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Back Country ATV would like welcome our new members.

Roy & Eileen Heughins & Colbert Power Sports

Welcome to the oldest and finest ATV club in CDA

The 50/25/25 Drawing was \$95.00 Total 50% - Fonda Stewart - \$47.50
25% Pot - Paul & Laura West \$63.75 - Not Present 25% - Club - \$23.75

Franks Power Steering

I presented the power steering certificate to Frank at the end of the club meeting on the 20th. Frank did not have a clue that this was going to happen, was kind of in shock, and thanked everyone. The unit will be installed on August 27th.

We hope that this will make riding a little easier for you Frank.



Happy Trails!

Dan Hutchins

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being a part of our club.**

Silver Dollar Bar Ride

August 3rd was our Silver Dollar Bar ride and if you didn't attend because of the rain, you got fooled by Mother Nature. And you missed a great ride for nothing. Once you got over 4th of July pass it was not raining and it turned into a nice day.

This ride was a different route than in the past and according to Dan was like a figure 8. Dan and Karen Hutchins led the 9 people and 7 machines who attended this ride. Thanks Dan and Karen!

We headed north out of Wallace and headed into the mountains on some fun little roads that are not on the map. The route headed east on the mountainside with great views of I-90 until we went downhill and thru the town of Mullen. Under the freeway and back uphill on the old railroad and thru the parking lot at Lookout Pass ski area.

We even went thru one of the old train tunnels. We made a stop on Dominion Peak to enjoy the view and then down to Silver Lake for a stop there as well.

Then on to Saltese, across the old train trestle, and on to the Silver Dollar Bar.

After a good lunch and a tour of the bar, it was time to hit the gas station and head back to Wallace. We headed up to the warming hut for a stop and then on down and under the freeway. Behind the eastbound rest area, and along the eastbound lanes for a ways.

Only in Montana can you ride that close to the freeway without a fence being there. If you dozed off briefly, you could be someone's new hood ornament. Anyhow, we turned off on Bullion Creek rd and headed toward Moon Pass road, which we followed back to Wallace. All in all a great ride. See ya on the trail! Doug Lynch bcatv



Thanks Doug for another great story it was a fun ride with new people along like Chad & Deb and Butch & Tammie. The weather was great, no dust. We had a little creek crossing, went through a tunnel, and lunch at the Silver Dollar Bar. The Huckleberries were very plentiful along the state line rd and at Dominion peak.

Happy Trails! Dan Hutchins bcatv

West End Poker ride

On August 15th Doug , Karen and myself. Traveled over to the Silver Dollar Bar where we camped for four days. We took several rides around the mountains in Montana if you are looking for huckleberries this is the place to go. We took a ride Friday to Up-Up MTN which took us into some very high and very pretty mountain scenery. When we came back down to the railroad grade again we took a new trail that had just been completed by West End ATV that avoided a nasty creek crossing. Then came the big day Saturday August 17 this is when West End ATV holds its Montana Mountainside Poker ride. This year the theme was redneck, this is where you dress up and look like someone straight from the Ozarks. This year the winner was a woman that looked like and acted like Ma Kettle, from the Ma and Pa kettle show. She really played the part. The ride was great it took us up to Silver Lake, then up on the State Line Rd. And back down to the warming hut, then back to the start line at O' aces saloon. At the raffle, they had many items, of which I won one a unique bright orange metal ice chest. We talked with Sheila the president of West End ATV this club has over 400 members. I was doing some research to find out why their club has twice as many members as ours, and I believe I have found the problem (see the picture below). Anyway if you have not gone to one of the West Ends poker rides put it on your Bucket list. Happy trails! Dan Hutchins BCATV.



Sheila president of West End ATV



Arnie president of Back Country ATV



Sheila with Ma Kettle

Ma eyeing the guy with Bra on his head>>





This guy did not win (Check out woman on left) This is what he was riding, apparently his girlfriend was not impressed, she seemed in love with my RZR? The guy with the blue Bra got her then he was happy!



Some of the great raffle items and the scenery was very pretty like it always is in Montana.



Happy trails!
Dan Hutchins



August 17th was the West End ATV Associations poker ride over in Montana. Dan and Karen Hutchins and I went over on the 15th so we could do some riding. If you didn't know, there is free camping with electric behind the Silver Dollar bar.

