



The Ramblin' Rose Newsletter



ROSE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB

MAY 2018

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.

PREZ SEZ

By Char Messinger, President

The 45th Annual Oregon 500, May 12th is just days away. If the weather Gods smile on us, we will be slammed. This is a good thing. Looking for lots of Volunteers (Set up, Sign in, Transition, Check in, Tear down & Clean up) A.M. & P.M. folks NEEDED. I really need two folks who could help with data entry the morning of the 500; you can call me at 503-706-3969 to let me know you can help out.

Please contact John at 503-351-1650 or jg@teleport.com if you want to ride as a Course Ambassador. And remember to check in at the RCMC Members check-in the day of the Or500.

Don't forget we are delivering food to the Vernonia Food Bank as a ride after the June breakfast.

150 Grand Tour books sold so far this year. The year is in full rock and roll mode.

More new members, returning members, renewing members; Den is very busy. This makes him happy (me too).

Without such a wonderful group of individuals RCMC would not be what it has grown into today. All members are necessary to build our RCMC heart and soul. It is my privilege to be the President of such a wonderful organization. Thank you for sharing your time and your spirit with me.

O.K. enough, lets go ride our/your motorcycles.....
Take Care, Ride Safe, See you on the Road. Char

From the Road Captain

by John Goff

"The 500 is coming up FAST!!!" :-0

And as I type this, we are still looking for enough 2018 RCMC Event Volunteers & Course Ambassadors for the 500 & the Western States 1000.

Re: Rose City Oregon 500 Saturday - May 12th, 2018

Once again in 2018 we will operate our RCMC Course Ambassador (CA) program at our events.

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. They are a communications link for both our event participants and 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.

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. And the hosting challenges are much greater at the 500. I am seeking to assemble the list of RCMC members who would like to volunteer at the Start/Finish** as well as others to be Course Ambassadors for the 500 (and then on the first weekend in June, for the WS 1000).

Note: I will provide the orientation briefing information individually prior to the event by E-mail (or phone as necessary). And we 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.

On the morning of May 12th, 2018, our highest priority is to assist Char and Ric Wagoner with operation of the events at the Start / Finish line.

The Equipment Set-up, Sign-in, Start/Finish, (and in the case of the 500) the manned checkpoints (part of a challenge in 2017 is that some of our "regulars at the checkpoints will NOT be available this year), and the Equipment Take-down needs our people first.

Please contact Char about your availability for any of our up-coming events. Half-day volunteers (morning or afternoon) at the 500 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. Most CA volunteers can comfortably both assist in the morning and ride the 500. 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 there are others that 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. The way we have organized the CA's: they are an extension of the Road Captain out 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) they report back to the Road Captain the progress of the event as it happens. During sign-in they are scheduled to leave every 30 minutes.

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. 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.

OREGON 500 Course Ambassador Departure Schedule: Saturday - May 12th, 2018:
5:30 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 6:30 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 7:30 a.m. Event Sweep will leave at 8:15 a.m. (or so, we'll see.)
I prefer a minimum of 2 riders per departure time whenever that is possible.

So, please let me know, ASAP!

The 2-day BikeMS Charity Fund Raiser -

The 2018 BikeMS Willamette Valley Ride, on August 5th to August 7th, 2018, will start & Finish at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, OR.

BikeMS Bicycle Tour Course Marshals - Volunteers needed...

All of you that have done this before are especially welcome, but new people are needed too.

http://bikeorc.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?fr_id=29297&pg=entry

Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease that randomly attacks the central nervous system. The progress, severity and specific symptoms can't be predicted, and symptoms range from numbness to paralysis and blindness, among others. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50.

The BikeMS is the Multiple Sclerosis Oregon Chapters' big annual fundraiser. Trust me on this; this charity event cannot happen without help. I will need 10 volunteers each day for the 2018 BikeMS tour. Volunteer for one day or the other, or both, but however it happens I need 10 people on each day. This year's Bike MS: Willamette Valley 2018 is a 2 day fundraising cycling event, taking you through the beautiful Willamette Valley. There are multiple route options, all of which are well supported with fully-stocked rest stops every 10-12 miles, a great lunch stop each day and safety provided by medical personnel, HAM radio operators, law enforcement and motorcycle escorts. The ride begins Saturday morning at 6:00 am. Riders will travel through Monmouth where they will enjoy the rolling hills and end with an outdoor movie. Day 2 begins with a hearty breakfast before heading on the route and ending the ride at the finish line..

