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

EDITORIAL

RICHARD LAMBERT

PRESIDENT

Well, I have to say, that it sure was great seeing all those folks at the last meeting. It was real appropriate too, as Tom Crimmins had a lot of information to put out. For those of you that were not there, (shame on you) I will try and fill you in on what was talked about.

As I am sure by now, everyone knows that the Governor wanted to combine IDF&G, with other organizations including IDPR. That would have meant that IDF&G would

have control of our funds that come from OUR registrations and our gas tax. Well, it appears, that along with all the help that was given by the folks down south, i.e. Sandra Mitchell, Clark Collins, a number of other folks along with the letters that were written to the Governor, it appears that he has changed his mind. So for the present, there will be no changes made concerning our funds. The new director of IDPR has been working real hard trying to figure out a way to cut the budget and still make money

without touching our funds. She has presented her case to the Governor, and he has decided not to take our funds for the present. I know that one of the changes she is making is to raise the fees for the state parks. That would also include out of state folks would be paying more than the residents. There might be some camp ground closures also. These are just ideas that are being discussed for right now. He wants to see how the new plan pans out. So far, her ideas seem pretty good.

As for the gas tax money, the Governor has decided to put that on a back burner. There is going to be a hearing in February, to delay any decision on it.

I am sure that we are all tired of hearing about youths driving on Forest Service roads without a driver's license. Well, it is still being bantered around down there. Tom said that they have presented some new solutions and one of them being those youths must take a safety training course and get certified. Personally, I think that is a great idea. There are other recommendations being made, but nothing firm, so that information will come out later.

If you have sent off for you're off road sticker already, you most likely have not received it. Tom said that they are in a huge backlog and the stickers are going to come out late. Only a few weeks late from what they say, so hang in there, they are on the way. Speaking of stickers, you all remember that our stickers now cost an extra buck; well the sheriffs now want us to put in another two dollars for them. This idea, I will tell you, has not gone over very big with anyone, either up here or down south. So far everyone that I have talked to said that we should wait and see what the one dollar did first as it has not come

into play yet. So I guess that we will just have to wait and see on this one.

On another note, I had received a letter from the IDF&G requesting a letter of support to build a road and a bridge in Farragut Park at the shooting range. I have decided not to write one for them, as they are one of the major players in keeping us out of the forest. I did write a letter back to them, explaining the reasons why, but I am sure that they did not read it. We ATV'ers have been taking it in the shorts for too many years, and I think that it is time that we all start to do something. My letter to the Governor included mine and others feelings about how we feel about IDF&G and their seasonal restrictions. You should all be made aware that I have been in contact with the majority of clubs throughout the state, and most, if not all say that they do not have seasonal restrictions for hunting. If they do, it is only for a month or two, not NINE MONTHS like here. I also informed the Governor about that. I think that it is going to be another year of writing letters to him, voicing our opinions, as the Department of IDF&G works for him.

As many of you know, we had put in for a grant to install mile marker road signs on the 800 trails. We have received them, and are going to start putting them in as soon as we can get up in the mountains. We are having a meeting with Randy Swick of the Forest Service on the 26th, to talk about this. We will be asking for anyone that would like to assist us in putting them up, so hopefully some of you will step up and help.

If you all have been reading our last news letter, you would have noticed that we are doing our raffle a little different this year. Half of the monies collected that would normally

go to the club, is being put into a separate pot. We then draw out one name from the membership list, and that person gets that money. If you are not there, toooo bad, you lose out. This last meeting we started it off.

The pot has only got \$16.00 dollars in it, but the person that missed out is Buster and Helen Joy Altizer. So this is going to be carried over next month, remember you have to be there to win.

