

BRMC Guest NEWS – April 2012

Local Ride Activities

British Columbia: Vancouver Island – Members and other riders meet Sundays at 10:30 at Moka House Coffee Cook St. Village, 345 Cook Street, Victoria, BC

Mainland – members should contact Tom Swope or Paul Friesen

Seattle: April 1 – Planned Day ride 9:30, Julia's, 300 Broadway East, (breakfast about 8 AM)
April 18 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: April 3 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle meeting and event planning
April 8 – Breakfast and possible Day ride

From the handlebars of the President

We have so much going on in the club, it's so exciting.

I certainly appreciate our Web Master Support, Dusty Evers, who not only continues to exceed my expectations, but I'm sure the club's expectations, too. He has developed an informative tool found in the roster section of the BRMC Members website to assist veteran and new members of the club by linking our names, photos and a profile, if any member wishes to provide a brief bio. Dusty has already sent an email regarding this improvement and what is available to update your profile, if you'd like.

We are gearing up for the 43rd Annual Victoria Day run and we've announced this year's theme "No Frontiers". Simply, the theme's idea is there's no boundary that can keep us apart as our union is bonded by a spirit of riding, camping and our camaraderie continues to keep us strong and proud!

We are making available the opportunity to register either in April or May. It is cost effective to register in April at the lower rate (Member-\$100/Guest-\$125) rather than in May (Member-\$125/Guest-\$150). Anyone may cancel and be fully refunded up to the last day when we will close registration on May 12th with no penalty. So, I want to stress signing up sometime in the month of April.

Beyond that May 12th, we won't be able to return a refund as we've made commitments to our various vendors and the club would incur those costs for any last minute cancellations that occur that week; and that's what we're trying to avoid. We are not interested in trying to "make" money. As you can imagine, needing to have certain sizes for a commemorative t-shirt as well as a run gift requires a certain number which is to be determined by its attendees and we certainly appreciate your assistance in this process.

Last year, a group of guys were able to head up Thursday night to occupy the individual campsites. We are going to try to do that again this year. The camp kitchen won't be arriving until Friday afternoon, you'll need to remember that food will be on your own if you arrive early (Subway sandwich and a beer is perfect for this). I found arriving Thursday very enjoyable and relaxing as I was among friends and didn't have to contend with Friday's rush hour. So, if you haven't tried this yet, treat yourself to a longer weekend. You won't regret it.

If you were unable to sign-up on the duty roster for the VD run, please know that you'll still be asked for assistance when the need arises. You will have an opportunity at the April club meeting.

Know that the officers are spending an awful amount of energy in making this a much-celebrated event like our years past. So start planning, make your checklist, and look forward to a great riding season!

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March Meeting

Our March meeting was held in BC at the home of Brian and Sven who laid out a wonderful feast. We had good turnout and it was nice to see a few new faces. Hopefully these new faces will be seen riding with us this summer. The key information from the meeting was around the Victoria Day planning and the need for many people to step up and help. Paul D is actively seeking volunteers for the many tasks that must be completed and will be soliciting help at the April meeting.

April Monthly Meeting

Chris and Richard will host our last winter meeting - a BBQ at their house in Burlington on Saturday April 21. Registration is now available on the private member's site. If you wish to bring a guest you will need to register them. Please be considerate of their planning and register before the deadline. If you cannot make it please take just a moment to send your regrets.

Most of our winter meetings are hosted at member's homes. If you are interested in hosting in the future please drop a note to David at president@borderriders.com

Victoria Day 2012

Join us for the 43Rd Annual Victoria Day Weekend Run May 18-20, 2012 near Ardenvoir, WA. This is a wonderful weekend of tent camping in the beautiful mountains of central Washington State. In addition to the campsite your registration provides meals, drinks, a special gift, and a t-shirt. As always there will be great area day rides and evening entertainment. Unlike the other runs of the summer all vehicles are welcome – so invite your non-riding friends, but please leave your pets at home.

Registration is now available on the website at www.borderriders.com. April Registration price is \$100 for members, \$125 for guests until 6 AM May 1. May Registration is \$ 125 for members, \$150 for guests. Registration closes May 12 at 9 PM PDT, no refunds after close of registration. You can get additional information about the weekend by clicking on the "more info" link on the registration page.

Locker Inventory

Each year we need to inventory the storage locker supplies and create a shopping list of the non-perishables for the Victoria Day run. Paul D organized that effort on Saturday 3/31 with the help of Dusty, Dan S, Darwin G, Terry B, Uncle Roy, and Randy. With everything organized the shopping and loading of the truck will go more smoothly. Thanks to these people for their help in our planning process.

Planning for 2013

What? We have not even started the 2012 season..... Many of the prime group campsites are available for reservation nine months or even a year in advance. We were unable to get all the places or dates we wanted for this year because the group sites were already taken. To ensure we have a better shot at the places we want to camp we will start the process earlier, by making our 2013 selections at the Victoria Day run. Again this year we will solicit suggestions, research, provide the club a presentation of options, and vote on the choices. We will use some of the suggestions from last year, but please send your camping run suggestions to captain@borderriders.com now.

Weekend Camping for 2012

Mark your calendar for the camping runs for 2012. You can get descriptions of the runs on our website at <http://www.borderriders.com/2012rundisc.html>

May 18-21	Victoria Day, Pine Flats, Ardenvoir, WA
June 15-17	Steamboat Rock State Park near Grand Coulee, WA
July 20-22	Log House Resort, Enterprise, OR
August 24-26	Cougar Rock in Mount Rainer National Park, WA (fourth weekend)
September 21-23	Sasquatch Provincial Park, Harrison Hot Springs, BC (fourth weekend)
October 19-21	Silver Falls State Park, east of Salem OR

How to become a Border Rider member

The Border Riders Motorcycle club is the largest and one of the oldest gay motorcycle clubs in North America. Founded in 1969 it currently has over 70 members primarily from Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia. The club provides social and educational opportunities for our members and guests interested in recreational motorcycle touring. Our diverse, international membership is composed of both seasoned riders and beginners, and we come from all walks of life and professions.

We also accept all types of bikes. Our members ride a variety of makes and models ranging from sport to touring motorcycles, and we welcome any motorcycle capable of sustained highway speeds. This is about riding and group camaraderie rather than motorcycle brand. The commonality that binds us is the love of motorcycling and the enjoyment that comes from touring some of the best roads for motorcycling in Canada and the USA—all in a spirit of friendship and safety.

In the off season, we do monthly meeting and look for social activities to keep people involved. These meeting are open to members and invited guests.

To really participate in the club we encourage you to consider becoming a member. Riders who have ridden with the club for a year may be sponsored by a member. Your sponsor will work with you to submit a photo and short bio which will be posted on our private website. Members will be informed of your desire to be a member and you are encouraged to be sure that other members get to know you. At our general meeting in January club members vote privately on prospective members. Accepted members receive their colors at a ceremony at our annual Banquet in February.

