



# The Ramblin' Rose Newsletter



ROSE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB

MAY 2017

Welcome to all new members who have just recently joined Rose City Motorcycle Club. We hope you will feel welcome and join in on the activities and fun we schedule throughout the year. We encourage you to come to our monthly breakfast meetings on the third Saturday of every month at Home Town Buffet, 3790 SW Hall Blvd. in Beaverton. Breakfast starts when their doors open at 8am. There is usually a ride after breakfast for those who want to ride with some friends.

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## PREZ SEZ

By Char Messinger, President

First two test rides of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon 500 are complete. Still on the hunt for more volunteers for Sat. May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you can help. We are in need of both a.m. & p.m. help. Continuing to sell Grand Tour books...

If you have not yet attended a RCMC campout call our Social Director Virginia Berkey to get ALL the details. We are looking forward to another wonderful year of camping.

I want to thank everyone who has renewed or joined RCMC for 2017. I like keeping Den busy.

Please remember that all RCMC Member Benefit questions should be directed to Den Bair (RCMC Member Benefits) at dbair@teleport.com

We have "Lots and Lots of great riding ahead". With all that said, let's go ride our motorcycles.

Take Care, Ride Safe....

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## From the Road Captain

by John Goff

### Remember that the 500 is now hosted at Beaverton Motorcycles

**We still will need a number of club members to volunteer to help Char and I operate the event the day of the event, and also to ride as Course Ambassadors.**

In the past so many people wanted to be a 'CA' that we seemed to be in danger of not having enough people to assist Char with Sign-in and the rest of the Start/Finish staffing issues. This is more of a challenge at the 500. I am now starting to assemble the list of RCMC members who would like to volunteer to be Course Ambassadors for the 500, Western States 1000, and the Harvest Run, October 4th.

**The RCMC Course Ambassador Program –**

The Rose City 250 really begins our annual Course Ambassador Program at the events hosted by RCMC. As we are prepare for the next Rose City 500, and putting together the Course Ambassador list of CA departure schedules; now is a good time for you all to be thinking about being a Course Ambassador for the remaining RCMC events coming after the 250 (including Oregon 500, and the Western States 1000. For the benefit of our new members, the RCMC Course Ambassador (CA) program sends out RCMC riders during our hosted riding events every 30 minutes from the start of sign-in as Goodwill Ambassadors.

**I prefer a minimum of two riders per departure time whenever that is possible. So please, let me know, ASAP! I will be doing separate reminders for the 500 and the WS 1000 later on.**

The CA's are a communication link for both our event participants and to me, the Road Captain, for everything of significance that happens out on the course up until cut-off time. It is good support for our participants and great PR for RCMC.

Note: I will provide the orientation briefing information individually prior to the event by email or phone. And you will do a simple check-in with me prior to your departure. You just need to be there and ready to go before your assigned departure time.

In the case of the 500 half-day volunteers (morning or afternoon) are sometimes just as important as those who can do the whole day.) After those needs are addressed, then we can assemble the Course Ambassadors (CA's) schedule for each event. Working in the morning and riding the 500 as a CA is a question of judgment about your rider safety versus your individual endurance. Some can and do manage this 'ok', but others should not attempt it. Enthusiasm is one thing, but please do not put yourself at risk of a riding accident because of fatigue or lack of sleep.

For those of you not familiar with our RCMC Course Ambassador (CA) program, let me explain. I am both the Road Captain and the AMA Event Referee. This 'traps' me at the Start/Finish while the event is underway. We have organized the CA's to be an extension of the Road Captain on the course, literally his eyes & ears. Simply put: CA's are #1) Goodwill Ambassadors checking on our participants well-being and offering assistance when needed, and #2) to report back to the Road Captain the progress of the event as it happens.

So, think about it. To everyone who has done it before, please consider being a CA again. To those of you who have not done this before, but would like to, please let me know ASAP. If you have a time preference, please let me know. (It's on a first come, first serve basis). And please remember that I also need riders who are time 'flexible' in order to complete the schedule. Only riders are needed, but couples are welcome.

And finally – I want to remind all of you who have helped with the 2-day BikeMS event support in the first weekend of August; that we will be doing this again.

