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Just a reminder, that all dues for JUL are now due.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME ABOARD

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MEDSTAR-MEDEVAC

At our last meeting we had a guest speaker, Mary Gilmore, a Community Relations Coordinator for Northwest MedStar, critical care transport service. She conducted a slide show about all of the services that this program offers. It is a program where if you are ever hurt and need to be evacuated to a hospital, and you are a member of MedStar, the helicopter, or ambulance will transport you there, with no cost to you. She indicated that usually a helicopter ride would cost in the thousands. She showed all about the group of folks that make up the MedStar unit in the Northwest area too. It was really too bad that a lot of you were not there to hear her, as I am sure that some of you would be interested in this program. If you would like to contact her, and get this information here is how you do it. Contact Mary Gilmore, MS, Community Relations Coordinator, PO Box 11005, Spokane, Wa. 99211-1005. Phone numbers are 509.532.7964, or 509.389.5665. E-mail is gilmormk@nwmedstar.org. If you have any youngsters this is certainly something you might be interested in. The cost is only \$59.00 a year for the whole family.

RATHDRUM MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE RACE

Don Remus talked about the upcoming Adventure race on Rathdrum Mountain this coming September 12th. They are looking for folks to volunteer to be on the road portion for the bicycles to guide them along the route, so they don't take any turnoffs and get lost. When this part of the race is over (after about two hours or less) you are free to ride the Inland Paper trails all the rest of the day for free. If you would like to be in on this, be at Stein's IGA parking lot and ready to leave at 6:50am on Saturday morning to be able to be in place on time. In addition, there will be a spaghetti feed for the volunteers the night before the race, where you will also receive your T-shirt. If you would like to be a volunteer, call Don at 687.5161, give him your phone number and shirt size.

TRAIL CLOSURES IN TRAVEL PLANS

I received the following two notices. The Clearwater National Forest released their Travel plan DEIS on July 17th. To make it short, the crux of it said that trail bike riders and snowmobilers have the most to lose in this plan. Snowmobilers lose access to the Great Burn and Mallard Larkins under the preferred alternative C. The preferred alternative also kicks mountain bikes (AND MOTORIZED USE) out of these areas. Motorcyclists would lose 200 miles of trail (40%) over the existing condition.

Kootenai National Forest – Three Rivers Ranger District. The Kootenai National Forest, located in northwest Montana and northeast Idaho has completed their Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Three Rivers Ranger District's Motor Vehicle Use Project on July 5th. Alternative C has been identified as the agency's preferred alternative and includes designating as legally open to motorized travel, approximately 500 miles of CURRENTLY OPEN ROAD, adding and designating 13 route (1.79 MILES) to the National Forest road system, A MOTOR VEHICLE PROHIBITION ON 161 MILES OF TRAIL, AND A PROHIBITION FOR CROSS-COUNTRY MOTOR VEHICLE USE ON 42,000 ACRES OF DISTRICT LAND IN IDAHO.

GRANT APPROVED

As most of us know, Back Country ATV, Assn. Inc. had put in for a grant to install mile markers on the 800 trail. It was to purchase the signs, and associated equipment to do the task. Steve Harper and Bill Tapper were the authors of the grant, and did a great job. It got through the process at this time of the year when things are tight. Anyway, now that it is approved, we will be getting the funds for it in the next month or two. We will be needing about a half dozen people to help install the signs when the time comes. If you would like to be part of this undertaking, which I hope you will, please give Steve, 398.6821, or Bill, 772.3673 a call. Hopefully, this will make the Forest Service "Big Kahoonah" smile upon us.

CAMPOUT & RIDES

Don't forget that the Campout and ride is coming up fast. It is August 14th-15th and 16th. We still have a couple of reserved spaces open. There is water and electricity at the sites with a dump station. If you would like to attend give Bert a call at 683.0526 and she will put you on the list. If you come, bring some fire wood for the fire pit, (if we are able to have a fire at the time). We usually have a pot luck dinner during the campout, so you can also bring something for that too. Oh yeah, don't forget your machines, can't ride without them.

