and walked away with the trophy. Oh well, another year and I didn't win, but congratulations you two, and welcome to the UMCI!

We have several activities on the events calendar already. If you're going to participate in any or all of them, get your reservations in early. I found out last year that these campgrounds and R.V. places fill up very quickly. I've been asked why the person that is putting on the event doesn't secure a block of sites. Well, that usually requires a down payment and that's coming out of their pocket, so I totally understand.

So please, if you see it posted, get your reservation in quickly. The registration for the International at Kamiah is posted, so please let Rick know you are coming. And don't forget, you need to make reservations at the R.V. park on your own.

Kevi and I are really looking forward to riding this year. I'm trying to retire and having one heck of a time doing so, but hope to have a lot more time this year for great rides and adventures.

Please ride safe, ride lots and most of all have a ton of fun.

God Bless Kevin and Kevi

See you down the road and hope to see you at Spring Banquet.



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FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS OF SPOKANE AND INLAND EMPIRE UMCI 2024

The February meeting on the 3rd, was well attended considering it is usually the middle of our winter. But strangely we are not having a usual winter. We have only had one hard snowfall, where we received a couple feet of snow, but then we were blessed with a steady rainfall, that took most of it back off. Most of the snow is gone off the highways. But there are several of us that have driveways that have either snow, or mud. Dave Hill, was the only rider that rode his motorcycle to the meeting. The rest of us folks, drove our automobiles. There is still gravel and ice in several spots. We will just have to wait till the roads are safe to ride on.

President Charlie Crane, brought the meeting to order. Announcements were made. He announced the upcoming events and said that 2023 was a great year for the club. Most of the UMCI events were well attended and this year looks promising too. He called for announcements.

Panhandle Riders M/C president, Joyce Kelley, announced that her daughter Felicity Haney, had to have emergency surgery to remove another aneurysm in her brain. She had it done at Harbor View hospital in Seattle. The operation was a success, and she is now recovering at home.

Evergreen Riders Director Billie Leonard. Announced their next meeting will be on the 10th of February. She announced that there will be an annual Bike Blessing on Easter Sunday March 31st. at Cruisers at the state line. It is sponsored by the Spirit Lake Chapter of Soul Patrol. Bike blessing will be 11 to 12 noon, with a free lunch provided by the Soul Patrol. All bikes welcome.

There were no more announcements, meeting was adjourned.



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Othello Chili Competition

Our group participated in a chili contest on Sunday, February 11th, at the Othello Senior Center. There were three entries for the competition! We had corn bread, chicken wings, coleslaw, and veggies to add to the main course of chili. We ended with cheese cake and cookies.... Yum!

The chili ranged from mild to somewhat spicy. Our winner was Hale and Kathy Enlow! The trophy with beans on a wooden spoon and bowl has a listing of previous winners on the back with Richard Aldrich winning the last time the competition was held.

Everyone seemed to have a great time sharing food and conversation! A big thank you to Kevin, Kevi and Lynnette, and all those that participated! Everyone pitched in after the event to clean up the place before we all headed home.

Hale and Kathy have bragging rights for the best chili until next year's challenge! 😊

Kathy Aldrich





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2024 Events On The Horizon Washington, Oregon & Idaho

New

Date TBD, North Cascades 2024 Riverbend Campout ([map](#)), Twisp WA
Duane Wood, 360-766-6603, [Riverbend Park](#), Important: See Flyer for info.

Apr 27-28, Spring Banquet, Othello Senior Center, Othello WA
Kevin Besel, kbesel52@gmail.com - See Registration - Just Click & Type.

May 10-12, Sauk Park Campground, Concrete WA, FCFS, \$10/Night, [Info](#)
Duane Wood, 360-766-6603, Add: [54569 Concrete-Sauk Valley Rd](#), Concrete

May 13-18, Cove Palisades or Crooked River State Parks, Culver OR
David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034,(Site# C20), [Register ASAP](#) - Any or all days!
Deschutes CG will fill fast. Crooked River is the next closest CG, up on the plateau, a few minutes away. ([Campgrounds Map](#))

Jun 3-5, North Cascade Campout - Loup Loup Campground, Twisp WA
Dennis Parsley, 360-672-1901 - No Resv, FCFS, ([Info](#)) ([map](#)) ([Google Earth](#))

Jun 24-27, Laird Park Campout - Laird Park Campground, Harvard ID
Lynette Caruthers, 509-760-7956, No Resv, [Info](#), ([map](#)), BBQ/Potluck on 26th.

