



Idacycle News



Idaho United Motorcycle Club International

October 2023

Monthly Meeting

**3rd Saturday
9:00 AM**

October Meeting

October 21st

**Come join us for
breakfast at 8am
At the**

Golden Corral
2122 N Cassia St,
Nampa, ID

State Rep:

Rick Killebrew
2536 W Whitelaw Dr
Meridian, ID 83646
208-830-8182
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Events

Dec 16th Christmas Party **See Flyer**

7/23-25/2024 International Rally **See Flyer**



Longtime friend of UMCI
Norm Murphy passed away on
October 10th.

Many good memories of riding
with Norm and his wife Lucy.

Dennis Miles from The Dalles, Oregon
also passed away in September.
He and his wife Bernice have been long time
members of UMCI

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Freedom, Friendship, Food, & Fun



Christmas Party

**EAGLE SENIOR CENTER
312 E STATE ST.
EAGLE, ID
12/16/2023**

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 1:00

We will be doing a potluck for the Christmas Party this year. The club will be providing turkey, ham, potatoes and gravy, dinner rolls and beverages (coffee, punch and water)

We will have the sign-up sheet at the meeting this Saturday Oct 21st

We need side dishes, salads and desserts, so be thinking about what you would like to bring.

There will also be the traditional gift exchange. Please bring a gift \$15-\$20 and label your gift man, woman or either.

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, Pavillion...)

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

Loose Gravel

Are you ready for this? **Happy Halloween!!**



There's not a lot to report this month as our camping and overnight events are pretty much done for the year as warm weather riding is drawing to a close for 2023. That's not to say that an extra layer of warm clothing cannot be donned so that we can continue to ride to not so faraway destinations. Consider our UMCI Breakfast Meeting, Tuesday's Ice Cream Socials and Thursday Coffee.

This month's UMCI-Breakfast Meeting at Golden Corral is Saturday 9/21. Breakfast is at 8-ish with our Club Meeting starting at 9:00. Please join your friends! As well, please join us for our Tuesday evening Ice Cream Runs. (See the Schedule included in the Newsletter) If the weather permits, ride. Otherwise, there is always your alternative 4-wheeled vehicles. As you know, some show up early and some show up a little later. However, we all seem to stay late. Also, don't forget that for those that are up and available on Thursday mornings, we meet upstairs at the Ridley's Family Market in Middleton (430 E Main St) around 9:00/9:15.

Riding your bike(s) regularly during our winter months will prevent you having to winterize it. If you can't or don't want to ride during the winter, here are winterizing points to consider: (<https://www.motorcycle.com/how-to/how-to-winterize-your-motorcycle>)

Gas Tank:

Sealed containers such as gas tanks form their own internal micro-climates. If you're going to park your bike for more than a week, completely fill the tank. Otherwise, as the temperature rises and falls, any moisture in the air will condense on the bare metal inside the tank and can cause rust.

If you're storing your bike for the winter, you have two choices for how to prepare the tank. Both methods of tank winterization require that you begin by draining the tank. This is a good maintenance procedure, anyway, since any crud or moisture that has collected during the riding season will be carried out with the fuel. The easiest option is to then pour a fuel stabilizer, like Sta-Bil, into the tank and then fill it completely with fresh gas. Honda recommends the full-tank method for all its fuel injected bikes, and other manufacturers will most likely agree.

Note: If you ride your bike during the winter, keeping the tank full will avoid space for condensation to collect, and consider adding some stabilizer. Remember that if you don't use a full tank, you don't want to over concentrate the stabilizer by adding a full dose when you refill the tank.

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Battery:

Batteries don't store electricity. Instead, batteries store the chemicals necessary to produce electricity. If left unused, lead acid batteries will naturally discharge. Both high and low temperatures will accelerate this loss of charge, and if it's allowed to continue, the battery will reach a deeply discharged state that can dramatically shorten its life. Add a constant drain from an alarm system, and your bike's battery can be stone dead in only two weeks. (Note: If you have a lithium-ion battery installed in your motorcycle, ignore this section of the article. Simply remove the battery from your motorcycle and store it inside out of the cold for the winter.)

