



# Border Riders Newsletter

April 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](http://www.borderriders.com) for additional information.

## Early Registration for Victoria Day

Border Riders Motorcycle Club  
48<sup>th</sup> Annual Victoria Day Weekend Run  
May 19<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017  
Ardenvoir, WA, Pine Flats Campground

BRMC has hosted the riding season kickoff each year for 47 years on Victoria Day weekend. This year, our 48<sup>th</sup>, again will be held at the Pine Flats campground, near Ardenvoir Washington. This primitive campground is fully reserved for BRMC, where seclusion and privacy is a feature of this central base camp for day rides throughout the central Washington area.

We truck in a full kitchen to provide breakfast and dinner meals for the weekend. This event also allows 4 wheel vehicles (except RVs), so you can bring your non-riding partner or friends as well as that tent that is too large for your bike (but really, we *are* a motorcycle club, so at least try to rough it out).

We expect a large crowd that always has a great weekend. Early registration gets you a discount. All vehicles (except RVs) welcome, no pets. See the extra PDF for more information.

Registration closes May 15. Registration is \$135 US members, Canadian members \$101, \$150 US guests and \$113 Canadian guests. Guests require a member to sponsor them to this event. If you don't have a sponsor please send an email to [captain@borderriders.com](mailto:captain@borderriders.com) for information. **Final registration closes at 9 PM on May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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The 2016 BRMC Victoria Day Group Photo

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## March Club Meeting Recap

The March club meeting was hosted by Dave Jackson, at his home located in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains across from the upper Molalla River. The group gathered in the 'big room', a former dance hall back in the day. A roaring fire was wrangled by Dan Sweer (designated fire czar), and after the smoke was cleared out of the room due to a forgotten closed flue, everyone settled in for some quality social time.

In the mean time, with the help from Richard Ammons, Marc Lorrain and Blue Bickford, dinner was being prep'ed, staged, and prepared for the 23 planned guests. The fair for the evening's meal was delicious lasagna topped with toasted grated Parmesan cheese, toasted Italian garlic bread, a Caesar salad infused with real anchovy dressing with crunchy seasoned croutons, and baked marinated yellow squash with green zucchini. For the veggie people, a special Portobello mushroom Wellington was prepared, that included layered spinach, tomato, and Stilton cheese, all wrapped up in a puff pastry washed in egg and baked to a golden brown. These actually turned out to be really tasty and were shared with everyone.

Before dinner, the club meeting was held, in which many topics pertaining to the upcoming Victoria Day campout in May. As our master Chef Roy will no longer be managing the kitchen and menu this year, we needed to work out the details of organizing this effort ourselves. Additional discussion was concerning the acquisition of a club grill, as the rental situation was not looking good for this year. Also, as traditional, a V-Day garment will be designed and made available for those who wish to have one. Dave Jackson presented several graphic designs for everyone to express their opinion. It was agreed that the 'grunge' look on a charcoal grey T-shirt would be the design moving forward, with some suggested modifications to finish it out.

After the club meeting, the group photo was taken. Given a few minutes to get dinner staged for serving, everyone chowed down for the meal. Dessert was provided by a local husband and wife bakery, who provided us with several types of tasty treats including a themed four-leaf clover cookie, as it was Saint Patrick's Day weekend. This was topped off by two flavors of frozen yogurt, provided by a local shop.

Social time continued afterwards with the remaining guests huddled around the fireplace. After the meeting broke up, some guys opted to spend the night in the guest rooms, instead of attempting to find their way back to civilization.



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The guys enjoying a little social time.



Jeremy Wyatt with his friend Diablo.

Pre-dinner social in the big room



The guys gather as new arrivals show up.



March 2017 BRMC Group Photo

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## President's Corner

Thank you Dave Jackson for hosting a great meeting in March. The 50th Anniversary Committee gave their first report with a long list of possible ideas and ways to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2019. We will be adding a page to the website dedicated to the 50th Anniversary. Also, be on the lookout for surveys and opportunities to provide input and become involved with the committee and/or subcommittees. Jeremy Wyatt and Buck Wise are the co-chairs for the committee.