Jul 23-25, UMCI International, Clearwater River KOA, Kamiah ID
Rick Killebrew, ricadev@mindspring.com, Reserve ASAP - See Flyer

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

Aug 27-Sep 1, Tygh Valley, Wasco County Fairgrounds, Tygh Valley OR
Ben Altman, 541-993-9015 - No Reservations ([Map](#)), Early Arrival 26th, Depart on 1st??

Date TBA, Bear Hollow Park (After Tygh Valley), Fossil OR
Ron Mattox, ronmattox@wavecable.com, Bear Hollow Road, [Map](#)

Sep 24-26, Boundary Dam Campground, Metaline Falls WA
Ron Mattox, ronmattox@wavecable.com, Free Camping, [Map](#)



2024 North Cascades Riverbend Campout



Is anyone interested in going camping on the First Saturday, after SR20 North Cascades opens? We could camp over at [Riverbend Park \(map\)](#), about 3 miles before you get to Twisp, about 7 ½ miles South of Winthrop.

Riverbend Park is nice, and has good bathrooms, plus won't be as crowded or pricy as Winthrop. We just don't know when the Pass is opening yet. I know I will be going and would love to have company; this will be a tent site that I will be reserving and camping in come rain or shine, with the motorcycle and tent.

I will be leaving the Burlington, Cook Rd. [Subway](#) at 9a.m. and will head over the pass making my way. I will be stopping at Diablo Lake Overlook, to take in all the beautiful scenery, and use the rest area. I will also stop at Hanks over in Twisp to pick up some grub. I will be having the coffee pot going at the campsite.

If anyone is interested in going and would like to meet up, or meet somewhere else along the way, please give me a call or leave a message so I can call you back.

Duane Wood
360-766-6603



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INLAND NORTHWEST MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND SALE

The 19th Annual Spokane Motorcycle Show and Sale

March 8 - 10, 2024 • Spokane County Fair & Expo Center

[Click for Info](#)

3/8 • Friday 3pm - 8pm
3/9 • Saturday 10am - 7pm
3/10 • Sunday 10am - 4pm

See what's new for 2024 and get great deals on everything you need for the road!
Special show prices, fantastic financing and great prices on motorcycles and accessories!

Stunt Show • Indoor Swap Meet • Budweiser Biker Bar • Indoor Poker Run
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ADMISSION

Tickets \$12.00

(Cash only at the door)

Kids 12 and under Free

Tickets Available Soon - [Click Here](#)

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Good All Weekend!

FREE PARKING



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**that good looking, or athletic,
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with this, but I do know that
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SPRING BANQUET

April 27th & 28th, 2024

Othello Senior Center
755 N. 7th Ave, Othello, WA



The Spring Banquet is back at the Senior Center in Othello, for a great evening of good food, fun and door prizes. We'll hopefully get a chance to hear from all the Reps on what they have planned for the year.

Please Register ASAP so we can confirm the count with the caterer.

Dinner, served buffet style, starts at 6:30pm; \$25.00 per person. Same great catering service as last year. Good food and lots of it! Sunday morning breakfast starts at 7:30am; \$10.00 per person.

All are welcome! It's a great start to the season. -Kevin & Kevi

Registration

Please complete all fields to help update my records.

Name _____ Tel _____

Name _____ Tel _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Preferred Email _____

Dinner \$25.00 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

Breakfast \$10.00 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Please mail Registration to:

Kevin Besel, 1045 East Oak St, Othello WA 99344-1651

Othello Motels

[Othello Quality Inn](#), 1020 E. Cedar St. (509-488-5671)

[Othello Inn and Suites](#), 665 E. Windsor St. (509-331-5722)



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SUNDAY MAY 19 2024

EVENT SHIRTS
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Snohomish, Washington

1st Street Historic Downtown

Live Music w/ Shortcutz * The Seattle Cossacks

Event Time 9am - 4pm • Rain or Shine • Trophy Presentation 3pm

Ride-In Motorcycle Show Registration \$20.00 9:00 am - Noon

Vendor Registration \$150 for 10x10 spaces - 1st Come!

