

BRMC NEWS – September 2012

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: Sept 2 and October 7 – Planned Day ride 9:30, Julia's, 300 Broadway East, (breakfast about 8 AM)
Sept 12 and October 17 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Cuff

Portland: Sept 4 and October 2 – Meet and Greet, 7 PM Portland Eagle meeting and event planning
Sept 9 and October 7 – Breakfast and Day ride

Recap – Packwood, WA

Mother Nature really smiled on us for the August camping run to Packwood, WA. People arrived at the campsite with big smiles as they rode from all areas. We had excellent attendance with about 45 campers for the weekend.



Cascade Peaks had a large open meadow with lots of room for tents with a fire pit in the middle of the field. As people arrived they greeted old friends and met new guests. The moon over our evening campfire gave promise of a clear night and sunny Saturday.



On Saturday there were a number of day rides planned and riders split into several groups.



One group made their way down to Windy Ridge to overlook Mt. St. Helens and what it had done to Spirit Lake when it erupted.





One group made a stop at the Steam Railroad at Elbe, WA



Several groups went into Mt. Rainier National Park and took the loop road with stops at the visitor's center.



This is an incredible loop road as you can see from one of the switchbacks and across the valley.

The riding weather was about perfect and the various groups returned to camp in the afternoon with stories of their rides.

We assembled for a group photo about 5:30 and then did a group ride to the restaurant for the club meeting and dinner. The evening campfire was again the place to socialize before riders retired for the night. Sunday we said our goodbyes with another day of great riding weather.





From the handlebars of the President

Packwood, Washington was incredible! The weather couldn't be any better. Glorious mornings, hot afternoons, comfortable evenings and NO rain at all.

We heard of close incidents with deer and elk crossing the roads while travelling and during day rides, and I had to stop for that same reason. It's very important to be mindful while travelling through some of the great northwest areas and to be highly alert that we are in their habitat: deer and elk country. I even brushed a deer's hind with the left front fork of my bike on my way down to Packwood that Friday night. Take your time and just get there safely.

There were a few groups that took day rides out to Mount St. Helen's and Mount Rainier. My day ride was wonderful with incredible scenery that was awe inspiring, and now marks, my favorite day ride with the Border Riders. We even had a beautiful group ride into Packwood that evening for our monthly business meeting and dinner. This is very rare and we don't get to do this often because of the traffic by being too close to towns, but it was a definite treat to feel a part of something bigger.

Thanks to our Road Captain, Dave Eckert, for helping coordinate details for that weekend. Also, a sincere thank you to all our members and guests that attended. I've received many positive comments from you on how much fun you were having and your deeper interest in the club. Probably not what you expected. Yes, this is truly a spectacular group of guys!

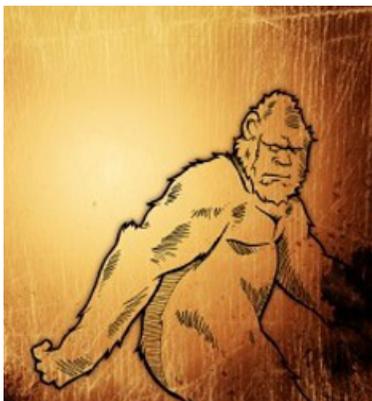
This month, we are going to be camping at the Sasquatch Provincial Park near Harrison Hot Springs, BC. This is an area that will be velvety thick with a green forestry lush that will guarantee to beautiful. This is one of my personal favorite areas of BC because of its natural splendor. But I hear there are rare sightings of a tall thick hairy beast roaming the woods. Maybe one of you boys may get lucky. ; {D

I'm hoping for great weather and most of all, a great time with you. 'Cause without you, it's just not the same. So fuel up your gas tanks, pack your swim suits, bring your camera, and join in! We'll have scenic views, hot nights and great rides with the guys.

Boys, it's time to rev up those engines and get your ride on!

September Camping

Our next Border Riders camp is the **FOURTH** weekend in September.



**BRMC Weekend Run
Sasquatch Provincial Park
Harrison Hot Springs, BC
September 21-23**



The camp is located at Sasquatch Provincial Park, located near Harrison Hot Springs, BC. This is an easy ride from Vancouver and good access for the US riders via the Sumas border crossing. There will be scenic day rides in BC and, as always, the campfire provides an opportunity to socialize, meet new people, and renew old friendships. Join us for a great weekend.

Registration is only \$20 for Members and \$25 for guests. On Saturday evening our group meal will be at a local pub and we will order off the menu, paying individually. Upon registration you will receive an informational email with complete directions and other useful information. Registration closes at 9 PM on September 18. No refunds after close.

Upcoming

October 19-21 Silver Falls State Park, east of Salem OR - This will be an “all vehicle” run allowing you to decide to ride your bike or travel by car. We would suggest carpooling to save gas and help us with limited parking. The “Ranch” is a large barn with a central fireplace, commercial kitchen, and sleeping bunks. You may bring your tent and camp in the meadow, or just your bedroll and find a warm dry place inside. If the weather is good there are great local rides – but if not, there are great hikes along the river and even behind the waterfalls. More details in next month’s newsletter.

November and December - The locations for November and December meetings are still pending and we will let you know as soon as they are confirmed.

Birthday Men

Here are the men with September birthdays. Take a moment to tell them Happy Birthday.
Tom S (Sept 11); Paul F (Sept 16); Salty G (Sept 20); Brian B and Jeff B (Sept 28)

Mark Your Calendars for 2013

The voting for 2013 camping locations was held during the Victoria Day Run and we have worked to reserve the locations which received the greatest interest. Because the focus for 2012 was more “southern” we will be focused north for 2013 with two runs in BC. Mark your calendars now for these important dates:

January 19	Cuff, Seattle - Annual General Meeting
February 16	Portland – Annual Banquet
May 17-19	Victoria Day – Pine Flats Campground in Ardenvoir, WA
June 14-16	Shuswap Lake Provincial Park near Scotch Creek, BC
July 19-21	Bear Hollow Park near Fossil, OR
August 16-18	Goldstream Park near Victoria, BC
September 20-22	Peregrine Lake Park near Winthrop, WA (tentative)

Contributions

Trip plans, day rides, other member news? Please send it in to be added 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.

