



Border Riders Newsletter

October 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.

September Recap

Our last ride of the season sent us to Larrabee State Park, Bellingham, Washington. The weather gods were with us, as riding and camping BOTH were just perfect weather for this time of year. It was a long haul for those of us from Portland, but leaving early on a Friday morning saw fit for Joe, Mark, and Dave to miss the mess of traffic along I5 (noted as one of the most boring roads for our rides). Keeping our attention along the way was, apparently, road patrol saturation day, as we stop counting after a couple of dozen of cop sightings pretty much everywhere up and down the interstate.



Upon entry into the park, the road turned to beautiful winding curves as it snaked along the coastline to the park entrance. Upon arrival, we were directed to the group campground, which was nicely isolated from other campers in a heavily forested grove. Ignoring all the signs about no motorized vehicles past the gate, we enjoyed not having to lug our gear from the official parking area to the campsites. Yeah, rebels... all.

Ten of us camped, while others took advantage and stayed in town with Chris and Richard, as they live just a few miles away. During the day, some riders headed out for day rides in the very beautiful countryside, and others explored Bellingham as it is a very wonderful town full of fun things to do and see. At night, we were glad to have the propane burner campfire to



gather around, as its is often a no-burn restriction everywhere during the summer months.



We met for dinner Friday night in Bellingham at the (apparently) famous Black Cat Cafe. Its up on the 3rd floor in a brick building in old town. Dinner was amazing. It deserves the 5 star yelp rating. Breakfast on Saturday morning was also in Bellingham. We were

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lead through what seemed to be miles of turning surface streets until we came upon a corner cafe by the name of Diamond Jim's. It, too, was a fine place by any standards. As it were, though, not all of us made it. Our Vice President, Dan, had a motorcycle malfunction along the way (yup, its a Harley) that prevented he and a couple of others from joining us. It took some time to get help, but he was able to get it to a local Harley dealer where repairs were done by the end of the day.



After the day of being out and about, those of us camping headed back to camp to freshen up before dinner. We all met in Mount Vernon at il Granaio for dinner. It was a bit of a drive to get there, and we were all riding back in the dark afterwards as it is definitely getting darker earlier these



days. Dinner was hosted in a private room with a team of servers bring bowls of most excellent pasta. We were all in carb heaven. After the group photo, we headed back to camp, enjoying the nice temperature that evening.

Sunday morning saw many of us packing up early and heading out back to whence we came. It was a long ride, and again, wanted to avoid the usual traffic jams along I5. Those of us going down to Portland, again, was thrilled that we didn't even have to slow down for the ride. Gesh... what are the odds of two in a row?!!



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BRMC September Group Photo @ IL Granaio in Mt. Vernon

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The President's Corner

The September weekend was a great end to our 2017 run season. Larrabee State Park was a cozy and somewhat noisy location. The group site was small and compact but we had a small number of campers. The railroad tracks were directly down the hill from camp and had a way of blowing their whistles at all hours of the night making getting sleep somewhat difficult.

I missed the group meal on Friday evening and arrived after dark to set up camp. Saturday morning I led the group to breakfast at Diamond Jim's in Bellingham. I managed to lose the last three bikers in the group. After stopping to ascertain directions to the restaurant, Dan S bike would not start. He ended up calling the tow truck had having it taken to the Harley dealer in Burlington. Fortunately the problem was covered by warranty and the shop had his bike back on the road by 5:00. I and guest David H. joined Dennis H and Dale C on a day ride. We did a loop from Bellingham to Nooksack then on South Pass Road to Mount Baker Hwy to Mosquito Lake Road to Hwy 9 and then along Lake Whatcom back to Bellingham. While on South Pass Road we could see across the border into Canada. Of course we had to stop for ice cream before returning to camp.

Dinner and the club meeting was held at Il Granaio Restaurant in Mount Vernon. Chris and Richard had planned to host the meeting and banquet but Chris became ill and couldn't host. The dinner was served family style with great Italian food. The club meeting was held after dinner. We had a great turnout of 25 members and guests.

