

BRMC NEWS – April 2013

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

Seattle: April 7 and May 5 – Planned Day ride 9:30, Julia's, 300 Broadway East, (breakfast about 8 AM)
April 17 and May 15 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: April 2 and May 7 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning
April 7 and May 12 – Breakfast and Day ride or social activity, weather dependent

March Meeting

Our March BRMC was held Saturday March 16th and hosted by Chris and Richard. A big thank you to them for the effort and the great food. Jeff and Paul helped with the salad and dessert. The major topic of discussion was about Victoria Day planning and the many changes at Pine Flats. Thanks to those who signed up on the duty rosters. We also reviewed the personal responsibility policy that is now added to the liability waiver and it received a unanimous approval. Members should take the time to read the meeting minutes when they are posted.



We did not take a group photo, but some of the members gathered for breakfast on Sunday morning.

Our April meeting will continue with Victoria Day planning

From the handlebars of the President

We had a great gathering of men and were appreciative of Chris and Richard for hosting the March meeting at their home. Thank you boys!

It's hard to believe that we are now about 50 days away from Victoria Day weekend. In preparation for Victoria Day weekend, our Vice President, Jeff Booth, presented the Duty Roster sign-up list of the duties that need to be filled. It will be presented again at the April meeting and we expect our members to take an active role and serve so our greatest function goes smoothly as it has in years past. However, those folks who can help us in Seattle with the loading and unloading will not need to sign-up for the weekend responsibilities once at Pine Flats. And yes, we need your help in Seattle, so please make the arrangements to avail yourself.

There will be some significant changes as the campground has had a facelift, so it is important for those who are wishing to arrive early, stay over Sunday night, bring a vehicle or camp in the individual sites need to pay special attention from our Road Captain as we are working in cooperation with the Park Rangers.

Paul, Vice President 2012, had explained to me that there are particular gatherings that are treated in a celebratory nature (See Paul, I was paying attention ;-). So in that festive spirit, for any member or guest who wishes to stay over on Sunday, you may do so with the understanding that food is limited to whatever is remaining. Just make sure that when registering, you make notation of your plans.

Next month, the club will be meeting in Oakville, Washington, the home of Dan S. We will continue with our plans for Victoria Day and have the Duty Roster sign-up list available for anyone who has not already done so.

I look forward to seeing you next month. 'Cause without you, it's just not the same ; {D

April Meeting Registration

Registration is now available on the MEMBERS-ONLY website and guests do not have access to this registration. Members who are inviting guests will need to register for them. The April meeting will be on Saturday the 20th and hosted by Dan S in Oakville, WA. The meal cost will be \$15 payable to the treasurer at the door. Full directions and additional information will be emailed upon registration. The major business to be conducted is Victoria Day planning.

By the way - while you are on the members website you have the opportunity to access the gear store. If there are items you want for Victoria Day please order them early. If we are low on items of demand it gives us the chance to receive another order before the camping weekend. Perhaps you need to replace that lost name badge.

Victoria Day Planning

When you're throwing a three-day party in the middle of nowhere for 85 of your best friends it takes the effort of everyone. Pitching in is also a great way to participate and get to know your brothers in the club. Each member is expected to sign up for jobs at the Victoria Day campout. These include everything from grocery shopping and loading and unloading the truck to cooking and dishwashing in camp. We create the Victoria Day experience in a remote Forest Service campground with nothing more than a fire ring and a manual water pump. Everything else comes about through the work of members like you.

We began completing the duty rosters at the March meeting and will continue at the April meeting. These duties start Thursday in Seattle when we pick up the truck and rented equipment and shop for groceries. In camp, there are four meals to prepare, serve, and clean up after. Back in Seattle at the end of the run, there are jobs to unload the truck and return the rentals. Signing up quickly gives you the best chance for your favorite job. Two jobs which are assigned to every BRMC member at VD are setting up and tearing down camp.

Going to VD, but can't make it to the April meeting? Not to worry. We will assign you a job!

Early Registration for Victoria Day

Again this year we are offering EARLY registration discounts. The registration is now available on the PUBLIC website at www.borderriders.com. The early registration price is \$100 for members and \$125 for guests. The early registration ends at midnight on April 30 when the prices increase by \$25.

Participants at Victoria Day are going to see some radical changes in Pine Flats. We have been working with the Forest Service to understand how they will impact our weekend. The campsite has been closed since the middle of last summer and we will be the first group using the new facilities. They have removed the old wooden toilets and replaced them with new concrete vault toilets. They have widened, graded, and hard-packed the roads making it much easier for both the truck and the bikes to access the campsite. The road to the group area now loops back past our memorial tree. There are all new picnic tables.

