

BRMC GUEST NEWS – September 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: September 1 – Planned Day ride – Meet at Patty's Eggnest Restaurant, 2310 Washington 530, Arlington, WA
September 11 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: September 3 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning
September 8 – Planned day ride – route information will be emailed

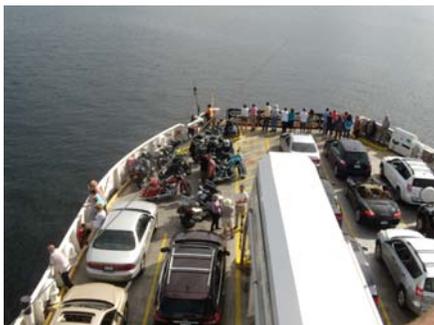
Goldstream Weekend Camp

The camp at Goldstream Provincial Park on Vancouver Island was a huge success. We had excellent attendance from members and longtime guests, but also some new guests. Despite some spotty forecasts and a few people encountering rain on the mainland the local weather turned out to be great. We had one guest, Will, who added us into his cross-Canada trip.



Friday night Salty and his crew provided dinner and we conducted our safety meeting and described the Saturday day rides. Unfortunately there was a burning ban in effect so there was no campfire – except for a small propane lamp placed in the fire pit. Nice to know that Border Riders can adjust to almost any circumstance.

People were up early to start the coffee and gather in the shelter to discuss their planned rides. Local riders helped lead some of the rides or describe alternatives for those that wanted to go off on their own. After breakfast the various rides departed.



One group was led by Ty and Robert and took a ferry to Salt Springs Island to see Robert's mother who was celebrating her 87th birthday. I don't think she expected to have a bunch of bikers.





Another group lead by Dave and Jorel made its way to Genoa Bay and back and then ended up teasing the great waitress at lunch.



A third day ride led by Goatboy wandered its way to Port Renfrew taking advantage of his knowledge of the back roads to make it very interesting.

Everyone made it back to camp in the late afternoon and relaxed until the club meeting.



Our group photo shows a lot of happy faces



Saturday night dinner was steak, chicken, and lots of sides. Thanks Dan for manning the grill.

Sunday morning people were up early for coffee, breakfast, and to break camp. A large group was scheduled for the Sidney ferry to Anacortes at noon while others found other routes home.

Again a great weekend because everyone contributed in their own way – it's what makes a Border Riders event so successful.



From the handlebars of the President

I am sorry to have missed the camp at Goldstream. From all reports it was an outstanding time with good attendance, good weather, and great food. Thanks to Salty and all the others who help make the weekend such a success. It is nice to make it over to Vancouver Island and enjoy some of the great riding.

At the club meeting Brian B kicked off a process to review all of our club documents and work toward a plan defining the ongoing direction of the club. We have recently seen some old-time clubs disband as their membership dwindled. We are fortunate in gaining new members, but we want to be sure we balance our founding traditions with dynamic changes that keep us relevant. Watch for a lot more work on this over the coming months.

Our September camp generally marks the end of our organized riding season, Depending on the weather I expect to see some October Day rides, and we might even get riders to the October event at Silver Falls....but then again it is the Pacific Northwest.

Kanaskat-Palmer is very central to all our riders. This should make it easy for most members and many guests to attend. Remember it is a motorcycle only event and there are some great day rides planned for Saturday.

Because of safety concerns we don't often get a chance to do a large group ride. The ride from this camp to the Saturday night dinner is an easy rural road of about 10 miles and offers a chance to do a large formation ride. We will talk about this at camp, but I am always overjoyed to see us descend on the restaurant looking like we know what we are doing.

Get out there and ride. And we hope to see you on Friday night September 20.'Cause without you, it's just not the same ;{D

Member Email

Many of you know that John D experienced an accident on the way to the Fossil camp in July. He sent a nice letter to the board that Jeff read at the August meeting. For those who missed it we are including it in the newsletter. We wish John a quick recovery and hope that someone will assist him to attend the September meeting.

Please share these thoughts with the membership since I will not be with you all for at least another month.

First of all, I want to thank all of the Border Riders who were so generous to help me and Dan after my accident on the way to Fossil last month. You guys are fantastic! You saw to it that I had pain medications, and that my wounds were cleaned up. You helped me move about when I did not have crutches. You went and got me food. You loaned us a car to transport me to the emergency room. You made sure my bike had a place to go when we were cleaning up the camp. You transported me home. You saw to it that I had food when I arrived home. You went back to pick up my bike to transport it to Portland. You rode my bike to Oakville and then back to Portland when I was not in Oakville.

I am not mentioning any names here, because I am afraid I may forget someone, but you know who you are. We Border Riders talk about "Brotherhood." What you all did for me is exactly what brotherhood means. You truly acted like family. I cannot thank you all enough.

Second of all, an update: I had surgery one week after going to the emergency room in the Dalles. The stitches are out and I now am using a scooter to get around the house and neighborhood. I am no longer on pain meds and will be starting physical therapy next week. I will be seeing the surgeon again the first week in September and am hoping that by then I will be a little more mobile. All in all, things are progressing well.

September Camping Run Information

Kanaskat-Palmer State Park, Enumclaw, WA September 20-22, 2013

September is the final motorcycle-only camping run for the 2013 season. Kanaskat-Palmer is a great group site centrally located for members and guests. It is about 25 miles due east of Federal Way, WA. That makes it about one hour from downtown Seattle and three hours from downtown Vancouver, BC or Portland, OR.

The campsite has a large group site with covered picnic area, fire ring, lots of tenting space, and two lean-two structures with eight wooden bunks. Rest rooms and four showers are within feet and there is lots of paved parking space.

The run fee of \$25 for guests covers the camping. We have also arranged for a group meal on Saturday night at a cost \$25 and we encourage you to join the group. You may select Prime Rib, Steak, Chicken or vegetarian entrees. The full menu may be found on the web registration page. Coffee will be available at the campsite Saturday and Sunday mornings, but no food.

This is a motorcycle only weekend. Please contact the Run Captain if you need to come by car or truck.

Upon registration you will receive an informational email with complete directions and other useful information. Information about group rides to the camp will be mailed about a week before the camp.

Your registration is not complete and space not reserved until you register AND pay the fees. Any registrations received without payment will be deleted. Registration will close Monday September 16 at 9 PM. No refunds after close.

Registration at www.borderriders.com

High Mileage

Members who have signed up for the high mileage award are reminded they must have their bikes present for the end-of-season check in on Saturday night September 21 at the campsite.

Final Weekend for 2013

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.

Birthday Men

This month we have the following men with September birthdays. Take a moment to wish them a Happy Birthday. Tom S (September 11th); Paul F (September 16th); Salty G (September 20th); Brian B and Jeff B (September 28th)

Member Activities

The next Seattle Day ride will be Sunday September 1. If you did not get an email with details contact the road captain.



Portland riders and guests had a weekend camp and white water rafting in Maupin. It was a blast and we expect to do it again next summer.

The Portland area day ride on September 8 will likely be a trip to Windy Ridge on the east side of Mt Saint Helens. Details will be emailed after the Tuesday meet and greet at the Eagle or contact the road captain.

We understand that Jeremy was caught speeding.....again.....

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.