It is hard to believe that another riding season has drawn to a close but hopefully the weather will hold out and everyone can still get a ride or two in before winter settles in. Hope to see everyone on October 21st.

Jeff Connor, 2017 President BRMC



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Road Captain Rumblings

We ended our year of campouts with the September run at Larrabee State Park in Bellingham, Washington. While the campsite itself was awesome (though a bit small like Lake Sylvia); the trains going by and blowing their horns all night was a bit much. I don't see us going back there in the future. It was great to see so many members attend the monthly meeting and dinner on Saturday night.

As Road Captain, Saturday night after the dinner and meeting is always my favorite as that's when my duties are done. I have time to just relax and enjoy the company of my brothers and sit around the fire and socialize. I want to thank those who were camping over the weekend, there on Saturday night and having a great time with me: Jeff Connor, Dan Sweer, Dave Jackson, Joe Collins, Tom Curley, and Randy Tjaden. We also had a few guests that joined us; Murph, Dave Holland, Daniel Nevis, and Darryl Hall. That little propane "camp fire" that Dave Eckert found makes a big difference when there is a burn ban.

There was a lot of craziness with this run. Thank you Richard and Chris (my Road Captain Buddies) for weathering the storm, as it were, when things went sideways.

In the coming meetings during the winter months, I look forward to seeing those members that don't make the motorcycle runs during the summer.

2018 is shaping up to be a fun year. We will have our annual banquet in February, this year in British Columbia. The first run in May, Victoria Day, will be at Pine Flats again. The following runs will be in Estacada OR (close by Portland so we can be in their Pride Parade), Kettle Falls WA, Vancouver Island BC, and the John Day area OR (we are looking to book Bear Hollow Park in Fossil OR, but to be on the safe side, I've booked Magone Lake near the city of John Day OR).

As we move into the winter months; some of us will be putting our bikes in storage for a while. Here are a few links about winterizing your bike. Many of them have the same steps, but I wanted to give you a few different articles:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Winterize-Your-Motorcycle>

<http://www.bikebandit.com/blog/post/ten-steps-to-winterize-your-motorcycle>

<http://www.motorcycle-superstore.com/4055/mngr/how-to-winterize-a-motorcycle.aspx>

Thanks to everyone for a great summer of riding. We had great weather for the most part and I enjoyed riding with everyone. I'm looking to have fun next year.

Mark Brayford, *2017 Road Captain*

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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.



October 21st Club Meeting

The October meeting will be hosted by Dennis H in Bellevue. Social time will begin at 4:00 with the meeting at 5:00. Dinner will be after the meeting. Dennis is still in the planning stages of a fabulous meal for us. Cost for dinner will be \$15.00 payable with registration via our website at <http://borderriders.com> using PayPal. The menu will be posted to the website once it is finalized. Guests will need a sponsor member, so chum-up if you'd like to attend.



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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 1st.

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 (yea, like you get to type this all into your browser!)

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

December 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. Please watch for additional information.

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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Oyster Run

The annual Oyster Run in Anacortes was on Sunday, September 24th. The Oyster Run is the largest motorcycle run in the Pacific Northwest. BRMC members and guests were invited to make a run for it, and Troy, Don, Blue, Casey, and Randy made it... adding to them estimated 20k bikes!



Randy T. and Troy A. on their adventure to the Oyster Run.

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Birthdays

We have 2 members with birthdays this month!
Please take a moment to wish them a great day.

Dave Eckert - Oct 30
Randy Weisheit - Oct 24



Calendar

- October Club Meeting @ Dennis H hosting, Bellevue, Washington (Oct 21st)
- 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: Aug 5th @ 7pm, The Portland Eagle
- Local Ride - No plans yet. Weather dependent.

Seattle:

- Meet & Greet - The 2nd Wednesday of the month: September 13th @ 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!