

BRMC GUEST NEWS – February 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: February 2 – Planned Day ride – Email sent to Seattle area riders
February 12 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: February 4 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning
February 9 – Social event - information will be emailed

From the handlebars of the President

The Annual General Meeting at the Cuff in Seattle was a good meeting. Our newest club members were confirmed. They are Mark B, Kevin S, and Brad S. I'm happy that you're among our ranks, congratulations men!

It was also a night that our new officers were declared. Congratulations to Brian B, 2014 President; Collin F, 2014 Vice President; "Buck" W, 2014 Secretary; Dale C, 2014 Treasurer; and Dave E 2014 Road Captain. These fine men will be exceptional leaders and I have utter and complete confidence in their leadership.

It is the official start of the Border Riders Motorcycle Club 45th year. We will be looking for warmer camping weather and yearning for campfire cheers. It'll be a time to reminisce past seasons and reflect on the good company of fellow brothers and riders that joined us.

Next month's gathering will be a celebration! Vancouver, BC, will be hosting our celebratory dinner. Thank you to Brian B for making these arrangements and we're all looking forward to raising our glasses in honor and celebration.

'Cause without you, it wouldn't be the same ;{D

Annual General Meeting Recap

The 2014 AGM was our opportunity to conduct the official club business, which included election of new officers, voting in of new members, and general discussions about the operation of the club. We had excellent attendance at the Cuff and the meeting was very efficient. Members are encouraged to read the minutes which will be posted on the members-only website.

Jeff B asked anyone who wanted items from the gear store to place their orders promptly for delivery at the February Banquet.

Dave E reviewed the 2013 runs and described the scheduled runs for 2014. Road captain buddies are needed for each run and several members offered their services. We are also looking for suggestions for the 2015 ride season and those selections will be made at the Victoria Day Weekend Camp. If you have a place you want to suggest please send info to the road captain.

A recap of all the 2013 runs and descriptions of all the 2014 runs are posted on the public website in the events section.

Birthday Men

This month it appears that Alan H is our only February birthday on the 10th. Take a moment to wish him a Happy Birthday.

Upcoming Schedule for 2014

February 15	Annual Banquet, Vancouver BC
March 15	Club meeting in Vancouver, WA – Scott H
April 19	Club meeting in Oakville, WA – Dan S
May 16-19	Victoria Day Camping Run, Ardenvoir, WA
June 20-22	Pearrygin Lake near Winthrop, WA – road captain buddy Richard A
July 18-20	Canal Creek near Waldport, OR - road captain buddy Scott H
August 15-17	Willows near Lillooet, BC - road captain buddy still needed
Sept 19-21	Lewis and Clark State park, near Chehalis, WA - road captain buddy Dan S
October 18	Club meeting – TBD
November 15	Club meeting – TBD
December 13	Holiday Party - TBD

New Members for 2014

Three guests have been elected into the BRMC for next year.



Mark B



Kevin S



Brad S

They will be presented their colors at the Banquet in Vancouver, BC on Feb 15th.

Anniversary Banquet Information

Our Border Riders Annual Banquet will be held at the Sandman Hotel Saturday Feb 15 beginning at 6:00 PM. The registration price is \$45 for Members and \$50 for guests. Guests require that a member sponsor them to this event. Please be sure to enter the GUEST email address if you register them. Guests who wish to attend and don't have a sponsor should contact a board member or send a request from the website at this [link](#)

The evening will include installation of new officers, presentation of colors to new members, awards, and a viewing of the BRMC video highlighting the 2013 riding season.

Registration will close promptly at 9 PM on February 11th.

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.

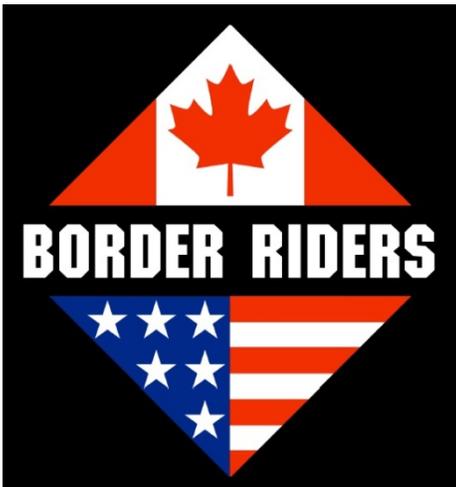
The weather this year has been surprisingly dry, but not always on the day we plan or local day rides. We understand two people braved the elements for the January Seattle area ride.



The Portland area day ride collapsed into a breakfast that grew to 26 people, but no ride.

Great weather brought 12 bikes and 13 riders out on January 26 for a loop around Haag Lake and hot chocolate in Forest Grove. A few frosty patches at the far end of the lake reminded people it is January.

For those of you not riding this winter – don't forget to keep that battery charged. And make your plans in advance for spring service so you are ready when the weather improves.



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.