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

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME ABOARD

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EDITORIAL

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President

GEM STATE MERGER

For those that have not attended our meetings or opened their e-mail this month, I will try to cover some of the things that we discussed at the meeting and in e-mail to you.

A couple of weeks ago, I received a phone call from Mr. Clark Collins, he is the President of the Gem State ATV Assn. We discussed the upcoming merger with the Idaho State ATV Assn located in Boise. I asked him what the purpose of this merger was, and he said that it would be less confusing having one state sanctioned ATV Assn. Over the years, everyone was under the assumption that the Idaho State ATV Assn was the official representative of the ATV community, when in fact they weren't and are a club just like we are. Gem State wants to use their name, so that would make it easier to identify the official ATV representative organization.

At the risk of getting yelled at (again), I will make a couple of statements that most likely won't settle too well with some people. Over the years, we were all counting on Gem State to get involved with some of the problems that we have up here in the north, this never happened. It appeared that they did not want to get too involved with specific situations in specific areas such as up in the north. I only say that because over the years, I have seen many e-mails talking about what is happening with trails, closures, cleanups, etc, but all of this was directed to the

southern part of the state. I think that it would be a good thing for the merger, but there are many of us up here in the north, (I know, you are getting tired of hearing that “up north”), but you see, that is the way it is, will be sitting back and waiting to see what actually happens. It has to be understood that the two areas are completely different, and until everyone realizes that, I really don’t believe that Gem State will be a viable resource for us up here to draw on. Here’s one for you, the major problem we have up here, is the seasonal closures of our trails, which is different than the other counties, but managed by the same Fish and Game Department, and reinforced by our local Forest Service. I would be greatly interested in seeing what can be done to remedy this or at least make some headway to get our riding time more than 90 days out of the year.

In the same vain, I have just received an e-mail from Del Albright. This e-mail listed all the best riding areas in the United States. If you also received it, you will also notice that the state of Idaho was not even mentioned in any of the areas. When in fact, we do have some of the best riding in the U.S., but it appears that due to the restrictions imposed on us, this will never happen, unless something is done. There, I’m done, sorry for getting under some skin, but I “calls em as I sees em.”

RATHDRUM MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE RACE

They are looking for folks to volunteer to be on the road portion for the bicycles to guide them along the route, so they don’t take any turnoffs and get lost. When this part of the race is over (after about two hours or less) you are free to ride the Inland Paper trails all the rest of the day for free. If you would like to be in on this, be at Stein’s IGA parking lot and ready to leave at 6:50am on Saturday September 12th, morning to be able to be in place on time. In addition, there will be a spaghetti feed for the volunteers the night before the race, where you will also receive your T-shirt. If you would like to be a volunteer, call Don at 687.5161, give him your phone number and shirt size.

CAMPOUT & RIDE

If you did not come to the campout, you missed a great time. We had seven rigs there, and had a great ride. We took a ride up to the microwave towers like we do every year. Well, the first couple of years, all you could see was smoke from fires in Montana and Idaho. We this year there was no smoke.....we were right in the middle of clouds, you were lucky to see your speedometer let alone see any sights. But it was a nice ride none the less, even though it was a little bit cold, if you can believe that.

I also have to say that if it was not for Ken and Kathy Chrisp having put up their canvas cover, we all would have had to stay in our rigs for the potluck and general gab fest. It did clear up that evening and we did have a nice fire, and everyone sat around and told lies to each other. Harold of course made the pan cakes with Judy’s huckleberries. He again, did a great job as he did last year. Except for the rain, it was another great campout. If you have a tent or camper, you should try to make the campout next year if possible.

NIGHT RIDE

Well, we all made it back in one piece and got past that ole Boogie Man up there in the mountains. We had about twenty three folks attending this ride. Man, it sure is dark up there when there is no moon, but it proved to be a real good ride. The weather cooperated with us this time, and talk about stars, if you have never been up there in the night time, you are really missing what Idaho is all about.

I don't want to forget to thank the Sheriffs, Matt Street, Jeff Burns and Will Klinkefus for taking that extra time to make sure that our vehicles were safe, thanks a lot guys.

A STEAL OF A DEAL

For more than 20 years the Blue Ribbon Coalition has been in the front lines advocating for and protecting our access to public lands for recreation. Operating on a shoestring budget compared to the Big Green groups they have scored some important victories. They have a staff of experts skilled in the intricacies and regulatory details of public land recreation and retain a law firm equally skilled in providing legal advice or representing our interests in Court when necessary.

None of this comes cheap and they depend on their members and supporters for their operating budget. In the current economy donations are down and one of their long time supporters is stepping up to help. Rocky Mountain ATV/MC will give a \$25 gift card to anyone joining or extending their membership in Blue Ribbon Coalition. Dues are \$29 a year so for four bucks you get a monthly magazine and access to some very knowledgeable folks with a nationwide network and a wealth of resources.

Rocky Mountain ATV/MC, located in Utah publishes a comprehensive catalog featuring a full line of parts and accessories for dirt bikes, ATV's, UTV's as well as a huge selection of tires, riding and casual clothing and Motocross Gear. A veritable Superstore! They offer free shipping on orders of over \$100 or a flat \$7 charge on smaller orders. Check out their Website and on-line catalog at RockyMountainATV.com.

There are three ways to take advantage of this offer. On line with a credit card at www.sharetrails.org/rm or by phone at 1-800-258-3742, Ext. 105.. By mail at Blue Ribbon coalition, 4555 Burley Dr. Ste A, Pocatello ID 83202. Be sure to mention that it is for the Rocky Mountain offer.

LOOKING FOR HELP (SECOND PRINTING)

As I mentioned at the last meeting, 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 the 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 thing 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 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 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 part 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

EARLS RIDE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH. – (EASY/INTERMEDIATE)

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

SILVER DOLLAR BAR RIDE, SATURDAY, SEPT 5TH. – (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.

ADVENTURE RACE IN RATHDRUM MOUNTAINS. SATURDAY, SEPT 12th.

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.

BALDY MT RIDE SATURDAY SEPT 19TH (INTERMEDIATE))

Parking to be determined. Meet at the old K-Mart parking lot on hwy 95 in Ponderay. We will ride up to Baldy Mountain with great views of the lake. Bring lunch and we will eat on the mountain and follow various trails in the area. This ride will be similar to the Priest Lake ride, however, we will not go that far. Maybe 50 miles round trip.

MULLAN RIDE, SUNDAY, SEPT 27TH. – (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.

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

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 Bert at 683.0526
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
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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