

# BRMC NEWS – January 2015

## 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:** January 4 - Possible local day ride  
January 14 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

**Portland:** January 6 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning  
January 11 – Local social or day ride depending on the weather

## December Club Meeting and Party

Our December Club meeting was hosted by Jeff C in Mount Vernon, WA with help from nearby members. People arrived in the late afternoon to a nibble on a wide range of appetizers. The club meeting started at 5 PM with a quorum and several important items of business were accomplished. Dinner followed with lots of well-prepared food and some great desserts. A great big “Thank You” to Jeff and the others who helped.



Everyone picked a number from the bag to determine the order of the white elephant gift exchange.

As usual there were some desirable gifts and a few that people tried hard to pawn off on others.

For example, Tom C had his HD toilet seat stolen.



And the photo of Marc L was a hoot, but Marc did not steal it away.



A few items were stolen back and forth as part of the process.

One gift was wrapped in Penguin wrapping paper which was a highly desirable thing for Chris L, but somehow it was shredded.





**2014 Border Riders Holiday Party, Mount Vernon, WA**

### **Registration for the Annual General Meeting**

Each year the BRMC has its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Cuff in Seattle. This is the business meeting for elections and major items of business. **It is closed to guests**, although they may want to join the group after the meeting. This year we will not be bringing in food and members may elect to go somewhere after the meeting. We do ask people to register so we have an idea as to who will attend and can prepare for an efficient roll call.

The meeting will begin at 4 PM in the lower level of the Cuff. Please try to be prompt so we can move through the business items quickly.

### **Save the Date – Annual Banquet**

Feb 21, 2015 is the date for the 45<sup>th</sup> annual BRMC banquet. This year it will be held at the Best Western Executive Inn at 6<sup>th</sup> and Taylor in Seattle. This is close to the space needle and Chris has arranged for both free parking and a discounted room block at \$97 a night, including both Friday and Saturday nights. The meal cost will be \$55 for guests. This annual celebration recognizes our members and welcomes our incoming board. More details will be in the February newsletter, but mark your calendars and consider coming for a great evening.

## **From the handlebars of the President**

Gentlemen,

Thank you to everyone who attended the December Holiday Party, which was hosted by Jeff C and his partner Tim. It was a great time. Thanks again guys for a wonderful night.

Well to say that this year has been a rollercoaster ride would be an understatement. Overall, I have really enjoyed trying to guide the club through some challenging times and some changes, which may influence the clubs future and most definitely the membership.

The club is about "the brotherhood", we have talked about this before and I'm sure that we all understand this term. I don't want that to fade away into the past, it is an important part of the club. We are a part of an amazing group of unique men that have the opportunity to spend time with each other in a safe and supportive environment, let's make the most of it.....

I really hope that all of you can reach back into your memories to why you wanted to become a Border Rider in the first place. I know what mine is, what's yours?

We had no nominations for membership for 2015 and we have a full Board compliment. I wish them all the success in guiding the club through the next couple of years.

Don't forget that the Annual General Meeting is on January 17<sup>th</sup> at the Cuff in Seattle.

So thanks to you all for your support and understanding this past year.

Lastly, I want to thank my husband Sven for his support through this year.

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

Cheers

Brian B

BRMC President 2014

## 2015 Camping Runs

For the past several years we have conducted a vote at Victoria Day for the places to camp the following year. Based on the wishes of the group, and balancing distances, we have been able to usually book the group sites for the number one and/or two choices of the group. Here are the results of what we booked for 2015

### May 15-18 Victoria Day – Pine Flats Campground near Ardenvoir, WA

We have been doing our kickoff camp at Pine Flats near Entiat, WA for several years. This primitive campsite offers great space and privacy for a fun long weekend. Some members will arrive on Thursday, May 14 but the camp officially starts on Friday. Pine Flats becomes our central location for day rides and camp activities as we truck in a full kitchen to provide all the meals for the weekend.



This weekend also allows all vehicles, so you can bring your non-riding partner or friends as well as that tent that is too large for your bike.

We expect a large crowd that always has a great weekend. Early registration gets you a discount.

### June 18-21 Bear Hollow County Park near Fossil, OR

Our June camp is at Bear Hollow Park just south of the town of Fossil, Oregon. This is About 175 miles or 3 hours from Portland; 300 miles or five hours from Seattle; and 675 km or 7 hours from Vancouver, BC.

We have rented the entire park so there is plenty of space to spread out. The park has water and vault toilets. Showers are available in town. A variety of day rides on Saturday take you on some spectacular roads and the options for short hikes in the John Day Fossil beds. We were at this campsite in 2013 with 50 participants who enjoyed some great day rides

### July 17-19 Dry Falls State Park near Coulee City, WA



We planned to go to Steamboat Rock for July, but that group camp has been closed. At the suggestion of the park ranger we selected Dry Falls State Park is near Coulee City, WA which is 200 miles or 3-3.5 hours from Seattle depending on the route. It is 475 km or 5 hours from Vancouver, BC and 300 miles or 5 hours from Portland.

Located among the cliffs of the Grand Coulee it offers some outstanding scenic rides. The campsite has vault and flush toilets and nearby showers. Some campers might take the opportunity to visit Grand Coulee Dam.

### August 14-16 Paul Lake near Kamloops, BC

This campsite is located 375 km or 4 hours from Vancouver, BC; 300 miles or 5 hours from Seattle; and 475 miles or 8 hours from Portland. Our OR riders might plan on making this a two day ride. Border Riders camped at Paul Lake in June of 2011. The group campsite has a large grassy area and a covered shelter. It is located across the lake from the public area where showers are available.

Day rides will include both loop rides with great scenery and some fun destinations.



## Sept 18-20 Kanaskat-Palmer State Park

Another group site that closed on us was Deception Pass and the temporary site lacked privacy and decent tent space. We elected to return to K-P State Park near Enumclaw, WA where we camped in September of 2013. Kanaskat-Palmer is a great group site centrally located for members and guests. The camp is about 40 miles from Seattle; 280 Km from Vancouver; and 175 miles from Portland. This site has a large group site with covered picnic area, fire ring, lots of tenting space, and two lean-two structures with eight wooden bunks. Rest rooms and four showers are within feet and there is lots of paved parking space.



## 2015 Schedule

January 17	Annual General Meeting – Seattle
February 21	Anniversary Banquet – Seattle
March 21	Club meeting – Burlington, WA
April 18	Club meeting – Vancouver, WA
May 15-18	Victoria Day Weekend Camp - Pine Flats, WA
June 19-21	Bear Hollow Camp – Fossil, OR
July 17-19	Dry Falls State park – Coulee City, WA
August 14-16	Paul Lake – Kamloops, BC
Sept 18-20	Kanaskat-Palmer State Park - Enumclaw, WA
October 17	TBD
November 21	TBD
December 12	Holiday party - TBD

## Birthday Men

Here are the members with January Birthdays. Take a moment to wish them a great day.  
Pat (Jan 6); Del C (Jan 30)

## 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.