GOOD NEWS

Today, we had a meeting with the Forest Service Ranger, Randy Swick and Andy Boggs. We discussed trails and many other items. The one of the most concern is this. The seasonal closed trails will be open starting April first, not on Memorial Day as it has been all these years. In addition, the new map looks real good, we got to preview a copy, and it should be out by April. If it is

published on their web site, I will let you know. This map is going to be a “must have” item, but it is free, so there is no excuse not to have one. You should also know, that from now on any tickets you get for being on a wrong trail is going to cost you \$225.00. I would strongly suggest that when those maps hit the street, you get one. If anything else comes up I will let you know.

GREAT WESTERN B-B GUN SHOOTOUT



It is that time of year again, to start planning on what you are going to be doing this summer. Last year we did our first annual Great Western Shootout. It proved to be a whole lot of fun. So we are going to be doing it again, this year, with more give-a-ways and prizes. We will be having more sponsors here this time also. It is going to be again, at the 4th of July Pass parking area. You will ride the

same trail as the last time, the 800 trail. It proved to be a great ride, and you will stop along the way to shoot at your targets that you bought. For those of you that don't know what this is, it is just like a poker run, except that you shoot a B-B gun at a target which gets scored at the end of the ride. There will be a total of five stations, and you can purchase as many targets as you like, the more you have the better your chances are. It is open to everyone, all ages, (No dad...you can't shoot for your kid). There will be more published about this as time goes on. Look for our flyers all over with more information on them.

WILDERNESS: When will it be enough?

Taken from BRC Magazine

Forty-five years ago, the Wilderness Act of 1964 was passed by the 88th Congress and signed into law by ATV Lyndon B. Johnson. This act then became Public Law 88-577 (PL 88-577). On the date that PL 88-577 became law, September 3, 1964, a little more than 9 million acres were designated as Wilderness, which were then added to the newly-created National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS).

Over the years since this act became law, the amount of public land that has been designated as Wilderness and added to the NWPS has continued to increase at a staggering rate. In the last 25 years alone (1984-2009), millions of acres of Wilderness have been added to the tally. There is now a total of approximately 109.5 million acres designated as Wilderness with no end in sight.

If we take a look at the current Wilderness bills that have been

introduced and/or have already passed to date in the 111th Congress, there are valid reasons to be concerned. The Omnibus Public Lands Management Act to add 2.1 million acres to the NWPS was signed into law by ATV Barack Obama on March 30, 2009.

SOME HELPFUL LINKS

Lookup your U.S. House Representative at

www.house.gov/writerep

Lookup your U.S. Senator at www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

This is one of many Congressional Wilderness Proposals, except this one is for Idaho. Bill Title: H.R. 192: Central Idaho National Forests and Public Land Management Act. Web site: www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h111-192. The proposed acreage is 318,765.

SPECIAL RIDE

Harold has volunteered to lead a ride to Hells Canyon on Memorial Day weekend in May 2010. You will be able to see the historic Kirkwood Ranch, browse in the museum and get your feet wet in the Snake River. This ride takes you from the Salmon River, high over the cool pine forest down to the hot Snake River Canyon. The trail is rated as moderate. Overall the ride is about 78 miles. Bring a lunch. Saturday, May 29th, we will ride to the Kirkwood Ranch, Sunday, May 30th we will ride into Pittsburg Landing on the Snake and out Big Canyon Trail, you will need extra gas for both rides.

RV parks in Whitebird, have RV accommodations, some with full hookups, tent accommodations and cabins. Hammer Creek State Park offers camping with some hook ups, make reservations, this camp ground fills up fast.

For reservations call Heather at 800-469-8757 for one of RV parks in Whitebird. Refer to the Hells Canyon ATV ride over Memorial Day. She is taking reservations now for the ride.

Please call Harold Morris at 208-665-2046 or 208-660-8992 with any questions.

MEETING INFORMATION

The Board Meeting and the General Meeting will both be held at the IHOP on 4TH STREET, Coeur d' Alene. WE ARE GOING BACK THERE FOR OUR MEETING PLACE STARTING IN FEBRUARY.

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.

