

## BRMC GUEST NEWS – May 2015

### Local Ride Activities

**British Columbia:** Vancouver/Lower mainland - Contact Brian B. for possible day rides [bbeacham@telsu.net](mailto:bbeacham@telsu.net)

**Seattle:** May 3 – Possible local day ride  
May 13 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

**Portland:** May 5 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning  
May 10 – Local day ride depending on the weather

### April Club Meeting



A big "Thank You" to Dan S for hosting the April meeting at his place.

Many people arrived early to socialize and the weather made it great riding to the meeting. It was nice to see the bikes on his lawn.

Jeff Booth reviewed all the Victoria Day plans and we discussed a few options for next year's camping season.

Following the meeting Dan put together a fine meal that kept people talking until we all decided to head home before dark.



## From the Handlebars of the President

The Pacific Northwest has certainly had an easy Winter and Spring. I hope you have had multiple opportunities to get out riding already. Don't forget to send in some photos when you get together for a day ride.

May kicks off our annual Victoria Day Camping weekend. If you have not registered there is still time until May 12. The registrations so far show a great list of members and guests and we are sure to have a good time. A huge thanks to Jeff B who has taken on the task of project planning this event, and preparing us for moving our storage locker. The logistics are easier this year, and will be even more so next May. This will allow us to concentrate more on the camp and less on the labor of setting it up.

In the past we worked with Forest Rangers Randy and Jim who have both retired. I spoke with Brett who is replacing them and he said he was aware of our reputation for being good forest stewards. An important change this year is that the forest service has recycling and we will be able to further reduce our impact.

Brett also told me that he has arranged the weather to be perfect and we should expect warm sunshine the entire weekend. I am not sure about trusting that, but based on the weather so far this year....

We have finalized our insurance questions, set up the duty rosters, and arranged for all the rentals. With everyone lending a hand the weekend will be outstanding.

Looking ahead we have a great lineup of camps. Mark is putting together the plan for Fossil and will talk about it at the meeting. He will need additional road captain buddies for this year's camps, so help him out. At Victoria Day he will also explain the options for 2016 camping locations. As you know, it is important to make those decisions and prepare to make reservations. The best group sites are in high demand and are booked the moment the reservation window opens – which is often a full year in advance.

We have also been working on a refresh of the BRMC website. Our change to sponsorship at events has had a positive impact, but made the registration process more difficult. We also have had issues with performance and email limitations. We set some goals to move to newer technology to fix those issues and allow the website to more easily add new functions. Many of you have looked at the draft site and provided good feedback. Our plan is to move to it following Victoria Day. The June newsletter should go out more easily with a slightly new format. As always your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Do a quick safety check of your bike, and get out there and ride.

Dave Eckert  
2015 President

## 2015 Schedule

May 15-18	Victoria Day Weekend Camp - Pine Flats, WA
June 19-21	Bear Hollow Camp – Fossil, OR
July 17-19	Dry Falls State park – Coulee City, WA
August 14-16	Paul Lake – Kamloops, BC
Sept 18-20	Kanaskat-Palmer State Park - Enumclaw, WA
October 23-25	Silver Falls State Park – Salem, OR (note this is the fourth weekend)
November 21	Club meeting – TBD
December 12	Holiday party – TBD

Don't want to camp? There are motel options for each of our weekend runs. Contact the Road Captain for more information.



Still time to register for the **Victoria Day Camping Weekend**



## Border Riders Motorcycle Club

46<sup>th</sup> Annual Victoria Day Weekend Run  
May 15-16, 2015  
Ardenvoir, WA



Our annual camping season is kicked off at the same location each year. This primitive campsite becomes our central location for day rides and camp activities as we truck in a full kitchen to provide all the meals for the weekend. This weekend also allows all 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.



All vehicles (except RVs) welcome, no pets. Ask any member for more information.

Registration price \$ 150 for members, \$165 for guests.

Guests require a member to sponsor them to this event. If you don't have a sponsor send an email to [captain@borderriders.com](mailto:captain@borderriders.com) for information.

**Final registration closes at 9 PM on May 12.**

## Call Your Bank

In past runs to BC we know of people who had their credit cards declined at the gas pump. They had to call the bank and verify that the card was not stolen. This was an inconvenience to them that could have been avoided by calling the bank before the trip. A good travel idea is to be proactive and call the number on the credit card a day or two before you leave. Tell them to annotate your account with information about where you will be and when you will be home. This helps when the automated fraud detection starts to see unusual activity on your account – making it look like some fugitive is charging gasoline as they flee the country.

