

Blue Mountain Motorcycle Club

2025 February Monthly Newsletter

Feb 23rd trail maintenance day

Next Trail Maintenance Day is Feb 23rd. We always need volunteers for the trail maintenance days and highly encourage riders to come out and help. Trail days are typically the last Sunday of each month. We meet in the staging area around 9:30, organize into groups and then head out for around 10am. Everybody who shows up gets a free 'trail crew' t-shirt. We always try to have a giveaway – sometimes gift cards from local motorcycle shops, sometimes tires, tools etc. When possible, we try to have coffee and donuts for all the volunteers. We rarely ride in to do trail work – we typically drive and hike in. Many locations will require a truck to get to. If you don't have a 4x4/truck, you can always leave the car in staging and hop in with somebody else. Come prepared with proper clothing and footwear – the club will provide all the tools necessary.

\$1000 giveaway to volunteers

Every time you come out to a trail maintenance day between Oct 6 2024 and the 2025 Route of All Evil Fun Ride (Jun 22), you'll get an entry into the draw. One \$500 and two \$250 prizes will be awarded. If you do work outside of a Trail Day it must be substantial (at least 2 hours per person) and not just cut a couple of dead falls. Contact Rick Green, Ryan Thom or Clay Walker before you start the work and have before and after pics of the work done. BMMC directors and Trail Committee members will not participate in the contest.

2025 Route of All Evil Fun Ride

The 2025 Route of All Evil Fun Ride (ROAE) will be held on Jun 22nd this year. The ROAE is a fun ride held by the club. To participate, you need to have a current paid membership and pay the \$40 fee for the ride. You'll get a lunch (burger, hot dot, chips, drink) and an ROAE T-Shirt.) Note that t-shirts are only guaranteed to those to pre-register for the event – we have no way of knowing the turnout and what sizes riders will want, so we purchase based on the quantities from the previous year, which isn't always correct for the next year and we run out of some sizes and have leftovers of others. The only way to be sure to get your shirt is to pre-register – pre-registration will open up about 1 month before the event. We have to order the shirts about 2 weeks before the event, so registering in that 2 week period is important – it also helps us figure out the # of attendees so we can get the right amount of food for the lunch etc. More info to follow.

Membership price going up Jun 22

On the day of the ROAE (see above), the membership price will be going up from \$50/year to \$60/year. By delaying the increase until the day of the ROAE, we hope to encourage more riders to pre-register for the event (and they save \$10 on the membership price).

ORV Fund

In 2018 the ORV fund was established in BC. A portion of the fees you pay when you register your Off Road Vehicle goes into a fund, and clubs can apply for money from this fund each year. BMMC has applied for and received funds for 6 years and have just submitted our 2025 application. The funds go towards repairing trails and bridges at Blue Mountain. Did you realize that there are over 150 bridges that the club maintains – many of them built in 2010 (so a lot of them are getting to the point where they require replacement or major repairs now.)

2025 BMMC Memberships on sale now

You can purchase your 2025 club membership from the store:

<https://bluemountainmotorcycleclub.com/store/> Your membership helps provide the club with funds to maintain the trails. We encourage everyone to also purchase a BCORMA (BC Off Road Motorcycle Association) Trail Supporter – BCORMA is our ‘voice’ with the government to help promote and support off-road motorcycling in BC. The funding for BCORMA was recently reduced to 0 by Moto Canada, so their only source of funding now is the Trail Supporter passes (More info here: <https://bluemountainmotorcycleclub.com/what-is-bcorma-and-why-should-i-purchase-a-bcorma-trail-supporter/>)

Monthly club meetings

The first Thursday of each month the club holds a meeting to discuss club business. All are welcome. It's typically the first Thursday of each month, held at Ricky's Country Restaurant in Maple Ridge starting at 6:30. Usually we take a break in the summer (Jul/Aug). Next meeting is on Mar 7th.

Thank you to our volunteers and paid members

Thank you to those that bought memberships or came out to volunteer! We had a great turnout for the January trail day – let's keep up the momentum and continue to get solid attendance at the trail days. Come on out and help build the legacy that is Blue Mountain. If you do volunteer trail work (outside of regular Trail Maintenance days as time is tracked by the crew leaders), please log your time at: BMMC.ca/time