



Border Riders Newsletter

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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.

May Victoria Day Recap

PINE FLATS CAMPGROUND

It may go down in the history books as the most excellent weekend ever for the Victoria Day BRMC Campout. Beautiful weather all weekend! We were truly graced by the motorcycle gods for this run, given the long bout of rain Washington and Oregon has endured since Fall. Having said that, with a near zero percent chance of rain, it did manage to do just that on the hardy brothers who made it out Thursday to get the camp setup for everyone. Ya, rained all evening starting the very moment we arrived at camp (LOL).



Friday saw most everyone roll into camp throughout the day. Final trips into town to get supplies finished up the main work to be done, then it was just time to enjoy the great sunshine and socialize. In the mean time, 'fire czar' Dan Sweer began the construction of the ceremonial fire-piece, which this year by far, was the most elaborate ever created. And, of course, just a single match to set it ablaze. Saturday saw several day rides launched throughout the area, capturing some of the most amazing scenery.

The kitchen crews (arguably the most honored among us), out-did themselves this year, as it was the first year they had to go at it alone, as Uncle Roy has officially retired from his long held (and appreciated) post as master chef. Saturday night's steak BBQ was second to none, as another beautiful day came to a close with a roaring fire and quality social time.

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Sunday, some people headed back home, but not before the traditional services to honor Brothers no longer with us. This year, we lost Randy Dearborn and James Moorman. While James never became a member, he was remembered for his rides with us in past years.



Randy Dearborn



James Moorman

By Monday, everything is packed up and ready to go. Again, great rides were had by all this year, and a great riding season is ahead of us for 2017.

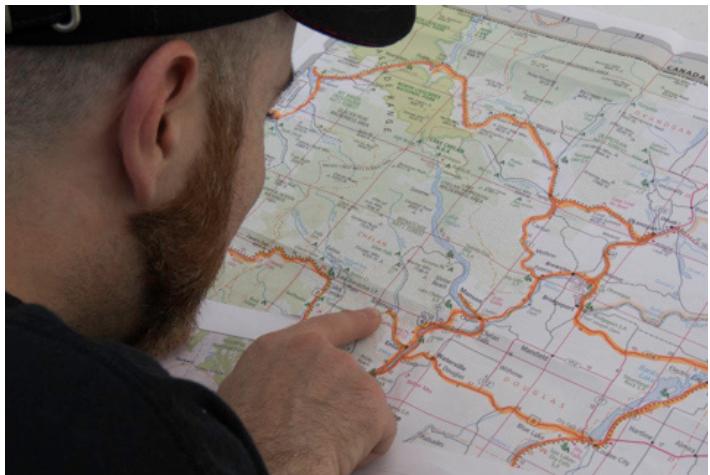


Group Photo BRMC 2017 Victoria Day Run

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President's Corner

What do you get when you combine great weather, and 48 great men and one woman? The 48th Annual Victoria Day Run weekend. We had 48 members and guests registered for the weekend (one guest was unable to attend) and we had two members that decided to "camp" out in a motel in Wenatchee and pay the camp a visit in the evenings.



Planning for this great weekend takes a lot of effort and time. However, due to the efforts of those from previous years, we have a great timeline of duties that need to be done and tasks can be assigned. Though we had a few bumps in the road in planning and organizing the weekend, once the weekend arrived our members and guests all pitched in to make for a great weekend. Dan Swear took the lead on planning and organizing the weekend this year.

We had several members and a couple of guests arrive early Thursday afternoon and assist the Forest Service in installing three new

benches around the campfire. By the time I arrived at camp the benches were installed and the big old log that had been beside the campfire was cut into rounds. Before the weekend was over, thanks to the efforts of Jeff Booth and a few others, the log was split and most of it was left for firewood for the next group of campers.

The rental van and the items in the storage locker were picked up Thursday afternoon and the truck was quickly unloaded once it arrived in camp. The kitchen and dining canopies were set up and the kitchen partially organized. We had rain much of Thursday evening. Joe Collins decided to head for the cabin on the other side of the Columbia River rather than stay in camp. However, as he was headed away from camp the fuel pump went on his motorcycle. Fortunately he broke down where he had cell phone coverage and was able to call for assistance. He was able to trailer the bike into Wenatchee for repairs on Friday and picked the bike up on Saturday.



Friday morning began with most everyone meeting at Jimmy's Diner in Wenatchee for breakfast. After breakfast Dan and a group went shopping at Costco and Cash n Carry. Richard Ammons and Jeff Booth headed for Franz Bakery and to pick up the run shirts. Dennis Hummel and John Dunn went to pick up the generator, gas, and propane. Jeff Connor and Chris Livingston headed back to camp to finish organizing the kitchen to prepare it for the arrival of the groceries. It was mid afternoon when the rental truck arrived and the groceries were all unloaded.

