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

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME ABOARD

SEW MANY QUILTS, GORDON INGRAHAM & TRISH BOGGESS,

EDITORIAL
RICHARD LAMBERT
President

As we did not have a meeting this past month, due to the fact that there really was not anything happening, that would warrant all of you coming to a meeting, when I did not have anything to talk about. So in light of that, I thought that I would relay the following information on to you about our Gas Tax Rip-off. This is from Sandra Mitchell. I know that you have heard me mention her in the past. She is our voice in Boise, and is really involved with all that is happening to the ATV community. I have just received this letter from her a little over an hour ago.

SANDRA MITCHELL

As you know tomorrow is the day the Legislative Gas Tax Task Force is to make their recommendations to the Legislature on IDPR and ISP funding. I thought I had it all figured out...but once again politics surprised me.

Our OHV gas tax is at issue because it is part of an agreement between the legislature and the Governor. The Governor and the Senate agreed to a highway gas tax increase but the House said 'no' and the standoff was on. Eventually a deal was struck that gave the Governor more money for highways but it did it in a way that didn't raise taxes; it just moved money around. Among other things, it shifted the gas tax that historically was transferred to IDPR and ISP to the transportation general fund. The charge of the Legislative Task Force was to come up another

'dedicated' funding source for IDPR and ISP. They have met twice and tomorrow was the day they were to decide what they would recommend to the legislature—how were IDPR and ISP to be funded?

Well a funny thing happened on the way to the big decision...you happened. Because of the pressure, the persuasiveness of our position and the lack of any other 'alternative' funding options, the leadership of the task force has come up with another solution. They would like to postpone the decision until 2011. Things would stay the same until July 2011.

The reason is a little complex so hang with me.....If the Task Force recommends reinstating our OHV Gas tax to the 2010 legislature; there is a possibility it wouldn't pass and if it doesn't, we have lost it most likely for good. The reason it wouldn't pass isn't necessarily because the legislators don't agree with us but rather because it would break the agreement with the Governor unless they could come up with more funding for transportation. The possibility of that happening is just about zero. It looks like there will even be less money for the 2010 legislature to spend then there was in 2009 and raising taxes during an election year isn't a good idea especially when so many folks are unemployed.

So we are still caught between political positions but we are far better off now because the legislature doesn't have the heart or the stomach to go forward and take our OHV gas tax away from us.

I have been talking with Tom Crimmins about this and he and I recommend that we support the extension of one year. It isn't an easy decision but this gas tax money is too important for us to lose because we want it reinstated 'now' as opposed to in 2011. Remember we will get the gas tax for 2010 and 2011 but the decision about its future won't be made until 2011.

As I said earlier, this is the recommendation of the Task Force leadership and we don't know what the rest of the Task Force thinks. I think there is a chance that at some point during the meeting they may ask for the position of IRC. Tom and I would like support the extension proposal.

We need to know if you have any problems with IRC taking that position. Please call me or Tom or respond by e-mail.

Remember if they do go with an extension, IRC will continue on with the "give us our gas tax back" campaign. In fact, one of the ideas being proposed is that after the legislature passes the extension, we will hold a rally on the capitol steps telling them "we aren't going to forget so don't you forget-- we want our gas tax back"

P.S. No one will ever assume the recreation community doesn't have a voice or that we aren't organized after this! You guys have done a remarkable job.

10K DOLLAR BAR RIDE

Wow what a ride!! All said and done 130 miles. We started out of Wallace at 8:30am with 8 machines and 9 people. We were glad to have two guys from NIATV join us on the ride. We visited Gold Peak and then Mullan and over to the Silver Dollar Bar.

A cow and calf elk graced us with an appearance. Had a nice lunch at the Bar and then started back. Now this is still a good ride at this point. So we visited Silver Lake and Dominion Peak. The views are always great along this area. After stopping and eating huckleberries, it was on to Roland Summit. Now the "fun"

begins. First I took a wrong turn and it got really gnarly and then it ended. So turn around time. In the mean time we have a tip over, bruised but ok. Then we have another tip over, bruised but ok. So we get back to the wrong turn spot and proceed to continue the correct way. So in five minutes we are where we were supposed to be an hour ago. Oops, only 4 of us are there. So Jim volunteers to go back up and radio down what the problem is. Problem is... missed the turn. So we go around and meet them at the other end where we started this little adventure. In the mean time, a certain person proceeds to fall off his machine, but we won't mention any names. So at 8:00pm we are finally back at Wallace. Loading in the dark and changing a p/u tire in the dark. Everyone got on their way and despite the little adventures no one would admit that they didn't have a good time. Some even actually enjoyed the challenge.

