

BRMC GUEST NEWS – August 2014

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: August 3 – Tentative Day ride, local riders will get an email
August 13 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: August 5 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning
August 10 – Day ride - information will be emailed to local riders in advance

July Waldport Camp

The Border Riders can for July was at Canal Creek near Waldport, Oregon. About 30 members and guests arrived Friday night to set up camp. The campsite is located about eight miles from the coast and back about four miles of a single lane paved road. It has a collection of small tenting areas around a large central grassy area with a large fire ring and tables.



Each site area has a table. The entire campsite is circled by a stream. This allowed people to select areas close to where they parked and if they wanted to be further from the noise of the campfire.



Ross came all the way from Alberta, had a blast, and plans to join us this month in Lillooet.

People arrived all afternoon and a large group left to go to dinner in Waldport – descending unannounced on the Salty Dawg restaurant. Despite the surprise they were able to handle us well.



After dinner people assembled around the campfire for the evening and discussed plans for Saturday day rides.



Saturday morning many riders went to Carol's Café in Waldport. We filled the place and again they were able to handle us with good food and service. Of course, Border Riders are quick to help by refreshing coffee as needed.

Day rides were done in small groups and it was fun to pass other members of our group in various places.



One group traveled up to Mary's Peak – the highest point of the coast range in Oregon. Another group planned to stop on their way home on Sunday.

Some groups went south along the coast to Florence.

Our club meeting was held at camp and then we assembled to do a group ride to dinner. We only seem to get one or two opportunities to safely do a large group ride each year so we took advantage of the quiet roads to ride to Newport in formation. Reports are that we actually looked pretty good – like we knew what we were doing.



The buffet dinner was good and it allowed the entire group to eat together. Riders returned to camp in small groups to again assemble around the fire.



Sunday morning people were up early to break camp. People scattered in various directions, some going up the coast and others inland and then north. A few went back to Carol's Café before heading home. Ross sent a nice thank you when he got home on Tuesday.

Special thanks to road captain buddy Scott and to Fred and Jim for our support vehicle.



July 2014 – Canal Creek Camp near Waldport, OR

Upcoming Schedule for 2014

August 15-17 Willows near Lillooet, BC – road captain buddy Brad S
Sept 19-21 Lewis and Clark State park, near Chehalis, WA - road captain buddy Dan S
October 18 Club meeting
November 15 Club meeting
December 13 Holiday Party – Mount Vernon, WA

Birthday Men

Here are the members with August Birthdays. Take a moment to wish them a great day.

Bill and Bob L (August 10); Brian S (August 11); Buck W and Jim W (August 14);
Tom K (August 23); Stan C (August 24); Brad S (August 25);
John D and Jack O (August 26); Jerry S (August 28)

From the handlebars of the President

Gentlemen,

Canal Creek Campsite near Waldport was a great campout, Scott H, the Road Captain Buddy, did a terrific job organizing everything for those that participated. The weather was typical of the coast, but we were very fortunate as the campground was a couple of miles inland and we experienced wonderful weather. For those of you that were unable to attend I really hope that you can connect with us again soon, hopefully in Lillooet, BC for the August campout.

We did not have a quorum at the meeting so were not able to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting but we have set them aside for the August meeting. We did have some discussion:

- Updated Roster is on the website, if there are any changes please let Buck know.
- I have not completed the results of the Victoria Day Survey, but I hopefully will have it ready and I will send it out to everyone in the coming weeks.
- We talked about the use of a closed Facebook page, members and invited guests can provide photo's and related info.. like "Bike for Sale". This would be a moderated site by Andy H.
- Collin is looking at and preparing a proposal to move the club storage locker closer to the Victoria Day Campsite and change the shopping to venues to Wenatchee where they have a Costco, Cash and Carry etc.....

One of the issues that did bubble to the surface this weekend was the lack of an accident protocol, which will provide our members and guests with some guidelines. The board will look into engaging someone to prepare this document.

Another discussion surrounded the 50th Anniversary in the next couple of years, and we want this to be a big event inviting other clubs from the US and Canada and definitely all our past members. This is going to be a phenomenal event and we should look into getting a small organizing committee together to start with the preparation.

One issue that has been raised by many of the members over the last couple of years relates to motor vehicles at motorcycle-only events: who can come; who can drive; does it apply to disabled members; and I want my boyfriend to come..... The board, over the last couple of months has been trying to administer consistent decision making, which some of you have gracefully accepted, others not so much. What I would like to propose is using SurveyMonkey to put a series of questions together to gather your thoughts and opinions on this and create a process document to publish.

In the interim, I would suggest that should you have a request that requires permission to do something, anything which is outside the normal guidelines, I would urge you to email me directly at president@borderriders.com or call me and I will share your request with the board and the board will make the decision.

I look forward to seeing you at the Lillooet Campout, ride safely.

Remember this is YOUR Club, run by the members for the members.

Cheers, Brian B, BRMC President 2014

Registration for the August Camp

August 15-17 takes BRMC to a campsite which is about eight kilometers from the town of Lillooet, BC. Willows is a small private campground run by a biker. We have reserved the entire campsite which includes showers and lots of space for tents. Lillooet is about 260 km or 3.5 hours from Vancouver; 275 miles or 5 hours from Seattle; and 450 miles or 8 hours from Portland. Oregon riders may wish to make this a two day trip each direction.

Lillooet's climate combines the sunny skies of the interior with the moderating influences of the coast. Lillooet is blessed with a hot semi-arid climate throughout the summer. However, the campground is nestled in among the fir and pine trees and receives morning sun and afternoon shade as well as the cool breeze from the Fraser River, which will help to make our stay more comfortable.

Lillooet as a base offers some great loop rides in BC or the option of riding to Whistler to ride the Peak-to-Peak tram. Details on these rides will be sent upon registration.

Guests do not have access to this registration will need to have a member sponsor and register them. They will then get an email with a link to the payment process. Please let your sponsor know your meal choice.

Registration fee for the camping is \$25 for guests.

Saturday night after the club meeting we will do a group ride to a local restaurant. You will order and pay for yourself. To ensure they have sufficient food available we ask you to indicate your choice of entrée when registering.

Roast Lamb (lamb shoulder with spices) \$21.95;
Greek style Chicken (oregano and lemon, then broiled); \$20.50
Kalamari Dinner (Marinated deep fried squid) \$19.95;
Spanakopita (spinach and feta wrapped in filo) \$18.95
Various pasta dishes with meat sauce \$11.95-13.95

Registration closes on Tuesday August 12 at 9 PM

Member Activities and Rides

Seattle

Members and guests did a ride to Hurricane Ridge on July 6. They met for breakfast, took the ferry, and rode up to eat their lunch at the ridge.



Jeff and Dale and several guests did a ride to Mt Baker on the 26th



Portland



Stan C organized a special intermediate training class for BRMC members and guests at the end of June. Team Oregon trainers helped the riders hone their skills. With a few WA riders they were able to fill the class completely – making it both educational and social for the day.

Guest rider Dave J held his annual Cowboy BBQ in July and Border riders did the cooking. We also gathered the Border Riders Members and guests for a photo.



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.

