



Border Riders Newsletter

February 1, 2017

Welcome!

The Border Riders Motorcycle Club (BRMC) is an organized group of guys who like to ride and camp. Our membership spans the Pacific Northwest, with the greatest participation in Portland, Seattle, and Vancouver B.C. We have one of the largest memberships of gay clubs in North America, and welcome like-minded guests to join us on our monthly club events and local activities during the riding months. Check the main page of the website at www.borderriders.com for additional information.

January Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Each year the BRMC holds their Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Cuff in Seattle. We had a good turnout of members and guests. Thanks to Chris for arranging the food. In addition to the important business this was a nice opportunity to socialize.



Photo: BRMC AGM discussing important business in The Cuff's command center.



Photo: Our newest members, Joe Collins, Stan Christiansen, Dave Beach, (not pictured Alan Hummel)

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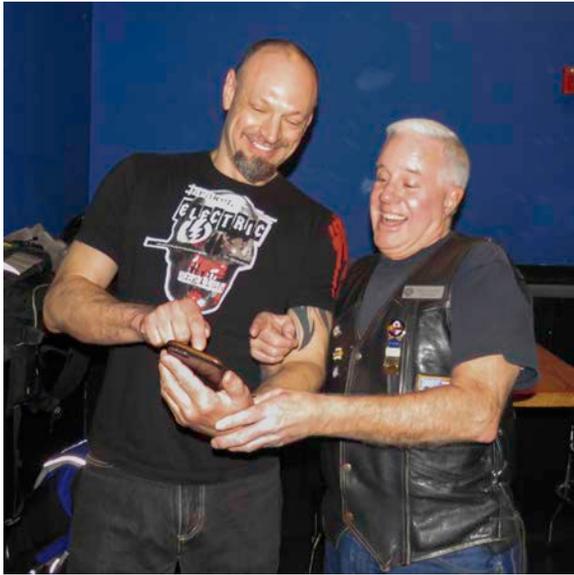


Photo: Don and Marc enjoying something apparently very fun on the phone device.

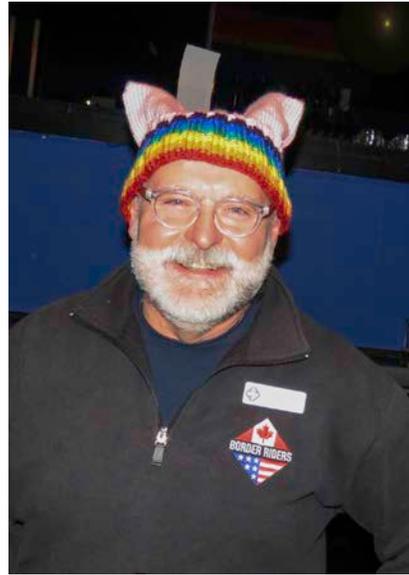


Photo: Jeff celebrating the day with a festive p***y hat. Today was a 'YUGE' march in town.



BRMC Group Photo 2017 AGM (The Cuff, Seattle, Washington)

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Road Captain Rumblings

With this month, starts the new year for the Club. We have several members who have come back and I look forward to riding with them again. Dave Beach from British Columbia, Alan Hummel and Stan Christiansen from Oregon. Also, a very big welcome to our newest member from Oregon, Joe Collins.

As I have been saying for months now, August is still up in the air. I would like to get a site on the East side of Oregon for the total eclipse, but we do have a backup site. If anyone knows of a place East of the Cascades we could camp under the totality, please let me know.

I'm also looking for Road Captain Buddies for this year. If any member would be able to help me with the details of the campout, I would really appreciate it.

Keep the rubber side down.

Your Road Captain, Mark Brayford

President's Corner

Well gentlemen, this is the last handlebars of my short reign serving as your president. I learned a lot this past year and greatly appreciated the opportunity to serve the club and the men I hold in such high esteem. Dave left some pretty big shoes to fill but fortunately the work he did as president and the assistance he gave me made my job pretty easy. Thanks Dave and thank you all who wrote my name in to be Vice President, I was very touched by your enthusiastic applause when I accepted. The biggest job the VP has is organizing our Victoria Day run, something I do have some experience doing and feel quite capable of handling. Kerry has done some work planning the new menu and I look forward to working with him as we begin to work out the kinks in time for our 50th anniversary and I ask for your patience, support and input as we move forward with these new changes.

