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Last summer ride to Magee Ranger Station.

Magee Ranger Station

Site History

This National Register of Historic Places listed Ranger Station was named for the first homesteader, Charles Magee, who settled here around the turn of the 20th century. It has been the site of a Forest Service Ranger Station for one hundred years, having been withdrawn for use in 1908. The first Rangers cabin was built by Magee, however, it no longer exists. Forest Service personnel opened up the site once the snow melted during the spring, fought fires, built roads and trails, supervised timber sales, and generally looked after the first until the snows fell in the autumn, then moved back into town. This was the general pattern of life at Magee until 1973 when the site was used to house work crews. Today it is a cabin rental for the public.

Also in the area was a Civilian Conservation Corp(CCC) camp and a WWII emergency landing strip. During the 1930s the CCC camp was established in the Teepee Creek-Trail Creek area several hundred yards south of the Ranger Station. The camp had about 400 men in it. The enrollees mostly removed gooseberry bushes in an effort to eradicate white pine blister rust. In 1942 or 1943 the Army Corp of Engineers constructed an emergency landing strip for fighter aircraft that was never actually used to land military airplanes.

How to Get There

From Interstate Highway 90 use Exit 43 (Kingston). Drive 24 miles north on Forest Highway 9 to Prichard W6310. Road 6310 is a traveled one and one-half lane road with car turnouts. Go seven miles on Road 6310 to the Magee Administrative site and the Ranger Cabin. Travel time from Coeur d'Alene is approximately two hours.

Building Descriptions

The majority of the buildings were constructed in the 1920s and 1930s. The Rangers House was originally constructed in 1922 of hewn logs. The office/kitchen building was also constructed of logs sometime between 1923 and 1935. The warehouse is of frame construction and was built before 1930. All three buildings were covered with simulated log siding sometime in the 1930s. The barn was constructed between 1922 and 1935.

ARE YOU READY?

Well it is getting closer to riding season! But there is still a lot of snow to come out of the mountains yet. When we are able to get in the mountains for the first time there are some things we all need to remember. First of all is your machine ready? Have you changed the oil and filter in the engine? How about the air cleaner? Have you checked the tire pressure and looked over the tires for damage? Check the machine for damage. Also missing parts, etc.. How about the battery? If it is 3 years old it is time to replace it. Have you checked the transmission for oil level? How about that winch cable? You may need it on the first ride. Belt drive, how old or worn is the belt? If it has 2500 miles on it, replace it. O.k. We are all ready to go. Give your buddy a call and remember, don't ride alone!!! There has been a lot of snow this year so you may run into some on the north slopes. We also had a lot of rain, so watch for fallen trees and road wash outs. Remember we have been sitting on our butts all winter and are a year older so don't overdo. The most important thing to remember is to have FUN. That's what it's all about.

Happy Trails: Dan Hutchins

TIDBITS FROM YOUR EDITOR

Orlan and I took a ride up to Fourth of July Pass on Sunday, April 19th. It was a beautiful day for a ride. The snow at the head of the trail to Harrison was still 2 to 3 feet deep so even if we could get through on April 22nd for the first ride, I wonder if the flooding in Harrison will have receded enough for us to get into the town. I'm looking forward to the start of our riding season. Coming back from Fourth of July we even spotted some wildlife such as in two deer, assorted rodents and birds. Usually don't see too much wildlife as the roar of all our engines combined seems to scare them off long before we spot them.

We had a pretty nice turnout for our last breakfast at Golden Corral in Coeur d'Alene and I'm reminding everyone of the next breakfast scheduled for April 15th at 9:00am at Timber Creek in Spokane, Wa.. Be there or be square. Haha! This will be the last breakfast until this fall.

Orlan and I also attended the Big Horn Outdoor Adventure Show on Friday, March 17th. It was a great way to pass the day and we walked away with lots of freebie goodies and a couple of bags of popcorn. SCORE! We got to meet lots of great people including Bob Blyton who will be leading the first ride in Republic, Wa. on the 15th of July. We are all invited to attend. If you're planning to attend, remember to make your reservations early where ever you stay. There are also RV spots available right now at Millers RV Park located in Winchester, Wa.. It is approximately 4 ½ miles north of Republic with ATV/UTV trails leading from the RV Park directly to Republic. That's where we are staying. We are hoping for more peace and tranquility there versus in Republic. Bob Blyton also gave us his clubs EWATV Ride Schedule which I will include at the end of this newsletter.