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UMCI Idaho

July 23-24-25, 2024

Kamiah / Clearwater River KOA

4243 HWY 12, Kamiah, Idaho

208-935-2556

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Motorhome / Camping / Tent Spots Available

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

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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 (Extended stay is optional. If plan to extend your stay, make appropriate reservations with Kamiah/Clearwater River KOA.)

Registrations:

- Registrations Fees have set at \$15.00 for an individual and \$25.00 per couple.
- Pre-registration is strongly encouraged and will be rewarded.
- Your "Official" Registration Form is attached to this month's UMCI Newsletter.

If you have any questions, please email them to:

Rick Killebrew – ricadev@mindspring.com

37th Annual – UMCI International Rally

July 23rd – 26th, 2024

2024 Event Registration Form

(Everyone is responsible for their own camping, motel, and cabin reservations)

Location: Kamiah / Clearwater River KOA (formerly Lewis & Clark Resort)
Website: [Kamiah, Idaho Campground | Kamiah / Clearwater River KOA Journey](#)
4243 Hwy 12, Kamiah, ID 83536
(208) 935-2556
Be sure to mention that you are with UMCI when making reservations!!

Schedule: Mon 22nd: Early Check-In
Tue 23rd: Check-In; Organized Ride(s); Hosted Ice Cream Social; 50/50
Wed 24th: Late Check-In; Organized Ride(s) (\$5 Poker Run [possible]); 50/50
Thu 25th: Self-Directed Ride(s); Rep's Meeting (All May Attend); Banquet;
Raffle Prizes; 50/50
Fri 26th: Regular Departure Date
(Extended Stay Permitted with Appropriate KOA Park Registrations)

Name(1) _____

Name(2) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Total distance from Home to Kamiah _____ Miles/Kilometers

Registration Fees: (Please register early)

Prior to May 15, 2024 Single \$15.00 = \$ _____ (\$usd)
Double \$25.00 = \$ _____ (\$usd)

Prior to June 15, 2024 Single \$20.00 = \$ _____ (\$usd)
Double \$30.00 = \$ _____ (\$usd)

Prior to July 15, 2024 Single \$25.00 = \$ _____ (\$usd)
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Mail Registrations to: Rick Killebrew
2536 W Whitelaw Dr
Meridian, ID 83646-4921

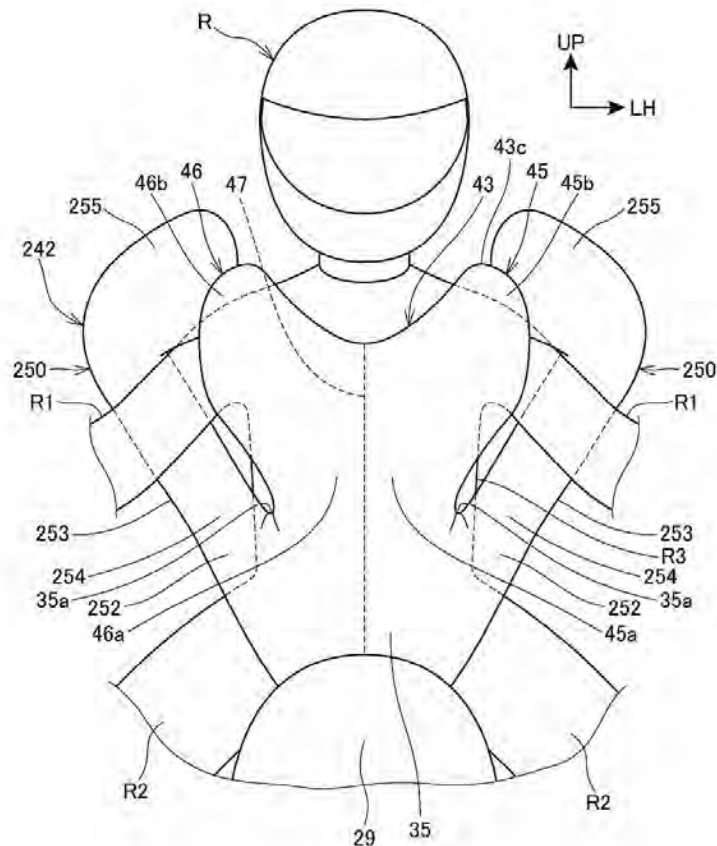
(Email registration form to ricadev@mindspring.com to meet a deadline then **mail immediately**)