The Hutchins took their motorhome and since I was having issues with my camper, I camped out in the Silver Dollar inn out front. It is a nice motel and I would recommend it and I would and will stay there again. It was in the mid to upper 90s and my camper does not have air, so it didn't disappoint me to stay in that air conditioned room. Cable tv (don't have that either) didn't hurt me much either.

To avoid the hottest part of the day we rode in the morning and evening on Thursday and Friday. On Thursday and Friday morning we rode south into the beautiful Montana mountains. Seems like there is more trees and the roads are smoother over there.

We found out too late on Friday that we could have rode all the way up to Thompson Falls and have lunch but we did ride half way and saw a beautiful sunset over the mountains. And got a partial night ride on the way back.

On Saturday was the poker ride and the theme was redneck. It is western Montana however so it was hard to tell who was dressed up and who was not. It was a well-marked ride and the only downfall for us was that it was the same route we used the week before on the bar ride. But it was in the opposite direction and a good route so that was ok.

In the evening was the prizes and raffle in front of the O'aces bar/restaurant. They sure raffled off some good stuff such as a 7'x14' trailer, grill, patio furniture and a bunch of smaller items. Dan won a nice steel cooler and I snagged a t-shirt in the free throw.

The nice thing was they threw out items so just about everybody could get something. I think Karen got a bag of noodles and some other small item. Three members of the Almond family Jim, Jan, & Jeff were also there and I think Jeff also got something.

Anyhow, they put on a great event and I plan to go next year. If you have never gone or never rode in that area, it's something to think about. After all, it's not that much further then Wallace. See ya on the trail !
Doug Lynch bcatv

Letter from the Editor (power steering)

I wish to thank each and every one of you, that helped me give something back, to someone who has done things for our club in so many different ways. I was overwhelmed, with the response, I got from all of you. A special thanks to Panhandle Riders for their donation, and to Gary Strickland for helping collect funds. Thanks to all of you we made it happen.

Dan Hutchins

To All My ATV Friends of Back Country + Panhandle Riders;

I want to sincerely thank Dan + Karen Hutchins, along with ALL of you, for your overwhelming generosity, support and, mostly, your friendship.

I am still amazed that you all surprised me with the gift of Power Steering and new tires for my ATV. I can't thank you enough OR tell you how much this means to me. This gift will allow me many more rides and hours to spend with all of you, my friends. Again, thank you all so very much.

With Heartfelt Gratitude,

Frank Traver

New Washington ATV law and required equipment

As Passed Senate, February 11, 2012

Title: An act relating to regulating the use of off-road vehicles in certain areas.

Brief Description: Regulating the use of off-road vehicles in certain areas.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Delvin, Hewitt and Stevens).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/26/11, 2/02/11 [DPS, DNP]; 1/23/12, 1/31/12 [DP2S].

Passed Senate: 3/03/11, 41-5; 2/11/12, 41-5.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5366 be substituted therefor, and the second substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Eide, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Minority Member; Fain, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Delvin, Ericksen, Hill, Hobbs, Litzow, Ranker and Swecker.

Staff: Kim Johnson (786-7472)

Background: A four-wheel, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) is a type of off-road vehicle (ORV) which is defined as any non-street licensed vehicle used for recreational purposes on nonhighway roads, trails, or a variety of other natural terrain.

Generally, ORVs may not be operated on public roadways or highways. However, local governments and state agencies may currently regulate the operation of non-highway vehicles on public lands, streets, roads or highways within its jurisdiction by adopting regulations and ordinances, so long as such regulations are not less stringent than state law. Additionally, the legislative body of a city with a population of less than 3,000 may, by ordinance designate a street or highway within its boundaries to be suitable for use by offroad vehicles. The legislative body of a county may by ordinance designate a road or highway within its boundaries to be suitable for use by off-road vehicles if the road or highway is a direct connection between a city with a population of less than 3,000 people and an off-road facility.

Summary of Engrossed Second Substitute Bill: Four-wheel ATV is defined as any motorized nonhighway vehicle with handlebars that is 50 inches or less in width, has a seat height of at least 20 inches, weighs less than 1500 pounds, and has tires having a diameter of 30 inches or less.

