

BRMC NEWS – October 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: October 6 – Planned Day ride – Email will go to Seattle area riders
October 16 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: October 1 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning
October 6 – Planned day ride – route information will be emailed

September Weekend Camp

The weather forecast really put a damper on registration and attendance at our September camp at Kanaskat-Palmer State Park. But it turns out no one encountered rain on the way to camp and Friday afternoon's sun had people walking around shirtless and in shorts.



The camp had two lean-to structures with bunks which some riders selected. Others set up their tents in various places around the camp.

We pushed all the tables under the picnic shelter in case of rain, which did appear at night. By morning it had stopped and people were prepared for some day rides.

Jeff B ran into Enumclaw early in the morning to bring back coffee which was greatly appreciated. The group broke up and went off to breakfast and onto several day rides.



The rain continued to hold off and most of the riders decided to ride to dinner Saturday night.



Many of the people who elected not to camp did come to the meeting and dinner where we had a lively discussion and reconnected over some great food.

Social time continued back at camp and the rain made an appearance after people went to bed.

Sunday morning was dry, but with a promise of rain and most people broke camp early - right after Jeff's coffee run. Gear was loaded and most people made it home ahead of the rain.

September in the Pacific Northwest - we expect the chance of rain. Let's all hope for a nice Indian Summer so we can get some additional riding in this fall. October will be an all-vehicle camp, but hopefully the weather will allow some people to ride.

October Group Photo



From the handlebars of the President

The forecast for the weekend of our September camp really put a damper on our registration and attendance. But it turns out that the rain did not affect getting to camp or the Saturday day rides. I guess most people got home dry, although I hear some of the Portland people had rain on I-5. Many of the people who bailed on camp did come to the meeting and dinner so overall we had good attendance at that.

As part of Brian's project to define the club's desired direction going forward two important motions were passed at the meeting. The first creates a committee of members to review all the aspects of the waiver and provide summary reports back to the membership with a hope to have a final version to be voted on at the AGM. The second committee is charged with looking at aspects of membership. Any member that wishes to be part of either committee should contact the board and from that pool of interest, will be two members from each regional area. These committees will be looking for member input of all types. By acting as a clearinghouse for input we hope to have a more organized approach to developing plans.

Our last large camping event for this season will be happening the FOURTH weekend in October at Silver Falls State Park in Oregon. This was a great success last year and I hope to see a great turnout again this year. All meals are included and there are videos, games, and social time in addition to potential day rides or hikes. If the weather cooperates we hope to see people riding this year.

November and December meetings are fixed and we should have the entire 2014 schedule published soon. I hope to see youCause without you, it's just not the same ;{D

October Camping Run Information

Registration will be on the Border Riders website for the last camping of the 2013 season. Our Border Riders October camp is located at the New Ranch within Silver Falls State Park near Silverton, Oregon.

The NEW RANCH is located in Silver Falls State Park, which is located about 17 miles southeast of Silverton, OR. This is about 60 miles (1.5 hours) from Portland; 230 miles (4.5 hours) from Seattle; and 600 km (6.5 hours) from Vancouver. Portland members and guests will assist with places to stay if you wish to travel south on Thursday evening.



Because of the chance of inclement weather this will be an all vehicle event – although you are encouraged to ride your motorcycle if possible. We have limited parking spaces and if you are not planning to ride your bike we ask you to arrange for car pools.

There is a large meadow adjacent to the building and you may bring a tent, weather permitting. The ranch has sleeping quarters for up to 75 people. These are plywood bunks and you will need to bring your air mattress and sleeping bag. The building is heated by a large fireplace which will also be the central hub for our activities.



There are flush toilets in the building and free showers are available in the main park.

All food for the weekend will be included and you can find a program and menu on the website. The registration price is \$55 for Members and \$65 for guests. Upon registration you will receive an informational email with complete directions and other useful information. Because we are purchasing food we need an accurate count in advance. **Registration closes at 9 PM on October 21.** No refunds after close.

Upcoming Schedule for 2013 / 2014

November 16	Club meeting in Misson, BC
December 14	Holiday Party in Burlington, WA
January 18	Annual General Meeting, Cuff in Seattle
February 15	Annual Banquet, Vancouver BC
March 15	Club meeting in Vancouver, WA
April 19	Club meeting in Oakville, WA
May 16-19	Victoria Day Camping Run, Ardenvoir, WA
June 20-22	Pearrygin Lake near Winthrop, WA
July 18-20	Canal Creek near Waldport, OR
August 15-17	Willows near Lillooet, BC
Sept 19-21	TBD
October 17-19	TBD
November 15	Club meeting – TBD
December 13	Holiday Party - TBD

Birthday Men

This month we have the following men with October birthdays. Take a moment to wish them a Happy Birthday. Dusty E (October 10th); Randy W (October 24th); Dave E (October 30th).

Member Activities



On September first Seattle area riders enjoyed the great weather and did a ride to Winthrop for lunch.



The next Seattle Day ride will be Sunday October 6. If you did not get an email with details contact the road captain.

The Portland area day ride on September 8 was a trip to Windy Ridge on the east side of Mt Saint Helens.



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Riding to Alaska

Don from North Carolina is traveling cross country next summer (2014) and looking for someone who wants to continue on to Alaska with him. The route and dates are all TBD. If you have an interest contact captain@borderriders.com to be put in touch with him. Sounds like a fun opportunity.

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 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.

