

BRMC GUEST NEWS – January 2014

Local Ride Activities

British Columbia: Vancouver Island – Members and other riders meet Sundays at 10:30 at Moka House Coffee, Cook St. Village, 345 Cook Street, Victoria, BC

Seattle: January 5 – Planned Day ride – Email sent to Seattle area riders
January 15 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: January 7 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning
January 12 – Social event - information will be emailed

From the handlebars of the President

Welcome to 2014 and another great year of Border Riders events. Our January Annual General Meeting kicks off the business portion of the year with voting for officers and prospective members. This is always an important meeting and we encourage all members to attend.

February will take us to Vancouver for the Annual Banquet when we install the new officers, present awards, and welcome new members to the club.

March and April are the serious planning meetings for the May Victoria Day Weekend camp. It takes a lot of effort to pull that off and we encourage all members to get involved in some aspect of the planning and execution.

June through September are the weekend camping runs, with a great selection of locations and rides for the season.

Come ride with us.....'Cause without you, it's just not the same ;{D

Birthday Men

This month we have the following men with January birthdays. Take a moment to wish them a Happy Birthday.
Sam B (Jan 2nd); Pat L (Jan 6th); Del C (Jan 20th)

2014 Season Weekend Camping Runs

Border Riders Motorcycle club welcomes riders over 21 on any street legal motorcycle to join us for our monthly camping runs. You will need a tent, sleeping bag and mattress, and change of clothes. Camps are arranged in locations where food is available so you don't need to carry food or cooking supplies. You can consider joining group rides which depart from the various geographies, but complete directions and maps are provided upon registration.

Registration is by invitation only so you need a club member to sponsor you for the weekend. If you don't know any members send an email to the road captain for more information. We strive to keep the costs down and the fee is designed to just cover our weekend costs. The group meal on Saturday night is optional, but usually priced competitively for the area.

Riders plan to arrive Friday evening. Depending on the location and your starting point you might have to take off work that day in order to arrive by 8 PM when we have announcements and a safety meeting.

Saturday a variety of group rides are planned for the area. Directions and maps are distributed at the Friday night meeting and you can elect to join a group or explore on your own. Each camp offers a variety of interesting routes or local activities. Each route includes gas and food stops with a plan to be back to camp in time for the club meeting and a potential group ride to dinner. Social time around the campfire both evenings is an important part of the weekend experience. We break camp on Sunday morning so you can usually make it home that evening.

May 16-19 Victoria Day – Pine Flats Campground near Ardenvoir, WA

Our annual camping season is kicked off at the same location each year. This primitive campsite becomes our



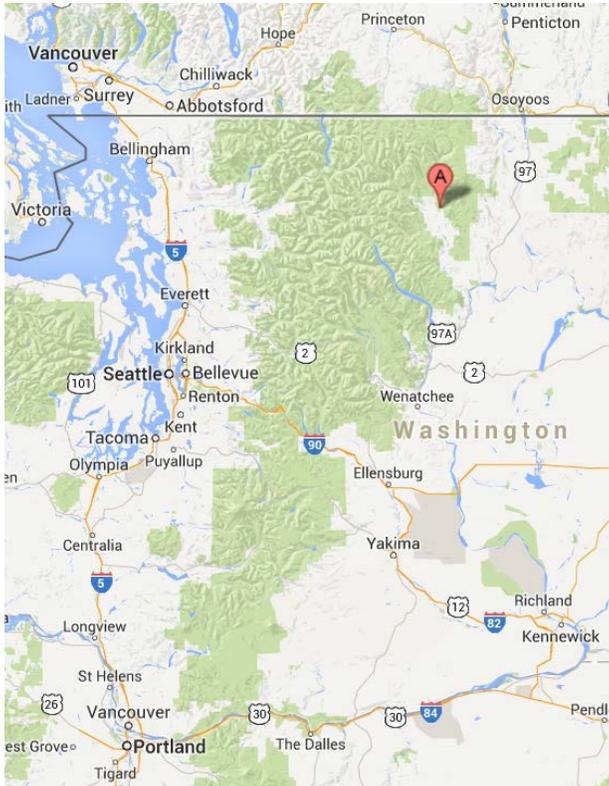
central location for day rides and camp activities as we truck in a full kitchen to provide all the meals for the weekend. This weekend also allows all vehicles, so you can bring your non-riding partner or friends as well as that tent that is too large for your bike.

We expect a large crowd that always has a great weekend. Early registration gets you a discount.



June 20-22

Pearrygin Lake State Park near Winthrop, WA



This camp is located about 540 KM or 6 hours from Vancouver, BC; 250 miles or 4.5 hours from Seattle; and 400 miles or 6.5 hours from Portland.

Located near Winthrop, WA the park has a lake and our group site is located at the far end of the lake and is very private. Showers are located in the main part of the campsite.

There are some great loop rides available from this location including a trip to Grand Coulee Dam. A group meal will be planned for Saturday night.

July 18-20

Canal Creek Camp near Waldport, OR



July takes to a campsite which is about ten miles from the central Oregon coast – just far enough away from any potential cold winds. It is about 740 km or 8 hours from Vancouver; 300 miles or 5 hours from Seattle; and 150 miles or 3 hours from Portland.