Calling the bank after the fact to complain and get the card working again can be a long process as you sit on your motorcycle on your cell phone. And righteous indignation does not change the banks behavior; it only raises your blood pressure. Take the time to be proactive as you plan for the upcoming events this year.

## Birthday Men

Here are the members with May Birthdays. Take a moment to wish them a great day.

Roy S (May 4); Terry B (May 11); Jeff C (May 16); Dave B (May 25); Michael C (May 27); Rex C (May 29)

## Change Your Oil

Your crankcase should be filled (to the correct level) with engine oil. With the exception of the occasional additive, you never put anything other than oil into your engine. So does that mean that oil is the only thing that is ever in your crankcase?

Oil does far more than just lubricate your engine. One of its main jobs is to hold contaminants in suspension, preventing them from attacking or damaging close-tolerance machined bearings, crank journals and many other important parts of your engine and transmission. Blow-by (burning gases that get past the piston rings and into the engine crankcase) contain all sorts of chemicals, chief among them being soot, which is what turns your oil black. These chemicals turn your oil acidic over time, and left to sit in your engine, the acidic compounds in dirty engine oil will eat away at the metal inside your engine. This is why you always want to change your oil at the end of the riding season when you put your bike away, letting your bike sit over the winter with fresh oil in the engine - instead of allowing acidic oil to eat away at your bike's innards all winter long.

There is one other very important ingredient in engine exhaust and blow-by: water. You can see this on a cold day, when you first start your bike up, and steam comes out of the exhaust. You may even see water dripping from the exhaust as the water vapor condenses on the inside of the cold exhaust. Once the engine and exhaust heats up, this condensation stops, and the water is ejected from the exhaust as vapor.

Similarly, water builds up in the oil as it condenses from blow-by. Once the engine gets to full operating temperature, this water evaporates out of the oil, being sucked back through the engine, or either collecting in the drain tubes or draining onto the ground (depending on your bike model).

What happens if the bike doesn't get to operating temperature? Two things: the water collects in the exhaust, and also in the engine oil. Sitting in the exhaust, the water starts to rust it from the inside out. Some people think it's a good idea to "exercise" their bike when it is being stored by starting it every few weeks. This is an incredibly bad thing to do to your bike. Your bike will NOT get to proper operating temperature by sitting and idling. It does NOT need to be "exercised." If your bike is in storage, either over the winter or for a longer period of time, just let it sit. Put on a trickle charger to keep the battery fresh.

But as you start your riding season, regardless of the number of miles since the last oil change, if you have not been riding all winter it is a good time to change the oil.



## Other Riding Opportunities

Listed below are some other riding and camping opportunities for the 2015 season please. These are not sponsored by BRMC so please communicate with the listed contact for more information. If you know of any other groups let us know and they can be listed.

June 12-14 Hawgs Dawgs (below) and the Battalion MC (<http://www.battalionmc.com>) meet at Cactus Canyon Campground (<http://www.cactuscanyoncampground.com/>) near Ava, Missouri.

July 24- August 2 – Hawgs Dawgs go early to Sturgis (<https://www.facebook.com/hawgsdawgs>) – contact Chris (Bubba) Scott at [bikerbubba39@yahoo.com](mailto:bikerbubba39@yahoo.com)

July 25, Saturday/Sunday – Dave Jackson BBQ, barn dance and overnight camp see <http://www.ridemcowboys.com/dave-s-summer-round-up.html>

August 16-23 – Canadian Loop following the Paul Lake BRMC camp. Contact [dave@wuzzle.com](mailto:dave@wuzzle.com)

September 4-7 – Badger Flats, near Fresno, CA <http://www.satyrsmc.org/services.html>  
Save if you register before June 1

## Member Activities

The Seattle area riders were busy in April. Here are some photos.



## 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.

## New Members

Border Riders welcomes guests to ride with us without becoming an official member. We have some guests who have ridden with us a long time, but are not interested in being more active.

If you do have an interest in becoming an official member you may be sponsored for membership after riding with us for at least a year. Talk to any member about the benefits of becoming a member.