A person may operate a four-wheel ATV upon a any roadway having a speed limit of 35 miles per hour (mph) or less, provided the person and the ATV meet certain specified operational requirements, including but not limited to:

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the person does not operate the vehicle upon state highways listed in chapter 47.17 RCW, however a person may operate an ATV upon a segment of a state highway if the segment is within the boundaries of a city and the speed limit is 35 mph or less; a person operating an ATV may cross a road with a speed limit greater than 35 mph, if the crossing begins and ends on a road or ORV trail with a speed limit of 35 mph or less and the crossing occurs at an intersection of approximately 90 degrees; however the operator of an ATV may not cross a public highway that is listed in 47.17 RCW; the person does not operate the ATV within a city with a population of 15,000 or more unless the city has adopted an ordinance approving the operation of ATVs on city roadways.

the person has obtained a current and proper registration, displays a license plate and has paid the annual vehicle license fee of \$30;

the person has a valid Washington driver license or a valid driver license issued by the state of the person's residence;

the person must be insured under a motor vehicle liability policy; and,

the ATV has a headlight, tail light, brake light, reflectors, turn signals, a mirror on both the left and right handlebar, a windshield (if the operator does not wear glasses, goggles or a face shield), a horn, spark arrestor, muffling device, brakes and fenders.

A person that violates any of these requirements commits a traffic infraction.

A city with a population of 15,000 or less may adopt an ordinance designating a city street as unsuitable for ATV use.

A person must certify under oath to the Department of Licensing that the required equipment has been installed on the ATV and that the equipment is operable. A person who makes a false statement regarding the installation of the equipment is guilty of a false swearing, a gross misdemeanor.

The multi-use roadway safety account is created within the motor vehicle account. All revenue from the annual license fee from ATVs must be deposited into the account and appropriated to the Department of Transportation for grants to counties for safety engineering analysis of mixed vehicle use on roadways within a county and to local governments for the purpose of erecting signs notifying the motoring public that ATVs are present.

Off -Road Vehicles. Counties with a population of less than 5,000 persons may by ordinance designate a street, road, or highway within its boundaries to be suitable for use by ORVs.

The power to designate a road or highway within the boundary of a county to be suitable for use by an ORV if the road or highway is a direct connection between a city with a population of fewer than 3000 persons and an ORV recreation facility is limited to counties with a

population of more than 5000 persons. However, four-wheel ATVs are not considered an ORV for purposes of a local authority's power to regulate use of ORVs on roadways within the local jurisdiction.

It is a traffic infraction with a penalty of \$500 for a person to operate a nonhighway vehicle on public lands unless the area is designated by the land manager as open for nonhighway vehicle use.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on March 1, 2013.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony as Heard in Committee: PRO: This bill is a huge step in the right direction. This bill will help rural communities enhance recreational economic development related to ATV enthusiasts. The licensing of these vehicles is critical from both a public safety standpoint, but also to help to identify those people who break the law both on and off road. This bill provides a tool for law enforcement to catch and prosecute persons who are riding where they should not be. I have been riding most of my life and have worked with people all over the state on this bill. It is a good bill. Use is limited to streets, roads and highways under 35 miles per hour; it is safe. This bill will also force the forest service to open up hundreds of miles of roads that have been closed to ATV use for many years. This is about liberty.

OTHER: We strongly supported the bill last year, but have some concerns with this year's version. There are some penalties in this bill that may be problematic. We think you should add back in 2 wheelers.

The WSP continues to have concerns about the safety of mixing ATVs and general traffic. These vehicles already are responsible for deaths on public roadways and they are not even allowed to be operated on public roads at this time. This will open up the roads and will likely lead to chaos. The provisions regarding local government authority to open public roads to all ORVs is unclear as it relates to ATVs licensed under this bill. This will lead to confusion for law enforcement and the public as to where an ATV can legally be operated. You will be sacrificing safety if you adopt this bill.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Gregg Bafundo, Trout Unlimited; Ted Jackson, Sultan; Gary Johnson, Gifford Pinchot Off-Highway Vehicle Assn.

OTHER: Kevin McGrath Washington Off-Highway Vehicle Alliance; Jason Berry, WSP; Steve Lind, WA Traffic Safety Commission; Pat Halstead, NW Motorcycle Assn.

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