



Border Riders Newsletter

December 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.

Register **NOW** for the Holiday Party!

The holiday party is December 9th.

Register now!

See page 4 for more details!

November Club Meeting Recap

The November club meeting was held at The Junction, in Vancouver B.C. After a short meeting, the group broke up into dinner parties and headed off to their chosen place to eat. It was great to catch up and see everyone this time of year.



BRMC December Group Photo @ The Junction, Vancouver, B.C.

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From The President's Handlebars

Another year is drawing to a close. Most of us have made it through the year. We did lose a couple of former members, Sam Bullied and Collin Fellows. I would like to thank my fellow board members Dan S, Mark B, John D, and Richard A for helping to guide the club through another year. I would also like to thank each of our members for always being on hand to step up and volunteer when needed. Without your help and involvement the club would not continue to exist. Onward to our 50th Anniversary!

Normally by this time of year my motorcycle is parked in the garage and doesn't get started again until April or May. However, this year I have still been riding. The heated gear sure makes for a much more pleasurable ride. In looking back upon the riding season this year I've had some great riding experiences. I've had the opportunity to get to know some of our members and guests better. The high lite of nearly every month during the summer was the ability to gather with fellow club members and to spend time riding and socializing.

We had a short meeting in November at The Junction Pub in Vancouver, BC. We did not have enough members to have a quorum. It was good to be in Vancouver and to see many of our fellow members and guests from British Columbia. After dinner the group broke up into smaller groups and went to dinner at various local establishments. Some went to a nearby Greek restaurant and others to a Chinese place. A couple members high-tailed it for the border and home. I would like to thank Peter L for arranging with The Junction to host our meeting.

Dave Jackson has opened his house to host the annual Holiday Party and white elephant gift exchange. The gift guideline should be a cost of about \$10 but the value could be limitless. Definitely keep in mind the entertainment value of the gift as it is opened. The gift exchange has been entertaining in the past and I am sure we will have fun once again this year. The gathering is a member's only function and registration is not on the public portion of the website. If you wish to invite a guest, and guests are more than welcome, you will need to register them. Remember, the more the merrier.

The bylaws state that officer nominations may be presented at the December meeting, so we will be having a brief meeting consisting of roll call and nominations.

During the upcoming months we will have our Annual General Meeting where we will elect officers for next year as well as review and approve the budget for 2017. Chris Livingston volunteered at the November meeting to plan the food for the AGM which will be held at the Cuff Complex in Seattle. In February we will be back in Vancouver, BC at the Holiday Inn for our Anniversary Banquet where we will install our new officers as well as present awards to members. Peter L has been coordinating with the host hotel for the event. Moving on to March and April meetings we will begin the planning process for our annual Victoria Day Weekend Camp-out. Spring and another great camping season will soon be upon us.

Once again, thank you to all who have helped to make the events this year so successful. Every little bit helps. Mark your calendars for 2018 and be sure to join us for as many events as possible. I hope to see all of you at the Holiday Party!

Jeff Connor, *BRMC President 2017*

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It comes with great sadness to learn of the November passing of one of our own - Collin Fellows. Collin had been a long time BRMC member and was a huge help in contributing to the events that took place. He was loved by many, if not all, who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Collin is survived by his long time partner Marlin Hofer of 20 some years, and two adorable dogs. In recent times, Collin had developed a skill for quilting, producing many beautiful quilt works.

Marlin has indicated he will organize a memorial service sometime in the spring of 2018.



Road Captain Rumblings

The holidays are upon us! I hope that all of you are being safe and having a great time with all your motorcycle buddies. It's my wish that you get all of the accessories that you want for Christmas. (Just a subtle reminder to those of you who have partners or boyfriends with motorcycles.)

The upcoming Christmas dinner will be in Molalla Oregon with Dave Jackson. I was not able to make it to the Vancouver BC meeting last month, so I'm looking forward to seeing everyone for Christmas. Jackson always puts on a great party.

Looking forward to next year; the Annual General Meeting in January will be in Seattle at The Cuff Complex as usual. It's really important that all members attend as this is when we vote on the next board and on important issues for the Club. The annual banquet in February will be in Vancouver BC; details on the website to follow.

As reported before, the 2018 run schedule is set and details will be on the website early next year. Keep in mind that the Club will have a contingent in the June Portland Pride Parade in 2018; we've been trying to arrange this for years. The campsite for June will be close by in Estacada.