DISCOUNTS

Upon presentation of your club card:

IHOP gives a 20% 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.

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.

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**

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

SHRINERS POKER RUN, MAY – (INTERMEDIATE)

Annual Carbon Monoxide Commandos ride with the proceeds going to the Shriner's. Shirts, T-shirts and a raffle after the ride. Leaving from Smelterville, registration from 8-11:30am. Donation lunch stop during the ride. Take exit #45 on Hwy 90

**HELLS CANYON RIDE WITH HAROLD SAT & SUN MAY29th & 30th ARRIVE
ON FRIDAY MAY 28TH AND RIDE SAT & SUN**

All ATV & UTV riders are welcome. We will go from the Salmon River in White Bird, Idaho into the historic Kirkwood Ranch in Hells Canyon on the Snake River. It's roughly 78 miles round trip. On the second day we go into Pittsburg Landing then into the Big Canyon Trail approximately 60 miles round trip. Bring a lunch and extra fuel for both days. Stay at and leave from Killgore Adventure Jet boat, RV Park, & Lodging in White Bird. For Reservations call 1.800.469.8757. For further information contact Harold Morris at 208.665.2046.

HAPPY HERMIT RIDE, SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH - (EASY).

Leave from the Bunco parking lot at 9:00am. 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. Approx 50 miles round trip. (Very pretty ride)

HARRISON RIDE FROM 4TH OF JULY PASS, SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH - (EASY)

Leaving the 4th of July Pass parking lot at 9:00am. Take Exit #28 Go to stop sign, turn left, cross the Hwy, and turn right at stop sign. Eat lunch there or bring it. Might want to bring gas. Approx 70 miles round trip.

HARVARD RIDE & CAMPING SAT & SUN JUNE 19TH & 20TH (EASY)

To get to Harvard, go South on Highway 95 to the Potlatch turnoff, turn left, on Highway 6, go thru Potlatch, approx 12 miles to Harvard. Go thru Harvard and stay on Highway 6 for about 2-3 miles. You will come to the "PINES" RV park on the left. This is where we will camp. \$17.00 per night for full hookups. We will have to trailer our ATV's to the trail heads.

There is a Forest Service campground not too far away; however I don't think we can make reservations there. Folks who can't trailer to the trail heads may want to check this out. You may want to arrive Friday or early Sat Morning.

4th OF July PARKING LOT TO MONUMENT MOUNTAIN, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23RD.

This a weekday ride, leaving the 4th of July parking lot at 9:00am. Bring a lunch, and gas if you think that you will need it.

SANPOINT TO BALDY MTN RIDE SUNDAY JUNE 26TH (INTERMEDIATE)

Go North on Hwy 95 through Sandpoint to Ponderay, follow hwy 95 toward Canada. Turn left at Schweitzer Mtn rd and parking at the Bonner County Fairgrounds. Leaving at 8:30 A.M. Ride will go up Baldy Mountain Rd, via somewhat challenging trails, to Baldy Mountain. Nice views Looking down to Sandpoint and across the lake. Bring Lunch.

SHOOTOUT, JUN 27TH

SNAKE PIT RIDE, SATURDAY, JULY 10TH – (EASY)

Leave the 4th of July Pass parking lot at 9:00am. Take Exit #28 Go to stop sign, turn left, cross the Hwy, and turn right at stop sign. Eat lunch there or bring it. Might want to bring gas. Approx 70 miles round trip.

MAGEE RIDE, SATURDAY JULY 17TH (EASY)

Leave from the Bunco parking lot or Clark Fork High School Parking lot at 8:00 am. Bring Lunch & Gas. Take the Bunco Rd located on the south end of Silverwood park on the east side of Hwy 95. Follow the road & signs to Parking. To leave from Clark Fork, follow Hwy 200 east from Sandpoint to Clark Fork and park at CF High in center of town. Approx 85-90 miles round Trip so bring gas and don't forget your lunch. Very pretty ride.

