

## BRMC GUEST NEWS – January 2016

### Local Ride Activities

In addition to the overall club activities each of the local geographies may have events during the month. Check the main page of the website at [www.borderriders.com](http://www.borderriders.com) for listings and additional details.

January lists some motorcycle shows and film festivals as well as member activities.

### December Club Meeting and Holiday Party

Our brief December club meeting was held in Mount Vernon and immediately followed by dinner and the annual white elephant gift exchange. Jeff, with help from Tim, Buck and Chris, laid out an extraordinary meal and wonderful desserts.



As always, the social time and the laughs provided by the gift exchange make for a very entertaining evening. Terry began by selecting the first gift, which turned out to be a dildo ring toss.

Dan has a Harley toilet seat, which turns out NOT to be a re-gift from last year.



This was VERY upset when someone else got a penguin, but he managed later to trade and get it to take home.



Some of the gifts were desirable and therefore stolen back and forth. That's what makes the game more fun.

I expect some of other items will return next year in December.



Steve's bottle of Chinese Magic Penis Wine did eventually go to a good home....

And Murph was pleased with his map.

Other gifts included toys, BBQ sauce, and BRMC wear.



## From the Handlebars of the President

The riding season of 2015 gave us warm dry days, some of them even hot. There were many fun opportunities for both club events and local activities and the members and guests who participated certainly enjoyed the times spent with friends. That is what Border Riders is all about. Thanks to Mark Brayford each camp was well organized with things to do, places to eat, and sights to see. I would encourage all the members and guests to give him a warm thank you for all those efforts.

Back when BRMC was founded in 1969 it was a place for members and guests to share common goals in a world that would not accept them as gay. Almost 50 years later we find a different world. We have legalized pot, marriage equality, and general acceptance of being gay. The "need" for gay-only organizations is certainly less these days. But BRMC and some of the other long-time gay motorcycle clubs still provide a brotherhood that is unique. We consistently get emails from other parts of the country telling us how riders envy the organization we have and wish there was something like BRMC near them. BRMC has had to adapt to change, and yet maintain the core values created by our Charter Members.

As we move into another year I would encourage members and guests to reach out to each other and strengthen that brotherhood. Communicate and invite others to get to know you better, to find interesting places to ride, and organize local rides. Then let the club know your plans, send in photos, and write up something for the newsletter.

Plans for 2016 are already published on the website. We have some great camp locations planned and I hope to see you at many events.

Following the AGM in January we will have the Anniversary Banquet in February where in addition to awards we will welcome new members. This is a real celebration of the past as well as a view forward and it continues the traditions that the club has maintained for many years. Join us to celebrate.

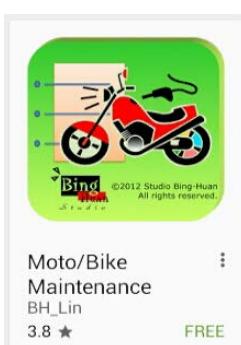
Dave Eckert, President 2015

## Road Captain Rumblings

This is your Road Captain speaking; "hailing frequencies open!" I want to wish all my brothers, future brothers, and friends a wonderful and safe new year. We are going to have another awesome riding season. Don't stay home, come riding with us!

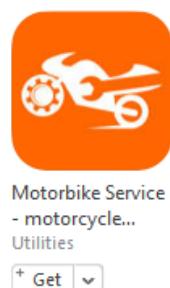
As you prepare for the next riding season, I want to pass on a few SmartPhone apps that you might be interested in. Check them out and let me know what you think. Don't hesitate to share if you know of any others. I personally have an Android phone and there are Apple equivalents to some of these apps. Android to the left, Apple to the right.

### Motorcycle Maintenance Tracker

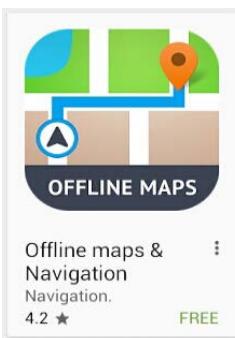


Here a couple of programs to help you keep track of routine maintenance for your bike.

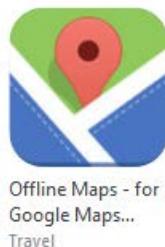
This is a good maintenance recorder to keep track of all the stuff you do to your bike. There are actually three of these Android apps by the same guy; this is A, there is also a B and C. Use C if you have more than one bike.



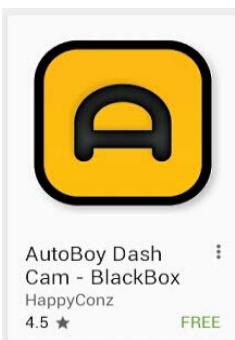
## Off Line Maps



You don't need a data connection as you download the maps ahead of time. There are many voices you can use (I like the male British, cute accent). You can also pre-program road trips for several destinations. I've tried several ones and I like this one the best. Used it in Canada last year.



## Dash Cam

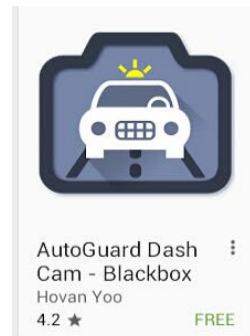


There are many programs that turn your smartphone into a dash cam. I use an old phone I had in the drawer, it only needs GPS capability to use the cool features.

This is very reliable for a dash cam.



Smart Dash Cam Utilities



This has some great features as it also will take periodic pictures as it records video. It also acts as a GPS and will track your route. This also has a great playback feature that will show you where you were and ride info.

## Heads Up Display



This is a nice program if you want to have your speed and direction up closer to eye level. You can also set a speed alert if you tend to go a little too fast.

## **Birthday Men**

We have only two members with January Birthdays. Take a moment to wish them a great day.  
Del Crane and Pat Lanagan ( Jan 15 )

## **Upcoming Schedule**

January 16	Annual General Meeting – Seattle
February 20	Awards Banquet – Portland
March 19	Club Meeting
April 16	Club Meeting
May 20-23	Victoria Day Weekend Camp
June 17-19	Enterprise, OR
July 15-17	Lake Sylvia, Montesano, WA
August 19-21	EC Manning Park, BC
September 16-18	Potholes State Park in Othello WA
October 15	Club Meeting
November 19	Club Meeting
December 10	Holiday Party

## **Register for the Annual General Meeting**

### **Cuff Complex, Seattle - January 16, 2016**

Each January BRMC holds its general business meeting at the Cuff Complex in Seattle. The key items of business include the voting for board members for the new season, voting on those guests nominated for membership, establishing the budget for the upcoming year, and dealing with other club business. As such, the meeting itself is closed to guests.

Social time will begin on the lower level of the Cuff at 4 PM with everyone encouraged to attend. The closed meeting will begin at 5 PM and guests will be asked to move to the upper level until the meeting is adjourned. Following the meeting everyone will be invited to stay for dinner and social time until about 9 PM.

A Mexican Taco bar will provide beef, chicken, and vegetarian options as well as an assortment of side dishes and a dessert. The fee for the meal will be \$15.00 for both members and guests. Registration will be available on the BRMC website until 9 PM on Tuesday January 12.

Guests who do not have an account on the BRMC website are encouraged to contact a member to be sponsored if they wish to attend the event.

## **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.

## **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.