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**THE OLDEST AND FINEST ATV CLUB IN CDA, ID. – WE DO IT RIGHT!**

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**Hells Canyon Pre-ride in May 2017** led by Harold and Judy Morris

**Idaho Facts and Trivia**

- 1. Hells Canyon is the deepest gorge in North America. Deeper than the Grand Canyon.**
- 2. Heyburn, originally named Riverton, is the fourth oldest community in the Mini-Cassia area and the second frontier town to be settled in what is now the county of Minidoka.**

3. Bruneau Dunes State Park contains North America's tallest single structured sand dune. It stands 470 feet high.
4. Bruneau Canyon Overlook offers a view into a 1,200 foot deep, 800 foot wide river canyon.
5. Downey's first mercantile store, the W.A. Hyde Co., was built in 1894.

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

- Other sensitive habitats to avoid unless on designated routes include cryptobiotic soils of the desert, tundra, and seasonal nesting or breeding areas.
- Do not disturb historical, archeological, or paleontological sites.
- Avoid "spooking" livestock and wildlife you encounter and keep your distance.
- Motorized and mechanized vehicles are not allowed in designated Wilderness Areas.

## **10 ATV ESSENTIALS EVERY RIDER SHOULD CARRY**

Continued from last month's newsletter

### **High-quality H2O**

It doesn't take much for dehydration to kick in. Keeping a bottle or two of water handy every time you go for a ride, even just a short jaunt down a trail, is a great idea. Just about every machine, from the newest models, down to the oldest machines running, have some sort of cargo area you can toss a couple of bottles of water into. Riding, even at the easiest most relaxed pace takes more work than you think. With an ATV, you have to use your body to help steer the machine. It wears you out more than you may realize. The bonus of having some water handy is that on the off chance you overheat the engine you can always use some of it in the radiator when you're in a pinch. It's not a perfect fix, but it sure beats not getting back home.

### **First Aid Kit**

A first-aid kit of any kind is better than no first aid kit. It's kind of like the helmet. The first aid kit is the for the unexpected. It's the things you can't think of that you'll always want to make sure that you have with you.

### **Tow Strap**

It's bound to happen. Ride with your buddies long enough and someone at some point is going to need a tow back to the trucks. Having a tow/recovery strap ready is not only a good idea when you need to help a buddy out, it can also come in very handy for a number of other chores. Having one around, for example, can help drag out a deer or an elk, moving fallen trees and much more.

### **Winch**

So why do you need a winch? Get stuck in the mud or snow one time and then answer that question. You can use one to remove trail obstacles and do many of the same jobs you could use the tow strap for, but there are some tasks that only a winch can get done. Loading your ATV onto your trailer or truck is a snap when you have a winch. They are also great when used with accessory snow plows for those of us who live in regions where that fluffy white stuff fills our driveways for several months of the year. The winch is one of those items where it's better to pay a little more upfront and get a quality product. Go the cheap route and you'll end up needing to buy several over the life of your machine. When your using a winch for something, it's usually the type of project where's if the winch were to fail, it will be at the worst possible time.

### **Extra Gas**

Flat tires, minor mechanical issues, getting stuck in the mud-these are all things that you can get out of and back on a trail if you have to. You can always drive on a flat if need be. You can eventually get yourself out of the mud with enough time and minor mechanical issues can often be overcome. But if you run out of gas, you're done. Besides the humiliation of having to walk back to camp, running out of gas is bad for your engine. With modern electronic fuel injection systems, there's even more stuff to worry about when it comes to damaging your machine if you run the tank dry. Get a good gas can with a solid spout/cap that is ventilated well and keeps excess gas from spilling out. When you take off on longer rides into areas you're not overly familiar with, taking gas along just makes sense.

### **Common Sense**

The final item. It seems like a simple thing, right? Have some common sense when riding at all times. Keep your head about you.

### **Know Thy Self**

Use good judgement when you're riding. Know your limitations and abilities. Don't get in over your head and be respectful of the environment by riding on designated trails. The great thing about ATVs and UTVs is that they can help us travel to some truly amazing places and have a lot of fun along the way. If you are unsure of your abilities, talk to the dealership where you bought your machine or any local dealership if you bought a used machine. There are several online safety courses available and many states require riders under 16 to take one of these types of courses. The outdoors is a great place to be. Enjoying it safely with a dose of common sense is the only way to go.



