

BRMC GUEST NEWS – December 2015

Local Ride Activities

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

Seattle: December 6 – Local day ride
December 16 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: December 1 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning
December 5 – Portland area toy run
December 6 – Possible local day ride or social event

November Club Meeting

Thanks to Michael and Ray for hosting the November BRMC meeting at their house in Seattle. They provided a great meal and ample opportunity to socialize. The business meeting covered a lot of important topics related to finances and planning for 2016. Information about the Annual General Meeting in January and the February Anniversary Banquet are detailed in the minutes posted on line.



From the Handlebars of the President

As our 2015 season comes to a close the club meetings need to focus on business and planning. At the November meeting we discussed the financial status and the draft budget for 2016. Members are encouraged to read the minutes which have been posted to the website. The addition of our liability insurance has been a major impact and we have been very frugal in other areas.

Our budget for 2016 assumes a conservative camping attendance and no subsidy of the Anniversary Banquet or Victoria Day. While the club is in great financial shape it is important to create and adhere to a realistic balanced budget. The board will have a full set of financials available at the AGM and a budget for the members to approve.

Active participation of our members and our welcoming of guests creates the brotherhood that BRMC was founded upon. We see that brotherhood in the social time at our meetings and we thank those members, such as Michael, who open their homes for our winter meetings.

Our Holiday party is less than two weeks away and registration is available on the website. Guests are certainly encouraged to attend and if you don't have an account on the website ask a member to sponsor you for this event. Jeff and friends will have another great meal for us and the gift exchange is always a lot of fun. Plan to spend time with members and guests before and after the meal and activities.

This has been a great year for BRMC and we have received many positive comments. Thanks to all who have helped make the events so successful. Every little bit helps and each of you contributes in your own way. Mark your calendars for 2016 and we sure to join us for as many events as possible.

Dave Eckert, President 2015

Road Captain Rumblings

As the year winds down, I want to express my gratitude for being allowed to be a part of such a great club. I felt welcomed from my first campout and that has not changed. I was nervous to be the first new Road Captain in a few years, but everyone has been encouraging, helpful and appreciative. Thank you!

The runs for 2016 are just about set, only Potholes for September has to be secured. It's looking to be another great year for rides. I would like to see more members and more guests participate next year. We had a lot of guests this year (many of them doing multiple runs) and it made for a lot of fun.

For future runs, I will be looking aggressively for more private campgrounds. Most of the group sites are getting harder and harder to reserve. While it's great to have a site with lots of amenities, it's the people and the rides that make for an awesome run. If you have any suggestions for private campsites that may be appropriate for us please let me know.

Keep the trickle charger on this winter.

Mark Brayford, Road Captain 2015

Birthday Men

We have these members with December Birthdays. Take a moment to wish them a great day. Peter Loewen (December 2); Andy Hahn (December 9); and Richard Ammons (December 14)

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

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 December Meeting and Holiday Party

Mount Vernon: December 12, 2015



Our December meeting and Holiday Party will again be held in Mount Vernon, WA. Social time begins at 4 PM with a brief club meeting at 5 PM followed by dinner. Jeff will have a substantial spread of great food and his outstanding cookies.

Our white elephant gift exchange is always a lot of fun so bring a wrapped gift of about \$10 to put under the tree. The best gifts are either those that people want to steal or those that people want to trade away,

Registration is available on the website until Wednesday night December 9th at a cost of \$20. Jeff has lots of floor space for people to throw a sleeping bag. Chris and Richard have also offered a place for people to stay. You should contact them directly to hold a spot. There are also motels in the area. The group will likely meet for breakfast in the area on Sunday morning.

Guests who do not have an account on the BRMC website are encouraged to contact a member to be sponsored if they wish to attend the event.

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.