One major change is the number and location of the individual sites and the available parking. We are working with the Forest Service to reserve ALL the individual sites beginning Thursday. However, we will be limited to twelve tents and 20 cars in those individual sites. Therefore we have also reserved the group site for Thursday night. Once the individual sites are filled participants must use the group site. It is critical that we only camp in the designated areas as some parts may be seeded and marked off limits.

Because of these changes we are asking for more information during the registration process. We will need to know who is planning to come early or stay until Monday and how many cars to expect. We will have more planning information in an email right before the weekend.

Camping Runs for 2013

May 17-19	Victoria Day – Pine Flats Campground in Ardenvoir, WA
June 14-16	Shuswap Lake Provincial Park near Scotch Creek, BC
June 17-22	Extended ride from camp back to Vancouver, BC via Bella Coola, BC.
July 19-21	Bear Hollow Park near Fossil, OR
August 16-18	Goldstream Park near Victoria, BC
September 20-22	Kanaskat-Palmer State Park near Enumclaw, WA
October 8-17	Queer Biker Invasion of Death Valley – via San Francisco
October 25-27	Silver Falls State Park near Silverton, OR (FOURTH weekend of the month)

You can find more information about all these rides at <http://www.borderriders.com/runs.html>

Extended Runs

We currently have at least three riders for the Bella Coola ride after the June camp at Shuswap, BC. Riders would arrive back in Vancouver on Friday June 21 and Portland on Sunday June 23. If you would like detailed information drop a note to captain@borderriders.com. We will be making final camping reservations soon.

The October ride to Death Valley requires making and paying for two motel reservations before June. Reservations may be cancelled for a refund, but need to be made or there will not be any inexpensive rooms available. Detailed trip information is available.

Satyrs Announce Badger Flats

The oldest gay motorcycle club is the Satyrs from Los Angeles. They are celebrating their 52nd Badger Flats camping weekend in the high Sierras about 60 miles east of Fresno, California over the Labor Day weekend. In the way that we create Victoria Day by trucking in everything, they do the same – so you can be assured of good food and services. Your trip down and back can also include some great California motorcycle roads.

The price for the entire weekend is \$200 before April 15 and goes up as the date approaches. You can get more details and the registration information at <http://www.satyrsmc.org/services.html> By the way, you will see the Border Riders logo in some of the photos at the bottom of that page as a number of members have attended over the years.

LOBOC Disbands

Founded in 1972 "LOBOC" stands for "LOng Beach & Orange County Motorcycle Club". They folded their flag for the last time March 17 at Chaps Resort in Palm Springs as part of their annual and last St Patrick's weekend run. It is sad to see another long-time gay motorcycle club come to an end.

Last year we lost the Rocky Mountaineers Motorcycle Club (1968-2012) in Colorado whose Fourth of July "Golden Fleece" camping runs had seen BRMC participation. Without active riders, willing to participate and help the club grow, it is hard to maintain an organization.

BRMC is pleased to see younger new members join our ranks and help to maintain the proud traditions of our charter members. Guests are always welcome at both our monthly camping runs as well as our day rides.

Member Activities

Looking for an indoor activity? The Washington State History Museum in Tacoma has an exhibit of historic motorcycles. Check <http://www.washingtonhistory.org/wshm/featured-exhibits.aspx> for more information. The display runs through June. Saturdays and Sundays 10-5



Vancouver Island Bikers meet at the Moka House Coffee Sundays at 10:30.

Terry B has a new motorcycle. We noticed it did not have a gremlin bell or those “protective deer whistles” and wondered if it had a device to ward off McDonald’s carrying pedestrians. He explained he is looking to install laser guns on the front.



BRMC members met after the March meeting to do an inventory of the storage locker so we can plan what supplies need to be purchased for Victoria Day.



The Portland weather has been improving. March 10 and 24 some of the Portland area riders met for breakfast at Jubitz Truck stop and then did short day rides.

On March 30 a group meet at Tippy Canoe and did a day ride. The next scheduled ride will be April 7.



In addition to their monthly day rides they are also planning a white water rafting trip to Maupin in August.

By the way, you may also find some photos of local Border Rider event on the Facebook page.

Contributions

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

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.

We are happy to have guests ride with us as often as they want. Many riders cannot commit to the time and expense of attending most of the monthly events – summer and winter. We encourage guests to participate in any way that makes sense for them.

If you are able 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. Ask any member about the responsibilities of being a member and if they would be willing to sponsor you. 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.

