



Border Riders Newsletter

November 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.

October Club Meeting Recap

The October club meeting was held at Dennis H's home in Bellevue Washington on the night of the "River of Rain" all the way from China (thanks guys, we needed the rain... lots of it). 19 guys made it to the event, including 2 guests. Dennis really out done himself on dinner. Hand made lasagna (which was light years better than Costco), and his amazing meat balls basked in some secret sauce that we figured was handed down from the ancients eons ago.

After roll call, we verified we had a quorum, and promptly voted to accept the last several months of meeting minutes. After taking care of various business issues, we rode out the rest of the evening socializing, until it was time for good-byes.



BRMC November Group Photo @ Bellevue Washington

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From The President's Handlebars

Our "winter" meeting season was kicked off with Dennis H. hosting the October meeting at his home in Bellevue. I would like to thank Dennis for opening his home to the club. He did a great job cooking an Italian meal of lasagna, meatballs and butternut squash risotto with tiramisu for dessert. Great job!

We had a great run season this year though it seemed shorter since we didn't have a July run. There was a lot of hard work done by the board and members to make our guests feel welcome. I would like to thank all, both members and guests, that helped this past season. Just because our riding season is limited doesn't mean we stop doing things for the wet and cold months. Our November meeting will be in Vancouver, the Holiday Party in December in Molalla, OR. We will kick off 2018 with our Annual General Meeting in Seattle and back north to Vancouver for the Anniversary Banquet.

A couple weeks ago I decided to extend my riding season by purchasing a heated coat and gloves. Normally I have been parking the bike in the garage for the winter around the middle of October. Now that I am working in Everett I want to keep riding as much as possible. On a Saturday I started looking for heated gear in Burlington and worked my way south to Auburn. It seems that most dealers only stock a very limited supply of heated gear. And they all seemed to only stick jacket liners. But I wanted a coat as I was looking for something a bit more waterproof than my leather coat.

I finally found what I wanted at Eagle Leather in Auburn. I left with a heated coat and gloves along with insulated riding pants. A couple days later I received an email that Eagle Leather is closing their Auburn location. So sad to hear of them closing. They plan to keep the Lakewood store open and plan to open a new location in a sunny climate.

I have enjoyed having the gear. It is making our cooler fall days much more pleasant for riding. I have only "plugged" the new gear in a couple of times. I still don't plan to ride in foul rainy or snowy weather. I hope you all can get a ride or two in this winter.

Jeff Connor, *BRMC President 2017*

Road Captain Rumblings

Greetings my Brothers! First, thank you Dennis Hummel for hosting the October meeting. Everyone had a great time and dinner was awesome. I really like being able to spend time with my brothers.

The campout locations for 2018 have been finalized! Victoria Day in May will once again be at Pine Flats in Entiat Washington. In June, we will be close to Portland at Milo McIver State Park in Estacada, so that the Club can participate in the Pride Parade on Sunday. July will be in Kettle Falls Washington at the Evans Group campsite, this will be our first time there. August will be on Vancouver Island BC at Goldstream Provincial Park, we have reserved the upper campsite. Finally, in September will be in Fossil Oregon at Bear Hollow Park, the Club's favorite campsite.

As my term as Road Captain comes to and end soon, I want to thank everyone for being patient with me as I learned the ropes. I hope that I did a good job taking care of everyone.

Mark Brayford, *BRMC Road Captain 2017*

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2018 Board of Directors

It is time to begin thinking about members for the Board of Directors for 2018. Club Bylaws state nominations for club officers are to be done at the October, November and December club meetings with the elections held at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Voting is by secret ballot with the person receiving the most votes in each position assuming office beginning at the time of Annual Banquet. Officer positions are President, Vice President, Road Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please give some thought to serving as an officer of the club. The following guys were nominated at the September meeting:

President:	Jeff C
Vice President:	Dan S
Road Captain:	Dennis H
Secretary:	John D
Treasurer:	Stan C

New Members

New members are elected into the club in January at the Annual General Meeting. Now would be the time to nominate anyone for consideration for membership. Candidates for membership can be nominated at any business meeting of the club. The earlier in the year that a candidate for membership is nominated the more familiar existing members can become with the nominee.