Honda's New Take on Motorcycle Airbags

Torso-enveloping airbag that detaches and stays with the rider.

by Ben Purvis



Honda is working on new motorcycle-mounted airbag systems that will deploy, detach, and stay with the rider as they leave the motorcycle. Honda

Airbags are increasingly accepted as effective safety aids in [motorcycle apparel](#) - to the point of being mandatory in some racing classes like [MotoGP](#) and [World Superbike](#) - but motorcycle-mounted airbags have struggled to get the same adoption. Honda might have the solution to that problem.

[Honda](#) pioneered airbag technology for motorcycles. After showing multiple Advanced Safety Vehicle (ASV) prototype bikes with airbags, the firm launched its first production version in the Gold Wing back in 2006. Seventeen years later, the [Gold Wing](#) remains the only airbag-equipped bike on the market, but [airbag-equipped gear](#) has burst (no pun intended) onto the scene in the meantime.



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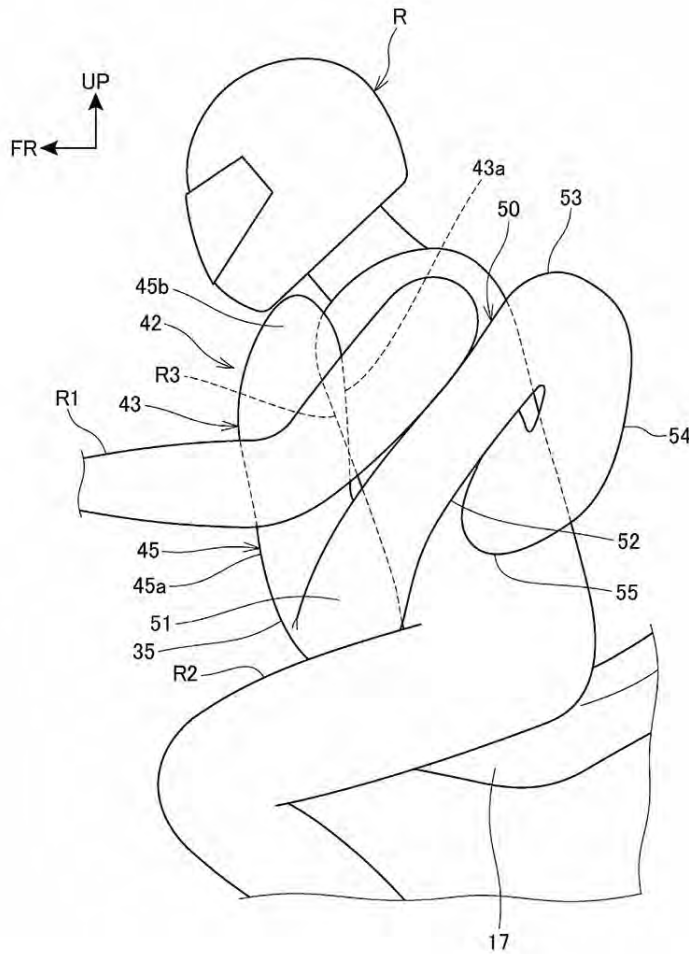
Multiple companies including Alpinestars currently have lines of airbag-compatible clothing and vests that can be worn under conventional jackets or racing suits. Alpinestars

Both technologies have their own problems. Traditional, car-style airbags, as used on the Gold Wing, only work on motorcycles in very limited circumstances. The rider needs to be sitting in a predictable position and the impact has to be head-on for the airbag to be as effective as possible. There are plenty of Gold Wing owners who can attest to the airbag's effectiveness, but the idea hasn't spread to other models. Meanwhile, airbags fitted inside protective clothing have also proved their worth on many occasions, but opting to wear them limits your clothing choice considerably, and the airbags are inevitably limited in size.



