

BRMC GUEST NEWS – January 2013

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 6 and Feb 3 – Planned Day ride 9:30, Julia's, 300 Broadway East, (breakfast about 8 AM)
January 16 and Feb 13 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: January 1 and Feb 5– Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning
January 6 and Feb 10 – Breakfast and Day ride or social activity, weather dependent

Recap – December Holiday Party

Our December BRMC party is always a great celebration for our members and guests. This year we had 50 people attend at Rumors bar in Bellingham with Ken and Wayne graciously providing the space.



David arranged for a food spread that kept everyone happy and well fed.

After dinner the group gathered for the "traditional" gift exchange which saw such items as hats, mugs, cheese, and such stolen back and forth.



Most of our prospective new members were in attendance, as well as many long-time guests.



We did manage to get everyone together for a few minutes for a group photo.



From the handlebars of the President

Happy New Year Border Riders... The BRMC is the third oldest and by far the largest motorcycle club in the Americas. As we begin our 44th year the club continues to grow and prosper because of the support of our members and many guests. Thank you. This year we have an outstanding class of prospective new members, an exciting lineup of summer camps, and some wonderful opportunities for both local day rides and long-distance riding. The friendships and camaraderie that are built through these interactions are what make us a family.

An important part of that family is the participation of all our members – and our guests – in the planning and conducting of all our events. The officers need your help in many ways to make the club successful. Our kickoff Victoria Day event in May requires many volunteers, and we will be starting that planning process soon. Our other camps need a road captain buddy to assist in planning. And local rides always need a leader to bring an exciting new perspective to the group. Think about how you would like to assist us this year in making YOUR club more dynamic.

We have recently received website comments and emails from riders across the country bemoaning the fact they don't have a local organization or opportunity to ride with other gay men. We point to the links we have on our website for other gay motorcycle organizations, and always invite them to join us if possible. It reminds us of how lucky we are in the Northwest to have both great riding and great riders.

The weather outside might be frightful, but the members are so delightful – and Spring will be upon us soon. Happy New Year and....get your ride on!

January - Annual General Meeting

Each year the club holds the AGM at the Cuff in Seattle in a closed, members-only business meeting. At that time voting is completed for new officers, new prospective members, and changes to the bylaws or standing orders. Once the closed part of the meeting is completed guests are permitted to attend, and then finally the meeting concludes with food and social time. This year the meeting will be on Saturday, January 19, beginning at 5 PM. Members should register and pay for food via the members-only website. Guests will need to be invited and registered by a member.

Club Officers

The following have been nominated for next year's officers. Full descriptions of the duties of each position are included in the club bylaws which are posted on the members-only website.

President David Failing
Vice President Jeff Booth
Secretary Jack Osterberg
Treasurer Dale Conley
Road Captain Dave Eckert

Voting for New Members

The following guests have been nominated for membership. Photos and Bios are posted on the members-only website.

David Blackwell
Jimmy Boggs
Stan Christiansen
Jeff Connor
Jason Hurd
Alan Hummel
Scott Huotari
Pat Lanagan
Pat Thompson

Mark Your Calendars for 2013

The voting for 2013 camping locations was held during the Victoria Day Run and we have worked to reserve the locations which received the greatest interest. Because the focus for 2012 was more "southern" we will be focused north for 2013 with two runs in BC. Mark your calendars now for these important dates:

January 19	Cuff, Seattle - Annual General Meeting
February 16	Portland – Annual Banquet
May 17-19	Victoria Day – Pine Flats Campground in Ardenvoir, WA
June 14-16	Shuswap Lake Provincial Park near Scotch Creek, BC
June 17-22	Proposed extended ride from camp back to Vancouver, BC via Bella Coola, BC.
July 19-21	Bear Hollow Park near Fossil, OR
August 16-18	Goldstream Park near Victoria, BC
September 20-22	Kanaskat-Palmer State Park near Enumclaw, WA
October 8-17	Proposed group ride to Death Valley
October 18-20	Silver Falls State Park near Silverton, OR

You can find more information about all these rides at <http://www.borderriders.com/runs.html>

If you have suggestions for future camping runs please submit them to the road captain. We will be voting on the 2014 run locations as part of the Victoria Day run.

Birthday Men

This month we only have two men with January birthdays. Take a moment to tell them Happy Birthday. Sam Bullied (2nd); Del Crane (30th)

Portland Bowling

What do you do when the weather is just too cold and wet to ride? How about make complete fools of yourselves by bowling? Portland members and guests went to breakfast and bowling on December 9th and managed to at least keep the ball in the correct alley.



It appears we did have a few “ringers” in the group that did well – but a great time was had by everyone. We plan other social events this winter when the weather is not great for riding.

Contributions

Trip plans, day rides, other member news? Please send it in to be added to the newsletter.

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.