Although battery technology continues to improve, producing ever more compact and powerful packages, the only way to maintain a motorcycle battery is to charge it periodically. Fortunately for those of us with lead acid motorcycle batteries, "smart" charger technology has advanced to the point that buying one can pay for itself in a year or two of ownership. You don't even need to remove the battery from your bike. Just plug it in and forget about it. A fused cable tucked safely out of sight will work fine. However, if your bike will be stored in a sub-freezing location, you should let the battery spend the winter in a less stressful environment.

Intelligent chargers constantly monitor the state of a battery, and when the voltage drops, the charging feature kicks in. Once the voltage rises up to the proper level, the charger enters "float" mode, where a neutral charge keeps the voltage from dropping. The difference between these chargers and the basic trickle chargers that can be bought for less than \$10 is the float mode. Trickle chargers just keep trickling away regardless of the battery's condition, which can do as much damage as not charging the battery at all.

Finally, any non-sealed battery (yes, they are still made) should be topped off with distilled water every month or so, if necessary.

Engine:

The internal combustion engine is a toxic environment. The oil that is the lifeblood of the engine must suffer through high temperatures and extreme pressures – all-the-while carrying away the by-products of those thousands of explosions per minute. Once the engine stops running, those contaminants settle out of the oil and can sink their teeth into unprotected metal. However, a quick oil change prior to parking your bike for the winter will pay big dividends in the longevity department. Once the oil has been changed, ride your bike for a couple of miles to make sure the new oil has thoroughly flushed out any remaining contaminants.

Although many sport bike cylinder walls are now coated with alloys rather than lined with iron, you'll still want to protect them from moisture contained in the air trapped in the chambers. Some people prefer to remove the spark plugs and squirt some 50W oil into the spark plug holes. Crank the engine over a few times to coat things before reinstalling the plugs. Another method is to spray fogging oil into the spark plug holes, which may give the cylinders a more thorough protective coating. Fogging oil can be found at many auto parts stores.

Tires:

Bike and tire manufacturers generally agree that it's preferable to store a bike on stands, to prevent the tires from sitting on the same spot for several months. When storing on stands, reduce the tire pressure by 20 percent. If this is not an option, fill the tires up to their maximum recommended pressure and check the pressure every month. Periodically rotating the tires so that the bike's weight rests on different portions of the tread is also helpful. Finally, since ozone ages rubber, store your bike away from electric motors, such as refrigerators.

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Chassis and Finish:

Similarly, washing and waxing your bike prior to storage will help protect the finish. Apply a heavy coat of wax and don't buff it off until spring. You can also spray the engine and other bare metal parts with S100 Corrosion Protectant. Finally, cover the bike to protect it from dust and grit. If your bike is stored indoors, make sure you use a breathable cover. Bikes stored out in the elements need a hardy cover like those from Dowco. Never cover with a tarp or cotton sheets as they may capture and retain moisture.

If you are putting your tent trailer away for the winter, and you have tube struts and supports that don't seem to collapse as they used to, we tried a suggestion of Dick Burnam that fixed ours. Simply:

Separate the tube components one section at a time (no need to remove from the structure, just separate);

Using steel wool or fine sandpaper, sand the outside of the inner tube;

Polish the inside of the outer tube by using a drill and a long rod or drill extension (8' - 10" is best) with a 1" to 1.25" x 3"(approx.) rectangle of fine sand paper duct taped at the end;



Clean the tube components (compressed air for the inside of the outer tube, and a dry cloth for the inner tube);

Spray a dry lube on a cloth or paper towel and wipe outside of inner tube and spray inside the outer tube using applicator hose being careful not to over spray on tent;

Reassemble tubes for like new results!!

Be Safe, Ride Safe, Ride Together... Stay off the edges, that's where the loose gravel ("Marbles") lives.

Rick Killebrew – UMCI Idaho State Representative

UMCI Cargo Trailer Polished and it's registration complete



INTERNATIONAL REPS TWO CENTS!

International Reps 2 Cents

What a great way to start out September, by attending the Tygh Valley campout hosted by Mary Nordby and Ben Altman. Finer hosts cannot be found. There were about 40 people in attendance and all were very pleased. And to top off the great hospitality, the weather was great except for those that arrived on Thursday, they got some pretty heavy rain.