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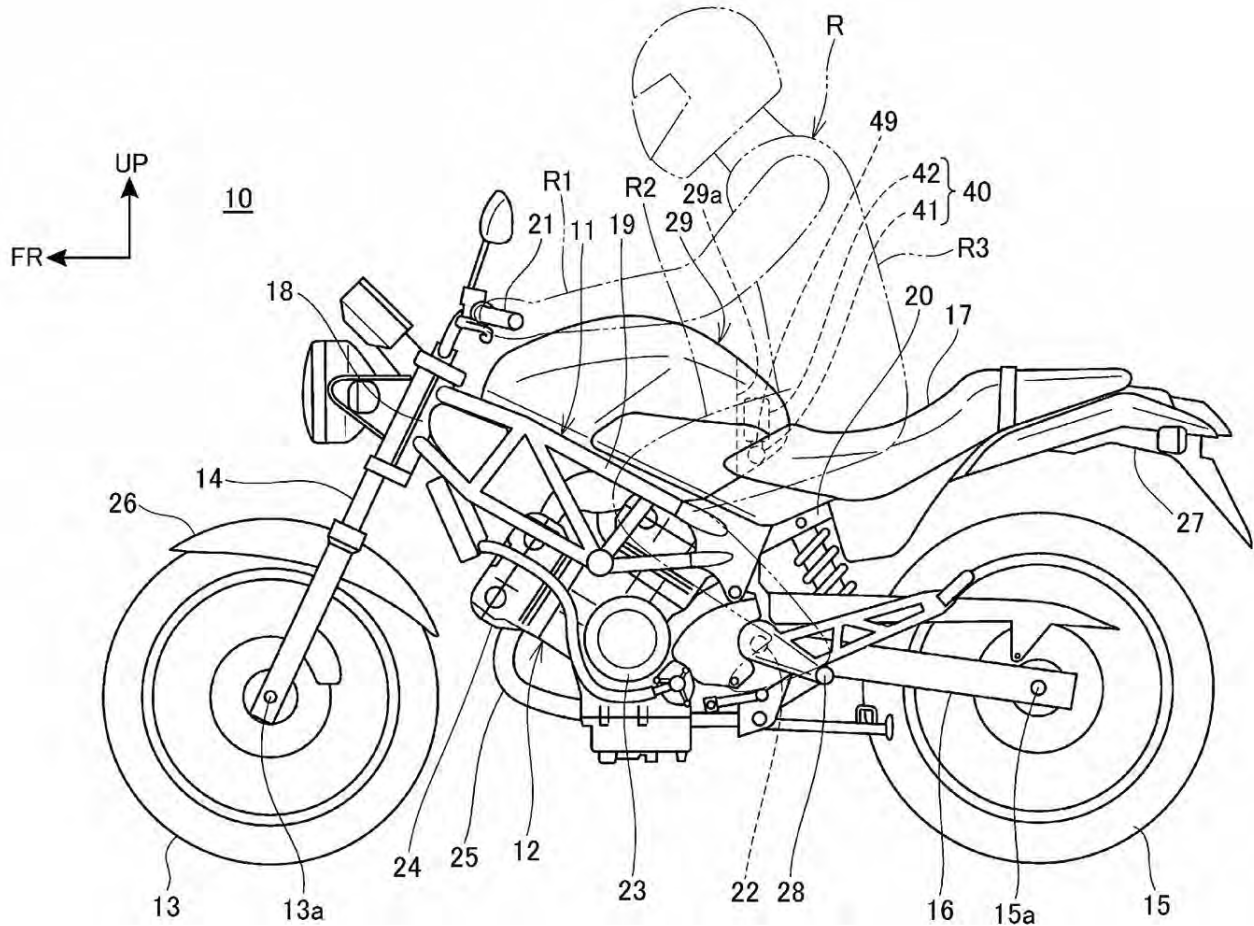
This variation would deploy from in front of the rider's legs and wrap around the torso, protecting the chest. Honda

Honda's latest idea is to create a motorcycle-mounted airbag that works like a clothing-mounted one, wrapping around you in the event of an impact and then detaching from the bike, so the airbag goes with you rather than staying with the motorcycle. Honda has filed multiple patent applications for the system, showing a vast array of different designs, but all featuring the same characteristics.