Well. SORRY I missed that turn and that some of you had a little more or a lot more fun than you really wanted to. But thanks for showing up and sharing the day with me. Carol

EARLS RIDE

Another great ride for the books. Eighteen of us joined together to go to Murray. Unfortunately we only made it with sixteen. No, we didn't leave or lose anyone behind. A problem with a machine just after we left the pavement forced two of our friends to return to town.

Not many animals out in the dust except the 350# black bear that almost became a hood ornament. Wow was he shiny, just out of the beauty parlor I heard said.

We had a great time at Murray for lunch and the 80 mile round trip. Thanks to everyone who showed for the 3rd annual Earl Memorial Ride. The plaque is still in great shape and looks great, thanks to Richard for making it.

MULLAN RIDE

Do you know these words: off camber, tire plug, steep, tipping and excitement? This is the ride we had out of Wallace. We headed out with 11 machines and the fun began.

I think we experienced some of the most off camber trails I have been on in a long time. I thought I was going to wear out the seat on my machine moving so much from side to side trying keep my balance and momentum. These trails required continual alertness but we were rewarded with a day of fun. I think when we got back around 5:30 PM we were all exhausted from our efforts.

Our group had two flats on the road. The first one happened when it was brought to John's attention that he was riding on a rim (almost). Well, the men got together to analyze the situation then watched as Carol expertly put a plug in the tire. Hey, someone has to supervise. Unfortunately, later in the day Bill also got a flat and it took a can of Slime and two or three plugs to get it to hold air. Those rocks were vicious tire eaters. These trails were steep and rough, sometimes requiring first or second gear to reach the top. And of course when you go up, you also have to come down. We saw some fantastic scenery. It was a beautiful day for an energetic ride. And yes, to add to the excitement, one machine did tip on its side. I'd probably be skinned alive for mentioning who had this experience, but look for the member who either has new gouges in their plastic or a fresh buff job. Luckily

no one was seriously hurt, and we are always thankful for that. We had an excellent lunch just over the boarder in Montana. This was definitely not a ride for the beginner or faint of heart but if you are looking for some excitement and fantastic scenery join this ride next year.

LOOKING FOR HELP (THIRD PRINTING)

As I mentioned in the past, it's starting to wear down a little on me. By that I mean, that I would like to have some help from some of the club members with the following. I would like to have an Event Coordinator, who would schedule and set up events, i.e. picnic, Xmas party, parades, fund raisers etc. and any other event they would come along or they would think up. In the past years, our club ladies had gotten together and made items for the animal shelter, for the fire department and done things for the needy folks. This would fall under the Community Service person. We have not had one in such a long time, it would be in our benefit to have one now. We need to get our good name back out there in something other than complaining about trail closures. If you would like to have one of these jobs please call me at 683.0526 and I can explain it to you. You will not have to do any of these jobs alone; there will be someone there to help you along until you are ready to fly by yourself. I will also mention this, if we don't get someone to step up and at least give it a try, there is going to be a major change come January of next year. So please think about it, this is also your club.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

I know that it's early, but I just wanted to ask you all to try and keep a lookout for some donated items we can use at the Xmas party this year. It will be a big help if we can get a lot of items this year, so please ask, early and beat the rush.

FREE WEB-SITES TO GET

I strongly recommend that you check out the following free 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.

NOTICE

As has happened in the past, there had been changes made to the ride schedule. It is virtually impossible for me to contact everyone on the phone to notify them. It would be advisable for you to check your e-mail just prior to a ride, to make sure that there have been no changes to it.

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:

Pizza Factory gives a 20% discount 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.

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**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH. MORE INFORMATION
TO FOLLOW**

FOR SALE

1. One complete set of in the helmet ear pieces and send button for the handle bar made my MottoComm. It is the same radio setup that most of the members are using now. I also have two Motorola radios with charger. All for \$100. Call John at 773.4851.
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. **\$8.00 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.
6. 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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