

BRMC GUEST NEWS – March 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: March 2 – No ride scheduled
March 12 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

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

44th Anniversary Banquet - Vancouver

We had great attendance at the annual banquet at the Sandman Hotel in Vancouver, BC on Saturday night Feb 15. A great meal and social time was shared by about 60 members and guests as we celebrated 2013 and looked forward to 2014.



Tom C (left), member since 1990, chats with Roy S who has been with the club since 1976. These long-time members are an important part of our history and tradition.

Below you see our three new members with their sponsors. Pictured from the left are: Brad S, Kevin S, Chris L, Dave B, Mark B, and David B.



The award for High Mileage is determined by the member who registers his bike at both Victoria Day and the September run. This year the shirt was presented to Scott H and his name is added to the plaque.

A special High Mileage Blinker award was humorously given to David F for his failure to turn off his signal.



The new officers were presented their name badges and will lead the club for 2014. Pictured from the left are: Dave E, Road Captain; Dale C, Treasurer; Brian B, President; Buck W, Secretary; Collin F, Vice President



Our videographer Andrew took all the photos supplied to him from the 2013 events and created a memorable video presentation. It will be shown again at the Victoria Day Weekend camp and also made available on the website. Everyone is reminded to get their photos and videos to Andrew during the course of the coming year.



We thank all our members and guests for the great participation and look forward to seeing everyone at the many events planned for 2014.

From the handlebars of the President

Gentlemen,

Thank you to everyone that attended the 44th Anniversary Dinner held in Vancouver BC in February 2014 and welcome to our new members, Brad, Kevin and Mark. You are a great addition to the BRMC brotherhood. Congratulations to Scott Huotari who was awarded with the BRMC High Mileage.

A special thanks to our out-going Board members David F, Jeff B and Jack O you guys are amazing and have done a wonderful job..... Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.....

As I mentioned in my address at the Anniversary Dinner, it's your club, it belongs to all of us. We are all connected through our strong brotherhood that includes the love of riding, camping, and having fun and I want everyone to enjoy our events.

The Board's function is to organize the events, rides, and campouts for the members and to guide the club on the path that the members have decided on. While we welcome your feedback and will listen to your concerns, in some instances and cases, we as a Board are unable to act and we may call for feedback from the members. Should that be necessary, we can raise the issues at our monthly meetings for discussion.

Additionally, at times we require your assistance at the larger events like the Victoria Day Campout. Sharing the workload across all the participating members removes the burden on the few dedicated volunteers, let's all chip-in, and we will all have an awesome time at the campout.

I hope that I can revitalize and re-energize your interest in the club, maximize the fun, get us riding and camping together, sharing our stories and experiences in a safe and respectful environment.

Birthday Men

March is a popular month for our member's birthdays. Take a moment to wish them a great day.

Doug H (March 1); Randy T (March 3); Howard S (March 6); Scott H (March 10);
Luke B (March 12); Pat T (March 13); Justin W (March 19); Darwin G (March 22);
Deb O (March 26)

Upcoming Schedule for 2014

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

2015 Camp planning

Really? We have not even started our 2014 camping season.

The last two years at our Victoria Day Camp we voted on the places we wanted to go the following year. This worked well as many of the group sites may be reserved a full year in advance and may not be available if not reserved the first day they can be booked. By making our selections early we have been able to get the places people most wanted on the dates we wanted them.

So think about where we have been before, where we have never been but should investigate, or where you think we should consider. Send your thoughts and suggestions to captain@borderriders.com or bring them to the March meeting.

March Meeting Registration

Registration will be available shortly on the MEMBERS-ONLY website and guests do not have access to this registration. Members who are inviting guests will need to register for them. The March meeting will be on Saturday the 15th and hosted by Scott H in Vancouver, WA. The meal cost will be \$15. Full directions and additional information will be emailed upon registration. One important area of business will be Victoria Day Weekend planning.

By the way - while you are on the members-only website you have the opportunity to access the gear store. If there are items you want for Victoria Day please order them early. If we are low on items of demand it gives us the chance to receive another order before the camping weekend. Perhaps you also need to replace that lost name badge.

Preparing for Victoria Day

BRMC members heading for Pine Flats in May will want to make a stop at the March meeting to sign up for jobs at the Victoria Day campout. These include everything from grocery shopping and loading and unloading the truck to cooking and dishwashing in camp. We create the Victoria Day experience in a remote Forest Service campground with nothing more than a fire ring and a manual water pump. Everything else comes about through the work of members like you. When you're throwing a three-day party in the middle of nowhere for 90 of your best friends it takes the effort of everyone. Pitching in is also a great way to participate and get to know your brothers in the club.

Signing up for jobs in March gives you first choice of job assignments and work times throughout the Victoria Day weekend. These duties start Thursday in Seattle when we pick up the truck and rented equipment and shop for groceries. In camp, there are four meals to prepare, serve, and clean up after. Back in Seattle at the end of the run, there are jobs to unload the truck and return the rentals. Signing up in March gives you the best chance for your favorite job. Two jobs which are assigned to every BRMC member are setting up and tearing down camp.

Going to VD, but can't make it to the March meeting? Not to worry. We will assign you a job!

Why We Ride

I know this is a sponsored advertisement, but you might enjoy this four-minute video about motorcycle riding...and the biker is kinda woofy..... http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=QTPQ7iilgsE

Spring Maintenance

While some of you may have been riding all winter many of us have left old faithful sitting idle for a few months. As the weather improves it is time to do a health check. Attached to this month's newsletter is a checklist from the Motorcycle Safety Association. You might also consider a check in with your dealer or favorite mechanic.

With most people using gasoline that contains ethanol you should also be aware of its tendency to attract water vapor. If your bike has been sitting with a partial tank of gas you might consider a little dry-gas, run it down, and then fill it with some fresh fuel before you plan a long ride.

Other quick checks include your battery water level and the tread on those tires.

Don't wait until everyone else wants bike service and your mechanic is booked up for weeks. We want you riding with us as soon as the weather improves.

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.



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 75 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.