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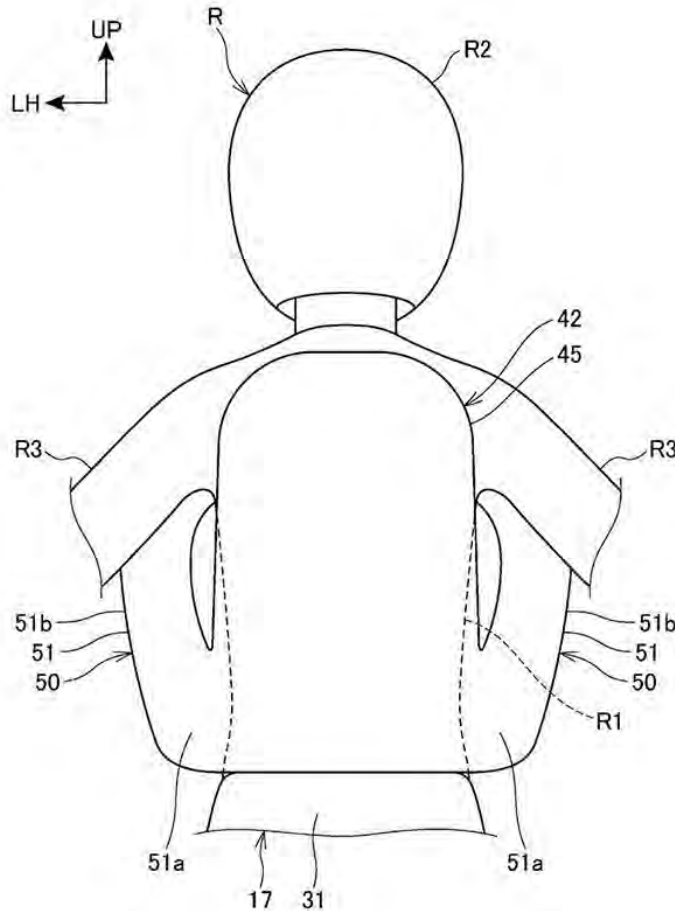
This illustration shows how the airbag would deploy from in front of the rider. Honda

There are two main versions of the Honda idea, differing mainly in the position of the airbag. The initial version puts the airbag and its inflator (presumably a chemical-based gas generator, but the patent doesn't go into detail about that part of the technology) in the front part of the bike's seat. In an accident, the airbag fires upward between your legs (!) and is shaped to wrap around either your torso or shoulders. Several different styles are shown in the Honda patents, largely focusing on protecting the rider's chest.