Nancy Conley asked me to mention that we now have an opportunity on June 24th to participate in a parade "Wallace back Wallace day". Allan Williams invites the entire ATV/UTV Club to come. They don't have a line up time yet but there is a great staging area to the south of exit 61. Allen has a bunch of flags and would like everyone to come up with some creative patriotic decorations but this is optional. Wallace was a Civil War Vet so they are wrapping a tradition memorial service around the placing of the headstone. He is adding an additional shout out to the folks that have the little dogs all dressed up for the rides. Allen would like to see if they'd bring the dogs and the trike, weather permitting. He can't remember their names nor does he have their phone number, but I think we all know who he's talking about. I think this would be a lot of fun for us all to participate in and what a great way for us to advertise The Oldest And Finest ATV/UTV Club In Coeur d'Alene, Id.-We Do It Right!

See You All Soon: Linda

FOR SALE

Jean Shelly has a Polaris helmet, size small and blue in color. Used very little. Asking \$75. Please call 509-944-1844 if interested. Thank you.

Idaho Facts and Trivia.

- 1. Perched at 9,500 feet on Trinity Mountain is the highest fire lookout in the Boise National Forest.**
- 2. In Idaho law forbids a citizen to give another citizen a box of candy that weighs more than 50 lbs..**
- 3. The city of Grace in the Gem Valley is most famous for their certified seed potatoes.**
- 4. Blackfoot is the home of the Eastern Idaho State Fair.**
- 5. The Dworshak Reservoir is over 50 miles long. The Dworshak Dam is in Orifino.**

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

- Be considerate of others on the road or trail.**
- Leave gates as you find them**
- If crossing private property, be sure to ask permission from the landowner(s).**
- Yield the right of way to those passing you or traveling uphill. Yield to mountain bikers, hikers and horses.**
- Proceed with caution around horses and pack animals. Sudden, unfamiliar activity may spook animals-possibly causing injury to animals, handler and others on the trail.**
- When encountering horses on the trail, move to the side of the trail, stop, turn off you engine, remove your helmet, and speak. You want the horse to know you are human. Ask the rider the best way to proceed.**
- Do not ride around in camping, picnicking, trailhead or residential areas.**
- Keep speeds low around crowds and in camping areas.**
- Keep the noise and dust down.**

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Happy Birthday

Donna Traver-April 19th and Richard Piazza-April 19th

Happy Anniversary!

Dave and Nancy Conley-April 17th 33yrs

Back Country Kitchen Vittles

Quick Cobbler

1 cup sugar
1 cup flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ cup milk
2 tablespoons butter
2 cups any kind of fresh fruit
½ cup milk

Mix together sugar, flour, baking powder and milk. Melt butter in the bottom of a round baking dish or I use an 8"x8" square glass baking dish. Pour in batter. Cover with the fruit. I like to sprinkle Splenda on top before baking as it leaves a nice crunchy topping. Not sugar. Must be Splenda. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Fruit will sink to the bottom. Serve warm with whipped cream topping or a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

2017 EWATV Ride Schedule

March 18-19	Dirty Poker Run-Mattawa, Wa.
April 1&15	7 Mile ORV Area work: meet at 9AM at picnic/restroom area
May 13	4th of July Pass to Harrison, Id.

May 20	Elk River Poker Run-9AM-Elk River, Id.
May 27	Memorial Day Weekend
June 3	Bunco-Solitaire Saddle
June 3	Valley ATV Poker Ride-Valley, Wa. 8-10AM Signup: Bring 2 cans of food per rider: \$ 1 st poker hand: \$5 extra. Breakfast and lunch available at cost. Raffles and Drawings.
June 10	4 th of July Pass area
June 6-9	Rally in The Pines-MackKay, Id.
July 15-16	Republic, Wa.
Aug 5	Trail 16
Aug 7-12	Lolo, Mt. Trail (rolling campout)
Aug 12-13	Sherry Creek Lake Campout (Discover Pass required)
Aug 19	Brown Creek-Riley Saddle
Aug 26	Kings Pass
Sept 2	Labor Day Weekend
Sept 5-9	Wallace-Avery (rolling campout)
Sept 16	USFS 804 & Honeysuckle
Sept 30	Bunco Road
Oct 7	Haystack Saddle

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