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Pre ride to Harrison, Id. on Wednesday, April 19th. As you can see we ran into a bit of snow. Better rides to come although we did have fun navigating through the snow and muddy trails.

Idaho Facts and Trivia.

- 1. Grangeville is located in north central Idaho. The community is considered the gateway to five wilderness areas and four national forests totaling 5 ½ million acres. The total is second only to Alaska in designated wilderness area.**
- 2. In 1896 Council Valley shortened its name to Council.**
- 3. The Lewis and Clark Highway (United State Highway 12) is the shortest route from the Midwest to the Pacific Coast and the longest highway within a national forest in the nation.**
- 4. The elevation of Cambridge is 2,650 feet above sea level with the surrounding mountains reaching elevations around 8,000 feet and plummeting to around 1500 feet in Hells Canyon.**
- 5. The economy of Idaho City originally developed around gold mining in the 1860s.**

Quick Tips For Responsible ATV/UTV Riding: taken from Tread Lightly on Land and Water

- Obtain a map-motor vehicle use map where appropriate-of your destination and determine which areas are open to ATVs and UTVs.**
- Make a realistic plan and stick to it. Always tell someone of your travel plans.**
- Contact the land manager for area restrictions, closures and permit requirements.**
- Check the weather forecast before you go.**
- Prepare for the unexpected by packing a small backpack full of emergency items.**
- Wear a helmet, eye protection and other safety gear.**
- Know your limitations. Watch your time, your fuel and your energy.**
- Take a class or the ATV Rider Course that provides a fast-paced, half day, hands on training session. Call the ATV Enrollment Express toll free at 1-800-887-2887 to enroll**
- Make sure your ATV/UTV is mechanically up to task. Be prepared with tools, supplies, spares and a spill kit for trail side repairs.**

Happy Birthday!

Larry Southard-May 15th

**No Anniversary Celebrations Reported To Me For
This Month.**

FYI

Dennis Smith is asking if anyone is planning on buying a new Polaris machine before May 31st, to contact him. He has a \$100 rebate certificate that he will give to you. This offer can also be used with any other rebate offers you may have. Contact Dennis at 208-882-8109.

Back Country Kitchen Vittles

Submitted by Linda Rumfelt

Tortellini Soup

1 lb. lean ground beef

1 lb. ground pork

Cook, drain and add 32 oz. chicken broth

1 large jar Prego (approx. 60 oz. jar)

Heat and add 8 oz. cream cheese-softened and cubed

Add 1 pkg frozen cheese tortellini shells *(prepared)

*boil 4 minutes in water. Then add to other ingredients and whalla, soup is done.

TIDBITS FROM YOUR EDITOR

It's been a really cold and wet month and I for one am ready for some sun and heat. From what I see on the evening news we may finally be getting a warm up starting this first week of May. My newsletter may be coming out a little late as this past weekend when I usually start it we were lazing around on the beach in Pacific City, Oregon celebrating the 40th birthday of our twin son and daughter. Believe me when I say the weather did not cooperate. It was cold, wet and windy for the most part but my daughter did manage to get a sunburn/windburn anyway. We've thought about postponing the first ride of the season which was to be Saturday, May 6th

and if it is postponed Nancy will e-mail us all with the new date. The snow has just not melted in the mountains but with the warmer weather hopefully it will clear away quickly.

Other than our usual monthly meetings, breakfasts and board meetings we had a map reading class on Saturday, April 1st. About 10 of us club members showed up and Arnie, who gave the class, was being his usual friendly guy and was unusually excited about the chocolate cake being served with the breakfast buffet. He approached a young Daddy with his young daughters and visited with them, including his excitement over the chocolate cake. Well, they appreciated Arnie, and after their breakfast, came back to the dining area we all were in and visited with him and thanked him for being so nice to them. After the Dad and his girls left the waitress came back to us and told us that the Dad had paid for all the breakfasts at the table where Arnie was seated, which totaled 6 of us. What impressed me the most was what a great example this Dad must have made on his daughters to reward the kindness of a stranger in this way. And we all know there's no one stranger than Arnie. Just kidding Arnie! Haha. We found out later that this Daddy has 10 children and comes to J.B.s quite often with his children. From what I understand, Dave Conley wrote a nice letter thanking the gentleman and directed it to the CDA Press so I hope they published it and I hope the gentleman read it and knows how much we all appreciated what he had done.

Important to remember that we will be having a First Aid class on May 13th but I don't have a time on that yet.

10 ATV ESSENTIALS EVERY RIDER SHOULD CARRY

Modern Workhorse

Back in the day, if you could have taken a peek into a cowboys saddlebags, you would have seen a few things that every cowpoke made sure he had on him whenever he jumped onto his trusty steed. A good rope, a coffee pot and a few tools were part of every cowboys gear.

Like the cow hands horse, today's sportsmen are using ATVs and UTVs to reach those places off the beaten path for their hunting and fishing adventures. These vehicles can go just about anywhere and haul just about anything. And, like a horse, they're pretty low maintenance.

