



Border Riders Newsletter

November 1, 2016

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.

October Club Meeting

The October meeting was cancelled due to really horrible weather across a wide swath of the Pacific Northwest, all in regards to the safety of those participating. Hopefully, we can all get together in November. Registration information is below and on the website.

From the Handlebars of the President

Happy November brothers,

I'm sorry we had to cancel our October meeting I was really looking forward to seeing you all. I don't really have a lot to say right now but as we go into the club's 49th year I would like to open up a discussion at the next meeting and talk about how folks would like to celebrate the 50th anniversary. I have a few ideas myself but I would like to get your input as well. As you know the club is an important institution in the gay community and not only are we its members we are also its caretakers. As being gay has become more and more accepted in society the club has had to change to reflect that and it is a good time to start thinking about what that means for our future and how we present ourselves to the larger community moving forward. Please take some time and think about that and the reasons you are all members as we try to figure out our path forward. I look forward to seeing all at the November meeting.

Be well,
Dan Sweer, President BRMC

Road Captain Rumbblings

As we move away from riding season (for most of us) and into maintenance season, I wanted to share a few thoughts that I had about upgrades/changes to our bikes. With a nod to our friends at NPR, I call this article "Have You Considered"

LED Head Lights

Have you considered changing to Super Bright LED headlights (if you already haven't). It really is amazing how much more visible you are to other drivers and riders. I'm always struck by the difference when I look back at riders behind me and some have old style and others have the bright LED. I do know that for some bikes that this is not a cheap option, but for a lot of others it's about \$20 or so.

Brake Pads

Don't scrimp on stopping power! With the different types of brake pads out there, I wanted to share some info. Have you considered Kevlar Organic pads the next time you need a change? While it really depends on the bike and riding style, take the time to make an informed decision.

There are three types of friction material commonly used for motorcycle brakes: sintered metal, ceramic, and Carbon-Kevlar. Sintered-metallic brake pads, which have a high metal content, are typically hard and abrasive to the rotor surface while offering moderate stopping power and mechanical strength. Service life tends to be significantly lower,

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and sintered-metallic pads tend to run more dirty and noisy than other types of friction material. They are also inexpensive to manufacture and are the cheapest pads on the market.

Ceramic brake pads usually have a high copper content and are sintered as well. While ceramic pads generally offer a slightly longer service life and run cleaner than sintered-metallic pads, they offer only moderate stopping power. Carbon-Kevlar pads, often referred to as organic pads, usually have a small percentage of iron or nonferrous metal and are softer than other friction materials. Carbon-Kevlar pads typically run clean and quiet, and offer good stopping power. They have an extremely long service life and are not abrasive to the rotor because they generate less heat than other friction materials.

Here are a couple of links to look at.

<http://ebcbrakes.com/articles/best-brake-pads-for-motorcycles/>

<http://www.sixity.com/brake-pad-selection-guide>

Waterless Coolant

This topic is sure to create some dialog – good! While water is great as a heat transport/dissipater medium, it still boils and creates a lot of pressure at relatively low temperatures. The waterless coolants don't dissipate heat as well but maybe you don't need that. The fact that they don't create pressure might be appealing to you. If you are considering using waterless coolant, the link below is a good article.

<http://www.barnfindmotorcycle.com/waterless-coolant-motorcycles/>

Auto Clutch

If you have trouble keeping the clutch lever pulled for long periods of time, or just hate it. Have you considered changing to an auto clutch? This is a good link that can answer a lot of questions

<https://rekluse.com/faq/>

Hope to see you this month. Watch out for the leaf slime out there.

Mark Brayford, Road Captain 2016

November Club Meeting and Registration

Register for the November Club meeting Seattle: November 19, 2016

As we end our riding season we will continue to get together each month. The November meeting will devote time to club business, budget, event planning, and lots of social time.

Our Border Riders November meeting is hosted by Michael Chavor in Seattle. The dinner fee is \$16 for members and guests. Upon registration you will receive an informational email with directions and other useful information.

You may arrive any time after 4 PM on Saturday the 19th. We will have social time until 5:00 PM when we start the club meeting. A group photo and dinner will follow with additional time to socialize. Dinner will include a vegetarian option.

Registration closes at 9 PM on TUESDAY November 15th so we can get a headcount for food. No refunds after close.

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.

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

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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

Calendar

November 1	Portland Meet & Greet
November 19	Club Meeting – M. Chavor, Seattle
December 10	Holiday Party – Chris and Richard, Burlington, WA
January 21, 2017	Annual General Meeting, Seattle Cuff
February 18, 2017	Awards Banquet, Seattle

November Birthdays

We have two members with November Birthdays: Don Wilcox (Nov 13); and Fred Pfaff (Nov 19)
Take a moment to wish them a great day.



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.

Also, if you are making plans for next summer's riding season and would like to involve other members and/or guests let us know. There are great riding opportunities ahead.