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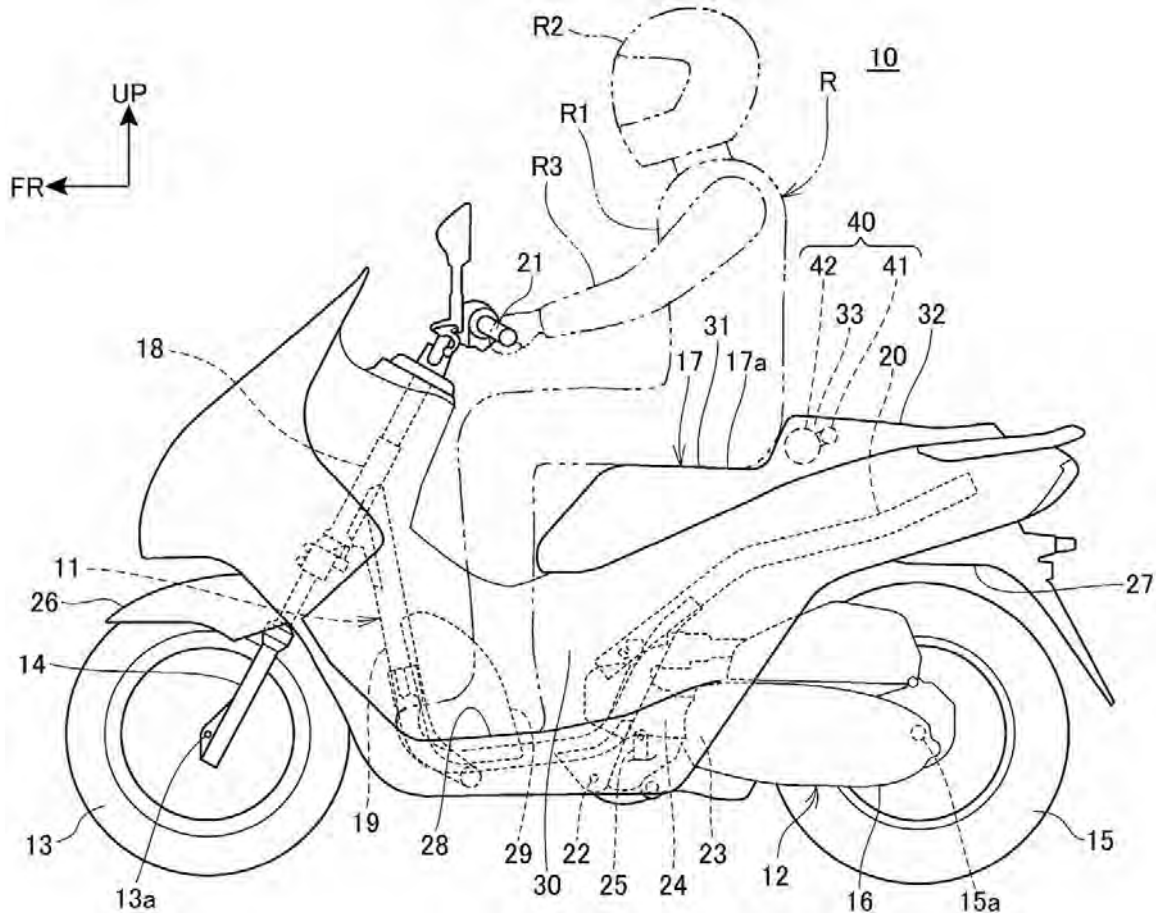
The second variation deploys from behind the rider and wraps forward around the torso, protecting the back. Honda

The second variant uses the same idea, but puts the airbag and inflator in the rear part of the seat, just behind the rider. From here, the airbag wraps forward around the rider, going under his or her arms and again protecting the chest, while an additional airbag section covers the rider's back. Again, Honda has suggested several different designs for the shape of the airbag. This version looks both more effective in some respects, particularly the back protector element, and having the explosive airbag behind you rather than between your legs might be preferable...



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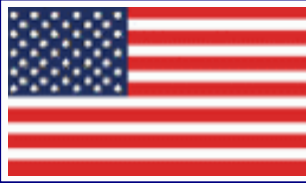


In this illustration, you can see where the airbag deploys from behind the rider. Honda

Both versions use a system that allows the airbag to disconnect from the inflator and bike as soon as it has inflated, sealing the bag so it remains inflated for the duration of the crash. The system described in Honda’s patent application is one that uses the pressure in the airbag to deduce when it’s filled, activating the detachment mechanism, which then uses heat to seal the bag. A check valve in the airbag allows it to deflate at a controlled rate, cushioning impacts as it does so.

While there’s no guarantee that a patent will become a viable product, Honda’s idea seems to be sound, provided the airbag can be inflated fast enough to envelop the rider in an accident, and the chosen shape can accommodate riders of different shapes and sizes. It promises to offer the benefit of airbag-equipped clothing, regardless of what you’re actually wearing at the time of an accident, and given the relatively low cost of automotive airbags it shouldn’t lead to a huge increase in the price of bikes fitted with the system.





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503-508-2104 • backroad-rider@comcast.net

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For Sale

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Contact: Patrick McManus @ 206-355-1924



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For Sale

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New Windshield • Tune Up • Brakes • Ready to go • \$4800**



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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.	9:00am, Sports Keg Bar & Grill, Burlington
Sedro Woolley Area, 1st Sat.	9:00am, Sports Keg Bar & Grill, Burlington

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