



Border Riders Newsletter

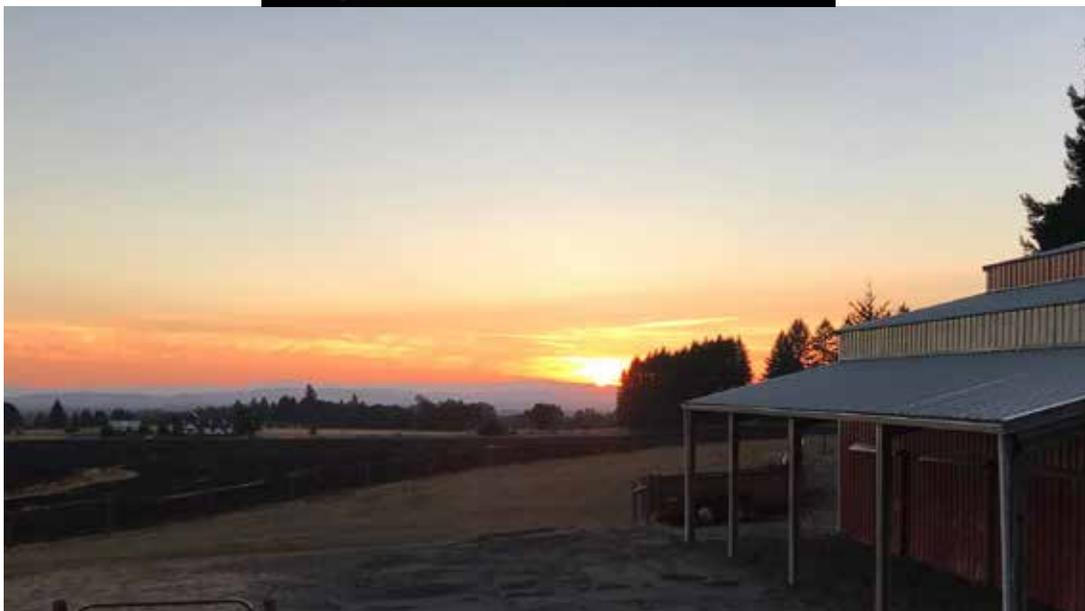
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Welcome!

The Border Riders Motorcycle Club (BRMC) is an organized group of guys who like to ride and camp. Our membership spans the Pacific Northwest, with the greatest participation in Portland, Seattle, and Vancouver B.C. We have one of the largest memberships of gay clubs in North America, and welcome like-minded guests to join us on our monthly club events and local activities during the riding months. Check the main page of the website at www.borderriders.com for additional information.

August Recap

Our August run and campout was at our very own Road Captain's ranch in Stayton Oregon... just feet off the dead center line of the total solar elicpse! The weekend was extended to Monday so that we could all enjoy the spectacle of it all. And boy, was it worth it! See both the President's and Road Captain's messages for more on this incredible weekend.



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The President's Corner

I can't believe that summer is drawing to a close already. It seems like just yesterday that we were heading for Entiat and Victoria Day Weekend. The August campout at our Road Captain's place outside of Stayton, Oregon was great. Thanks to Mark for hosting the group at his place. He went above the call of duty in getting ready to host the group. Even though we had a small group of 18 everyone had a good time. Since we only had eight members attend we cancelled the monthly membership meeting. I extended an invitation to the Vancouver Gay Riders when we rode with them at the Vancouver Pride Parade to join us at the August run for the solar eclipse. We had three guests from British Columbia join us.

I left work a bit before 3:00 on Friday to begin my journey south for the August campout. I figured that I would spend the night in Beaverton as I figured I wouldn't get to Stayton until after dark. What a mistake to leave at that hour on a Friday afternoon. It took me three hours to make it 90 miles down I-5 to Lacey where I stopped for gas. To avoid Portland and to get off I-5, I decided to go down Oregon 30 along the Columbia River. I cut over Cornelius Pass Road to head to BRMC guest David H place. I managed to take a wrong turn and wander around the hills above Beaverton and finally arrived at David's place at 10:00 pm. It took 7 hours to go what normally should take around 5 hours.



The next morning BRMC guests Andy N, David H and myself had breakfast at IHOP and road down to Mark's place. We arrived in the early afternoon. Most everyone was out on a short day ride. Mark had cleaned out his bar, which included removing the horse stalls and pressuring washing it. Most were camped in the barn. Mark had arranged for dinner at his place of barbecued chicken, pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw and potato salad. Just as everyone was finishing up dinner our three guests from Canada arrived. The remainder of the evening was spent socializing on the deck.