The campsite is a collection of smaller campsites with a large central area. The entire camp is ringed by a stream which provided a nice place to swim the last time we were at this camp.

Day rides consist of trips up or down the coast and some loop rides into the mountains. Saturday night dinner will be along the coast, likely near Newport, OR.

August 15-17 Willows Campground near Lillooet, BC



Willows is a small private campground run by a biker and located a few miles north of Lillooet, BC. It is about 260 km or 3.5 hours from Vancouver; 275 miles or 5 hours from Seattle; and 450 miles or 8 hours from Portland. Oregon riders may wish to make this a two day trip each direction.

Lillooet's climate combines the sunny skies of the interior with the moderating influences of the coast. Lillooet is blessed with a hot semi-arid climate throughout the summer. However, the campground is nestled in among the fir and pine trees and receives morning sun and afternoon shade as well as the cool breeze from the Fraser River, which will help to make our stay more comfortable.

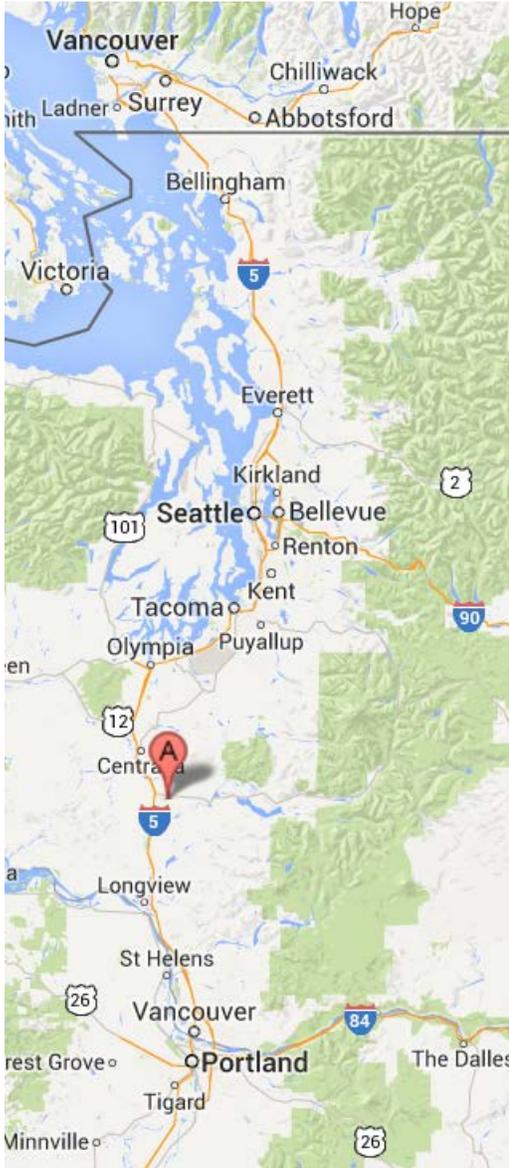
We have reserved the entire campsite which includes showers and lots of space for tents.

Lillooet offers some great loop rides in BC or the option of riding to Whistler to ride the Peak-to-Peak tram.



Sept 19-21

Lewis and Clark State Park near Chehalis, WA



Our September camp is located just off I-5 near Chehalis, WA. This is about 390 km or 4 hours from Vancouver; about 100 miles or 2 hours from Seattle; and 80 miles or 1.5 hours from Portland.

The campsite is very private with large grassy spaces for tents and a covered meeting space.

Day rides might include Mount Rainier or Mount Saint Helens loops as well as loop rides west to the coast.

Food and other services are easily available in Chehalis and we will plan a great Saturday evening meal to close out our camping season.



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.

How to become a Border Rider member

The Border Riders Motorcycle club is the largest and one of the oldest gay motorcycle clubs in North America. Founded in 1969 it currently has over 70 members primarily from Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia. The club provides social and educational opportunities for our members and guests interested in recreational motorcycle touring. Our diverse, international membership is composed of both seasoned riders and beginners, and we come from all walks of life and professions.

We also accept all types of bikes. Our members ride a variety of makes and models ranging from sport to touring motorcycles, and we welcome any motorcycle capable of sustained highway speeds. This is about riding and group camaraderie rather than motorcycle brand. The commonality that binds us is the love of motorcycling and the enjoyment that comes from touring some of the best roads for motorcycling in Canada and the USA—all in a spirit of friendship and safety.

In the off season, we do monthly meeting and look for social activities to keep people involved. These meeting are open to members and invited guests.

We are happy to have guests ride with us as often as they want. Many riders cannot commit to the time and expense of attending most of the monthly events – summer and winter. We encourage guests to participate in any way that makes sense for them.

If you are able to really participate in the club we encourage you to consider becoming a member. Riders who have ridden with the club for a year may be sponsored by a member. Ask any member about the responsibilities of being a member and if they would be willing to sponsor you. Your sponsor will work with you to submit a photo and short bio which will be posted on our private website. Members will be informed of your desire to be a member and you are encouraged to be sure that other members get to know you. At our general meeting in January club members vote privately on prospective members. Accepted members receive their colors at a ceremony at our annual Banquet in February.

