

BRMC GUEST NEWS – November 2015

Local Ride Activities

British Columbia: Vancouver/Lower mainland - Contact Brian B. for possible day rides bbeacham@telsu.net

Seattle: November 8 – Local day ride
November 18 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: November 3 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning
November 8 – Local day ride

Silver Falls Weekend Recap

The Silver Falls Bunkhouse weekend is like a mini-Victoria Day. Thursday our guest chefs shopped at Cash and Carry and Costco and loaded to truck with the food for the weekend.



Robby and Colton set up the kitchen at Silver Falls and provided a simple pizza dinner for the few people that came to the ranch on Thursday evening.



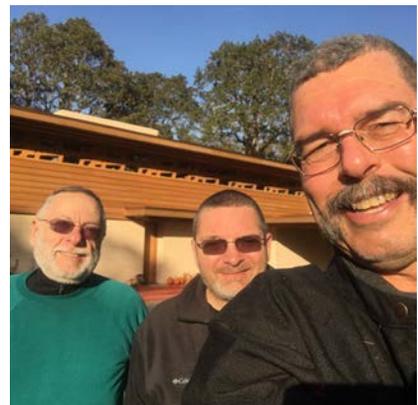
Most of the members and guests arrived Friday before a dinner of pasta and sauce, vegetarian chili, salad, rolls, fruit, and cookies. They were able to set up their sleeping bags on the upper level of the bunkhouse and join the group for games and social time.

A short video about dogs in sidecars was shown on one side of the main level.



Saturday morning breakfast consisted of sausage and eggs, muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee. A build your own sandwich lunch was set out to carry for those who went riding or hiking. The weather made for a great day of motorcycle riding or hiking.

One group of bikers made a stop at the Oregon Garden and the Frank Lloyd Wright Garden House.



Other groups hiked the ten water falls of the park.



The free showers were nice after the day's activities.

Saturday late afternoon we took a few group photos and held a short club meeting before dinner.



The Saturday evening meal was capped off with a Halloween cake and the social time and game playing continued into the evening. The central fire was a place to congregate and talk.



Sunday morning everyone chipped in to do the cleanup and pack themselves off to home. The park ranger commented that we left the place looking better than when we arrived. We commented that BRMC always respects our camps and we try to always be good stewards of the parks.



From the Handlebars of the President

Silver Falls was a great way to end our camping season. It was nice to see six motorcycles in the parking lot and riders enjoyed the great weather on Saturday. Unfortunately most of the riders hit cold rain heading home on Sunday. Well it IS the Pacific Northwest in late October. Those who did not ride found lots of other things to do in the area, and one group did the entire waterfall hike. It was a pretty sedate group this time with game playing and social time. Most people seemed to head to bed early.

A special thank you goes out to our guest chefs Robby and Colton who slaved in the kitchen to make some great meals. And Thanks to Fred and Jim for bringing the cake. We are continuing to look for similar and affordable accommodations in WA State for the future. Contact us if you know of any place that could work.

As we move into the colder and wet weather our monthly meetings will focus on club business and preparations for next year. At our November meeting in Seattle it is important for members to be sure they seek out the guests that have been nominated for membership. We will also be looking for nominations for board positions.

The December Holiday party will again be hosted by Jeff in Mt. Vernon. When you are out and about keep your eyes open for that gag gift for the exchange. Keep it to \$10 and something that will cause a laugh.

January is the Annual General Meeting at the Cuff in Seattle, and February is the Banquet in Portland. All the upcoming events for the next year are listed below so mark your calendars and be sure you have requested the appropriate vacation times.

Road Captain Rumblings

Hello Brothers,

What a great year it has been! All of the campouts have been a blast. I've really enjoyed myself and want to thank those who have encouraged me with the job that I'm doing as your Road Captain.

My favorite part of this year has been the comradery I've felt between the members and how much fun the guests had at the runs. It truly felt like a club of brothers.

A small update for 2016; I've secured Lake Sylvia for the July run (this was the second choice in the voting).

I've missed a lot of our brothers this summer and hope to see them in the coming meetings and at next year's runs. I realize that I have not been in the club a long time, but I feel that it has changed for the better. All the runs this year have been focused on riding and socializing; what the club was created for.

Be safe this winter.

Mark

Birthday Men

We have these members with November Birthdays. Take a moment to wish them a great day.
Don Wilcox (November 13); Fred Pfaff (November 19); Sven Carlson (November 27)

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.

