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Well the end of season Ride & BBQ was great, 49 of us rode from Fernan Saddle to the Hudlow Warming Hut. Some rode with Arnie on trail # 802, while I led the rest on roads. The weather could not have been better, not much dust. A special thanks to Wid & Fonda for bringing a large BBQ and table, several ice chests full of food. Also thanks to Frank & Donna for going out and buying all the food. When everybody arrived at the warming hut the BBQ was all set up. Fonda & Linda were cooking the burgers and hot dogs, several people brought many potluck dishes thanks to all that helped. We had several members from Panhandle Riders including Thomas Leo the new president of Panhandle Riders come to the event and enjoyed the BBQ put on by Back Country.

We had another great and safe riding season. We had NO wrecks, NO breakdowns NO injuries and only one flat tire! There are not too many ATV/UTV Clubs that can say that for three straight years!

Happy Trails! Dan Hutchins



THE END OF SEASON RIDE AND BBQ.

9/29/14

Saturday, September 27th was the Club's last ride of the season and BBQ. We had a great turnout with 49 members and guests. A few guys from the Panhandle Riders joined us, riding down from Bunko. The ride began at Fernan parking lot. Wid and Fonda took off in their truck before us so they could set up for the BBQ. Arnie Howe led those who were riding ATVs and wanted to travel on the trails and Dan Hutchins let those who wanted to take roads and trails more suitable for UTVs. We all landed at the Hudlow warming hut about the same time. Members set out the salads and desserts they had brought and Fonda began cooking hamburgers and hotdogs that the club provided. It was a quick trip back and several just hung out in the parking lot, continuing to enjoy each other's company. Thanks to everyone who made this event fun and successful!

Linda Williams

Food! That's usually enough to gain interest in a event. So, when Back Country ATV gave Panhandle Riders an invite to their BBQ, I was all over it. Even better, my friend Ron and I created out own tour. We took off at 9:00 a.m. from Bunco and rode 60 miles down to the Hudlow warming hut. We took in some great views of Lake Pend Oreille and got to know some trails we'd never been on before. I guess we went pretty far out of our way because the return trip was only 12 miles. Never waste a mile when you can ride ten. Needless to say the hospitality was fabulous with burgers and brats, salads and chips, good conversations and new friends. When Back Country puts on an event, it's worth going to. Trust me. And they're going to announce their annual Christmas party soon. My membership to their club is paid up, is yours?

On behalf of my friend Ron and my tummy, I want to thank the folks at Back Country for their very kind invitation and amazing hospitality. I know there was a lot of work and sacrifice put into making this event happen even though you all make it look easy.

~Thomas Leo

President, Panhandle Riders

THE PAIUTE TRAIL ADVENTURE.

9/29/14

The rising sun on September 13 found five eager friends meeting up at the Coeur d'Alene rest area ready for a trip they'd planned a few months earlier. We were fueled up, strapped down, hitched up and armed with 2-way radios. We were off on a journey that Dan and Karen Hutchins and Doug Lynch had done a few times before. For Clate and Linda Williams, they could only imagine how great it was based on the tales of others.

Big Rock Candy Mountain Resort (BRCMR) in Utah was our destination. It will take us two days and 900 miles to reach some of the most beautiful country on earth. The resort is nestled between two huge mountain ridges inside the Fish Lake National Forest in central Utah. The forest is home to the Paiute trail, with over 1900 miles of the best off road riding.

Our first stop was the 50,000 bar in Montana for a hot breakfast. Then off across the big state of Montana. We turned South near Butte, only to find ourselves back in Idaho. We pulled into the Walmart asphalt campground in Idaho Falls for the night.

Day two would take us into Utah. You could definitely feel and see the Mormon influence with the several huge white temples. I lost count. In previous trips, Dan had discovered an alternate route to avoid the big city and many suburbs of Salt Lake City. Karen, not so fondly referred to the city as "the mess". A sense of relief was felt by all as we exited the South end of Salt Lake City.