LOOKING FOR HELP

As I mentioned at the last meeting, it's starting to wear down a little on me. By that I mean, that I would like to have some help from some of the club members with the following. I need to have a Ride Coordinator. They would not necessarily have to lead the rides, but it would be nice, just set them up and schedule them. I really think that some new ideas are needed. Next, I would like to have an Event Coordinator, who would schedule and set up events, i.e. picnic, Xmas party, parades, fund raisers etc. and any other event they would come along or they would think up. In the past years, our club ladies had gotten together and made items for the animal shelter, for the fire department and done things for the needy folks. This would fall under the Community Service person. We have not had one in such a long time, it would be in our benefit to have one now. We need to get our good name back out there in something other than complaining about trail closures. If you would like to have one of these jobs please please call me at 683.0526 and I can explain it to you. You will not have to do any of these jobs alone; there will be someone there to help you along until you are ready to fly by yourself. I will also mention this, if we don't get someone to step up and at least give it a try, there is going to be a major change come January of next year. So please think about it, this is also your club.

FREE WEB-SITES TO GET

I strongly recommend that you check out the following free web-sites. All you have to do is type in the letters, and it will come up. They are free, and have the latest information concerning all of us who ride ATV's. Check out: All Terrain Vehicle Association (ATVA), Americans for Responsible Recreation Access (ARRA) and the Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC). ARRA might be the best one for you to get the most information from quickly. They will send you a newsletter each month telling you what is happening all over. They will even write the letter to the politicians for you, all you have to do is click on it....bang it's done. Check them out. Also, you might want to check out our web-site. We have a new Web Master, and it seems to be running great, take a look.

ATV TRAINERS

If you would be interested in becoming a certified ATV instructor taught by IDPR, please let me know. Call me at 208.683.0526 for information.

NOTICE

As has happened in the past, there had been changes made to the ride schedule. It is virtually impossible for me to contact everyone on the phone to notify them. It would be advisable for you to check your e-mail just prior to a ride, to make sure that there have been no changes to it.

MEETING INFORMATION

The Board Meeting and the General Meeting will both be held at the PIZZA FACTORY on Appleway and Hwy 95 in Coeur d' Alene.

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS: the board meeting will start at 5:30 pm just prior to the general membership meeting at 7:00 pm, on the **THIRD** Tuesday of each month.

Upon presentation of your club card:

Pizza Factory gives a 20% discount on meals

CDA Polaris gives a 10% discount on all accessories

Mays Honda of Sagle gives a 10% up front discount on all parts and accessories.

Coeur d' Alene Honda gives a 10% discount on all accessories.

Mt. Spokane Adventure Sports gives a 10% discount to referred customers, a 20% discount to club members.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, AND RIDES

The legend below will give you the information about that particular trails characteristic. I hope they will be of some help

SUGGESTED RIDING SKILL LEVEL

EASY – Beginner riding skills: mostly flat trails, no side hills, stay on designated trails

INTERMEDIATE – Experienced riding skills **RECOMMENDED:** roads/trails, possibly some steep slopes, side hills, or loose rocks

COMBINATION – Combination of difficulties, various terrain i.e. Intermediate to Difficult abilities

DIFFICULT – Experienced riding skills **REQUIRED:** trails requiring 4WD, obstacle navigation, rocky, side hills, and slower travel

NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

MILEAGE IS APPROXIMATE & IS FOR ROUND TRIP. ALL RIDES ARE A "RAIN OR SHINE" TYPE RIDE

NOTE: ANY CHANGES TO THE BELOW ITEMS WILL BE ANOTATED IN BLUE, ITALICIZED AND UNDERLINED For ride information please call 683-0526

THIS IS THE LATEST SCHEDULE THROW AWAY ANY PREVIOUS ONES YOU NOW HAVE

It would be great if we all wore helmets this year, and if you have a radio bring it along too as I am sure that there will be more road riding this year thanks to our Forest Service

CLARK FORK, SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st. – (EASY) Leaving from Bunco Parking lot at 8 am. Early time is due to longer distance, approx 110 miles. Bring lunch and extra gas, or get both in Clark Fork.

PACK RIVER RIDE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH – (INTERMEDIATE)
From Sandpoint, go North on Hwy 95 to the upper Pack River Rd, approx 11 miles. Turn left, go approx 8--9 miles to the large parking area (both sides of road). This will be the staging area. There will be a riders meeting at 9:00, with the ride leaving immediately thereafter. There is a river crossing at the end. It will be an all day ride, so bring drinks, snacks and lunch. Plan is to have lunch on Dodge Peak.

