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A view from the top. Republic, Wa. ride.

Idaho Facts and Trivia

- 1. Kuna is known as the Gateway City to The Birds of Prey Natural Area.**
- 2. The Birds of Prey Wildlife Area is home to the worlds most dense population of nesting Eagles, Hawks and Falcons.**

3. At 5897 feet elevation, Mackay calls itself The Top of Idaho because it is the nearest city to Mt. Borah, the highest mountain in Idaho.
4. Soda Springs boasts the largest man-made geyser in the world.
5. Lewiston is located at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. The elevation is 738 feet above sea level.

Fall Is Soon To Be Upon Us

Off-Highway Vehicles are a Great Way to Enjoy Fall

Fall is my favorite time of the year. The weather is just right for a lot of outdoor activities, the holidays are fun memory makers, daily life moves at a comfortable pace, and most important of all, it's easily the most scenic season. Don't get me wrong, each season has good qualities, I just prefer fall the most. This is the time of year we can let our ORV tires guide us on to the backroads to take in the best that nature has to offer.

Think about it; as the intense heat of summer gives way to the comfortable chill of autumn, you don't have to worry about sunburns or heat. On the flip side, you've got to wear so many layers to keep out the bitter cold of winter that you aren't comfortable enough to enjoy a good ride into the wilderness, not to mention all the snow you have to fight.

My Favorite Fall ATV/UTV Activities

In my view, the best ways to enjoy the soothing comfort that fall allows are all al fresco-outside. Here are just a few of the plethora of leisurely diversions that we indulge in this time of year.

Hunting

Most of the hunters I know really do want to bag that trophy elk or moose, but more and more these adventures are about camaraderie; spending time with family and friends in an outdoor setting, splashing tires through the last remnants of a rainstorm and sitting around the fire telling stories of the big one that got away.

Camping

The nights are a bit chillier so bundle up before bed. Nevertheless, camping in the off-season is a hidden gem that most people won't ever experience. Because school is back in session most of the summer crowds are gone. Autumn camping is a sure-fire way to enjoy peace and quiet.

Leaf Peeping

If you live in New England or the upper Midwest like Michigan or Wisconsin, you never get used to the natural splendor all around you. Here in the Rocky Mountains where we live you have to put on a good set of tires to challenge the rough trails in order to find nature's most majestic color palettes. But when you do the reward is worth it. There's nothing like sitting atop a ten thousand-foot peak, looking down across a wide canyon and seeing nothing but beauty, it's as if nature created new colors just for you.

Holidays

In the United States fall-time holidays include Columbus Day, Halloween, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Don't forget the many other events and celebrations that aren't known quite as well; Sadie Hawkins Day, Boss' Day, National Novel Writing Month and the oh so therapeutic "Barbie and Barney Backlash Day".

Enjoy Autumn On Your ATV/UTV

No matter how you choose to take your pleasure in autumn, try it on your off-highway vehicles. Think of all that fresh air you'll get to breathe. Lose yourself in childhood memories while listening to the crackle of the orange, red, brown, yellow and tan leaves beneath you as your wheels turn unhurriedly along a forest path. Slow down and take it all in. You won't get another chance for a year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RICHARD FLORES!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY LARRY AND JANET SOUTHARD!

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Back Country Kitchen Vittles

Slow Cooker Pulled Pork

- 1 (2 pound) pork tenderloin
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) can or bottle of root beer
- 1 (18 ounce) bottle of your favorite barbecue sauce-I like Sweet Baby Rays
- 8 hamburger buns, split and lightly toasted

Place the pork tenderloin in a slow cooker; pour the root beer over the meat. Cover and cook on low until well cooked and shreds easily, 6 to 7 hours. Note: the actual length of time may vary according to the individual slow cooker. Drain well. Stir in the barbecue sauce. Serve over hamburger buns with a side of your favorite coleslaw. I like to heap some coleslaw on top of the barbecued meat in the bun. Oh, so easy but oh, so good!

BUSINESS SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

Post Falls PowerSports

Customers from Post Falls, Hayden, Coeur d'Alene, Spokane and the nearby area have come to trust the service, quality and fun-loving atmosphere you will experience at Post Falls Powersports. Our professionally trained technicians have years of experience in service and repair and our friendly sales staff is always eager to assist customers. We offer parts, accessories and maintenance and repair services for nearly all makes and models. It's no wonder customers and riders from all over the Great Northwest have voted us North Idaho Business Journal ATV/Snowmobile Dealer of the Year six years running.

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TIDBITS FROM YOUR EDITOR

It's been a very long, busy, hot and dusty month here for me and probably for you also. We were not able to participate in many of the rides this month due to personal issues but the one we did attend in Republic, Wa. was well represented by our club members and was very hot and dusty. The ride was plagued by flat tires and other misfortunes so some of us left for home on the morning of the second day's ride. Those that stayed had a very enjoyable adventure on that second day. Hubby and I didn't want to chance it on the second day as our tires were in the worst shape of anyone's there. So we loaded up and headed for home. Two days later we ordered new tires all around for our RZR and Amazon delivered for free within another two days. Their speedy delivery was amazing! We also had plastic enclosures made and installed now by hubby, so we are all ready for the fall rains, cooler weather and more rides. Just a reminder here to check your air filters constantly due to our dusty roads. Keep them clean. We heard third or fourth party that one of the mishaps in Republic was that the ride leader blew his engine due to a clogged air filter. Not sure if that is true or not but it could be very possible as the trails were very dusty. And very fine dust at that. One of the rides we missed was the Fun Run in Montana. I heard it was a very good time for all but also plagued with heat, dust and faulty tires. We still would have loved to have been there. Maybe next year.

If you like to travel the country as we do and your over the age of 62, right now you can get a lifetime pass to visit national parks for \$10. That's going to change on August 28-with the price rising to \$80. We got ours several years ago on a visit to Moab, Ut.. A current pass is a lifetime pass and remains valid. It's known as a Senior Pass and is similar to an America the Beautiful Pass. It covers entrance fees at national parks and national wildlife refuges as well a standard amenity

fees (day use fees) at national forests and grasslands and at lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Again, if your over age 62 and like to travel to national parks and such, now is the time to get one at any federal recreation site including national parks where the passes are issued. You can also get one at the Coeur d'Alene BLM District Office. If you lose a pass or it is stolen it will not be replaced. A new pass will need to be purchased.

Till next month, have fun in all you do and do all you can do!



Republic, WA.. Before the ride.

“Keep close to Natures heart...and break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.”-John Muir



Just another pretty picture.

