



Border Riders Newsletter

August 2017

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.

July Recap

The ride to Shuswap Lake Provincial Park, Scotch Creek, BC was, in a rare occurrence, cancelled this month due to fires in the area. Safety of those on the ride is of paramount concern to the organization, and it was felt this was the best option. Hopefully, everyone got in on the local rides and are out enjoying this great Summer weather.

Local Rides

Four riders met at the Anacortes Ferry Terminal for a slow, scenic, and relaxing tour of the San Juan Islands. Together they made up the most diverse group of motorcycles at the Terminal. Jeff represented trikes with his CanAm, Marc had ultimate comfort and luxury covered with his Goldwing, Darrel represented the classic biker with his Harley cruiser, and Buck was the odd man out on an adventure bike.

After boarding the ferry the first stop was Lopez Island. The group headed south along the east side of the island with a stop at Spencer Spit State Park. After a nice walk on the Spit, the tour continued toward the southern tip of the island.

Eventually the tour went north along the west side of the island where there were several scenic bays, coves, and harbors for the guys to enjoy. The group eventually made it back to the Lopez Ferry Terminal where they boarded the next ferry bound for Friday Harbor.

Once back on solid ground on San Juan Island; the guys quickly decided to grab lunch in Friday Harbor. Once fed, the tour moved south to South Beach where the guys spent some time looking across the water at the Olympic Peninsula and Olympic Mountains. The tour continued with stops at the Cattle Point Lighthouse and American Camp where the group historian Darrel shared some interesting facts about the British and English occupation of the Island. The next stop was Roche Harbor where the men spent some time walking through town. As a result of the summer heat, the guys had no choice but to grab an ice cream cone from a local vendor to cool down. The tour picked up again with a short ride back to Friday Harbor where they were able to jump to the front of the line of cars awaiting the ferry back to Anacortes.



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The President's Corner

I can't believe it is August already. The summer is going by way to fast. Unfortunately we cancelled the July run to Shuswap Lake Provincial Park at Scotch Creek, BC. We had a small group register for the weekend but due to the smoke from the forest fires we felt it was best to cancel. There weren't any fires near the camp site but heavy smoke and poor air quality. Part of a weekend run is to enjoy the scenery but we wouldn't have been able to see much with all the smoke.

We only have two runs left for the season. The August run will be here before you know it. Mark has been putting an extra effort into planning this run as we have extended it to include the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21. This is the first total solar eclipse since 1979 to cross the continental states. Mark has arranged for dinner to be brought to camp. Mark will be hosting us at his place since it is directly in the path of the eclipse.

The other day I heard on the news that Oregon is anticipating over a million visitors to the state to watch the solar eclipse. They are expecting heavy traffic on Monday as people return home. Please be prepared to take extra time to return home after watching the eclipse and be sure to ride safely. You may want to plan ahead and find alternate routes to take to try and avoid some of the traffic. I can recall being in high school in and watching the solar eclipse in 1979. The school let classes go outside to observe the eclipse. We were reminded not to directly look at the sun. We were all standing around on the lawn in front of the high school not sure what to expect. Gradually it began to get dark as the moon slid in front of the sun until there was just a small band of the sun showing around the moon. During this time everyone grew quiet and once it was mostly over we all returned to class and continued the day as normal.

Speaking of the summer going by fast it seems that it has been forever since we have had any rain. With all the great sunshine I have been riding my bike to work almost daily. Now that I am working in Everett and having to deal with commuting at least I am enjoying time on the bike. I have not ever had to deal with commuting in traffic before.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Oregon.
Jeff Connor, President



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Road Captain Rumbings

It's hard to express how disappointed I was to have to cancel the campout in Canada. I tried for years to get Shuswap Lake campsite as my brothers kept telling what a great place to go. In the end, it was just too dangerous to go riding with all the smoke in the area and with roads closing. Equally frustrating was not being able to quickly find an alternative site to go camping.

But on to August and the Great Solar Eclipse of 2017. As everyone knows by now, I live right under the path of the totality, so I'm really excited to have my brothers in my neck of the woods. In fact, the run will be on and around my property. My neighbor is letting me use some of his land and I have a huge empty barn and hay loft for those of you that want to camp bunkhouse style.

This will be a longer weekend event than usual as the eclipse is on Monday morning, so the campout will be for the entire weekend; Friday thru Monday. It will be a very busy weekend for the state and especially any area under the shadow. Be prepared to take your time going home on the Monday.

The town of Stayton is more on the rural side, with the bars and restaurants in the area on the smaller side. Since this would make it harder for everyone to eat at the same place, Saturday and Sunday night meals will be provided at the run for an additional fee.

Let me know if anyone has any day rides planned so I can get the word out. It's been a beautiful summer and I want to be able to share it with as many of our brothers and friends as possible.

September 15-17 run is in Bellingham Washington at Larrabee State Park. I want to thank Chris and Richard for being my Road Captain Buddies for the weekend. This is a beautiful area to ride and should be a great weekend.

Mark Brayford
Road Captain 2017



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Vancouver BC Pride Parade Ride

Vancouver, BC Pride Parade (Seattle Day Ride)
Sunday, August 6, 2017

The Vancouver Gay Riders have invited the Border Riders Motorcycle Club to join them in the parade. Vancouver Gay Riders is hoping to have one of the largest motorcycle contingents ever in this year's Vancouver Pride Parade. Trev Deeley Harley Davidson is the sponsor for the group.

Since this is the date for our Seattle Day Ride I thought it would be a good opportunity for us to do a north of the border run and join with the Vancouver Gay Riders in the parade. We will meet for breakfast at 7:15 at the Calico Cupboard in Mount Vernon. Kickstands up at 8:15. We need to be in line for the parade by 11:00 a.m. with the parade kicking off at 12:00 noon. Be sure to wear your colors and to have your passport, enhanced ID, Nexus card or other documents required to cross the border.

Vancouver Gay Riders will be in position AN1 which is the first "official" position in the parade. It is tradition that the Dykes on Bikes kicks off the parade. The VGR group has invited the Dykes on Bikes to ride with them to show solidarity for the LGBTQ community. The line-up area is on the north side of Robson St between Thurlow and Bute Streets. Enter the staging area from Thurlow St. We must be in place by 11:00 am. According to the parade schedule the first group should reach the dispersal area (end of parade) at about 12:50. We can then either watch the remainder of the parade and attend the festival or head for home.

If anyone would like to get a start on the day ride they are welcome to stay at my place the night before. I have plenty of floor space and room for tents as well.

British Columbia members and guests please join us at the staging area by 11:00. Please let Jeff C. know if you plan to meet up and ride in the parade. Please email at President@borderriders.com or call or text 360-202-1930.

I hope that we can have a good showing for the club!



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Birthdays

We have 8 members with birthdays this month!
Please take a moment to wish them a great day.

Troy Allen - Aug 21
Hal Angel - Aug 29
Stan Christiansen - Aug 24
John Dunn - Aug 26

Dave Jackson - Aug 16
Bill Lantiegne - Aug 10
Jack Osterberg - Aug 26
Buck Wise - Aug 14



Calendar

- August 18-21 Stayton, OR - under the eclipse!
The campout is at Mark's house. Dinner on both Sat and Sun for an additional fee of \$25.00 per person (package fee is \$50 for members, \$60 for guests). Eclipse glasses for provided.
- September 15-17 Larrabee State Park, Bellingham, WA

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 1st @ 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: August 9th @ 7pm, The Cuff
- Local Ride - Vancouver BC Pride Parade, Sunday August 6th

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.

