

## BRMC Guest NEWS – January 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:** January 8 – Planned Day ride 9:30, Julia's, 300 Broadway East, (breakfast about 8 AM)  
January 18 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

**Portland:** January 3 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle meeting and event planning  
January 8 – Breakfast and Bowling Event

### December Holiday Party

Almost 50 people attended this year's holiday party. As usual Chris and Richard were great hosts with good food. The gift exchange had its share of hoots and hollers and funny packages and put everyone in a festive mood. We announced the ride plans for 2012 and a proposed Circle Tour.

It was great to see all the members and guests having such a good time – a hallmark of the friendships we create and maintain as part of the Border Riders.



## Portland Toy Run

Jeff B helped organize participation of Border Riders members and guests at this year's Shriner's Toy run. After a group breakfast we joined 6500 other bikers at the Tri-Met parking, walking around to explore all the other bikes assembled. The 8-mile ride also went past hundreds of parade marshals and parked bikes on the way to the hospital. We did not stop, but then followed Jeff along a convoluted south hills route to the Portland zoo where we had lunch.



## 2012 Camping Runs Announced

At the Holiday Party the locations for the camping weekends were announced. We are preparing run posters and will keep you informed about the October meeting as soon as we have confirmation. Please note that there were some date changes in order to get group reservations.

### May 18-21, 2012

The official season opener each year is our Victoria Day Run, so named because it coincides with the Canadian holiday. While we encourage this to be a motorcycle camping weekend - for this run we also allow other vehicles. This means you can invite your non-riding partner or buddies to come camp. We will expect almost a hundred people at the Pine Flats Campground in central Washington State where we truck in a full camp kitchen to serve high-quality food. Friday night welcomes riders with dinner and a bonfire and the joy of meeting new faces and reestablishing old friendships. Saturday will offer some spectacular motorcycle group rides; the chance to set out alone; or perhaps just hang around the camp. Following the traditional grill-your-own-steak dinner Saturday night the bonfire will be the center for club activities. About a third of the people remain until Monday to celebrate the Canadian Holiday. Check the [photos section](#) of the web site for last year's photos.

### June 15-17

June will take us to Steamboat Rock State Park near Electric City, WA and the opportunity for riding in central Washington. Our group camp is nicely separated from the other camping in the park, but still has access to showers. It is only about 11 miles to a variety of services and restaurants. Day rides might include the tour of Grand Coulee Dam or a loop to Dry Falls. Saturday night there will be the club meeting and a group dinner. As always, the campfire social afterward will give people time to re-connect.

### July 20-22

The warmer days of July will take us to far eastern Oregon and the Log House Resort in Enterprise, OR. This private campsite caters to motorcycles and even includes a shop with tools if you need repairs. Hot showers include towels so you have less to pack. For those less inclined to bring their tents the camp also offers some luxury tents with full beds as well as a lodge room. Our day rides could include an exciting ride to Hell's Canyon, Joseph Canyon, or the Forest roads nearby. The Saturday night meeting and dinner will be followed by a bonfire where we can share stories of the day.