Sunday morning most headed out to breakfast in town. I remained at Mark's as I wasn't feeling well. After breakfast a few wandered back with the remainder going on a short day ride. Some wanted to go to the coast but decided against it due to the potential to run into traffic so the ride was to Detroit Lake and surrounding area. Sunday evening Mark and Leo provided lasagna, Cesar Salad and bread for dinner. Once again everyone hung out on the deck with a few getting in the hot tub. Joe C and his guest Jeff K arrived Saturday afternoon.

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The President's Corner, continued...

On Monday everyone was excited to watch the solar eclipse and anxious for it to get started. About 9:00 everyone gathered in the pasture to watch the event of a lifetime. At 9:05 the moon began to block out the sun. Finally about 10:18 the moon fully blocked the sun. It had gradually grown darker and a few stars could be seen. It was eerily quiet, except for the goofiness of the group. Suddenly as the moon fully blocked the sun the diamond ring burst out around the moon.

Once the sun began appearing from behind the moon guys began to leave. I rode with Dennis H, Dale C, Dan S, and guests Andy N and David H. Plans were to head up through Silverton and Molala and Estacada, cross the Columbia River at Cascade Locks and ride on the east side of Mount St Helens through Randle and on north. We left the Shell gas station at 11:15 and joined the traffic jam headed north. David H was the first to drop out of the group due to the slow speed and head back to Mark's place. A short distance later Dan S, with his passenger Daniel, turned around and headed back as well due to his bike getting hot. The remaining four of us stuck out the crawl north. We arrived in Estacada at 4:00. Having gone a measly 50 miles in just under 4 hours!

We decided to stop for dinner and re-evaluate our route. In looking at the time of day, the distance to travel on our original route and the fact that I-5 appeared to be me clear of Portland we decided to head for Troutdale and over to I-205. By the time we arrived at I-205 it was also crawling. Traffic did not let up until north of Centralia. I finally made it home at midnight. It took 13 hours to travel 322 miles. I averaged about 25 miles per hour. I was so glad to get off the bike.

I would like to remind everyone to keep an eye out while riding. Remember to be alert and constantly watching traffic and conditions around you. Ride your ride. In the past two weeks I have had two



instances of a vehicle changing lanes while I was next to them. One was on I-5 headed back from our campout. The group was riding along at 70 plus miles an hour with me as tailgunner when a mini-van in the left lane beside us decided to move into our lane and totally cut me off. Fortunately the lane next to me was empty and I was able to move to the right. The second time occurred while riding to work. A pickup decided to change lanes without looking. This time I had nowhere to go and had to sharply apply the brakes causing the rear tire to skid and the bike to fishtail. I was sure that I was going to go down. Fortunately I regained control of the bike. A few miles later I caught up with the truck and the lady looked at me and just shrugged. Be careful out there..... those cars are out to get us.

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Road Captain Rumbings

Thank you to everyone who made the August Eclipse Campout so much fun. Seeing a total eclipse for the first time with friends made the experience that much better. Perfect watching from my pasture, especially since we were able to look at the valley to the west and watch the shadow run us over. I now understand why even a 99% eclipse is nothing compared to totality!

We had five people who had never camped with us before; three from Canada! Our President, Jeff Connor, invited them when the Club participated in the Vancouver, BC Pride Parade. We also had riders that either only have done day rides or have not ridden with us in years, come all way down to Stayton. The traffic home was a mess, but worth the once in a lifetime experience.

Our next run will be at Larrabee State Park in Bellingham, Washington. Nice and close to Canada so our northern brothers can join us. Chris and Richard have offered to be my Road Captain Buddies. They will be planning a nice dinner for us on Saturday. Details will be posted on the website on September 1st.

I'm already deep in plans for 2018 and have secured Kettle Falls, Washington for July and Goldstream Provincial Park on Vancouver Island, BC for August. I will keep you posted on the others as soon as I get them secured.

Enjoy the nice weather while it stays. You know how it can turn here in the PNW.

Mark Brayford



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September Ride/Camping

Larrabee State Park - September 15, 16, 17

Situated on 2683 acres of park camping with some 8100 feet of shoreline, this is one of the premiere campgrounds in Washington. Located near Bellingham in the northwest, the park features lakes, coves, and tidelands.

