



International representative what does that really mean and what does it mean to me. I am pretty sure all of you know me if not I hope to get around and meet all of my UMCI friends. My name is Kevin Besel I am currently the Washington State Rep as well and my chapter that I go to for rides and meetings is the Columbia Basin Area in Moses Lake Washington.

First of all I am truly humbled by the support that was shown to me at the International when I was nominated for the International Rep's responsibilities. I take being International Rep very seriously and I have mixed emotions as to whether or not I was the right choice, but will give it 100% for sure.

I am going to follow in Daniel and Stephanie Magee's direction and continue to get our presence on the internet established because they did such a great job getting our word out on the net. If you have not been on the club site go to UnitedMotorcycleclubInternational.org and you will be surprised. You can click on any link and see what is going on at other areas read there newsletters and find out what type of events they have going on really cool. I want to thank Daniel and Stephanie for their hard work and dedication to the UMCI fantastic job.

I see a lot of challenges in this position but I also see a lot of reward in seeing our club move forward and to be viable again. I hear lots of negative things at our International as the State and Provincial reps give their reports. The biggest thing that I heard is our group is getting older so most are riding less or not participating at all. The ever present question of how do we attract new members echo's in everyone's reports. How do we compete with other clubs and as I see it other clubs are having the same problems that we are having. The younger generation doesn't want to belong to a group the less rules the better.

Our club is unique in that most of our Rallies are campouts which requires a tent a tent trailer RV or a stay in a Motel. I think that is what we need to promote is that we are unique and that you will be able to go to a rally and ride in other areas in the States or Canada that should be an incentive to at least look us over. One of the things in our logo is friendship and you can't build quicker friendships with others than a 2 or three day campout and then ride is some of the most beautiful places on earth. "Think about it".

I am in the middle of getting all of the information I need from Daniel and Stephanie and my first priority will be to get the lines of communication set and functioning between myself and all the State and Provincial reps. We will have a tough time if all of us are not on the same page.

I thank all of you for your confidence in me I realize that it is a big job but I would not have accepted it unless I was sure I could do some good for the club!!

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS!!! FROM THE YOUNGEST MEMBER TO THE OLDEST THIS IS YOUR CLUB. WITHOUT YOU WE WILL NOT CONTINUE AS THE UMCI. PLEASE STEP UP HELP WITH RIDES, RALLIES OR WHATEVER IS NEEDED! "YOUR INPUT AND PARTICIPATION ARE GREATLY NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

Thank you Kevin and Kevi