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NEWS LETTER

By Linda Meckle

Among the many things I have done in my life, I have never done a newsletter. Knowing this, please bear with me while I develop my own style to put out a timely newsletter that contains something of interest for all members, male and female alike. Our riding season has yet to begin, but I along with you, have had an enjoyable off season with monthly meetings and get togethers at various eating venues. I mostly enjoy our breakfasts and look forward to our next scheduled for March 11th at 9:00a.m. at Golden Corral in Coeur d'Alene. The morning breakfasts have had a better turnout than the evening meals and everyone is feisty and raring to go after filling their tummies with gastric delights. Maybe we should think about doing breakfasts during the riding season too. Ha! Just kidding. Not enough time for that kind of nonsense. If the weather permits, it looks like the first ride of the season will be Saturday, April 22nd heading to Harrison, Id. led by Orlan Meckle. April 22nd is also Earth Day. What better way for us all to celebrate the day and commune with nature.

Some of us members are planning to attend a two day ride event in Republic, WA. on July 15th and 16th. The Saturday ride will be about 70 miles. Some trail, some road, summit a mountain with spectacular scenic views and then more trail, a catered steak dinner at a local Dude Ranch and then return to the starting point via a nice trail. The trail is safe for inexperienced riders. Sunday there will be a bonus ride 30 to 50 miles long. Very scenic trail with some road. Both rides begin and end in Republic, WA.. Facilities include an upscale ATV/UTV friendly RV park and ORV park, motels, K Diamond K Dude Ranch, restaurants, etc.. I have a brochure I picked up from Dave Conley at our last meeting and I'm sure he will have more at our next meeting. If not, I can make copies for you with what I have. It all sounds like a great time.

Now for some Idaho Trivia.

1. The Cataldo Mission is the oldest building in the state.
2. American Falls is unique from most communities because the entire town was moved in the mid 1920s when the original American Falls Dam was constructed.
3. Rexburg is home to Brigham Young University-Idaho.
4. Elk River is the home of the Idaho Champion Western Red Cedar Tree, the largest tree in the state. Estimated to be over 3000 years old, this giant is more than 18 feet in diameter and stands 177 feet tall.
5. Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell was founded as the College of Idaho in 1891 and is the states oldest four-year institution of higher learning.

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

- Travel only in areas open to all-terrain (ATV/UTV) use.
- Minimize wheel spin. On switchbacks avoid roosting around the apex of the turn when climbing or brake sliding during decent, both of which gouge the trail. Drive over, not around obstacles to avoid widening the trail.
- Slow down when sight lines are poor. Cross streams only at designated fording points. Where the trail crosses the stream.
- Comply with all signs and respect barriers.
- Buddy up with two or three riders reducing vulnerability if you have an accident or breakdown. Designate meeting areas in case of separation.
- When winching, always inspect you equipment. Use the right winch for the situation. Find a secure anchor and never winch with less than five wraps of rope around the drum.
- When using the tree as an anchor, use a wide strap to avoid damaging the trunk of the tree.
- Listening to headphones or earbuds can make it difficult to hear and communicate with other recreationalists. In some areas it is illegal to operate an ATV/UTV with both ears covered.
- Don't mix riding with alcohol or drugs.

Back Country Kitchen Vittles

Cream Cheese Sheet Cake Recipe

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons butter, softened

6 ounces cream cheese, softened

2-1/4 cups sugar

6 eggs

¾ teaspoon vanilla extract

2 ¼ cups flour

Frosting

1 cup sugar

1/3 cup evaporated milk

½ cup butter, cubed

½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions

1. In a large bowl, cream the butter, cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Add flour until well blended.
2. Pour into a greased 15-inch x 10-inch x 1-inch baking pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool completely on wire rack.

For frosting, in small saucepan, combine sugar and milk. Bring to a boil on medium heat. Cover and cook for 3 minutes (do not stir). Stir in butter and chocolate chips until melted. Cool slightly. Stir frosting and spread over top of cake.

Well, that's it for this month's newsletter. If anyone has any good photos, stories, articles and recipes you would like to share, please email them to me at

windawooh@yahoo.com. Remember this is our newsletter. This would be very much appreciated by me and shared as space allows. I hope you tune in next month for the new and hopefully improved version. Happy trails to you till we meet again.



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