The weather this time of year is either fantastic. This is expected to be one of the Border Rider's best rides of the season, so you do not want to miss out.

You can register on our website at <http://borderriders.com>.



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Remembering Sam Bullied

Former BRMC member Sam Bullied recently passed away. The following was posted on Facebook by his partner and BRMC member Doug Hutchison.

Hello everyone it is with deep sadness that I announce the sudden passing of my Best Friend and Partner of 17 years, Sam Bullied on Wednesday August 9.

He was a wonderful partner, father to his two children Shaun and Marianne and great grandfather to two wonderful grand kids. A very reserved and



quiet person but once you got to know him he had a most wonderful sense of humour. I loved him very deeply and I AM GOING TO MISS HIM. I cherish the days I have had with him, the ups and down, the little things and BIG ones, the I love you's, hugs, kisses ,pokes and unwanted tickles that we shared together. We had wonderful road trips together throughout the Pacific Northwest. We both loved motorcycle and have taken a number of trips down the coast and to the east. Our home that we shared, two awesome dogs. The best Family and Friend the two of us could ever had wished for to share our lives with.

Always say I love you, always say your sorry, always forgive for you may never have that chance again. GIVE HUGS LOTS every moment you can and there can never be enough I LOVE YOUs in a day. Sam I love you so very much and want to give you one giant BEAR HUG AND KISS. I am so very heart broken and miss you so very much. You can never be replaced in my heart and I will live on with many wonderful memories of our lives together.

Rest in peace my wonderful husband. I LOVE YOU

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2018 Board of Directors

It is time to begin thinking about members for the Board of Directors for 2018. Nominations for directors must be done at our October, November and December meetings with elections held in January. The board consists of the following positions and all positions are open each year. The positions are President, Vice President, Road Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer. One of the best ways to be involved with the club is to step up and be on the board. Please take some time and give thought to serving your club.

New Members

New members are elected into the club in January at the Annual General Meeting. Now would be the time to nominate anyone for consideration for membership. Candidates for membership can be nominated at any business meeting of the club. The earlier in the year that a candidate for membership is nominated the more familiar existing members can become with the nominee.

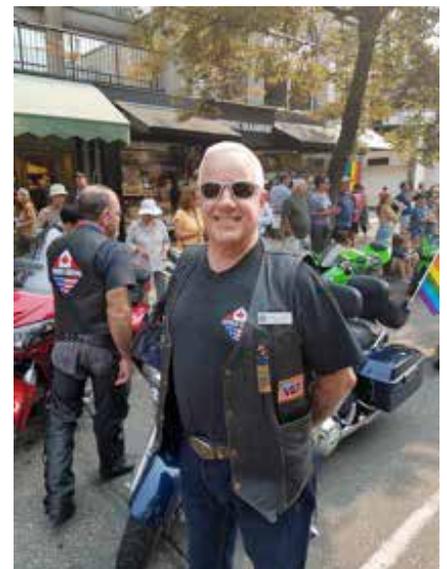
High Mileage Award

Members who have signed up for the high mileage award must have their bikes present for the end-of-season check in on Saturday evening September 16 at the meeting.

Seattle Day Ride Recap

On Sunday, August 6th, Jeff C and Marc L met for breakfast at the Calico Cupboard in Mount Vernon before heading north to ride in the Vancouver Gay Pride Parade. Richard A joined them for breakfast but did not tag along for the ride. Jeff and Marc made great time and crossed the border with no wait. After crossing the border they paused to await the arrival of the other four riders.

Dennis H and Dale C rode up to Bellingham on Saturday, August 5th and spent the night with BRMC guest Aaron M. Chris L joined up with the three at Aaron's place and headed out to meet up with Jeff and Marc. Once the group of six was all together they rode on into Vancouver arriving at the parade staging area on at Robson and Bute at 10:30 am.



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The six of us were among the first to arrive to ride with the Vancouver Gay Riders. Nick Boyko of the Vancouver Gay Riders had extended an invitation to BRMC to join them in the Pride Parade. Nick worked with the Vancouver Pride Committee to get approval to ride in the parade and Trev Deeley Motorcycle (Harley Davidson dealer) sponsored the group.

The parade was scheduled to kick off at noon. During the wait we visited with the Vancouver Gay Riders and hung out. One guy came from Calgary and had a buddy riding with him from Edmonton. Both stripped down to their speedos to ride. Another guy was from Victoria. We ended up with 13 bikes in all. In addition Trev Deeley had a truck with a Harley in the back in the parade.