Ben and Mary prepared dinner for everyone all three nights and the meals were fantastic. Plus, they highlighted points of interest that would make enjoyable rides. Thank you, Ben and Mary, for making us all feel like we were home. A great rally!

Speaking of rides, on our way to Tygh Valley, Richard, Lynette and Tracy rode with us. I took them via the Washington side of Biggs Junction. They had never traveled the north side of the Columbia River, so it was a pleasant surprise. We had no troubles getting there and a little trouble getting home.

Lynette's bike displayed a check engine light on the ride to the Three Sisters. Lynette called the campground and spoke to Ron Mattox and Dick Burnam about continued driving and they advised that if the fluid levels were good, it shouldn't hurt to return to camp. We drove back home to Othello with the light on although the bike sounded a little rough.

Lynette text me with the Can Am dealers diagnosis; a cam shaft sensor that was going south. She was certainly lucky to get the bike home. The Lord was truly watching over her and all of us. Can Am dealer was backlogged, delaying service until the end of September, so that ruins all her riding for that month. But the bottom line is, everyone got home safely and had a great time.

Our Sunday breakfast meeting at Bob's, had about 12 participants. Kevi was in Bremerton with her sisters so I asked my youngest daughter to join me. We had a great time. Richard took the lead and we rode to Davenport where there was a display of old time combines harvesting a wheat field. They were even shocking wheat and running it through a thrashing machine. That was the first job I had at age 12, shocking wheat. It was really cool to see again.

It was a great way to spend a Sunday, watching something that your dad did when he was a kid. I thought my daughter Sandra, would be bored, but she said she really enjoyed it, the ride especially. It was her first ride on a trike. Great ride and great friends, that's what it's all about.

I hope that you'll get out and ride. The month of September is one of the prettiest months of the year in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. The registration for the 2024 International is already in the newsletters. Please, let Rich know at least, that you're intending to go to the International. He is in the planning stages now and would appreciate the early heads up.

Ride Safe, Ride lot's, and most of all have a ton of fun.

UMCI BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

10-11 Dennis Siebel
10-24 Dick Burnam
10-27 Mary Curtis
10-30 Lonnie Holloway

NOVEMBER

11-12 Denis Trom
11-20 John Overton
11-29 Jim Heiland



WEEKLY ICE CREAM RUN
'2023' ALL Times 6:30pm

Sept 19th	Fancy Freeze	1750 W McMillan, Meridian
Sept 26th	A & W	677 S Main St, Meridian
Oct 3rd	Stella's	2826 S Eagle Rd, Suite 140, Eagle
Oct 10th	Culvers	3494 E Tecate Lane, Meridian
Oct 17th	Cold Stone	1238 Caldwell Blvd, Nampa
Oct 24th	Dairy Queen	5251 Glenwood, Garden City
Oct 31st	Halloween	No Ice Cream
Nov 7th	Westside Drive Inn	1113 E Park Center Blvd, Boise
Nov 14th	Arctic Circle	145 S Plummer Way, Star
Nov 21st	Lovejoy's	1760 S Meridian Rd #101, Meridian
Nov 28th	Freddy's	5009 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell



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!!!!



FOR SALE

2017 Honda VT750C2B Shadow Phantom

Great motorcycle for beginners, shorter riders or anyone that likes reliable cruisers. Has plenty of power to maintain freeway speeds with it's 745cc V-twin engine and shaft drive. Handles well at slow speeds due to the low seat height and center of gravity. This bike is set up for commuting or long rides with saddlebags, comfortable Mustang solo seat, removable windshield and lots of other goodies.

Basically, one owner. Purchased in April 2020 with 281 miles. Currently has just 3047 miles. Always garaged. Clear title.

\$2000 in Aftermarket accessories

- Mustang solo seat
- Viking large leather saddlebags
- Viking leather windshield pouch
- Cobra floorboards
- Memphis Shades Windshield with Trigger-Lock mount kit
- Highway bars
- Kissan Headlight modulator / LED headlight
- Handlebar risers

Asking \$7500 obo. Original parts are included



Price Reduced \$5,990



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(State or Province)

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Write Check to Idaho UMCI

Send to: **Rick Killebrew, 2536 W Whitelaw Dr, Meridian, ID 83646**
ricadev@mindspring.com

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.

