

BRMC GUEST NEWS – September 2014

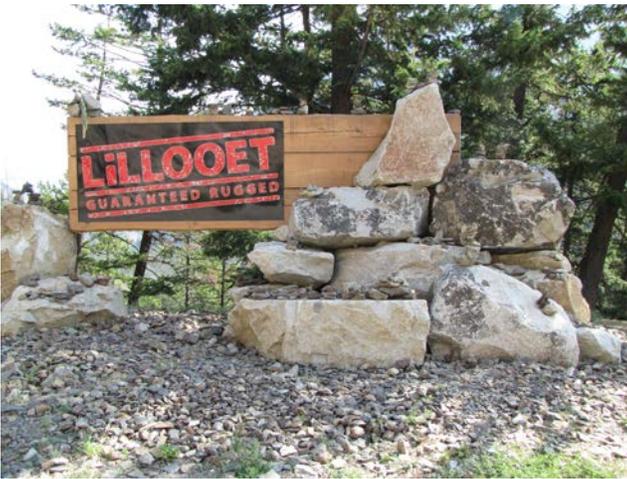
Local Ride Activities

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: September 7 – Day ride, local riders will get an email
September 17 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: September 2 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning
September 7 – Day ride - information will be emailed to local riders in advance

August Lillooet Camp



The Border Riders August camp was to Lillooet, BC. The forecast was not promising, but the weekend actually turned out well with great riding weather. The Willows campground was a bit on the rustic side, but provided a nice private space that was not too far from town.

We guessed that it matched the town motto of rugged as there were bear sightings near camp and we were honored with a porta-potty that had a flush toilet.



Most of the campers arrived early enough on Friday to join in an informal group dinner before gathering to socialize at the camp. Unfortunately the dry weather imposed a strict burn ban and we were unable to have a campfire. Gathering around a lantern is just not the same – but did provide a focal point for people to gather.

Saturday morning took most of the people to the same place for breakfast before some people went off for day rides and others took time to relax at camp. One small group looking to gather some rocks while on their day ride encountered a bear and fortunately only returned with exciting stories.

Another group traveled south to Whistler and rode the Peak-to-Peak Tram.



Following the short club meeting everyone joined in a group ride to the restaurant for a well-organized Greek dinner in town. Special thanks to Brad and Andrew for making that work so well.

Saturday night again was social time around the "pretend campfire".



August 23, 2014 - Willows Campground, Lillooet, BC

From the handlebars of the President

Gentlemen,

Thank you to everyone that attended the August camp-out in Lillooet British Columbia. Unfortunately, Sven and I were not able to attend due to Sven being in hospital, but I was told that it was a small group of members and guests that had a good time.

Obviously, with such a small group there was not a quorum at the meeting so the minutes of the previous meetings were not approved. We have set them aside for the September meeting, which I hope that you will all be able to attend.

However one issue that continues to bubble to the surface and I mentioned this in the August Handlebars about motorcycle only events. I will re-iterate my message:

“One issue that has been raised by many of the members over the last couple of years relates to motor vehicles at motorcycle-only events: who can come; who can drive; does it apply to disabled members; and I want my boyfriend to come..... The board, over the last couple of months has been trying to administer consistent decision making, which some of you have gracefully accepted, others not so much. What I would like to propose is using SurveyMonkey to put a series of questions together to gather your thoughts and opinions on this and create a process document to publish.”

I will be preparing the survey in the coming week and send it out to all members and then will share this feedback with you all.

Remember that the 50th Anniversary in the next couple of years, and we want this to be a big event inviting other clubs from the US and Canada and definitely all our past members. This is going to be a phenomenal event and we should look into getting a small organizing committee together to start with the preparation. If you are interested in being a part of this committee please let me know.

Nominations for the new members for 2015 are coming up and members who are considering sponsoring a guest for membership should be explaining the club expectations and responsibilities of membership. As the sponsor you are required to provide a photo and short biography to the webmaster by October 1. As a reminder to everyone, new members are voted into the club at the AGM in January, by the eligible voting members and are presented with their colours at the Anniversary Dinner in February if they are successful.

One last thing, I would like to encourage you all to consider being a member of the BRMC Board. Just because the current members are doing a great job does not mean that you would not be able to contribute in some way to the club. It is an amazing experience and you get to meet everyone within the club, members and guests, and I would definitely encourage anyone interested to nominate for any of the Board positions.

I look forward to seeing you at the September Campout, ride safely.

Remember this is YOUR Club, run by the members for the members.

Cheers Brian Beacham BRMC President 2014

Upcoming Schedule

Sept 19-21	Lewis and Clark State park, near Chehalis, WA - road captain buddy Mark Brayford
October 18	Club meeting – Federal Way, WA
November 15	Club meeting – Mission, BC
December 13	Holiday Party – Mount Vernon, WA
January 17	Annual General Meeting – Seattle
February 21	Anniversary Banquet - Seattle

Birthday Men

Here are the members with September Birthdays. Take a moment to wish them a great day.

Kevin S (September 5); Tom S (September 11); Paul F (September 16);
Salty G (September 20); Brian B and Jeff B (September 28)

Registration for the September Camp

The weekend of September 19-21 is our last camping run of the season. The camp is located just off I-5 near Chehalis, WA. This is about 390 km or 4 hours from Vancouver; about 100 miles or 2 hours from Seattle; and 80 miles or 1.5 hours from Portland.

The campsite is very private with large grassy spaces for tents and a covered meeting space. Day rides might include Mount Rainier or Mount Saint Helens loops as well as loop rides west to the coast.

Saturday night after the club meeting we will do a group ride to a local restaurant. You will order in advance but pay for your meal at the restaurant. Each meal includes salad, vegetable, potato, and drink - and the cost includes tax and tip. If you wish to add a dessert you may do that individually.

Top Sirloin Steak - \$27.75
Chicken Cordon Bleu - \$24.50
Grilled Salmon - \$27.75
Extensive Salad bar with bread and choice of soup - \$21.50



Guests do not have access to this registration and will need to ask a member to register for them. Please tell them your choice of meal. They also need your email address and phone number. You will get an email with a link to make the payment for the camp.

Registration fee for the camping is \$25 for guests.

Registration closes at 9 PM on Monday September 15

Member Activities and Rides

Seattle

Members and guests met for breakfast at the Poodle Dog in Fife on Sunday the third for a ride.

Member Dale C and several guests did a ride to Johnson Ridge observatory on the west side of Mt St Helens on August 24. This will be one of the day ride options for the September camp.



Portland

The Portland area September day ride was to the Windy Ridge Lookout on the east side of Mt St Helens. Part of this ride will be one of the day ride options for the September camp.



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.