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

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME ABOARD

THE PIZZA FACTORY, JASON & SHERYL RASMUSSEN, GARY & BRENDA VENTRESS, DOYLE HOLDWAY, LEE & ELIZABETH WITHHAM, KENNY V'S TIRE FACTORY, KEN & KATHY CHRISP, JOE CHRISP & DULSEY OLMSTEAD, JERRY & KATHY BURDICK

EDITORIAL
RICHARD LAMBERT
President

WELL, THEY ARE AT IT AGAIN FOLKS

The Bureaucrats', Legislators and Anti-OHV Activists are after our money, and they'll try every trick in the book to get it. The anti-recreation activist's groups are serious about destroying these successful programs. They are well funded, politically astute. It is up to all of us to stop them, while we still can. By that I mean "get off your butts and take some action, make phone calls, write letters or send e mails to your governor or legislators, but for crying out loud, **DO SOMETHING!!** This will eventually affect all of us that drive ATV's, UTV's, Dirt Bikes, Boats, or anything with a motor in it. I have included some general information about what is going on, and also the different programs that are going to be affected by the loss of this money. It is up to you to make the decision whether or not it will affect you.

The fuel tax transfer is a reasonable way for recreational users to contribute to development and maintenance of needed recreation facilities. It came about as a result of recreational users giving up their ability to get a refund of gas tax for fuel not burned on roads as long as the money was distributed to IDPR. Now the legislature has diverted the money to roads & highways making recreational users

the only Idaho group required to pay fuel tax on fuel not burned on roads or highways. This is patently unfair and needs to be corrected as soon as possible.

The following is how IDPR uses their portion of the state gas tax:

Off Road Motor Vehicle Fund (ORMV) - Approximately \$1,300,000 annually

- **Approximately \$500,000 is used to purchase snowmobile trail grooming equipment (IDPR manages a fleet of 40 groomers).**
- **Approximately \$175,000 is used to leverage \$180,000 of additional federal gas tax funds.**
- **Approximately \$500,000 is made available in a competitive grant program to fund ATV, motorbike and snow mobile projects statewide.**
- **Approximately \$100,000 is used to purchase summertime OHV trail building equipment.**
- **Approximately \$25,000 is used to purchase small motorized equipment by IDPR field crews.**

Waterways Improvement Fund – Approximately \$1,300,000

- **All of this funding is made available in a competitive grant program to fund boating improvements statewide. These projects include launch facilities, education and law enforcement.**

Capital Improvement Fund – Approximately \$1,300,000

- **This funding is used to provide for park improvements and salaries in the Management Services Division.**

Road and Bridge Fund (R&B) – Approximately \$600,000

- **50% of the funds are used in state parks for road, parking lot and bridge projects.**
- **50% of the funds are used outside of state parks for road, parking lot and bridge projects that benefit recreation use.**

Search and Rescue Fund – Approximately \$48,000

- **This money is sent to the Idaho State Police to be deposited in a state search and rescue account and used to reimburse counties for search and rescue costs.**

Recreation Bureau Personnel and Operating – Approximately \$380,000 (These funds are part of the 20% that is allowed for administration.)

- **Approximately \$231,000 is used by the Recreation Bureau to fund full-time and seasonal salaries.**
- **Approximately \$148,000 is used by the Recreation Bureau to fund operating expenses.**

FOREST TRAVEL PLAN

I had a conversation with Randy Swick, the Forest Ranger and he said the new Travel Plan included designated routes for a variety of motorized vehicle classes, including full size, four-wheel drive, ATV's and motorcycles, as well as a continuing prohibition of cross-country motorized travel, and development of a motor vehicle use map that will be free to the public prior to the 2009 hunting season. If you would care to view this travel plan, go to www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/eco/manage/nepa , or you can go to the Forest Service office to obtain a disc of it. I strongly suggest that you either view it or get that disc, as, again, this will also affect you and where you can ride.....legally.

You should also have a copy of the 2003 trail map. It is the one that is sort of plastic covered. I was told that if you are on a trail that appears on that map, it is

ok for you to be there. That is, until the new maps arrive, then this one will no longer be in effect.