We pulled into BRCMR late that afternoon and quickly got set up so we could take a short ride before dinner. The resort was winding down. Many had enjoyed a summer full of riding, white water rafting and zip line adventures. The trails literally start right at the resort...just pick a direction. The resort and small neighboring communities really cater to off road riders and the Piute trail with numerous books and maps of the area. Richfield, a town located 21 miles to the north was actually holding a huge ATV Jamboree, during the same time. Everyone in this area owns an ATV or UTV! On the Piute trails, some of the riding takes place on dirt roads stretched across the desert floor, joining one trail to another, but there's no shortage of small narrow trails crawling through the rocky crevices of the forest.

The first evening, Dan led us on a nice little 30-mile ride that began with more rugged roads and a loop back to camp. The ride got us back in time for burgers..then off to bed. We had four days of riding ahead of us.

I imaged Utah as having huge red rocks with little foliage. We'll that's true for some parts, but the Fish Lake National Forest was home to miniature, almost bush-like, oak and maple trees. Another wonder was the quacking aspens, more commonly known by the natives as "quakies". Fall had begun to show itself and the shorter, cooler days brought color to the mountainside as the trees began to turn beautiful shades of red, yellow and orange. What a sight!

The first full day started with a fuel stop in Marysvale, a little town 5 miles south of the resort. Marysvale has much to offer; gas, groceries, Lizzie and Charlie's, RV parks, craft shops and the The Garage, home of tasty pizza and sandwiches. We ran into some former members of the club, Jeff and Jeannie. They moved to Marysvale and opened a handmade rug and quilt shop. Dan led us from Marysvale through beautiful sculptured rock formations, zig zagging around and up to an elevation of 11,300. We took lots of pictures of the panoramic views. We ended up in Monroe, a small little town north of the resort, where we fueled up and got something cold to drink. That evening, we returned to camp, welcomed by other riders and hot showers, something we looked very forward to each day. One day we ended our riding a little early and spent the afternoon visiting a Native American Museum of Hieroglyphic's, had a nice dinner in Richfield and hung out at the Richfield fairgrounds, visiting vendor booths and watching the Jamboree's off road obstacle course competition. It's impossible to choose a best ride day, but one that I really liked was the Buillon Canyon/Miner's Park ride. It provided remnants of early gold mining operations along with numerous interpretative signs describing the life and times of the early miners and families in the late 1800s.

I learned that Utah is home to many cattle ranchers, leasing out land from the US forest service, for free range grazing. We saw our share of cattle, mule deer, rabbits, sheep and chipmunks. The weather was fabulous with temperatures ranging from the high 90s at camp to what felt like the 50s on the breezy mountain tops. I can't begin to describe how beautiful it was riding through a groves of quaking aspens. Colorful leaves atop bright white trunks. Many of the trunks were carved with the initials and dates of several who had traveled before us. The intense deep blue sky served as a backdrop for the foliage. The land and skylscapes are those that postcards and screens savers are made of and ones I will never forget.

Everyday brought new gifts. Dan and Karen put a lot of thought into the chosen rides, giving us new sights and experiences each day. Among many things, Doug provided us with his delightful sense of humor. His comedy was the catalyst that made for many belly laughs. It was so fun to watch Dan and Doug play off of each other in a way that kept us all in stitches throughout the entire trip. We are very thankful for the lasting bond we created with friends and of course, Doug's homemade macaroni, and cheese!

Linda Williams

What a great story, thanks Linda. We had a great time with Clate and Linda Williams, and Doug Lynch, it was my privilege to show them some of the rides we had ridden in this area of the Paiute trail system. We had a lot of fun and rode over 300 miles of trails and roads. (This is one that you ATV/UTV riders need to put on your bucket list.)

Happy Trails! Dan Hutchins.



Just some of the Paiute Trail!



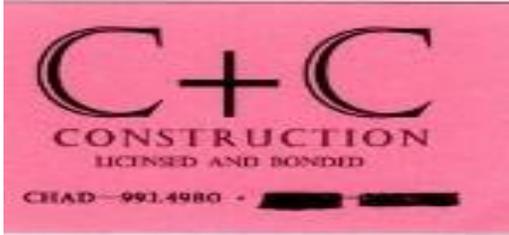
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