For every one who has helped with this before, I want to encourage you to make every effort to do that again. Your experience is valued. Remember our RCMC volunteers do get dormitory accommodations courtesy of the event.

Doing this for the BikeMS is pretty much an all-day commitment each day, so plan accordingly. You get the same meals on the course and at the Start / Finish as the BikeMS bicyclists do and a T-shirt. So please include your T-shirt size and cell phone number when you reply. Please consider this one and let me hear back from you.

Take Care and Ride Safe! ☺

“John Goff - RCMC Road Captain” <jg@teleport.com>

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FROM THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Virginia Berkey

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL SCENE

I hope everyone kept cool during the three mid-80 degree days we just had. But now it is back to cooler days. Oh well, summer will be here soon enough with more hot days. Following is information on the two campouts for 2018 and the Thank Goodness It's Over (TGIO) event for this year.

2018 Memorial Day Campout — Reservations have been made at Silver Falls State Park near Salem for this coming Memorial Day. The dates are Thursday, May 24-Monday, May 28, 2018. Our site numbers are B2 and B4.

2018 Labor Day Campout — This campout will be held at Nehalem Bay State Park on the coast. Our site numbers are A24, A25, A26 and A27. The dates will be Thursday, August 30-Monday, September 3, 2018.

The cost of the campout is \$25.00 per person per day for those 14 years of age and older. This works out to \$10.00 a day per person for the camping fees and \$15.00 a day per person for food. This means each of your meals costs \$7.50 per meal per person as we only eat breakfast and dinner at the campsite. Lunch is on your own. This is collected at the campout depending on how many nights you spend there and how many meals you eat. Payment can be made by cash or check made out to RCMC. You need to bring your own drinks and any snacks you want for your family.

TGIO — This is a “Thank You” from the Board of Directors to all those who helped the Board host the OR250, OR500 and WS1000. This will be held on Saturday, July 21; which is the date of the July breakfast. The event will be held at the Portland Cider Company located at 8925 SE Janssen Road, Bldg F, Clackamas Oregon at 1:00 p.m. There will be an organized ride from breakfast to this location.

They have a varied menu with plenty of salads, sandwiches, pasta, English pub fare, a kids menu, dessert and beverages. The club will pay for any food and non-alcoholic beverages. If you want to check out their menu, their web site is <https://www.portlandcider.com/pub>.

So grab your spouse, one of your kids, partner, etc. and join us for this fun event. If you can't go on the organized ride, just meet us at the pub at about 1:00 p.m.

There will be sign-up sheets at the breakfast meetings a couple months prior to each event. If you have any questions about any of this or you won't be at the breakfast meetings, you can call me at 503-964-5229 or (503) 703-9187 or email me at virginiaberkey@yahoo.com.

Virginia Berkey

Social Director

From Member Benefits by Den Bair

All members have their **Grand Tour books** now and with the great weather lately, many are happily collecting checkpoint stamps and enjoying the great roads with friends. If you haven't hit the checkpoint road yet, I'd encourage you to pick a few checkpoints and enjoy ride and the hospitality of the kind folks at the checkpoints. They are not only picked for great food, but great roads to get there!

The Rose City Oregon 500 is coming up on May 12th and all members are automatically entered for free, just arrive at the start of the event and show your member card. Also, it's a great time to take advantage of your member discount at Beaverton Motorcycles of 20% off most non-sale items (not valid on new or used motorcycles). Be sure to show your card and tell them you are a member first!

Den Bair, RCMC MBO
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Happy Birthday to RCMC Members born in May

**Phil Benson, Michelle De Lude, Chuck Jeffcoat, Van McKelvey, Tod Oace,
David Rubin, Rob Schaper, and Roger Wampler!**

FOR SALE

2002 Honda 600 Shadow

Like New with 6764 miles

Like New \$2250



If interested, please call

Leroy Seal at 503-830-5475 (leave
a message if I cannot answer)

I hope you all enjoyed the few days of beautiful weather we have just had.
3 record-breaking days for the month of April!