CLARK FORK TO HERMIT RIDE (CONRADS MEM RIDE), SATURDAY, July 24TH – (EASY)

Leave from Ruen Rd parking lot at 9:00am. Bring lunch. Take Hwy 200 east out of ATV to Clark Fork. Turn right at Stephens St (Cenex Gas) cross the RR tracks and follow the rode over the river approx. to 5 miles to Ruen Rd on your right. Forest Service Rd entrance. Parking there. Bring Lunch. Approx 60 to 70 Miles round trip, you might want to bring gas.

STRONG CREEK RIDE HOPE TO PORKYPINE LAKE, SUN AUG 1ST (INTERMEDIATE)

Leave from Hope grade school parking lot off Sam Owens road at 9:00 A.M. Take hwy 200 east of Sandpoint through Hope to Sam Owens Rd, Peninsula Rd, Turn right and than immediate left turn up the hill to parking. Bring Lunch and may need gas. This is a challenging ride with a tight trail and a river crossing.

PACK RIVER RIDE TO DODGE PEAK AND BAR-B-Q LUNCH AT ROMAN NOSE LAKE SUNDAY 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 and we will leave at 9:00am. This is an INTERMEDIATE ride with a river crossing at the end. It will be an all day ride, so bring drinks, snacks and sides. Lunch will be provided at Roman Nose lake by Sandpoint Marine & Motor Sports.

AVERY RIDE SAT AUG 14TH (EASY)

Avery ride leaving from Wallace parking lot at 9:00 am. Great ride With lunch available in Avery or bring your own. Motels available in Wallace or RV it.

NIGHT RIDE, SATURDAY AUG 21ST (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)

CAMPOUT IN WALLACE, AUGUST 28TH & 29TH

This year we will have the campout in Wallace at the campground by the depot. They have full hookups there too. More information as time goes by.

SILVER DOLLAR BAR RIDE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH – (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. UTV friendly. 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.

EARLS RIDE SATURDAY, SEP 18TH (INTERMEDIATE)

Earls ride leaving from Wallace parking lot at 9:00am. Guaranteed to be a great ride. There will be Lunch available in Murray or bring own.

CHAMPION CREEK, NO DATE YET – (ADVANCED)

Suggested 4 WD. This is a challenging and technical ride into the mountains of Idaho and Montana. Lunch at the Montana Bar and Grill in Saltese. Gas available at Saltese or bring your own. 90 miles.

DISMAL LAKE RIDE (NO DATE YET)

Ride to a small lake south of Avery, All roads. Beginner and UTV ok, just remember 145 miles is a long day. Bring lunch and extra gas unless you can make it 115 miles to gas at Avery.

OVERNIGHT RIDE POSSIBLE (NO DATE YET)

Looking into an overnight ride to St. Regis or Superior. Don't know details just yet, (snow). There are campgrounds and motels at both locations. People can bring their gear or hotel it. Or if someone's wife that doesn't like to ride wants to ferry the gear to the stop, we could do a campout and BBQ at a campground. I would like to know what the feeling of the riders would be on this. Please speak up, so Carol can get it arranged, or it will be a NO GO!

FOR SALE

1. 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 ATV at 683.0526
2. For sale, 3 Junior Gas Cans. They hold 1.5 gals. \$20.00 each. Call Harold at 665-2046
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 ATV for information 208.683.0526.
5. 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.



The Helmet Outlet USA.COM, has been a good business member for a number of years. A lot of our members have bought riding gear from Mike, and received a very good deal. He would like for all of you to know that he has the following items for sale, including a 10% discount to our club members. I strongly suggest that you go down and check them out, as we are most likely going to be getting out earlier this year, so avoid the rush and get this gear.

RT 15 Warn Winch-\$299.99

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Kolpin Fuel Pack-\$103.99

Kolpin Rear Cargo Bag-\$120.99

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