RADIOS

As many of you know, that has been on rides with the club, that many of us are using radios that is keyed by a button on the handle grip. It is much easier than trying to find that button on the side of the radio, when you are on a trail or road that requires you to use two hands. We have now the opportunity to buy them through CDA Polaris, who will also give you a ten percent discount on them. Having one for myself and wife, I can tell you first hand that they are the only way to fly. If you have any questions on them, give me a call at 208.683.0526, and I will try and answer you questions for you. Even if you don't have these types of equipment, having a radio, in my opinion, is almost a necessity. Especially now, that we will be doing the majority of our riding on forest service roads, which has a lot of vehicle traffic. Without radios, it is difficult to get the word that a vehicle is coming; it is one of best safety devices you can have with you now a days.

WILD WEST SHOOTOUT

Yes, this is going to be a real kick in the pants. We are going to be having our Fun Run-membership drive in June on the 14th. We are going to be shooting targets with BB guns. So you can bring the whole family of "Annie Oaklies" to try their luck. Included will be the ride of course with chili and hot dogs at the end. As we get the plans more complete, I will be keeping you informed, so keep that date open (it's on the ride schedule too). Registration is from 8:00 to 10:00am.

BIG THANK YOU

On behalf of the club and the Cancer Society, I would like to thank Stan Harris for bringing a little over 35 pounds of pull tabs to the last meeting. I know that they will help out with the expenses at the Cancer Society. Thanks again Stan.

KIDS ATV LEAD INFO

There is not a whole lot happening since all this started about the lead in the machines. All I know is that the craziness is still going on, maybe some day, one of our politicians will get some common sense, another word for "nerve", and tell those environmentalists where to go. I have yet to see a little kid eat a whole 150cc motorcycle anyway, maybe they have.

PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Boy, when it rains it pours. Recently we have had two club members get really sick. First, Carol Hunt's brother, Craig, had a stroke and was put into ICU for a while. I'm glad to say that he is out of if now, and on the mend, slow but sure. Another club member, Conrad Schempp, also one of the board members of the Panhandle Riders Assoc, in Sandpoint, and a very active member of the club. Conrad suffered an Aorta aneurysm on 20th. We hope to see him out riding soon and please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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:

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.

Specialties Recreation and Marine give a 10% discount with your club card

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**

**SANDPOINT TO PRIEST LAKE RIDE, SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH. -
(INTERMEDIATE)**

Go North on Hwy 95 through Sandpoint to Ponderay, follow Hwy 95 toward
Canada. Turn right into Wal-Mart parking lot at 8:30 am. Final parking
TBD, perhaps the Bonner County Fairgrounds. Ride will go up Baldy
Mountain Rd, via somewhat challenging trails, to Baldy Mountain. Nice
views looking down to Sandpoint and across the lake. Continue on to
Cavanaugh Bay Resort on Priest Lake for lunch there or bring your own.
Approx 90 miles round trip may need gas. A mix of forest service roads and
trails.

FUN RUN, SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH INFORMATION STATED ABOVE

*Wild West Shoot Out Family Ride. Registration 8 to 10 am. At the 4th of July
Parking lot on I-90 take exit #28. Costs \$5.00 per target or 5 for \$20.00. This
event is sponsored by Back Country ATV. Five stations to shoot at Targets with
BB guns during the ride. Hot Dogs & Chili provided. Pop & Water avail for
purchase. Prizes will be awarded with 50% of purse to 1st place, 30% to 2nd
and 20% to 3rd. CDA Polaris will be available at end of ride with other items.
There will also be some give-a-ways and a raffle for great prizes. Final riders
must be in by 3PM.*

MAGEE RIDE, SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH. – (EASY)

Leave from the Bunco parking lot at 8:00am. Bring lunch AND GAS. 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 85-90 miles round trip. (Very pretty ride)

OVERNIGHT RIDE TO SILVER DOLLAR BAR: June 25th. (EASY). The ride will be leaving from the Wallace parking lot at 1 pm, staying overnight at the motel and returning on June 26th. Motel has 40 rooms at \$80.00 per night, sleeps 4 to a room and they are having their kids sleep on the floor. Possibly we can get a cut rate if enough people are interested. For further information contact Carol at 208.512.1826

CLARK FORK TO HERMIT RIDE, SATURDAY, JUNE, 27TH. - (EASY)
Leave from Ruen Rd parking lot at 9:00am. Bring lunch. Take Hwy 200 east out of Sandpoint 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.

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 Rathdrum City Park on Hwy 53, starting at 10:30am, 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 Sam Owens road at 9:00am. Take hwy 200 east of Sandpoint through Hope to Sam Owens Rd, Turn right and than immediate left turn up the hill to parking. Bring Lunch and may need gas.

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 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.

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 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. 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
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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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