I know sometimes change can be challenging. We have been blessed to have Uncle Roy supervising the Victoria Day kitchen for the past 15 years, but it is now time we learn to do this on our own. Jeff B. has done an excellent job working out costs and logistics for the last couple years, (maybe more but I was not on the board then) and it is his behind the scenes work that made them at least appear to go off without a hitch. A few people do a lot of work behind the scenes to make sure our club events run smoothly, some are board members and some are not, Jeff B. is one and Terry B. is another, having taken over the running of the website.

We need additional support from the membership in order to avoid the situation we just transitioned from, where Dave E. simultaneously took on the responsibilities of President and webmaster. While he did both very well and enthusiastically, it is too much responsibility and work to be placed in one person's hands and we need member support. With the website, we need other capable members to assist and support Terry so that the knowledge he has acquired will be able to be passed on to future webmasters. This is not a job that someone should have to do in perpetuity but should be shared among the membership, if you have these skill sets, please contact Terry and ask him how you can support him and the club.

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At a meeting a few years ago, a new member was frustrated about a discussion the club was having and asked, “why are we having this conversation, all I want to do is ride?” It can be easy to take for granted all the behind the scenes organizing it takes to run the club and put on our events but the reason they appear to be so easy and effortless is because of the work and dedication of the board and the support of its members. As we prepare for our 50th anniversary it is even more important for members to take on more responsibilities organizing and serving on committees and volunteering time so that whatever we decide to do as a club to mark this auspicious occasion will leave a positive and lasting impression of who we are as men, as a club and as a brotherhood.

With that in mind, it is very important that we start engaging with our past guests and invite new guests to participate in club events. The annual banquet this year is especially important as it is centrally located, at a very nice venue and at a very fair price. The club needs your support to make this a more memorable event than already planned. If each member could take it upon themselves to invite just two guests I believe it would make a huge impression on them and hopefully encourage their future participation at other events. It is also important to do this now and not wait until the last minute.

Thanks again for everyone who helped me out this year and to the board for their support. I am very excited about making plans for our 50th and I hope you are as well and I look forward to another of riding and fellowship.

Th th th that's all folks,

Dan Sweer, President

Calendar

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| March | 18 th | Dave Jackson, Molalla, OR |
| April | 15 th | Dan Sweer, Oakville, WA |
| May | 18 th – 22 nd | Victoria Day at Pine Flats, Entiat, WA |
| June | 16 th – 18 th | Pearrygin Lake State Park, Winthrop, WA |
| July | 14 th – 16 th | Shuswap Lake Provincial Park, Scotch Creek, BC |
| August | 18 th – 21 st | TBD – but includes the Monday for the Solar Eclipse |
| September | 15 th – 17 th | Larrabee State Park, Bellingham, WA |

February Birthdays

Surprisingly we have no member birthdays for February, but the club was founded in 1969 – so wish us all a happy birthday!



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February Awards Banquet and Registration

Register for the February Awards Banquet meeting February 18, 2017. The cost is \$50 for the dinner option for members and \$55 for guests. You can register at <http://borderriders.com>. Details will be emailed to you upon registration.

The Banquet will be held at the Mayflower Park Hotel, Seattle. This gathering is our formal dinner where we welcome our new members (4 this year!), recognize our out-going and new leadership, on-going members, share plans for the upcoming year, and enjoy a video review of last year's events.

Registration closes at 9 pm on Tuesday February 13th so we can get a head count for food. No refunds after close. The Mayflower Park Hotel is located at 405 Olive Way, Seattle, WA 98101 (<http://www.mayflowerpark.com>).

Guests who do not have an account on the BRMC website should contact a member to be sponsored if they wish to attend the club meeting.

Gear swap! If you have any motorcycle gear to give away or sell, please bring it to the banquet. Tag it with your name and how much you want for it. A table will be provided.

Send Us Your Photos

The website has a place for our registered members and guests to easily upload photos you might take on day rides or trips. You can also easily upload photos directly from your smartphone. If you have a large number of photos or videos let us know and we can provide an easier process. You can also send photos to news@borderriders.com

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.