Our 48th Victoria Day is just around the corner and our Vice President is busy making plans for the weekend. Be sure to reserve the dates now so that you can attend. The official run dates are May 19-21 however, many often arrive on Thursday and some stay over until Monday. We are expecting another great year. Registration will open soon and we encourage everyone to register as early as possible as this really helps in the planning process. Registration will remain the same as last year at \$135 for members and \$150 for guests. At the April meeting we will be circulating the duty roster and asking everyone to volunteer for various shifts. This is a weekend of fun, comradery and brotherhood. One of the best ways to get to know your fellow members and guests is by working alongside them.

This will be our first year without Uncle Roy overseeing the kitchen. As most of you know, last year Uncle Roy reduced his involvement in the kitchen and we had meal captains to oversee each meal. This year we are on our own. We once again will have meal captains and Chris Livingston has volunteered to provide some basic oversight to help the kitchen run smoothly. We are making some minor tweaks to the menu to simplify it and help reduce the amount of prep that is involved. I am looking forward to another year of fabulous food.

Dave Jackson has designed a run t-shirt that will be available to order before the run. Be on the lookout for information on how to order a shirt. More information will be available at the April meeting.

The April meeting will be hosted by Dan Sweer at his home. I look forward to another great meeting with final planning for Victoria Day.

Lastly, if you haven't yet had your bike out this year, be sure to do a thorough safety check before hitting the road. Also be sure to have the bike serviced and clean up that riding gear.

Jeff Connor

2017 President

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## Road Captain Rumblings

Hello my Brother Bikers,

With Victoria Day just 6 weeks away, the word I want stuck in your brain is – SAFETY!

Now is the time to get your bike to your mechanic if there is anything that needs to be done with it. We have been lucky (?) up here in the Pacific NW this year as the weather has been cold and cloudy, keeping most other bikers thoughts off the road and therefore, the bike mechanics not too busy.

You know the drill – check those tires and brakes. Fluids! Lights! Lubrication! And of course, are you fully charged? We want you checked out, gassed up, lubed and ready for our first big event of the year. Nothing is worse than almost getting there and being interrupted with a failure, or thinking you're all pumped up and finding yourself flat.

If you would like a copy of the safety checklist PDF, email me at [captain@borderriders.com](mailto:captain@borderriders.com)

Let me know if anyone wants to be a Road Captain Buddy this year. Thank you Chris and Richard for volunteering to help with the September ride at Larrabee State Park. June (Pearrygin Lake in Washington), July (Shuswap in Canada) and August (total solar eclipse in Oregon) are still available. I'm always grateful for any help.

We will soon be voting on the 2018 season (my work is never done!). Email me if you have any suggestions for campsites, day rides or places of interest that would see next year. Voting will be both at Victoria Day event and through email, like last year.

See everyone soon,

Mark Brayford

Road Captain 2017

## Calendar

April	15 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting: Dan Sweer, Oakville, WA
May	19th – 22nd	Victoria Day at Pine Flats, Adenvoir, WA
June	16th – 18th	Pearrygin Lake State Park, Winthrop, WA
July	14th – 16th	Shuswap Lake Provincial Park, Scotch Creek, BC
August	18th – 21st	TBD – but includes the Monday for the Solar Eclipse
September	15th – 17th	Larrabee State Park, Bellingham, WA

## April Birthdays

We have four members with April birthdays: Dale Conley (29<sup>th</sup>), Tom Curley (23<sup>rd</sup>), Dennis Hummel (11<sup>th</sup>), Jason Wyatt (3<sup>rd</sup>). Please take a moment to wish them a great day.

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## April Meeting and Registration

Just one more month of preparation before Victoria Day! There is still some work to do for us to get ready for our big camping weekend in May. The April meeting will be devoted to the business and planning for our upcoming events.

Our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting is being hosted by Dan Sweer. The address is 508 Jason Lane, Oakville, WA 98568. Cars should park perpendicular to the white picket fence. Bikes may park on the strip in front of the new garage. Guests can arrive anytime after 3pm for socializing, the meeting is at 5pm, and dinner at 6pm.

Register for the Club meeting to be held March 15, 2017. The cost is \$16USD for the dinner option (Canada payments will be adjusted). You can register at <http://borderriders.com> using PayPal. Confirmation will be emailed to you upon registration.

Registration closes at 9 pm on Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> so we can get a head count 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 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](mailto: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.