### August 24-26 (fourth weekend)

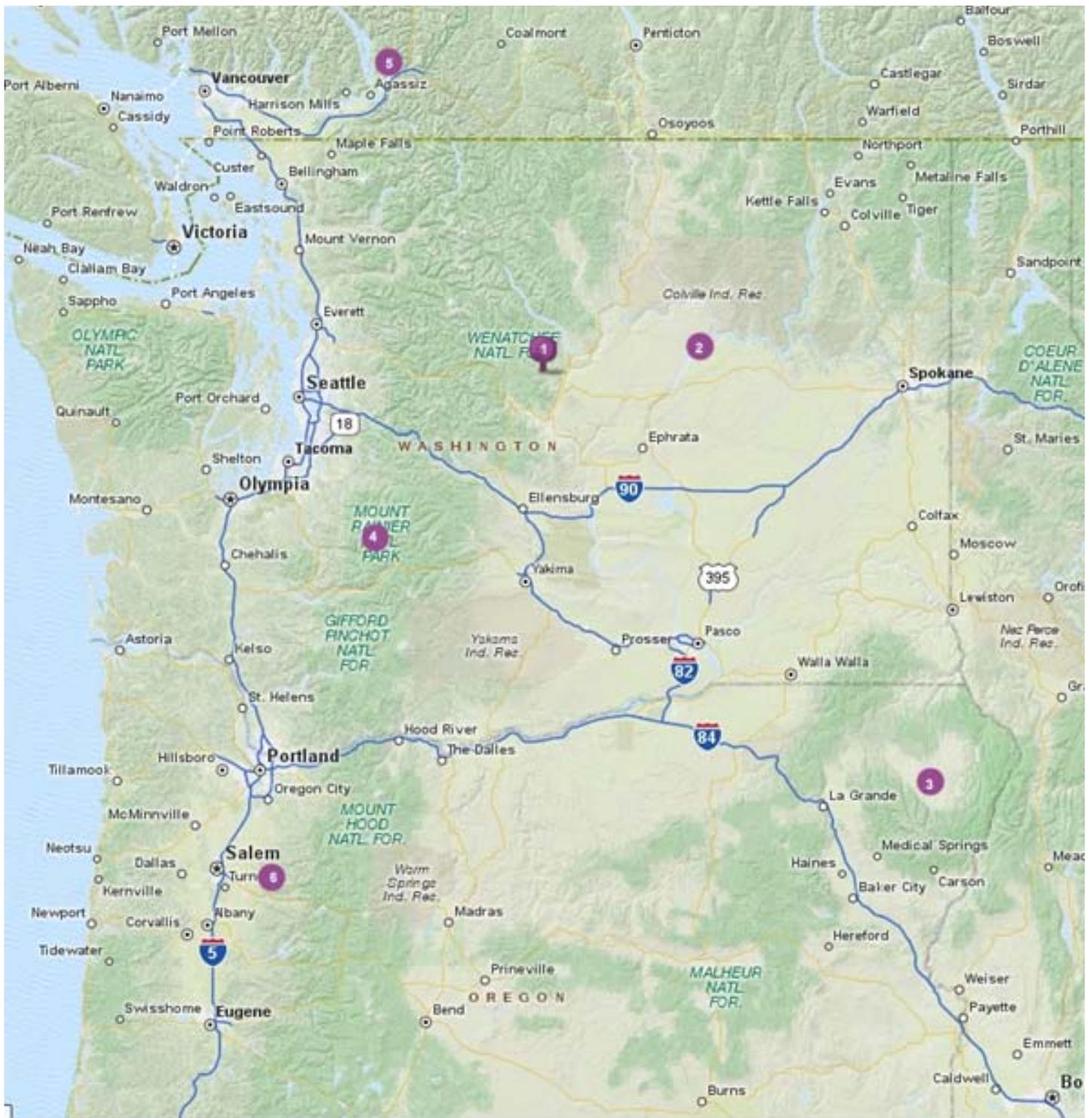
The heat of August will be tempered by the snow still visible on top of Mt Rainier as we camp at Cougar Rock inside the Mt Rainier National Park. Possible day rides include the park loop as well as rides to Mt Saint Helens or over scenic White's Pass. As always we will plan a meeting and group dinner Saturday night followed by a bonfire.

### September 21-23 (fourth weekend)

British Columbia beckons us to Sasquatch Provincial Park near Harrison Hot Springs, BC. This very private campsite has a covered shelter and will be our base for possible rides in Frazier Valley. The cool September evenings will be warmed by the camaraderie we experience around the campfire each night.

### October 13-14 or 20-21 (TBD)

Silver Falls State Park near Salem Oregon offers us a possible late season activity with a weekend at the Ranch – a large bunkhouse that can sleep the entire group inside, warmed by a central fireplace. Much like the first run of the season we will allow all vehicles at this event. If the weather is good we can explore the mountain roads toward Mt Hood or Detroit Lake. If not, we can do some easy hikes to see the spectacular waterfalls. We will either travel to a local restaurant or serve catered meals from the commercial kitchen. More details on this run once we have a confirmed reservation.



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- 5 - September 21-23 - Sasquatch Provincial Park, Harrison Hot Springs, BC
- 6 - October (TBD) - Silver Falls State park, Silver Falls, OR

## Winter Bike Maintenance

While some members and guests ride year around many park their bikes at this time of year. Be sure you perform recommended maintenance for your bike when putting it into storage. Trickle-charging the battery and keeping it from freezing is one important task for everyone. If you know you have work that will need to be done before the riding season consider scheduling that now with your mechanic. Nothing worse than being told they have to wait for parts and you can't ride to the Victoria Day Run. Below are suggestions from Honda

**Storage:** Store your bike in a dry, secure area with a minimum of temperature variations. If you cover it do not use a tarp that will hold moisture promoting rust and mildew. Be sure it is accessible for periodic checks.

**Fuel:** Best to drain the fuel tank and leave it dry while in storage. (unless of course you have the opportunity to ride this winter)

**Oil:** Change the oil before storage, even if it does not need it. This can help prevent corrosion during long storage.

**Cylinders:** If you don't run the engine periodically you should consider adding a bit of oil to prevent piston and ring damage. Remove the spark plug and pour a tablespoon of clean engine oil in the cylinder. Cover the spark plug hole with a piece of clean cloth and crank the engine over through several revolutions to coat the cylinder walls with oil. Then reinstall the spark plug.

**Battery:** Remove the battery for storage. If the battery is a conventional (not maintenance-free) type, check the electrolyte level, adding distilled water to any cells that are low. Use a trickle charger or a battery tender to maintain the charge as necessary. Keep from freezing.

**Tires:** Check that tire air pressures are correct and place the vehicle in its storage location. During storage, check for correct air pressures and also move the bike at least once a month to prevent flat-spotting the tires.

Of course the BEST thing is to get out and ride on those occasional nice days we have in the Northwest. We will have a safety checklist published before the May kickoff run.

## 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.

