



Border Riders Newsletter

January 2017

Welcome!

The Border Riders Motorcycle Club (BRMC) is an organized group of guys who like to ride and camp. Our membership spans the Pacific Northwest, with the greatest participation in Portland, Seattle, and Vancouver B.C. We have one of the largest memberships of gay clubs in North America, and welcome like-minded guests to join us on our monthly club events and local activities during the riding months. Check the main page of the website at www.borderriders.com for additional information.

December Holiday Club Party

The December Holiday Party was hosted by Chris and Richard in their home in Burlington, Washington, with help from nearby members. The guys started to arrive late in the afternoon to munch and nibble on a wide range of tasty appetizers. No formal club meeting was held at this event, but roll call was taken along with the group photo. Dinner was amazing, with some sort of individual turkey meatloaf muffins as a main dish to enjoy. For those who could muster up more room in their tummies, fantastic deserts were available to finish off the meal.



Richard organized the white elephant tickets, carefully measuring out the number of tickets for the group. Ticket holders were called one by one to choose their gift under the tree, or to swap with another gift already opened.



Some gifts were 'stolen' back and forth, with the "History of the Harley Davidson Motorcycle" book being the most popular swap.

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BRMC Group Photo 2016 Holiday Party, Burlington, Washington

Road Captain Rumblings

Welcome to the New Year riders! I hope that the holidays were good for you. Up here in the Northwest we will be bringing it in with record cold, but that's the price we pay for living in this beautiful area.

I have the final (kind of) lineup for the camping season 2017 :

May	18 th – 22 nd	Victoria Day at Pine Flats, Entiat, WA
June	16 th – 17 th	Pearygin Lake State Park, Winthrop, WA
July	14 th – 16 th	Shuswap Lake Provincial Park, Scotch Creek, BC
August	18 th – 21 st	TBD – but includes the Monday for the Solar Eclipse
September	15 th – 17 th	Larrabee State Park, Bellingham, WA

August is still in the works as I'm trying to find a site in Eastern Oregon, that is under the eclipse or very close by so that we don't have to travel far. The eclipse will be on Monday morning around 10:15am. There are a couple of backup sites but they are on the Western side of the Cascades and clouds are more of a possibility. I will keep everyone up to date as soon as I have more.

This month, the Annual General Meeting is at the Cuff, Seattle on Saturday the 21st. I hope to see everyone there. We will be voting on 4 new/returning members! Always glad to see my brothers come back.

Till next month, stay safe and enjoy!

Mark Brayford, Road Captain 2017

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President's Corner

Dear Brothers,

Thanks to all who attended the holiday party at Richard and Chris's.

They did another awesome job of putting on this shindig and their house is a great place to host. Thank you both and all of those that helped them out. We had a great turnout with almost a dozen guests. Thank you all for making them all feel welcome. I did not see anyone left out of the fun.

John would normally do a wrap up of the event as he has done in previous newsletters but between the brand new knee he got on the 15th and the heavy narcotics he was in no shape to do much. He is on the mend now and doing well. Troy's partner Eric had back surgery and it is not going well so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Our annual AGM will be held at the Cuff this month and it is very important that we have a quorum. Voting members please do what you can to attend. Chris has organized the food again this year and he always does such a good job. Thank you Chris.

Please also be sure to cast your ballots when they arrive in your email.

We have one new member, Joe Collins (nominee) and three returning members, Dave Beach, Alan Hummel, and Stan Christiansen.

We had a really great year of runs. I really enjoyed the closeness, camaraderie, and good humor I witnessed this year. I hope that I have helped the club be the kind of club we are all proud to be associated with. We could have not done it without your good natured participation. Thank-you all. I look forward to another year of riding and brotherhood and serving the club in whatever way I can.

In Brotherhood, Dan

February Banquet

It's not too early to get on your calendar the BRMC Banquet for February 18th. This year, it will be held in the grand Mayflower Hotel in Seattle. The cost will be \$50 for members and \$55 for guest. Registration will be held next month.

Calendar

January 21, 2017
February 18, 2017

Annual General Meeting, Seattle Cuff
Awards Banquet, Mayflower Park Hotel, Seattle

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2016 Camp Rides Review

This was a great year for some fine motorcycle riding with the club and camping along the way. We had mixed weather this year, which included both sun and rain... maybe a little wind, too. Still, good times had by all. Here is a quick recap of our adventures for the year.

May - Victoria Day, Pine Flats WA

The riding season traditionally begins with a celebration of Canada's Victoria Day weekend, and always at Pine Flats. The club does it up right with good eats and facilities in this *far away from anyone* campground, all to ourselves.



June - Log House, Enterprise OR

This year, Enterprise was not nice to us with weather. That weekend, a relative cold and wet system blew into the area, which made for some stories to tell. In this photo, a tent supplied by the hosts for a couple of our guys was torn to shreds. Another one of our members suffered a leg injury after a fall from the bike on gravel. Still, good times had by all, as the riding out there and back was very nice.



July - Lake Sylvia, Montesano WA

Our campground could not have been more beautiful, and the weather was perfect. This is a hidden jewel in Washington. With the local town just a mile away, the bikes don't even get a chance to warm-up before dinner. The town, itself had many interesting events that weekend as well. Good food, great service, and a fantastic time makes this a *we'll be back* area.



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August - EC Manning Park, BC

Another nature wonder of Canada, this park offers a beautiful lake, thick forests, and roaring rivers through deep rock gorges. It's a bit of a ride for members living south of Portland, but it is well worth it. The area is rich in motorcycle ride adventures. One group did the twisty mountain run, another to the headwaters of Ross Lake, and yet another run did the Othello Tunnels. With the resort nearby, this private campground still had all the nice things we want close at hand.



September- Potholes State Park, Othello WA

Part of the badlands, this campground is wonderfully private along side a roaring river and waterfall. The weather can be a little dodgy this time of year, and it was no exception for us. Strong cool winds prevailed at times, and even blew our president's tent away!

Day rides through the area showcase some of the stark beauty of this unique landscape. With the local bar/restaurant just across from the park's entrance this campground is high on our return list for another year.



January Annual General Meeting and Registration

Register for the AGM January club meeting January 21, 2017. The cost is \$12 for the dinner option for both members and guests. You can register at <http://borderriders.com>.

The AGM is held at The Cuff, Seattle. This meeting is for elections for club administrative roles, voting on accepting new candidate members into the club, and on various administrative items.

The members-only meeting will start promptly at 4 pm in the lower level of The Cuff. Afterwards, members, new members, and guests will gather for dinner at 6 pm. A group photo after dinner will follow with additional time to socialize. Dinner will include a vegetarian option.

Registration closes at 9 pm on Wednesday January 17th so we can get a head count for food. No refunds after close. The Cuff is located at 1533 13th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122.

<http://www.cuffcomplex.com>

Guests who do not have an account on the BRMC website should contact a member to be sponsored if they wish to attend the club meeting.

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January Birthdays

We have one member with a January Birthday:

Del Crane (Jan 30, Surrey, BC)

Take a moment to wish him a great day.

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.

You can also send photos to news@borderriders.com

