

BRMC GUEST NEWS – February 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:** February 5 – Planned Day ride 9:30, Julia's, 300 Broadway East, (breakfast about 8 AM)
February 14 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff
- Portland:** February 7 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle meeting and event planning
February 12 – Breakfast and Indoor activity

January Annual General Meeting

Despite the travel weather we had a good attendance at the 2012 AGM held at the Cuff in Seattle. Details of the meeting will be in the minutes, but the voting resulted in election of the new board and approval of the new members. (More info below). Following the official meeting guests were invited to join the club members for salad and pizza.

The next club function will be the Anniversary Banquet where the new members will receive their colors.

February Banquet Information

Saturday, February 18, 2012, is the date for the annual Banquet. This year it will be held at the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle. Kerry has made arrangements for discounted rooms at a price of \$99 plus tax and parking. You need to book this directly by calling 800-275-3775 and mentioning you are part of the Border Riders group. Registration for the event itself will be on the public website and you may pay the meal price by way of PayPal. The cost for members is \$40.00, guests is \$55.00. If you cannot attend please take a moment to send your regrets.

From the handlebars of the President

It's been a great ride! This will be my last Handle Bar report. After the February Banquet, the new Border Riders Board will take over leadership of the Club. The 2011 Board were a great group to work with and I believe we did a great job as Clubs Stewards. My personal thanks to the 2011 Board.... We did well. I have full confidence in the newly elected 2012 Board. We have some well experienced members on the new Board.

It's only a little more than 3 months till we start once again on our yearly summer runs. Planning is always the biggest part of the runs. The Victoria Day Weekend Run is our grandest run and requires the support of the entire Club to make it happen. The Board will be asking for assistance shortly. Don't be shy.

Again, thanks everyone. It was a great ride. See you down the road.

Dusty

October Camping Run Confirmed

October is always a difficult month for weather, making a camping run problematic. We have managed to reserve the “Ranch” at Silver Falls State Park near Salem Oregon for the third weekend of October. This large “bunkhouse” requires that you bring your sleeping bags, but tents are not required. There is outdoor space available for tenting if you want. The Ranch has a large fireplace in the center for both a place to gather and as a way to keep the space warm. There is a commercial kitchen if we want to use it.

Except Victoria Day most of our runs require that you ride a motorcycle to the run. This run will be another exception and we will allow any vehicles. If the weather cooperates there are some great motorcycle rides – if not, there are exceptional hiking opportunities along the falls. We will have more details later, but mark the date on your calendar.

Welcome Our New Members

New members will received their colors at the annual banquet in February. We are happy to have them part of the official club membership.



Board Members for 2012

On behalf of all the club members the new board wants to thank Dusty and Andre for their service on the board this past year. We sincerely appreciate all the hard work you have done for the club.



Weekend Camping for 2012

We have now confirmed the camping runs for 2012. Please note the dates below. 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 Rainier 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

Alternatives to Tent Camping

Some of our members prefer to hotel it rather than camping and many of this summer's runs will offer alternatives. However, some are limited so now is the time to make reservations. Here are some suggestions:

May – Entiat, WA still has one room available. Call 509 679 1919 to make a reservation. Otherwise you will need to travel to Wenatchee. Remember that all vehicles are permitted at the campsite, but no RVs and no pets.

June – Electric City, WA is about 9 miles from Steamboat Rock and has a variety of motels and services

July – The Log Cabin Resort has both a single lodge room as well as luxury tent sites. Call Brian at 541-426-4027 and tell him you are with the Border Riders. Enterprise, OR is about a mile away with a selection of motels.

August – The Mt Rainier campsite is within the National Park where there are two lodges available. Motels are also available in Ashford about 20 miles away.

September – Harrison Hot Springs is about 8 miles from the campsite and offers a selection of places to stay.

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.

