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

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME ABOARD

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MORALES**

EDITORIAL
RICHARD LAMBERT
President

F/S TO CLOSE ROADS BY SIZE THREATENED

Earlier this month, I attended a meeting at the Panhandle Riders Club. At the meeting was the Ranger from Sandpoint. During the meeting he said that the Forest Service does not like the idea of folks 15 years old riding on the roads without a license. Being as they are a federal agency, they are not allowed to discriminate by age. He said that the Forest Service agencies in the state are going to try and get this changed. If they can't do it through the proper channels, than they will limit the roads that all vehicles 50 inches and below will be able to ride on. I mentioned to him that this is a sure fire way of getting people to ride cross country and not on the trails or roads. I asked which roads could be effected, and he mentioned a few, and one of the being the Bunco Road. Now, bear in mind this is just a thought that they are having and have not actually done it, but don't be surprised if something like this does not come to pass. If it does, we will all, state wide, have to ban together and get it changed. I will keep you posted if there is anything else that comes of this.

EXPENDATURES BY COUNTY

This is food for thought. If you are wondering why it is so important for us to get this money back from the gas tax, let me tell you something. I just received a state map broken down by counties. It is a map of the Recreation Fuel Tax Grant Expenditures by County covering the years 1988-2008. To make a very long story short, Kootenai County had the most monies allocated to them to the tune of \$4,775,900.51. This is the most of all the counties. So I hope that you can somewhat understand why we have been harping on getting this gas tax money returned to IDPR. This really hits us hard in this county. So again, please let you legislator know how unhappy you are with this situation.

UTV'S ON TRAILS

Well, here we go again. I have to tell you that I sure am getting tired of receiving all these e-mails concerning the use of UTV's on ATV trails. There are so many different opinions concerning this subject that you would not believe it. The rationale that is given is also just as silly. I have had e-mails from all over the state, and it appears that there are some folks that get along real well with their local Forest Service, and get all kinds of cooperation from them. Then there are some that does not get this same cooperation. That is where the rub is. There are so many different requirements concerning size of machine it is hard to keep up with. The Forest Service up here has one requirement that it enforces and the people down south have another. Then the BLM folks have their own requirements that they enforce. Everyone is yelling about this 48" rule and 50" rule. PEOPLE! We are talking about two inches, that's all. What is the big problem? Just where on the trail do you measure the 48/50 inches? What harm will it do to make it usable for UTV's? As with the advent of the ATV, they are also here to stay. So why not get this definition changed state wide and let them ride where they are able. I understand that they can't ride on all types of trails, but these trails could be signed "No UTV's allowed, dangerous trail" or something like that. Well, anyway, some of the people down south agree that they should be kept off the trails, and then again some of us don't agree. I personally don't see much change coming that eventually all of us will be riding on roads anyway, so the word "trail" will not even be in the vocabulary. So it won't make much difference.

STATE ATV ASSN.

Just to give you some brief information, Bill Jones of the ATV club in Boise, has decided to start an Idaho State ATV Association. This will be in conjunction with the Gem State ATV Association. It is not clear to me just what all of this is going to mean to all of the other ATV organizations in the state, but I am sure that we will be hearing more about this as time goes by. This is not going to be an easy undertaking to get started and have all the cooperation that is needed to make it work. Bill has been around the block a few times and I am sure that he understands this too, nothing ever falls into place like you would like it too. There will be more to follow on this I am sure. I will also keep you posted.

SHOOTOUT RESULTS

Well, everyone, for the first time setting up one of these rides, everyone did a great job. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help run the shooting stations and the ladies for running all the paperwork, targets and raffle items. Everyone did a great job. I heard nothing but great things from the folks that came. If you don't have enough Polaris items, it is your own fault, as Mike from CDA Polaris, was good enough to come up and had tons of items to give away. If you weren't there, you missed some of the best chili in the state. We had a good turnout, and hopefully it will be even bigger next year. Again, thanks to everyone.

SHOVEL, AXE & BUCKET

Marc Hildesheim from our local IDPR had attended a meeting and was asked about what tools (shovel, axe, and bucket) must be carried when you are operating in the forest. He looked into this a little further. After discussing this matter with another member of IDPR's staff, he provided him with a couple of documents that apply to OHV operation and necessary fire tools.

The first document is from IDAPA, which is Idaho's Administrative Code. This document explains that you are only required to carry the shovel, axe and bucket if you are planning on building a campfire. The second document is a letter from the Idaho Department of Lands stating that they believe the requirements also to be only applicable when someone is planning on having a campfire.

If you have any questions concerning this, please call Marc at 208.769.1511. I think that this is the first common sense thing I have seen come out of any government faction, I applaud you.

