

BRMC GUEST NEWS – December 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

Seattle: December 2 and Jan 6 – Planned Day ride 9:30, Julia's, 300 Broadway East, (breakfast about 8 AM)
December 12 and Jan 16 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: Dec 4 and Jan 1 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning
Dec 9 and Jan 6 – Breakfast and Day ride or social activity, weather dependent

Recap – November Club Meeting

A special thanks to Sam and Doug who hosted the November meeting in Surrey, BC. The efforts of the people who helped with the set up and clean up made for a great evening with over 40 members and guests attending.



Several important items of business were brought up at the meeting, including some proposed changes to the bylaws and standing orders. A special email was sent to all members with full details. Now, and at the upcoming meeting, are times to discuss these proposals with other club members.

The road captain reviewed the camping runs for 2013 as well as two possible longer riders available to members. Details for all the runs will be on the public website in the runs/events section.

From the handlebars of the President

Now, I'm not speaking for the diehard motorcyclists among us that ride even in the winter, my hats off to you. But speaking for myself, my bike is waiting for warmer and safer conditions. If the timing is just right, I might take it out on a gloriously dry day, although it may be very crisp or chilly, 'cause I can't resist not riding. I'm sure you can understand that yearning feeling.

So during this holiday season I reflect upon another great year of riding. I've had the privilege to meet and develop some friendships with some great men who likewise share the common passion of motorcycling.

Which brings me to the next topic of "Do we still meet even if it is no longer the official riding season?" Of course we do! We'll continue to meet monthly, but registration will only be available on the member's website, so all our guests will just need to contact a member so they may register on their behalf.

The December meeting will be up in Bellingham, WA, and both Ken and Wayne are allowing us to gather at their bar, Rumors, for our Christmas function. We will take attendance and consider our gather a meeting even though we will be conducting a business meeting. This is to accommodate members that need to have two consecutive month's attendance to reinstate their voting privilege.

We will be having a white elephant gift exchange, so please bring a \$10 gift to give away. This has always been a fun time seeing how naughty or nice Santa is this year. Guys may arrive any time after 4:00 pm, Dinner about 5:00 and the white elephant gift exchange to follow.

To best accommodate us, I am working with Fiamma Burger (www.fiammaburger.com) to help cater our dinner. I know there are some guys with certain diet restrictions, and they've said they'll work with us.

I'm hoping for a great time with you. 'Cause without you, it's just not the same.

December Meeting

Registration for the meeting is available on the PUBLIC website. If you are sponsoring a guest they may register and pay directly. Information about the meal is on the website and the cost is \$15 via PayPal.

Birthday Men

Here are the men with December birthdays. Take a moment to tell them Happy Birthday.
Richard A (); Peter L (2nd); Andy H (9th); Ty M (16th); Collin F (25th)

Club Officers

The following have been nominated for next year's officers. Nominations are still open and any active member may run for a position. Full descriptions of the duties of each position are included in the club bylaws which are posted on the members website.

President	David Failing
Vice President	Jeff Booth
Secretary	Jack Osterberg
Treasurer	Dale Conley
Road Captain	Dave Eckert

New Members

The following guests have been nominated for membership. Photos and Bios are posted on the members-only website.

David Blackwell
Jimmy Boggs
Stan Christiansen
Jeff Connor
Jason Hurd
Alan Hummel
Scott Huotari
Pat Lanagan
Pat Thompson

Mark Your Calendars for 2013

The voting for 2013 camping locations was held during the Victoria Day Run and we have worked to reserve the locations which received the greatest interest. Because the focus for 2012 was more “southern” we will be focused north for 2013 with two runs in BC. Mark your calendars now for these important dates:

January 19	Cuff, Seattle - Annual General Meeting
February 16	Portland – Annual Banquet
May 17-19	Victoria Day – Pine Flats Campground in Ardenvoir, WA
June 14-16	Shuswap Lake Provincial Park near Scotch Creek, 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 18-20	Silver Falls State Park near Silverton, OR

Contributions

Trip plans, day rides, other member news? Please send it in to be added 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.

