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

### **INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME ABOARD**

MARSHALL ANDERSON, CDA POLARIS,

#### **EDITORIAL**

**RICHARD LAMBERT**

**President**

#### **MAP READING**

For those of you that did not come to the last meeting, here is some of what we discussed. As most of you know, the Forest Service was supposed to have the new Motorized Travel maps ready this month (February). I called Andy Boggs at the Fernan Office, and he told me that the paperwork was on the Rangers desk but it has not been signed as of now. He said that after it is signed, it will have to go for public review of the new maps. That is going to take some more months. We all think that it will not be until the end of the year before they come out to the public. I asked him what we do in the meantime. He said that we should all go by the 2003 map, that we have been using all this time. He said that this map is the governing document. No matter how the trail is marked, if the map shows the trail to be open, than it is open. So in a nutshell, whatever the 2003 map says, that is what we will all go by until the new ones come out.

Speaking of maps, Andy Boggs consented to come to our next meeting and show us how to read a map. So if you have a copy of the 2003 map, bring it along with you. He is going to show us how to go from point A to point B, and if you are somewhere in-between, he will show us how to get back to where you started. I really think that this is a great idea, and everyone can benefit from it. So please come to this meeting. Don't forget the riding season is going to start (soon) (sometime) (whenever) so you had better be ready.

## FINAL TRAVEL PLAN

Andy also said that the final rendition of the Forest Travel Plan is also presently sitting on his desk for signature. I believe that it has already passed through all the wickets, and all that it needs is his signature to become effective. I would suggest that when it does come out, it will also be on the web, that everyone take a good look at it as there has been a lot of changes made.

## WILDERNESS CLOSURES

This is one subject that can really have an effect on all of us if we all don't do something to put a stop to it. Recently, I received a newsletter from the Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC). I will paraphrase some of the paragraphs and give you the jest of what is going on with the Wilderness closures.

“Idaho’s two Wilderness bills, the Owyhee Public Lands Management Act and the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act (CIEDRA), is still in play. The Owyhee bill, which will designate about ½ million acres of Wilderness, is close to becoming law. It was part of that huge Senate Omnibus package containing over 160 pieces of legislation. The omnibus package designates 2.2 million acres of Wilderness, identifies three new national parks, ten national heritage areas, and designates over 1,000 miles of wild and scenic rivers”..... “Local OHV users decided they would work with the Forest Service, the county and sportsmen groups to try to make improvements to the plan. Things were moving along when *the Wilderness Society slammed the Forest Service with a federal lawsuit demanding massive additional closures.*”.....“People in California, Nevada, Montana, New Mexico and even Virginia have proposed common-sense alternatives to the Wilderness legislation offered by the environmental lobby. Sadly, in Idaho, we seem to be bucking that trend. Here, we are well on the way to making 150,000 acres of a recreation-friendly alternative into Wilderness. Without credible alternatives to Wilderness, recreation advocates see an ever shrinking land base for increasingly popular activities such as snowmobiling, mountain biking and OHV use. It is important that recreation groups oppose any proposal to turn any portion of such recreation-friendly designation into Wilderness.”

## KIDS ATV LEAD INFO

Myself, being a subscriber of ARRA, (which you all should be...its FREE), I received this notice from them requesting that I submit a letter of support against this lead problem. Their warning in this notice went like this. “Youth ATVs and dirtbikes can no longer be sold! As of February 10, sale of ATVs and dirtbikes for children’s use is banned due to a new law that limits lead content in children’s products, even if that lead poses no risk to children. The Motorcycle Industry Council and the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America has requested the Consumer Product Safety Commission to exclude ATVs and off-highway motorcycles from the provisions.”

This lead problem is not something that just happened; it has been talked about for a very long time. The major problems are the manufacturers in China and Mexico, which have not been testing their products for lead content prior to shipping them to the U.S. It is not just a problem with the ATVs, it is in virtually

everything, clothes, toys etc. I guess that attacking the ATV community is the easiest thing to do.

### GRANT APPLICATION

In case many of you didn't know, Steve Harper and Bill Tapper have worked really hard on the Grant for our project of installing mile markers on four different trails this coming year. I have had word from Boise that the passage of this grant looks real good, so keep your fingers crossed. Again, big thanks to Steve and Bill for a great job well done.

