

BRMC NEWS – May 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: May 5 and June 2 – Planned Day ride 9:30, Julia's, 300 Broadway East, (breakfast about 8 AM)
May 15 and June 19 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: May 7 and June 4– Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning
May 12 and June 9 – Breakfast and Day ride

April Meeting

A great big thank you to Dan S for hosting the April meeting at his house. We know how much work this can be and we all appreciate his efforts. If you are interested in hosting a meeting in the future please contact the president.

One major topic of discussion was Victoria Day planning. We are pleased that things are going well and looking forward to a great camping weekend. Most of the duty roster is complete.

Another meeting topic concerned the proposed changes to the bylaws. A motion was passed and approved to create a paper ballot that will allow voting members to review the bylaw and standing order changes in sections and voice their opinion for each section rather than for voting yes or no in total. More information on the process is in the meeting minutes and will also be emailed.

From the handlebars of the President

Our 44th annual Victoria Day Weekend is approaching fast. Thanks to all the people who have volunteered for the various duties during the weekend. When we share the work it makes for a great weekend.

As you can see below there have been major changes in the Pine Flats campground. We are the first group to use these new facilities. In the past BRMC has developed a reputation for being great stewards of the campsite by leaving the facilities better than when we arrived. This has enabled us to work with The Forest Rangers Randy and Jim to ensure that we have a great weekend. They have been most helpful in providing us information and doing their best to make the new Pine Flats work well for us, and we appreciate their efforts.

The word this year will be “flexibility” as we make adjustments to the way we do things. We ask you to please ask questions, give feedback, tell us what is working, and what needs improvement. Hunt up any of the club officers with your comments. But help us along the way. We really want to maintain our standing with the Forest Service so pick up trash and leave your personal camping area in better shape than when you arrived.

Most importantly, have fun. The Victoria Day weekend camp kicks off a great season of Border Rider events. The evening campfire at each run lets you meet new people, re-connect with old friends, and share your riding experiences. This camaraderie is a major reason we exist. We are glad you are here.

I look forward to seeing you soon. 'Cause without you, it's just not the same ; {D

Early Registration for Victoria Day

Again this year we are offering EARLY registration discounts. The registration is now available on the PUBLIC website at www.borderriders.com. The early registration price is \$100 for members and \$125 for guests. The early registration ends at midnight on April 30 when the prices increase by \$25.

Participants at Victoria Day are going to see some radical changes in Pine Flats. We have been working with the Forest Service to understand how they will impact our weekend. The campsite has been closed since the middle of last summer and we will be the first group using the new facilities. They have removed the old wooden toilets and replaced them with new concrete vault toilets. They have widened, graded, and hard-packed the roads making it much easier for both the truck and the bikes to access the campsite. The road to the group area now loops back past our memorial tree. There are all new picnic tables. Here is a photo of the group area. The kitchen and eating areas are in about the same place. Bike parking should be much easier.



One major change is the number and location of the individual sites and the available parking. We are working with the Forest Service to reserve ALL the individual sites beginning Thursday as well as reserving the group site for Thursday night. Because of these changes we are asking for more information during the registration process. We will need to know who is planning to come early or stay until Monday and how many cars to expect. We will have more planning information in an email right before the weekend.

Camping Runs for 2013

- May 17-19 **Victoria Day** – Pine Flats Campground in Ardenvoir, WA
Early registration ends April 30
- June 14-16 **Shuswap Lake** Provincial Park near Scotch Creek, BC
We expect to have registration information on the website about June 1
- June 17-22 **Extended ride** from camp back to Vancouver, BC via Bella Coola, BC
We currently have at least four riders for the Bella Coola ride after the June camp at Shuswap, BC. Riders would arrive back in Vancouver on Friday June 21 and Portland on Sunday June 23. If you would like detailed information drop a note to captain@borderriders.com . We will be making final camping reservations soon.
- 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 **Queer Biker Invasion of Death Valley** – via San Francisco
This ride to Death Valley requires making and paying for two motel reservations before June. Reservations may be cancelled for a refund, but need to be made or there will not be any inexpensive rooms available. Detailed trip information is available.
- October 25-27 **Silver Falls State Park** near Silverton, OR (FOURTH weekend of the month)

This is an all-vehicle event and all food will be catered in. If the weather is good there are great places to ride, if not there are fun hikes among the waterfalls. Last year was a great success – just ask someone who attended.

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

Camping Runs for 2014

At Victoria Day we will be voting on the run locations for 2014 as many of the prime campsites need to be reserved a full year in advance. Again there will be a presentation of the places we have researched and voting by the members. If you have a potential group site you would like added to the list please send the info to captain@borderriders.com

Birthday Men

This month we have the following men with May birthdays. Take a moment to wish them a Happy Birthday. Roy Sherrill (4th); Senju Kaz and Michael Roco (27th); Rex Cooley (29th)

Member Activities

Looking for an indoor activity? The Washington State History Museum in Tacoma has an exhibit of historic motorcycles. Check <http://www.washingtonhistory.org/wshm/featured-exhibits.aspx> for more information. The display runs through June. Saturdays and Sundays 10-5



Portland area riders have been enjoying the great weather and did an extra day ride to Goldendale last week. Photos stops included this spot at Trout Lake, WA with Mt Adams in the background and a view spot overlooking the Klickitat River Gorge.

In addition to their monthly day rides they are also planning a white water rafting trip to Maupin in August. They still have space available for anyone to join in.

By the way, you will also find some photos of local Border Rider events on the Facebook page.

Contributions

Trip plans, day rides, other member news?

As the weather improves and 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 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.