**Another picture of the pre-ride in Hells Canyon. Great ride!!!**

**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE / 2017 RZR 900 TRAIL TIRES. NEW TIRES WITH 180 MILES. TWO (2) TIRES, SIZES 26 X 8R12 RETAIL FOR \$153.99 EACH. TWO(2) TIRES, SIZE 26 X 9R12 RETAIL FOR \$174.99 EACH. WILL SELL FOR \$100 EACH. CONTACT RICHARD FLORES 714-599-1643.**

**Happy Birthday!**

**Linda Rumfelt-June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy Anniversary!**

**Orlan and Linda Meckle-June 5<sup>th</sup> 46 years**



**Hells Canyon and one of the motorbike riders we rescued. Not only once, but twice.**

## TIDBITS FROM YOUR EDITOR

May was a very busy month around here. May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> we were in Whitebird, Id. for a pre-ride of Hells Canyon led by Harold and Judy Morris. It was a most enjoyable 2 day ride. The weather was cool, damp and dreary for the most part and on the last bit of the last ride it got downright cold but we all had a great time. We were even able to assist 2 young fellas from Australia who now live in Canada and were on their way to Wyoming I think, on motorbikes. They decided to go hiking and camping down at the bottom of Hells Canyon and found going down was the easy part. Coming back up was the hard part and the one young fella just couldn't do it, so that left the other fella trying to ride both bikes out. That's when we came upon them and eventually were able to get them to the top and on their way before the downright cold storm hit. The club ride to Harrison finally happened on May 20<sup>th</sup> after a couple of cancelations. It started out wet and soggy but soon dried off and was clear and warm the remainder of the day. 11 of us ventured out on 7 machines and had a very good lunch at the Gateway Marina. My understanding is that Dennis Smith led a second ride the next day but I'm not sure what the turnout was for that ride. Trail clearing has already begun and on May 13<sup>th</sup> there was a CPR Class attended by 3 club members and a Saw Class with the same 3 club members attending began on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. There was another ride on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> with another club in Spokane. The Valley Poker Ride, Valley, WA.. From photos posted on our new Facebook page, Coeur d'Alene Back Country ATV/UTV, it looks like everyone had a great time. One of our newest club members Melinda Thomas has taken on the task of setting up that site and I know we all thank her for contributing her talents for our enjoyment. If you wish to join this group on Facebook just click on the search engine (little magnifying glass icon) and type in Coeur d' Alene Back Country ATV/UTV and that should pull it up. When you click on the site and the page loads there will be a line that says join and if you click on that you will have joined the group and it will indicate with a check mark that you have joined. Now you will be able to enjoy photos of the rides and comments from other members. At the moment I think there are only 6 members in the group and I know we can do better. Just another way to share and get the word out that we are "The Oldest and Finest ATV/UTV Club in CDA, ID.-We DO IT RIGHT!" Hey, and while your on your computer or phone, check out this cool website,

<http://puttinguptheflag.com/> Putting up the flag.....because it is Saturday. Pretty cool site in honor of our flag.

Hubby and I also got bored towards the end of the month and decided to go camping and riding on and around the St Joe River over Memorial Day Weekend. We have never done any camping during that holiday but there's always a first for everything and so happy we decided to do it. Camped at Huckleberry Campground with friends and ran into several other friends already there. It was such a great time getting to know each other better and roaming the back roads. Marble Creek is beautiful this spring. Not really a creek but more like a river with white water rapids and tons of other campers. Everyone was very respectful and the campground was quiet at night. Just the way I like it. We'll definitely think on doing it again. June is upon us and hubby and I are gonna be traveling but hope to be back for the Wallace back Wallace Day Parade on June 24<sup>th</sup>. We don't have little doggies to take on the parade but hope to do some decorating and participate in the parade and the fun. For those that have been riding with us, we traded in our redneck doors and got some professionally made doors for the RZR. Looks real good now! Oh, I feel another photo coming on...



**After lunch in Harrison, Id..**

## **BUSINESS SPONSOR OF THE MONTH**

### **GOLD CREEK LODGE**

**A full service Hotel and Restaurant servicing outdoor enthusiasts recreating in the Coeur d'Alene National Forest**

### **Back Country Kitchen Vittles**

#### **Peanut Butter Chocolate Éclair Cake**

**1 box chocolate graham crackers (honey grahams are good too). There will be a few graham crackers left over.**

**2 (3 1/4 ounce) boxes of vanilla instant pudding**

**1 cup creamy peanut butter**

**3 ½ cups milk**

**1 (8 ounce) container Cool Whip, thawed**

**1 can chocolate frosting**

Spray the bottom of a 9x13 pan with cooking spray. Line the bottom of the pan with whole graham crackers. In bowl with an electric mixer, mix pudding with milk and peanut butter: beat at medium speed for 2 minutes. Fold in whipped topping. Pour half the pudding mixture over graham crackers in the pan. Place another layer of whole graham crackers on top of pudding layer. Pour remaining half of pudding mixture on top of that and cover with another layer of graham crackers. Heat the container of prepared frosting, uncovered in the microwave for 1 minute. Pour over the top of the cake and spread. Refrigerate for at least 12 hours before serving. I usually freeze it, thaw enough to cut it, serve and freeze again until gone.

Refreshing summer dessert!

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I'm still looking for and hoping for members to share photos, stories, articles and recipes for our newsletter. Please e-mail them to me at [windawooh@yahoo.com](mailto:windawooh@yahoo.com). Thank you!



**Saw Class- Saturday and Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>-Joe, Orlan and John participated.**



**See You All Next Month.**

