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WELCOME ABOARD

RAFFEL WINNER

\$77.00

BOB & JANINE LILJA – (present)

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

EDITORIAL
RICHARD LAMBERT
PRESIDENT

For those of you that missed the last meeting, here is the information that was put out. I have to say, that this was the largest meeting that we have had in years, which I was surely glad to see. I sure wish that it could be that way every month. It goes to show one thing though, what it takes to have over forty people show up for a meeting...Kathy, the free cookie lady, and the issuance of free maps. To the best of my knowledge, we don't have anything more free to give away, except some free cake, from the cake ladies, we will see.

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

I would like to extend out condolences to the members of the Rodriguez family and the management of IHOP. We were informed Tuesday night prior to the meeting that the Associate Manager Ray Rodriguez had a severe brain aneurism the evening before and that he was presently in the hospital. He has since passed away,

and I know he is in a much better place. Ray was very instrumental in getting Back Country ATV to return to IHOP for our meetings. He made it an enjoyable place to meet, along with his new staff of waitresses and waiters. We know that he will be missed.

TRAVEL PLAN MAPS INFORMATION

The Fernan District Ranger, Randy Swick was our guest speaker and also the person who brought the maps. The discussion was mainly about the new map, the times that we could ride, and signage that was going to be coming in the future. Also during his discussion, he talked about the new Travel Plan, and the relationship between it and the map.

To begin with, you should all have a map, if you don't, go and get one. I know that I have said in the past that it was mandatory to carry it with you, but I was informed that it is not the case. You *should have one* with you, in case you are caught on a wrong trail/road. I still profess that you should have one all the time anyway. One feature of this map is that there are no hiking trails on it. If you want that information, you should still use the 2003 map. Randy cited in the Travel Plan, that there is 1662 miles of open road and trail routes on the 2010 map. There was a question asked of him "is it necessary that dirt bikes be allowed on ATV trails?" his response was, "it's a sensitive issue" motorcycles do have access to all 1662 miles. They also have exclusive use of 150 miles of trails. These trails had been designed and used by motorcycles for several years and are not designed for safe use of an ATV. On the other hand, ATV's have access to 1483 miles of routes, there is no exclusive use routes for ATV's, they are all shared with all other motorized vehicles. He was asked about the concern for the safety of the riders of both the motorcycles and the ATV's. We mentioned that this is a very dangerous situation, having them both on the same trails, mostly due to the different speed that we both drive. He said "well we haven't had a problem yet!" I for one am not too happy with that kind of response.

On this 2010 map, all of the trails that we are allowed to ride on are all seasonal closures trails. Granted, they extended some closure dates back to April first, but there are still some roads that are from Labor Day to Memorial Day, as it always had been. He said that the Forest Service had an agreement with IDF&G concerning these closures. Personally I can't see any difference, why are there two different dates. You must all be very careful and know where you are at all times, making sure that you are legally on the right trail at the right time.

We asked him; just what can we do to get our own trails that we don't have to share with everyone else. Well, here it is....he said that you have to get all of the other users and clubs together and come up with a single trail that you want us to work on. When that one is completed, we can do it again. In my opinion, that is like putting a dog, a cat and a mouse in the same room, and telling them that they all have to come up with a solution as to who is going to leave the room first. This type of reasoning just puts the onus back upon the ATV community, the motorcycle community, and jeeps. We all know that each one of our groups have their favorite area to ride and would like to have trails in it. So the thought of each one giving into the other, in my opinion is unrealistic. In addition, he said that the expansion of total number of miles will be limited due to the Clean Water Act, and IDF&G.

As a side note, it is sure unclear to me how those clubs down south can have such a good working relationship with their Forest Service, and have very little, if

any seasonal closures in their areas. The question comes to my mind, why can't we have the same cooperation up here?

LICENSE PLATE FRAMES

We now have license plate frames that are custom made for us. You can get them in black or chrome which ever you like. On the top of the frame in large letters it says "Lets Ride" and on the lower part of the frame is says "Back Country ATV". They cost \$12.50 ea. Presently I have six of them left. If you would like to have one give me a call, and we will get you one. Their cool.

MILE MARKERS

Shortly, we are going to start to install the mile markers on the 800 trails. We will need a few guys to come and assist us. If you would like to give us a hand please call me or send me an e-mail. Right now there is too much snow up on top, but we thought that maybe we could start and get some done as much as possible.

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 town with more information on them.

MEETING INFORMATION

The Board Meeting and the General Meeting will both be held at the IHOP on 4TH STREET, 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.

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, SATURDAY, MAY 22nd – (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 Smeltonville, registration from 8-11:30am. Donation lunch stop during the ride. Take exit #45 on Hwy 90

HELLS CANYON RIDE WITH HAROLD SAT & SUN MAY 29th & 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 Hwy 95 to the Potlatch turnoff, turn left, on Hwy 6, go thru Potlatch, approx 12 miles to Harvard. Go thru Harvard and stay on Hwy 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 head may want to check this out. You may want to arrive Friday or early Sat Morning.

We should be leaving for the trail head by 9:30 Sat morning. If you are staying at the Forest Service campground, our parking area trail head will be at the corner of hwy 6 and the road to the campground.

Additional information has been obtained. We will be riding on trails that Cross Potlatch Corporation lands. Potlatch does require recreation permits when on their land. The cost of a permit is \$27.50 for an ATV for the year.

You can obtain the permit over the web from Potlatch at the following:

<http://recreation.potlatchcorp.com/id/default.asp> If you choose not to get a permit please understand you are riding at your own risk. Most of us will be staying at the Pines RV park and their phone number is 208-875-

0831. Roger and Debbie are the owners and when you call for reservations just let them know you are riding with the ATV club. Any questions contact Chuck Polan or Lloyd Potter for additional information.

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

This is 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 & SCHWEITZER MT RIDE, SATURDAY 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. We will continue on to the back side of Schweitzer Mt. From there, we will ride the chair lifts down to the village for lunch or you can bring you own and eat on top. Fees apply to ride the chair lift down, but lots of fun. Nice views looking down to Sandpoint and across the lake.

SHOOTOUT, JUN 27TH [see news letter article]

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 (INTEMEDIAE)

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.

EVERY 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!

WANTED

A Good used ATV, 50-100CC, with a governor. Call Bob at 208.687.1117

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.

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