Have a wonderful holiday season and wishing for awesome riding weather next year.

Mark Brayford, *BRMC Road Captain 2017*

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2018 Board of Directors

According to the Club Bylaws nominations for club officers are to be done at the October, November and December club meetings with the elections held at the AGM. Voting is by secret ballot with the person receiving the most votes in each position assuming office at the Annual Banquet. Officer positions are President, Vice President, Road Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please give some thought to serving as an officer of the club. The following were nominated at the September meeting:

President:	Jeff C
Vice President:	Dan S
Road Captain:	Dennis H
Secretary:	John D
Treasurer:	Stan C

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.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The annual AGM will be held on January 20th at the Cuff Complex in Seattle. This is the time to renew club dues, elect officers for the coming year as well as conduct club business. Please remember that if your eligibility to vote has lapsed that you must attend two business meetings in order to be able to vote at the AGM. If you have questions about your eligibility to vote please contact the club secretary.

Anniversary Banquet Dinner

It is not too early to start thinking about the Anniversary Banquet. This year the Anniversary Banquet will be in Vancouver, BC. Peter L has taken on the task of helping plan and organize the banquet for the club. The Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown has been selected as the location for the banquet (refer to contact details in the above November Club Meeting notice). Further details regarding the event will be forthcoming as we draw closer to the date. Be sure to mark your calendar for February 17th. The host hotel has reserved a block of rooms and a group rate of \$119.00 (Canadian) for anyone wishing to spend the night or weekend. Reservations must be booked by January 25th and be sure to use the group code **BOR** when booking a room.

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December 9th Holiday Party

This year our annual Holiday Party and white elephant gift exchange will be hosted by Dave Jackson at his place outside Molalla. The date is December 9th. You can arrive anytime that day and keep Dave company (and likely help out). You are advised to arrive before dark as so to minimize the chances of getting lost (LOL). It takes about an hour from Portland to work your way here. Detailed directions will be provided in the confirmation email. Try to get there at least by 3-4pm. Group social time is at 4pm, and dinner at 6pm, maybe before if things get ready!.

For those who want to stay, Dave has 3 guest rooms that can sleep 6 (double up, guys) and acres of floor space (bring your air mattress and sleeping gear). Additionally, Molalla has a motel and a B&B just 8 miles back into town. You can check them out at their respective websites:

The Stagecoach Inn: <http://www.stagecoachinnmolalla.com>
The Prairie House: <http://theprairiehouseinn.com>

Registration/dinner is \$20 via PayPal on the website <http://borderriders.com>. Payment is none refundable, and the cutoff day to register is Wednesday December 6th.

There will be a white elephant gift exchange again this year. Keep the value to around \$10. Both gag gifts (no pun intended) and fabulous gifts are fair game. And, of course, festive holiday attire is encouraged.

The menu is shaping up to be as follows:

Appetizers:

- Bacon wrapped water chestnuts
- Fancy bread for dipping in oil/balsamic vinegar
- Grazing nuts

Main course:

- Turkey meat loaf muffins
- Smoked ham
- Garlic mashed potatoes
- Roasted corn kernels
- Salad
- There will be non-spicy and veggie variants of the meat loaf available.

Desert:

- Dave's famous key lime pie
- Dave's amazing cookies

Beverages

- Fancy water, coffee, eggnog
- BYOB



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Birthdays

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

Richard Ammons - Dec 14

Peter Loewen - Dec 02



Calendar

- December 9 Holiday Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange – Molalla, OR
- January 20 Annual General Meeting – Seattle
- February 17 Anniversary Banquet – Vancouver, BC
- March 17 Club Meeting
- April 21 Club Meeting
- May 18-21 Victoria Day Weekend Camp
- June 15-17 Milo McIver, Estacada, OR & Portland Pride
- July 20-21 Evans Group, Kettle Falls, WA
- August 17-20 Goldstream Provincial Park, Vancouver Island, BC
- September 14-16 Bear Hollow Camp, Fossil, OR
- October 20 Club Meeting
- November 17 Club Meeting
- December 8 Holiday Party

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: December 5th @ 7pm, The Portland Eagle
- Local Ride - No plans yet. Weather dependent.

Seattle:

- Meet & Greet - The 2nd Wednesday of the month: December 13th @ 7pm, The Cuff
- Local Ride - No plans yet. Weather dependent.

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.