Upcoming Schedule

November 21	Club meeting – Seattle, WA
December 12	Holiday party – Mt. Vernon, WA
January 16	Annual General Meeting – Seattle
February 20	Awards Banquet – Portland
March 19	Club Meeting
April 16	Club Meeting
May 20-23	Victoria Day Weekend Camp
June 17-19	Enterprise, OR
July 15-17	Lake Sylvia, Montesano, WA
August 19-21	EC Manning Park, BC
September 16-18	Potholes State Park in Othello WA - pending
October 14-16	Silver Falls, OR - pending
November 19	Club Meeting
December 10	Holiday Party

Register for the November Club meeting

Seattle: November 21, 2015

Our Border Riders November meeting is hosted by Michael Chavor in Seattle. The dinner fee is \$15 for members and guests. Upon registration you will receive an informational email with directions and other useful information.

You may arrive any time after 4 PM on Saturday the 21st. We will have social time until 6:00 PM when we start dinner. The short club meeting will be held at 7:00 PM with additional time to socialize after the meeting.

Registration closes at 9 PM on TUESDAY November 17 so we can get a headcount for food. No refunds after close.

Guests who do not have an account on the BRMC website should contact a member to be sponsored if they wish to attend the club meeting.

Do You Need To Winterize?



Some of our members and guests ride all year, and some tuck the bike away in hopes of a few nice riding days during the winter.

Where you store the bike when not riding does make a difference, especially if it might go below freezing.

Here are some suggestions about how to keep your motorcycle healthy. Adjust depending on where the bike is stored and your plans to do some riding during the winter.

When you are ready to winterize go for a ride of at least a half an hour, and preferably highway speed. You want to get the engine and exhaust system as close to top operating temperature as possible. This lets the oil drain easily, and prevents moisture inside the exhaust. On the way home make your last stop at the gas station and fill the fuel to the very top. This will help prevent moisture from the air getting into the fuel.

When you get home change the engine oil and filter. With the engine stop switch in the OFF position, press the start button several times to crank the engine and distribute the oil.

If your bike might freeze you should consider removing the battery and storing it indoors. If you have power available at the bike you can use a Battery Tender and leave the battery in the bike. As long as your battery is fully charged, the electrolyte will not freeze until near -40 degrees. On the other hand, a discharged battery can freeze at very close to 32F/0C, and require replacement. Put a Battery Tender on your bike, leave it plugged in, and you don't need to worry about pulling the battery from the bike.

Check your tires and inflate the tires to their recommended pressures. If you have a center stand store the bike on the center stand.

Hydraulic fluids: If you haven't flushed/replaced your brake and clutch fluids in the past couple of years, this would be a good time to do that. These fluids are hygroscopic, which means they leach moisture out of the air - and moisture means corrosion.

Wash and dry the bike. Now is a good time to get off the bugs, road tar, and general dirt. You might consider one of the available cleaner/polish products available at the auto parts store. This will give you a protective wax and anti-corrosion coating.

If you are storing the bike outside you will need to cover it. Do not use a waterproof tarp as that will trap the moisture under it. Rather use a breathable cover designed for your bike. Other important considerations if you are parking outside are:

- Mufflers - They rust from the inside out. They depend on the heat of the exhaust to evaporate moisture, so it is imperative that the bike was not just run for a few minutes and then shut down - this leaves moisture inside the exhaust, where it will sit and rust away while the bike is stored. This is the main reason we want the last ride before storage to be a long, fast one where the engine is working hard. We want things to be hot! Once things have cooled off, you might spray WD-40 into the ends of the exhaust pipes (WD = Water Dispersal), then cover the ends of the pipes with a plastic shopping bag and a rubber band. This prevents the intrusion of moisture into the exhaust system.
- Mice: Mice and other vermin LOVE motorcycles. They have lots of little cavities in which they can build nests, and they just LOVE to chew on electrical wiring. You might keep mousetraps baited with peanut butter around the area or put Bounce brand dryer sheets in and around the bike to keep them out. For some reason, they detest the smell of Bounce dryer sheets.

One important thing to remember is to resist the temptation to "start it up to keep the oil fresh" or whatever other reason you feel you need to regularly run the engine. Your engine does not benefit in any way from being started from dead cold for a short "warm-up." In fact, it's quite the opposite. Starting the engine puts lots of moisture into both the crankcase and the exhaust. If you are not going to go out for a good, hard half hour ride, neither the engine nor the exhaust are going to get up to full normal operating temperature - which means this moisture is not going to evaporate. Instead, it's going to sit in the bike and start corroding the insides of your engine, cylinders and exhaust system. The fact that it is cold outside makes it even worse - this means the moisture easily condenses on the cold surfaces, starting the rusting process.

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.