NEW FOREST SERVICE HEAD

Mr. Tom Tidwell has been named the new Chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

Tidwell was most recently head of the Northern Region of the agency based in Missoula where he oversaw forests and grasslands in Idaho, Montana and the Dakotas. He replaces Gail Kimbell who also ascended to the top spot in the agency as the regional forester at Missoula. Tidwell will be the third person to make the same jump. Dale Bosworth, who preceded Kimbell, also as the regional forester at Missoula before becoming chief.

The new chief has worked for the Forest Service for 32 years. He began his career on the Boise National Forest and has worked on eight forests and three regions.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack stated "Tom Tidwell's 32 years of experience in our forests and impressive track record of collaboration and problem solving will help us tackle the great challenges ahead".

PICNIC AREA CHANGED

We had to change the location of the clubs picnic due to the fact that the Rathdrum park had already been reserved by someone else. So we are now having it in the City Park in Hayden. It is located on the Northeast corner of Honeysuckle and Government Way. There is ample parking. It will begin at 10:00am and go to

3:00pm or whenever. We hope to see a lot of the members there, just to sit around and tell lies to each other, sort of relax and kick back. We all don't get together very much except on rides, and then you can't spend too much time gabbing, so this is the perfect place and time to do it. There will be hot dogs; hamburgers and everyone bring a side dish, chairs and a drink.

In addition to that, please don't forget that we are still having our campout at Cataldo in August. There are still a couple of reserved spaces left, so if you would like to come, please call Bert at 208.683.0526 and let her know, she will reserve a space for you.

CONRAD

As some of you know, we had a member Conrad Schempp. He was the guy who wore the crazy hats, and drove a UTV on our rides. Well, had taken very ill, and during the first week of this month he had passed away. I know that he is in a better place, and we will all miss him.

THANKS FROM BERT

I just wanted to thank all of you on the Baldy ride for helping me, out of the water, up the hill, getting my machine upright, offering me clothing items to get me warm and getting my machine back down the mountain. It was a very long eight miles for me. Also, to all of you who stayed and waited in the parking lot until I got back down the mountain. To Greg, for taking me down the mountain, Mike for offering me their home to get warm clothes and to Ken and Kathy for waiting with Richard in the emergency waiting room.

All turned out ok just a lot of bruising. Thank goodness I was wearing a helmet. I heard that I hit my head on some rocks in the creek. Wear those helmets guys!!!! See you all on the next ride. Thanks again. Bert

WEB-SITES TO GET

I strongly recommend that you check out the following 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.

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

SNAKE PIT RIDE, SATURDAY, July 11TH. – (EASY)

Leave from the Bunco parking lot. Leaving at 8:00am. Lunch at the Snake Pit, or bring your own. Bring gas or get it near the Snake Pit. Approx 125 miles round trip.

CLUB PICNIC, SATURDAY, JULY 18TH.

To be held Hayden City Park on the Northeast corner of Honeysuckle and Government Way, starting at 10:00am, bring your favorite dish, hot or cold. Also, bring your own drinks. The club will bring the hot dogs and hamburgers. Any questions call Bert at 208.683.0526

STRONG CREEK RIDE, SUNDAY, JULY 19TH. - (INTERMEDIATE)

Leave from Hope grade school parking lot off Peninsula road at 9:00am. Take hwy 200 east of Sandpoint through Hope to Old Sam Owens Rd/Peninsula Rd, Turn right and than immediate left turn up the hill to parking. Bring Lunch and may need gas. Approx 40 mile round trip

AVERY RIDE, SATURDAY, JULY 25TH. – (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 Avery or bring your won. Bring gas. Approx 80 miles round trip.

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 CAMPGOUND, 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 ND - (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.

ROCK CREEK MT. RIDE, SATURDAY, SEPT 19TH. - (INTERMEDIATE)

Leave from Rock Creek Parking at 9:30 am. Take Hwy 200 to Clark Fork. You can caravan from Clark Fork; will leave Clark Fork @ 8:30A.M. Or on you own continue from Clark Fork on Hwy 200 25 miles to forest service road 150(Rock Creek). It's a left turn off the highway just over the railroad Bridge about 1 mile east of Noxon, Mt. Turn off. Everyone will park at the intersection under the power lines, about ¼ mile from turn off. Lots of space to park. Should be able to ride most of the day in the area, so bring lunch and may need gas.

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 won. 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. A utility trailer made from the bed of a pickup truck. Good condition, its yours for \$160.00. Call Pat at 208.772.9242
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. \$7.00 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. 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.
7. As some of you might have noticed, there are some of us that have jackets, shirts and hats that have been embroidered. We have those done at our business member "Monogram Plus on 4th st. see address below.

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