Be Johnny-on-the-Spot

There are a few things, however, that all riders should have with them when they head off down that dusty trail. ATVs and UTVs can be great tools and a lot of fun, but if you can't make it back safe and sound. Then what's the point?

Some of the things you need to take with you are to keep your machine running; you must be able to make it back to the truck or to your home in case of mechanical issues. Some of the things you need to have with you are to keep you safe and sound; if your machine is running great but you aren't able to ride it back, it doesn't matter whether or not you had that screwdriver to fix that loose screw.

Most ATVs have storage compartments to haul the essential items. If not, you can always carry extra gear in a small backpack. Today's side-by-side UTVs can haul weighty loads along with the proper trail side gear to keep your machine, and you, running should an issue come up.

The List

When I was young and growing up on my family farm, I noticed something unique about my father: each morning, when he went out and got on the tractor to go into one of the fields, he checked to make sure he had a few things with him in a metal storage box on the back of the old tractor. I remember asking him about it one time and he said "You never know what might happen. Best to always be at least somewhat prepared." That's advice I have kept to heart. ATV and UTV riders should do the same.

Here are the must-carry ATV essentials every sportsman should have on any ride:

Helmet

I was cruising down a trail system. It was a nice day, there wasn't any dust and the trail was groomed for riding, so it was very smooth and straight. Still, I wasn't going too fast, and I was paying very close attention. I was riding an ATV and just enjoying the weather and the scenery. I crested a small hill and didn't see the hole in the trail until I was right on top of it. The machine didn't flip, but the jolt was enough to knock my foot loose and it was caught by the rear tire. I was thrown head first into the ground-

slammed is more like it. If it wasn't for the fact that I was wearing a helmet, I wouldn't have made it back home. Plain and simple-helmets save lives!

Protective clothing

Boots, goggles, gloves, long pants and sleeves are all good ideas too. It doesn't take much to severely damage the human eye, so you should always have some kind of eye protection on. Shoes that go over your ankles are also a safe bet. Think about the story I just shared. When my foot was caught by the rear tire, if I hadn't been wearing decent boots I would have suffered a broken ankle for sure. As it was, my foot was just a little sore for a few days.

Tool Kit

A basic tool kit is a must-have item, so much so that every manufacturer includes one with each machine. While a screwdriver and a pair of pliers, along with a few miscellaneous wrenches, are always good things to have along, every experienced ride knows that you need to add a few “real-world” items to your kit.

- Vise –grips are invaluable. Better than a pair of pliers, vise grips can do everything from breaking tough nuts loose to serving as a door handle if need be.
- Zip ties might possibly be the greatest thing ever created as a fix-all item. With enough zip ties you could probably repair a broken drive shaft
- Duct tape is a given. A small roll of Gorilla Tape should also be in every tool kit.
- A small compact flashlight (with spare batteries) is handy when you don't have natural light. While having a bigger flashlight on hand is helpful (you can never have enough light) a small penlight is great for helping you see any issues that may be tucked back into the nooks of your machine.
- Fire starting essentials-butane lighter, waterproof matches, kindling or even some dry cotton balls in a waterproof baffle or container will help you get a blaze going in the event of an emergency.

- Multi-tool and /or Swiss Army knife
- Map and compass

Cellphone and Charger

Some of you may think that the whole point of going on an epic ride or hunting trip is to get away from it all, but taking along your cell phone is always a good idea. The reason is not to keep you chained to the office but to keep you connected to the ones you love just in case something happens. In addition, if you have a mechanical or health issue, text messages can often get through when cell signals are weak. Using a good phone case is a must as the point of having the phone is being able to use it when you need it most. And on longer adventures, a phone charger is another item you'll need to have along. Most modern ATVs and UTVs have at least on 12-volt power outlet.

Air Pump and Tire Plugs

Ever come out to your care after doing a little shopping and find a flat tire? You can call a tow truck to come fix it. Come back to your ATV 35 miles up a mountain trail after sticking an arrow in the boiler room of a 6x6 bull elk and find a flat? AAA is not going to help you out. In this case a small 12-volt air compressor and a simple patch kit are worth their weight in gold. Patching a hole in a tubeless ATV tire is pretty easy, especially with a decent kit, here's a little trail side tip: if the tire comes off the rim, a flat-head screw driver can help you wrestle the tire back onto the rim. Two makes the job easier, but it can be done with one. Been there, done that.

To be continued next month:

Remember, this is our newsletter. If anyone has any good photos, stories, articles and recipes you would like to share, please email them to me at

windawooh@yahoo.com. This would be very much appreciated by me and shared as space allows.

A NEW SPONSOR



Spokane North Trailers will honor a 10% discount on Parts & Accessories for Back Country ATV Members (membership card required). Some exceptions apply.

LOTS of trailers in stock now!

So many new trailers we haven't even figured out how to display them all yet.



Come in to see the huge selection of new, used and consignment trailers. Take advantage of our new spring pricing and meet Brian and Jon. We would love to show you around.