

BRMC GUEST NEWS – October 2015

Local Ride Activities

British Columbia: Vancouver/Lower mainland - Contact Brian B. for possible day rides bbeacham@telsu.net

Seattle: October 4 – Local day ride
October 14 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: October 6 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle, meeting and event planning
October 11 – Local day ride

Kanaskat-Palmer Weekend Recap

The group campsite at Kanaskat-Palmer State Park is a great facility and rather close to Seattle. Members and guests arrived Friday evening to set up and many of them went to Enumclaw for dinner at the Rainier Bar and Grill.



It was nice to finally NOT have a fire burn so the group was able to socialize around a real fire this weekend. The rest of the riders arrived later in the evening to join them.



Saturday morning found the group at Charlies Café for breakfast where they reported good food followed by making plans for various day rides. Some of the riders headed off for Rainier while others headed off for their own scenic rides. There were at least four different ride groups.





The plan was to all meet at The Mint in Enumclaw for dinner where Mark had made a reservation. They handled the group well with great food and service. A short business meeting was held after the group returned to camp and the fire.

While the weather was nice all day the forecast called for rain overnight which pushed a few people into the "lean to" shelters. That rain did happen, but was gone by morning so riders were able to get home easily.

All in all a great ending to the 2015 camping season.

There are lots more photos posted on the BRMC website. Thanks to all who uploaded pictures.



From the Handlebars of the President

Boy am I disappointed that I missed the September camp. K-P State Park has wonderful facilities and I hear that everyone had an outstanding time. I, on the other hand, was laid out and drugged up after back surgery. I am back to the land of the living (and physical therapy), but no motorcycling until Spring. I expect the first warm days of the new year will see me itching to ride.

Our October weekend at Silver Falls is the FOURTH weekend of the month and is a great opportunity for members and guests to spend some quality social time. The Ranch is a large building with a central fireplace, lots of tables for playing cards and board games on the lower level and plywood bunks on the upper level. The commercial kitchen makes it easy for us to have some great meals.

This is an all-vehicle event so you don't have to brave the October weather on your bike (unless you want to). Two years ago the weather was great and Saturday day rides were fun. However, the park has wonderful hiking trails among its ten waterfalls if you want to get outside. Bring your rain jacket so you can walk behind the falls.

Don't worry if you don't have camping gear – all you need is an air mattress, bedroll, and your toiletries.....and a fun attitude. Registration will be open until October 20.

Thanks to Michael and Jeff who will open their homes for our November meeting and December Holiday Party. These are always fun meetings and we will have more details later.

There is still some great riding weather out there. Get out and enjoy it.

Dave Eckert, President 2015

Birthday Men

We have these members with October Birthdays. Take a moment to wish them a great day. Dusty Evers (October 10); Randy Weisheit (October 24); Dave Eckert (October 30)

Seattle Day Ride

The weather has been great. Here is a photo from the Seattle group. Don't forget to send in your ride photos.



Road Captain Rumbblings

Wow, what a great way to end the camping season! Enumclaw was a lot of fun. Yes, it did rain Saturday night, but it waited until 9pm and by morning was gone. Thank you to everyone who joined in. We had many guests, including a first timer. Thank you Marty for coming, hope you had a great time.

The campsite at Kanaskat-Palmer State Park is one of the best. Set away from everyone, its own large parking lot, bathrooms with free showers and the bunk houses now have doors (I suspect to keep out Ricky Raccoon). Most of the tent spaces now have elevated and graveled areas; perfect for drainage. It will definitely be on the list of keepers for future camps.

I have really enjoyed being Road Captain this year. By all the positive comments, it looks like I did a good job for my first time (and a relatively new member of the club). I want to give a shout out to Don Wilcox and Jeff Booth for being road captain buddies this season, THANK YOU! I also appreciate all the comments and suggestions from everyone. I think we are having a great time.

I'm still lining up campsites for next year and will keep everyone posted as I secure them. I am looking into using more private campgrounds, if anyone knows of any; please forward the info to me. It gets harder each year to get the group sites from the state run campgrounds.

Again, thank you for having faith in me for taking on this really big job of Road Captain. See you in Silver Falls.

Mark Brayford, Road Captain 2015

2015 Schedule

October 23-25 Silver Falls State Park – Salem, OR (note this is the fourth weekend)
November 21 Club meeting – Seattle, WA
December 12 Holiday party – Mt. Vernon, WA

Mark your Calendars for 2016

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	Larrabee State Park in Bellingham WA - pending
August 19-21	EC Manning Park, BC
September 16-18	Potholes State Park in Othello WA - pending
October 14-16	Silver Falls, OR - pending
November 19	Club Meeting
December 10	Holiday Party

Register for the October Weekend

Silver Falls State Park
Silverton, Oregon
October 23-25, 2015

Camaraderie is one of the important tenants of the Border Riders and that brotherhood of like-minded men finds encouragement in a weekend together at Silver Falls State Park. The Ranch offers a warm, weather-protected environment for activities and social interaction.

This is an all-vehicle event and you may bring your non-riding partner or friends to experience the BRMC friendship. All food is included in this event and all you need to bring is your bedroll and toiletries. The building has plywood bunks, flush toilets, and nearby showers.



On Saturday the park offers hiking trails through the woods and a series of ten waterfalls. On Friday and Saturday nights the bunkhouse creates a space for playing cards, board games, or just conversation around the central fireplace.

Camp fee, including all food for the weekend, is \$65 for guests.



Guests who do not have an account on the BRMC website should contact a member to be sponsored for the weekend.

Registration closes October 20. More details can be found [here](#) or ask any Border Riders member.



Three Flags Classic

Again this year member Terry Bartlett did the Three Flags Classic Tour. This year's route was San Diego, CA to Victoria, BC via some of the best motorcycle roads in the west. (<http://sc-ma.com/rides/three-flags-classic-tour>)

Terry sent along some photos and noted the highlights of his Labor Day weekend ride of 3954 km/2457 miles in four days. Only 300 riders participate and they have required checkpoints along the way.

Terry says highlights included:

- riding through Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park
- twisty, challenging roads through the Sierras
- the Iron Butt Memorial in Gerlach, NV
- Hell's Canyon; Rattlesnake Grade; the Old Spiral Highway
- Highway 31 from Lone, WA through Metaline Falls, WA to the Canadian border
- Nelson, New Denver, Nakusp, Kamloops, Lillooet, Whistler, Nanaimo and finally, the finish line in Victoria, BC.

Excellent roads and a minimum amount of time on interstate highways made this a great ride yet again.



The ride began Thursday before Labor Day at 3:00 AM and follows a specific route.



Checkpoints along the way insure that riders follow the route. But the checkpoints are only open certain hours to ensure that riders don't make this a race, but rather an endurance tour. Specific gas receipts are also a cross-check.

Terry paused to take this photo in Sequoia National Park.





The scenic road from Kamloops to Whistler, BC may be familiar to many BRMC members and guests.

The endpoint was Victoria, BC by Monday evening, which required some timing to get the Ferry to Vancouver Island.

Congratulations to Terry on another great tour of the west. When you see him ask him to tell you what was the hardest part of the trip.



Send Us Your Photos

The website has a place for our registered members and guests to easily upload photos from the camping weekends as well as 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.

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.