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This was our first year without Uncle Roy in the kitchen. Uncle Roy retired from kitchen duty last year and during the past couple of years the club has been working to transition to taking on the meals ourselves. This year Chris Livingston took on the role of Kitchen Overlord. His role was general oversight of the kitchen. Each meal had a meal captain. Dennis Hummel took on the role of meal captain for both breakfasts as well as Saturday Dinner. Jeff Connor was meal captain for Friday night. Uncle Roy provided a kitchen manual for the prep of each meal. This was a great guide but some changes were made by the meal captains as the meals were prepared.



Erik Lampi and Randy Weisheit provided two large bags of flowers from Erik's floral shop in Moses Lake that Dan Swear used to decorate the inaugural campfire. Dan commented that it was one of if not the best fire he has built for the weekend.



We had three members arrive on Saturday. Two arrived (Alan Hummel and Stan Christiansen) in time to help with dinner prep. Alan was quickly put to work cutting the steaks. Our final arrival for the weekend was Troy Allen who arrived just in time for dinner on Saturday evening.

This year the schedule was changed with the membership meeting following dinner. During the meeting Vicki was recognized as this weekend was her 20th Victoria Day Weekend in a row. Vicki gave a short speech not just once but three times!



Sunday morning two plaques were placed on the memorial tree in memory of two guests. Randy Dearborn passed away earlier this year from a heart attack. James Moorman died from a tragic motorcycle accident



outside of Denver in June 2016. A few stayed after the plaques were hung and scattered James ashes as well as part of Randy's ashes. They will forever be a part of our time at Pine Flats.

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Many of the members and guest departed on Sunday. A few went on a day ride to Grouse Creek while a few hung out in camp. The final truck loading was accomplished on Sunday evening.



for two nights use of the individual sites due to our helping install the benches, splitting the firewood and hauling our own trash. When I told him that we had split the old log and left it for firewood he asked why we hadn't loaded it into the U-haul truck and stored it for next year in our storage locker.

There is no way that I can thank everyone for all that they did to make the weekend the success that it was. However, I would like to extend a special thanks to the following: Dan Swear for chairing the



With the arrival of Monday morning the truck headed to the food bank in Entiat to donate our leftover food and then to the storage locker to store the camp gear until next year. The flat top grill returned to Seattle where an effort will be made to repair it so that it will operate better. On my way out of town I stopped at the Ranger Station to pay for the six individual campsites. Jim, the ranger that we coordinate with, decided to only charge us



planning, Chris Livingston for overseeing the kitchen, Dennis Hummel for taking on the task of meal captain for three meals and support vehicle for Seattle as well as for the weekend, Jeff Booth for support vehicle for Portland and for taking out the trash each morning, Mark Brayford for his efforts with registration and sale of run shirts and gear store, fellow board members, Dan Swear, John Dunn, Richard Ammons, and Mark Brayford for putting up with me as president. Jeff Connor, President

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Road Captain Rumblings

Victoria Day 2017 was a great success! Thanks everyone for an amazing start to the riding season. Hopefully the nice weather will prevail for the rest of the summer. This month we are at Pearrygin Lake in Winthrop, Washington. We have the group site on the other side of the lake away from the other campers. There is a short dirt road from the main sites to the group site. The town of Winthrop is an old mining town that is a little touristy, but this means there are places to

eat and relax. There's also a mining museum that is quite good.



To recap the rest of the season; in July we are in Canada at Shuswap Lake in Scotch Creek British Columbia, and then in August we will be in the Stayton area (where I live!) for the total eclipse and in September we are in Bellingham Washington at Larrabee State Park.

For August, I've been looking everywhere for a site on the east side of the Cascades, but to no avail. With the State of Oregon wanting to cash in on the eclipse, they changed the way reservations were made

to allow people from all over the world to get in on it. Because of this, it was impossible for me to get a group site under the shadow. I've been looking over and over since September to see if anything had opened up but no luck. The state is expecting millions of people to influx to see the last total eclipse for a long time. Therefore, I'm getting us a private place close to my house so we can enjoy the eclipse on Monday morning, but have the great rides in this area.

So my brothers and friends get out and enjoy the road! Its going to be a great riding season here in the Pacific Northwest.

Mark Brayford, Road Captain 2017

Calendar

June	16th – 18th	Pearrygin Lake State Park, Winthrop, WA
July	14th – 16th	Shuswap Lake Provincial Park, Scotch Creek, BC
August	18th – 21st	Stayton, Oregon - under the eclipse
September	15th – 17th	Larrabee State Park, Bellingham, WA

June Birthdays

We have 5 members with birthdays this month: Mark Brayford (28th), David Failing (28th), Ron Lowe (17th), Iain MacIntyre (8th), Ron Van Dyk (20th). Please take a moment to wish them a great day.

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Meet & Greets and Local Rides

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 - June 6th 7pm at the Portland Eagle

Local Ride - the Saturday after the Meet & Greet (June 10th). Email for more information.

Seattle:

Meet & Greet - June 14th 7pm at the Cuff

Local Ride - Sunday June 4th; Meet at 10:00 in the parking lot of Cascadia Art Museum, corner of Edmonds Way and W Dayton St near the Edmonds Ferry. We will not meet for breakfast but will have lunch near Belfair. Plan on a leisurely ride around the Kitsap Peninsula.

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.