The Vancouver Gay Riders were the first official entry in the parade. The dykes on bikes were in front of us and the color guard directly behind us.



Initial plans called for the group to ride more or less in formation with some of the riders in front of the pickup and some behind it. However, after a block or two it became apparent that the color guard was falling farther and farther behind even though we were barely moving. We then began to ride freely. At one point I think the gap that we were filling between the dykes on bikes and the color guard was nearly half the parade route. It gave us plenty of opportunity to interact with the crowd as we rode past them again and again and again.

At the end of the parade we quickly grabbed our helmets and jackets out of the pick-up.

Members Iain M and Doug H greeted us through the fence. It was great to get a chance to say hello to them. After the parade Nick had arranged for us to park our bikes at his condo complex. After parking the bikes the BRMC riders headed up Davie Street. We lost two riders to food at the FountainHead Pub and the other four of us ended up at PumpJacks. After hanging out there for a couple of hours we all met up and headed home.

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September Seattle Area Day Ride

Since the day ride falls during the Labor Day weekend there will not be a day ride organized for the Seattle area members. Having said that, please check out the Oyster Run for your riding enjoyment.

Oyster Run

The annual Oyster Run in Anacortes is on Sunday, September 24th. The Oyster Run is the largest motorcycle run in the Pacific Northwest. In lieu of a September day ride it would be great to get together to attend the Oyster Run. The day will feature The Garth Reeves Band, The Seattle Cossacks Motorcycle Drill Team, Whidbey Island Roller Girls, Street Vendors, Food and Entertainment. It is a sight to be seen. www.oysterrun.org



North Cascades Harley-Davidson in Burlington on Saturday September 23rd is having live music, stunt riders, food and more to celebrate Oyster Run Weekend. From 12:00 pm to 4:00 there will be a beer garden and Troy Fair Band will be playing. Complimentary lunch by Delish AF and games as well. 1 Wheel Revolution stunt riders will be performing all day.

www.northcascadesharley.com/eventslist/64196/359383

Game Plan

Come on up sometime on Saturday, attend the fun at North Cascades Harley-Davidson if you want. Jeff will host a potluck barbecue at his place at 7:00. Bring a side dish or dessert. Stay the night. Lots of room for camping or roll out your bed roll on the floor. Sunday morning we'll meet for breakfast at 8:00 at Mr. T's in Mount Vernon and then head over to the Oyster Run.

We can take the back roads into Anacortes and avoid much of the traffic. We can then spend time shopping the vendors, watching the Cossacks Motorcycle Drill Team, and check out all the bikes. The Vancouver Gay Riders are planning a day ride to come down to the Oyster Run. It would be fun to meet up with them at the Oyster Run.

Please let Jeff C know (wajeff@hotmail.com or 360-202-1930) if you plan to participate in the Oyster Run Weekend festivities. This is not an official BRMC sponsored event but an opportunity for our members and guests to get together and have some fun outside of our regular BRMC rides.

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Birthdays

We have 2 members with birthdays this month!
Please take a moment to wish them a great day.

Jeff Booth - Sep 28
Kevin Sauer - Sep 05



Calendar

- September 15-17 Larrabee State Park, Bellingham, WA
- September 24th Oyster Run (non-BRMC ride)t

Meet & Greets

Every month, BRMC members will be available for new and returning guys to connect and learn more about the club and opportunities to participate. If you are interested, check out the following locations and time. Also, in addition to the club's monthly runs, local rides are organized, weather permitting. To learn more, email the ride captain for specific details at captain@borderriders.com.

Portland:

- Meet & Greet - 1st Tuesday of the month: Aug 5th @ 7pm, The Portland Eagle
- Local Ride - The Saturday after the Meet & Greet. To be announced at the Meet & Greet.

Seattle:

- Meet & Greet - The 2nd Wednesday of the month: September 13th @ 7pm, The Cuff
- Local Ride - Oyster Run, September 24th

Send Us Your Photos

The website has a place for our registered members and guests to easily upload photos you might take on day rides or trips. You can also easily upload photos directly from your smartphone. If you have a large number of photos or videos let us know and we can provide an easier process. You can also send photos to news@borderriders.com.

Contributions

Trip plans, day rides, other member news? When you get out riding send some photos and tell us about what you did. We would love to add it to the newsletter.