CLUB CAMPOUT AT CATALDO CAMPGROUND, AUGUST 14TH, 15TH & 16TH.
Friday through Sunday. Eight spots to be reserved for us. Must call Bert to let her know if you are going to make it. Take Exit 40, cross the road, you are there. Bring something for pot luck, if you can. BRING FIRE WOOD. Bicycles if you want too.

ROMAN NOSE RIDE & BAR-B-Q, SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH - (INTERMEDIATE)
From Sandpoint, take Hwy 95 north towards Bonners Ferry. Just past Mile Marker 496 See signs; Naples General Store & Refuse Disposal Area, turn left onto Deep Creek Lp . Go ½ mile past Store to sign; Idaho Granite Works, turn left & continue past the Granite Works approx 1 mile to the base of the mountain & large gravel loop parking area on the right, with a Forest Service barn style warming hut in the trees. Ride will leave at 9:30am Hamburger & dogs provided by Sandpoint Marine & Motor Sports. Bring your own sides and drinks. Bar-B-Q will be at the lake. Approx 40 Mile round trip

NIGHT RIDE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND. – (EASY)
Leave from the Bunco Parking lot at 5:00pm. Take the Bunco Rd. located on the south end of Silverwood Park on the east side of Hwy 95, follow the road and signs to the parking lot. (DESTINATION TO BE DETERMINED)

EARLS RIDE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH. – (EASY/INTERMEDIATE)

Leaving the Wallace parking lot at 9:00am. Guaranteed to be a great ride there will be lunch available at Murray, or bring your own.

SILVER DOLLAR BAR RIDE, SATURDAY, SEPT 5TH. – (EASY)

Leave from the Wallace parking lot at 8:00am. Exit at 61 go to the stop sign at bottom of off ramp. Turn right, and then cross the street into the big dirt parking lot on your left. Lunch at the Silver Dollar Bar, or bring your own. Gas available at the Bar, or bring gas if you think that you might need it on the way. Approximately 110 miles round trip.

ADVENTURE RACE IN RATHDRUM MOUNTAINS. SATURDAY, SEPT 12th.

It is the same ride that was conducted last summer. We would be road guards for the bicycle leg of the race, which is first on their agenda. After they all pass us, the rest of the day is ours to ride all around the Inland Paper property. Normally it would cost you \$10.00, but for doing this, it is a free day for us. More information will be coming out on this as the time gets closer.

BALDY MT RIDE SATURDAY SEPT 19TH (INTERMEDIATE))

Parking to be determined. Meet at the old K-Mart parking lot on hwy 95 in Ponderay. We will ride up to Baldy Mountain with great views of the lake. Bring lunch and we will eat on the mountain and follow various trails in the area. This ride will be similar to the Priest Lake ride, however, we will not go that far. Maybe 50 miles round trip.

MULLAN RIDE, SUNDAY, SEPT 27TH. – (EASY)

Leave from Wallace parking lot, at 8:30am, Exit at 61. Go to the stop sign at bottom of off ramp. Turn right, and then cross the street into the big dirt parking lot on your left. Lunch in Mullan or bring your own. Bring gas if you think you will need it. Approx 50 miles round trip.

CHRISTMAS PARTY. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

FOR SALE

1. 2008 Can Am Outlander 500 XT, V-twin, EFI. Excellent condition, only 473 miles. It comes with warrantee, also ramps included. Asking \$7200 OBO. Call John at 208.773.4851
2. I have many colors, and designs of dust masks. They are adjustable to fit and work great in the cold, pollen and dust and washable. Only twelve dollars (\$12.00), call Bert at 683.0526
3. If you have any shirts or jackets that you would like to have the club logos put on, you can do that, it's cheaper. Just go to Rathdrum Drug and ask for Pam. We can also put the tire design on now. You can even mix and match if you want to. If you have something you want done, let Bert know, and we will get them done for you.
4. Triangle shaped safety flags with the club logo on them for a whip pole for the rear of your ATV's. **\$8.00 ea.** Contact Bert for information 208.683.0526.

5. We still have five left of our new green long sleeve T-shirts size large with a new message on the back. "Keep it open – Keep it free". These shirts are being given away for a \$10 donation.

6. For your information, Rathdrum Drugs, where we get the logos printed, now have in stock various colors of long sleeve t-shirts. They also have short sleeve t-shirts with a pocket. If you want one, go get it and ask for Pam, she will put the logo on it for you. These shirts are hard to find.

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