December 9th Holiday Party

This year our annual Holiday Party and white elephant gift exchange will be hosted by Dave Jackson at his place outside Molalla. The date is December 9th. You can arrive anytime that day and keep Dave company (and likely help out). You are advised to arrive before dark as so to minimize the chances of getting lost (LOL). It takes about an hour from Portland to work your way here. Detailed directions will be provided in the confirmation email. Try to get here at least by 3-4pm. Group social time is at 4pm, and dinner at 6pm.

For those who want to stay, Dave has 3 guest rooms that can sleep 6 (double up, guys) and acres of floor space (bring your air mattress and sleeping gear). Additionally, Molalla has a motel and a B&B just 8 miles back into town. You can check them out at their respective websites:

The Stagecoach Inn: <http://www.stagecoachinnmolalla.com>
The Prairie House: <http://theprairiehouseinn.com>

The menu is still under development, but will include options for both carnivores and herbivores. Also, remember to bring a gift for exchange. Keep the value under \$10. Both gag gifts (no pun intended) and fabulous gifts are encouraged. And, of course, festive holiday attire is encouraged.

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November 18th Club Meeting

The November membership meeting will be in Vancouver, BC. Peter L. has been making arrangements for the meeting and weekend. The meeting will be at 5:00 at The Junction, a gay bar on Davie St. Following the meeting, we will then head to dinner. There are many nearby restaurants that we can choose from. Peter has arranged a special group rate with the Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown for those that may want to spend the night or weekend. The hotel is about 5 blocks from the Junction and close to the Gay Village on Davie St. Be sure to use the Group Code below when making your reservation. The group price is available until November 6th.

Group Code: **BRM**
Guest Room Rate: \$119.00 CAD single/double occupancy
(Additional \$20 charge per extra person over double occupancy)

Book by November 1, 2017 to secure group rate (rates are subject to applicable taxes & fees)

Phone: (604) 623-6866
Hotel Toll Free: 800-663-9151 (Canada & US)
Holiday Inn Toll Free: 1-800-HOLIDAY (INTERNATIONAL)
Fax: (604) 684-4736
E-Mail: reservations@hivancouverdowntown.com

Booking link (yeah, like you get to type this all into your browser!)

https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=hi&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=yvrdt&_PMID=99801505&GPC=BRM&viewfullsite=true

Booking link for the February Banquet is similar, with code **BOR**:

https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=hi&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=yvrdt&_PMID=99801505&GPC=BOR&viewfullsite=true

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The annual AGM will be held on January 20th at the Cuff Complex in Seattle. This is the time to renew club dues, elect officers for the coming year as well as conduct club business. Please remember that if your eligibility to vote has lapsed that you must attend two business meetings in order to be able to vote at the AGM. If you have questions about your eligibility to vote please contact the club secretary.

Anniversary Banquet Dinner

It is not too early to start thinking about the Anniversary Banquet. This year the Anniversary Banquet will be in Vancouver, BC. Peter L has taken on the task of helping plan and organize the banquet for the club. The Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown has been selected as the location for the banquet (refer to contact details in the above November Club Meeting notice). Further details regarding the event will be forthcoming as we draw closer to the date. Be sure to mark your calendar for February 17th. The host hotel has reserved a block of rooms and a group rate of \$119.00 CAD for anyone wishing to spend the night or weekend. Reservations must be booked by January 25th and be sure to use the group code **BOR** when booking a room.

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Birthdays

We have 1 member with a birthday this month!
Please take a moment to wish him a great day.

Don Wilcox - Nov 13



Calendar

- November Club Meeting @ Vancouver BC (Nov 18th)
- December Holiday Party @ Dave J hosting near Molalla, Oregon (Dec 9th)
- January Annual General Meeting @ The Cuff, Seattle (Jan 20th)
- February Anniversary Banquet @ Vancouver BC (Feb 17th)

Meet & Greets

Every month, BRMC members will be available for new and returning guys to connect and learn more about the club and opportunities to participate. If you are interested, check out the following locations and time. Also, in addition to the club's monthly runs, local rides are organized, weather permitting. To learn more, email the ride captain for specific details at captain@borderriders.com.

Portland:

- Meet & Greet - 1st Tuesday of the month: November 7th @ 7pm, The Portland Eagle
- Local Ride - No plans yet. Weather dependent.

Seattle:

- Meet & Greet - The 2nd Wednesday of the month: November 8th @ 7pm, The Cuff
- Local Ride - No plans yet. Weather dependent.

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.



COME RIDE WITH US!