### WEB SITES

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.

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### MEETING INFORMATION

**The Board Meeting and the General Meeting will both be held at the IHOP on 4<sup>th</sup> St. 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:**

**IHOP in CDA gives a 20% discount on meals**

**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.**

**Les Schwab in Post Falls, gives a 10% discount on all wheels, tires & 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

The below list of rides are for you information right now. These are the ones that we rode, or most of them, last year. As you can see, there are no dates assigned to them yet. I am putting them in here so you can see what we have in mind for some rides this summer. You will notice that there are a couple that do in fact, have dates assigned. These are rides that will happen on those dates for sure, all others are for information only right now. The dates will be assigned as the weather permits.....sound familiar?

**HARRISON RIDE – (EASY)**

Leave the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parking lot at 9:00am. Take Exit 28. Go to stop sign, turn left, cross the Hwy, and turn right at stop sign. Lunch in Harrison, or bring it. Might want to bring gas. Approx 70 miles round trip. Possibility of snow on road, if so we will improvise and try other routes. We have to try at least.

**MULLAN RIDE** – (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.

**BOLDER CITY RIDE**- (INTERMEDIATE)

Leave from the old K-Mart Parking lot in Ponderay at 9 am. Across the street from Wal Mart, or on your own, take Hwy 95 North to 20 Mile rd. Turn east and the parking is at the start of the Forest Service road. Bring lunch and extra gas if you think you will need it. Approx 50 miles round trip.

**SNAKE PIT RIDE**– (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.

**ROCK CREEK MT. RIDE**- (XXXXXXXXXXXX)

Leave from Rock Creek Parking at 9:00 am. Take Hwy 200 to Clark Fork. You can caravan from Clark Fork; will leave Clark Fork @ 8:00A.M. Or on your own continue from Clark Fork on hwy 200 25mile 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.

**EARLS RIDE** – (EASY/INTERMEDIATE)

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

**STRONG CREEK RIDE** (INTERMEDIATE)

Leave from Hope grade school parking lot off Sam Owens road. 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.

**SILVER DOLLAR BAR RIDE** – (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.

**BOLDER CITY RIDE**- (INTERMEDIATE)

Leave from the old K-Mart Parking lot (across from Wal Mart) in Ponderay at 9 am. Or on your own take Hwy 95 North to 20 Mile rd. turn east and parking is at the start of the Forest Service road. Bring lunch and may need extra gas. Approx 50 miles Round trip.

**CLARK FORK RIDE – (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 road 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.

**MAGEE RIDE – (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)

**AVERY RIDE – (EASY)**

Leave from Wallace parking lot, 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 own. Bring gas. Approx 80 miles round trip.

**NIGHT RIDE – (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)

**CLUB CAMPOUT AT CATALDO CAMPGROUND**

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.

**CLUB PICNIC –**

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

**CLARK FORK – (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.

**ADVENTURE RACE IN RATHDRUM MOUNTAINS: SEPT 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**OVERNIGHT RIDE TO SILVER DOLLAR BAR: June 25<sup>th</sup>. (EASY).** The ride will be leaving from the Wallace parking lot at 1 pm, staying overnight at the motel and returning on June 26<sup>th</sup>. 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

**SNAKE PIT RIDE – (EASY)** Leave the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parking lot at 9:00am. Take Exit 28. Go to stop sign, turn left, cross the Hwy, and turn right at stop sign. Lunch there or bring it. Might want to bring gas. Approx 70 miles round trip. Possibility of snow on road, if so we will improvise and try other routes. We have to try at least.

**FUN RUN ((JUNE))**

**PACK RIVER RIDE... INFO TO FOLLOW**

**SANPOINT TO PRIST LAKE RIDE INFO TO FOLLOW**

**ROMAN NOSE RIDE**

**CLARK FORK TO HAPPY HERMIT (EASY)**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

### **FOR SALE**

1. Hard cargo box with removable seat pad. Like new, \$300 original cost, selling for \$200. Two flat pack gas cans 3.5 gal, \$50 ea, one soft cargo box made by American Trails, excellent condition lot of accessible storage, \$60. Call Harold at 208.664.2046
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.

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