**As always, Any questions? Please ask!** 😊

**John Goff – RCMC Road Captain <jg@teleport.com>  
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## NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Virginia Berkey

### **CAMPOUT TIME IS ALMOST HERE!!**

**Memorial Day Campout** - Our first campout of 2017 is coming up soon. The Memorial Day campout will be at Cove Palisades, 15 miles southwest of Madras. The dates are Thursday, May 25-Monday, May 29, 2017. Our site numbers are A23, A24, and A25.

The TGIO (Thank Goodness It's Over) event will be held on Saturday, July 15 at Camp 18. This is the same day as the July breakfast. After breakfast a ride will be planned to arrive at Camp 18 around lunch time. This is a "Thank You" from the Board of Directors to all those, and spouses, partners, etc., who volunteered and helped out at the OR 250, OR 500 and Western States 1000. That means the club will be paying for everyone's meal at Camp 18.

**Labor Day Campout** – The Labor Day campout will be held at Cape Lookout near Tillamook. The dates are Thursday, August 31-Monday, September 4. Our campsites are C32, C35, C37 and C39.

The cost of the campouts is \$25.00 per person per day. This works out to \$10.00 a day per person for the camping fees and \$15.00 a day per person for food. This works out to \$7.50 per meal per person as we only eat breakfast and dinner at the campsite. Lunch is on your own. The reason for this increase is the fact that Oregon State Parks raised their camping fees and also increased the cost per day for extra vehicle. This cost is charged only for those 14 years of age and older. This is collected at the campout after calculating how many nights you spend there and how many meals you eat. Payment can be made with cash or check made out to RCMC. You need to bring your own drinks and any snacks you want for your family.

There will be sign-up sheets for all of these events a couple months before each event. If you won't be at breakfast you can always call me at 971-344-0832 or 503-964-5229. Any questions about any of this you can always call the above phone numbers or email me at [virginiaberkey@yahoo.com](mailto:virginiaberkey@yahoo.com).

Virginia Berkey  
Social Director

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## From Member Benefits

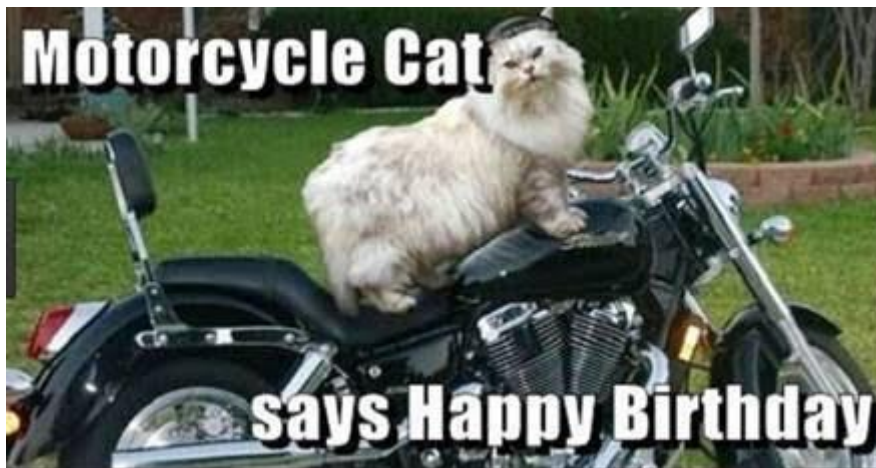
by Den Bair

At last! Spring riding and mc events! It was great to see the many bikes and riders at the April breakfast meeting, Thank you! We heard about new bikes in the club, events, upcoming RCMC 500 and health updates on members battling medical issues. Oh, and the fact that Dale Allin rode his bike

on the pre-ride of the 500, through a torrential downpour of rain while others drove in a car; go Dale! Thanks of course, to Marjie Brock for putting this newsletter together for us. Don't forget to send her your rides, stuff for sale, and events coming up. Marjie Brock <[medbrock@gmail.com](mailto:medbrock@gmail.com)>

## RCMC Member Birthdays for May!

Phil Benson, Chuck Jeffcoat, Van McKelvey, Tod Oace, David Rubin, and Roger Wampler.



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We are all tired of the rain!  
And we will have less rain and more sun later this week!  
I am praying for a beautiful, dry, semi-warm day on the 13.  
Hoping to see many of you for the OR500.