



Idacycle News



Idaho United Motorcycle Club International

October 2022

Monthly Meeting

**3rd Saturday
9:00 AM**

Check out the information about the Operation Greatful Hearts on Page 4-5
Some of our members donate their time, energy and donations to this great non-profit organization.

**Oct Meeting
October 15th**

**Come join us for
breakfast at 8am
At the
Golden Corral
2122 N Cassia St,
Nampa, ID**

Christmas Party

**EAGLE SENIOR CENTER
312 E. STATE ST.
EAGLE, ID
12/10/2022**

**We need side dishes, salads and desserts.
We will have the sign-up sheet at the
meeting on Saturday. Be thinking about
what you would like to bring.**

The gift exchange will happen.

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Larry Phelps**

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RANTS FROM LARRY

Welcome friends! I don't know about you but these months heading into fall are breezing by quickly and chilly temperatures are on their way. I'm leaving a couple days after our monthly get together heading to see my kids and granddaughter in Texas via Bakersfield Calif. It's good I have a cargo trailer as I've filled it already with extra clothes, the warm type, tools and assorted grandpa things for the little one.

It sounds as if many of you have been riding experiencing this last bit of weather before the change comes. I'd like to thank Carrie once again for her efforts in Meetup as it has proven to be a valuable tool. I've been a part of it a couple of times and have enjoyed it.. Give it a try its great!

I've been hoping all of you that are familiar with the widows of those who have lost their spouses this year will encourage them to continue to be a part of our group. I know some of them, but not well, but it's been on my heart lately to encourage them to stay connected.

If anyone is interested in a "Go fund me (Larry)" let me know at the meeting. I'm sure Calif will get their pound of flesh from me as I travel through their state.

Well enough from me and please plan on coming to breakfast this Sat. as its always a good time. As always I'm here for your input

Be well, Regards Larry

INTERNATIONAL REP'S COMMENTS

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 Okanagan 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 emailed 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 re-warding 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 county. 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



Operation Grateful Hearts is a 100% volunteer run, 501C (3) non-profit organization set up in remembrance of the many sacrifices everyone in a military family makes, for our freedom and this is our opportunity to give back and show our thanks! Since 1992, we have been assisting Veterans, current Military & their families around the Treasure Valley and Idaho at large... who need a hand up when in a difficult and stressful situation.

In 2018, we were able to sponsor Christmas dinner for 400 deployed airmen from Mtn. Home AFB and support more than 85 families (that's approximately an additional 450+ lives), providing everyday necessities as well as enjoyment.

In 2019, we assisted 30+ individuals & families throughout the year and an additional 135 during our Winter/Christmas Program alone.

In 2020, we not only helped our Christmas families that had much greater needs due to COVID, etc... working alongside Albertson's and with help from a lot of volunteers we were able to deliver more than 300 meals at each holiday, Thanksgiving & Christmas.

In 2021, we were able to expand assisting even more families throughout the year, helping set up apartments with household needs as our Veterans came out of homeless situation. Getting them back on the right foot and feeling productive in our community. We assisted 85 families with greater needs during our Winter/Christmas Program as well.

2022, looks to be our biggest year yet... we continue to help with crisis situations and household items for families starting over. With 600 military members deploying in August and another 400 still deployed the need is going to be even bigger this year.

In addition to Christmas gifts we provide everything from family basic essentials- personal hygiene items, dish & laundry soap; buying food, gas cards, formula, diapers & warm clothes; paying utilities or getting cords of wood for heat; getting everyday necessities to Veterans and their families that are recovering from at risk of or previous homelessness; helping with car repairs to get parents to work or medical appointments; repairs for heating system in the home; ramps for disabled Veterans; and providing family nights for family connections, along with much more.

Every family has unique needs, and we pride ourselves in our versatility to meet these individual needs.

Our organization relies on the donations, time, and goodwill of the people of the Treasure Valley and Idaho at large. Whether it's giving money or an item donation, helping wrap gifts, or volunteering with us for our fundraisers, every little bit helps us achieve and expand our goals.



Supporting Those Who Serve!

Supporting our Idaho veterans, military members and their families when they need a hand up. Lifting these families up and supporting them is our way of thanking them for the sacrifices they make for our freedoms!

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**For more information or to help, go to:
OperationGratefulHearts@gmail.com**

<http://OperationGratefulHearts.us>

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ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED & HARDEST TO COLLECT:

Food Gift Card -WinCo Family
White ones -unable to buy tobacco or alcohol with these cards

Personal Hygiene Card – Walmart

Fuel Card – Maverick, Shell, Texaco

Date Night - Dinner & Movie Tickets

Fast Food or Movie Cards for Teens

Essentials Basket Items for \$65

- 1 – Large laundry basket
- 1 - Family size laundry detergent
- 1 - Family size dry sheets
- 3 - Rolls of paper towels
- 1 - 36 packs of toilet paper
(Angel Soft -Double Rolls)
- 1 – Box of kitchen trash bags
- Large warm blanket OR 2 throw blankets

Some months ago, the UMCI club provided funds for obtaining memorial bricks at the Warhawk Museum in Nampa for Ed Pinson and Sam Stivison. Attached are the pictures indicating that the bricks are available for viewing as they await permanent placement.

The bricks are a fundraising project for the next phase of museum expansion that includes a third hangar bay. The first Tuesday of every month there is a veteran's group that meets for a presentation and time for coffee and for 200-300 veterans to mingle and enjoy each others company. It is free for veterans and Ed hardly ever missed a meeting. Sam and I would ride our bikes, weather permitting, and would find that Ed had saved a spot for us at his favorite table. They are missed by so many. The bricks are a fitting tribute recognizing their service to our country.

My Navy cube-mate from Pensacola gave September's presentation about flying A-6's during Viet Nam. He's already been invited back for next year because he has plenty of stories of his days being a carrier catapult officer. For those that have viewed the latest Top Gun movie with Tom Cruise, the opening sequence of the movie gives an idea of what that life is like.

Please feel free to visit these meetings and share experiences. There are plenty of exhibits and materials available for viewing. Brad Foltman



UMCI BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

10-11 Dennis Siebel
10-15 Sharon Hadley
10-24 Dick Burnam
10-27 Mary Curtis
10-29 Bob Guth
10-30 Lonnie Holliway

NOVEMBER

11-4 Darrell Swigert
11-12 Denis Trom
11-20 John Overton
11-29 Jim Heiland



Socialize with your fellow UMCI members

We meet for coffee and donuts every Thursday morning at 9:30 in Middleton at Ridley's grocery store (upstairs)

Please join us!!!!



REGISTRATION UMCI IDAHO

Check One

_____ I am a member of Idaho UMCI or a member of _____ UMCI
(State or Province)

_____ I would like to become a member of Idaho UMCI

UMCI is funded only by donations, so here is my donation of \$5.00

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Phone _____

Birth date _____

Co-Pilot _____

Birth date _____

E-mail address _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Today's Date _____ *Write Check to Idaho UMCI*

Send to: **Larry Phelps, 419 10th Ave N., Payette, ID 83661**
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What would be really nice. For those of you who continue to support the club with your donations is to be ready and donate in Jan.

