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**NEWSLETTER**

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**I love a good mystery trail.**

**I was on an outing this past weekend with a couple of people who actually started their Christmas shopping and I thought it might be a good idea to start thinking along those lines myself. I am including blog by a fellow named Ryan Richards with the whole Christmas things for ATV/UTV riders down pat.**

## **Christmas Gifts for ATV/UTV Riders**

It's just about time for that jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus, to visit all the good little girls and boys around the world, bringing them presents and spreading general gaiety and mirth. I suspect that even those who have been naughty this year will get a few colorfully wrapped treasures during this Christmas season.

Contrary to the opinions of some, there are still a lot of good people who enjoy giving more than receiving at Christmastime. That's a good thing to believe when it's so easy to take a cynical view of things. Giving is rewarding and those who do so selflessly are better, more fulfilled people.

With all that said, receiving is also very cool. Be honest. Who doesn't enjoy getting a big box covered in festive paper exclaiming good tidings of "tiss the season, this" and "ho ho ho, that?" We all do.

### **Give gifts to Those ATVers/UTVers in Your Life**

We off-highway vehicle riders are like little kids, because we love toys. So go ahead and make the day of the OHV enthusiast in your life and get them something for Christmas that they'll love. Here are a few gifts for OHV riders that nearly everyone I know wants and uses when riding. You won't go wrong by putting these beneath the tree this year.

- **Gloves**

There are so many brands, styles, and colors of gloves to choose from now that you won't have any trouble finding a pair that fit the riding style and personality of your riding loved ones. I recommend durable gloves with flex material in the knuckles for comfortable riding and good gripping capability. However, in the winter, insulation is the number one factor you need to look for. Prices range from \$5 all the way up to \$80-you get what you pay for.

- **12 Volt Tire Compressor**

These portable machines do really well in a pinch if you find yourself forced to make a trail side repair to your tires. They are surprisingly powerful, and with a price tag of \$25-\$75 they make a great gift for any rider.

- **Throttle Extender**

For anyone who rides for long periods of time, or has easily fatigued thumbs, a throttle extender is a must. Reasonably priced (most are under \$20), this little gem makes riding a lot more comfortable.

- **Gear Bags**

There are a ton of gear bags to choose from, so make sure you buy your ATVer/UTVer one that is durable, waterproof and dust proof. Costs can run up to a couple hundred dollars, but for long trips, overnight rides, hunting, and other outdoor activities (gold panning, rock hounding, etc.) they are worth every penny.

- **Helmet Personalization**

Chances are that the riders in your life already have helmets. A growing trend is to add personalized decals to them. Names, numbers, symbols, sports logos, college mascots, and military flags are among the most popular.

- **Dust Mask**

These can be as simple as a bandana or as advanced as a head wrap with exchangeable filters. Top end prices are around \$39 and some of the designs are quite trendy. Anyone who rides will love this gift, and if they are someone you have a desire to kiss, you won't have to make them wipe the crusted dirt off the corners of their mouth anymore.

- **Snow Tires**

It's always nice to be able to navigate the slick and frozen conditions of the winter season. Granted, many riders don't get out a lot this time of year, but those that do need a good tire for

the job. You will need to find a tire that grips well on icy surfaces. A tire that grips well in both forward and reverse because of the tread design. Perfect for plowing snow with your ATV.

- **Winch**

One of my co-workers got his ATV precariously fixed over the edge of a steep hill and needed some careful rope work to get it back safely. He said to me, "I sure wish I had a wench." While I have no doubt that a buxom and lively working girl would have been nice for him, in his current predicament, a winch would be better for the job. You never know when one might come in handy, and they have a general price range from \$150 to \$400.

- **Multi-Tool**

While this isn't exactly an ATV accessory, it is still a heady item that every rider ought to take on the trail. Costing between \$30 and \$70 this gift will be the most used of any you can give.

### **Get Real! Who wants Brake Pads for Christmas?**

In preparation for this article I was doing a little online shopping and wishing, looking for things to get for friends or myself and using Christmas as the excuse to do it. During my online wanderings, I found some suggestions for Christmas gifts that sound about as stupid as getting a wench to pull you ATV up a steep hill. Obviously, online retailers are trying to sell stuff to ATVers, but how stupid do they think we are. One ad highlighted brake pads as great stocking stuffers. Now, don't get me wrong. I love fat, new brake pads as much as the next guy, but for Christmas I want something fun. The following list is a few items someone is trying to convince you are exciting and cool gifts.

- **Brake Pads**-Yeah, like I'll be sleeping with those under my pillow.
- **Air Filter**-Nice to have, but not for Christmas.
- **Fuel Tank Cap**-Are you kidding?

- **Pull Cord**-“Here's your new pull cord, Darling. Because that's how much I love you.”
- **Spark Plugs**-Oy vey! (just in case it's for Hanukkah).

### **Simple and Practical ATV/UTV Gifts Will Get the Most Use**

Just like all Christmas giving and receiving, ATV/UTV gifts don't need to be expensive or frilly. We've all got a closet full of stuff that never gets used and nobody needs anymore. Focus on items people will use a lot and get the most pleasure from. They will use that \$1 bandana a thousand times, but the \$1,000 dollar Gucci riding pants will hang in the closet until he/she is too fat to fit into them.

Have a great Christmas this year and hope that whoever is buying you a gift knows the difference between a winch and a wench (and I hope you get whichever one you want).

### **Idaho Facts and Trivia**

1. **The Treasure Valley area around Nampa is known as Idaho's Banana Belt.**
2. **During the 1860s an Oregon Shoreline Railroad base camp called Boomerang was constructed in Payette.**
3. **Pocatello is home to Idaho State University.**
4. **Post Falls is known as Idaho's River City.**
5. **Saint Stanislaus Church in Rathdrum, is the oldest brick church in the state of Idaho.**

**“Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach us more than we can ever learn from books.”**

John Lubbock

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



**Jana Flores – September 7th**



**Dennis Hill – September 10<sup>th</sup>**



**Dave Conley – September 14<sup>th</sup>**



**Richard Rumfelt – September 19<sup>th</sup>**



**Vicki Hill – September 29<sup>th</sup>**

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

**Richard and Linda Rumfelt – September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Steve and Glenda Mudge – September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Richard and Jana Flores – September 28<sup>th</sup>**

## Back Country Kitchen Vittles

### Hash Brown Casserole

**2 cups shredded Cheddar Cheese**

**1 28-32 oz bag of frozen Potato O'Briens (with onion & peppers) or frozen bag of plain Potato O'Briens and ½ cup chopped onion**

**1 can cream of chicken soup**

**1 cup sour cream**

**¼ cup margarine or butter (melted)**

**Mix cheese, sour cream, chicken soup and margarine together. Fold into the hashbrowns. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.**

## **BUSINESS SPONSOR OF THE MONTH**

### **COEUR D'ALENE POWERSPORTS**

**Coeur d'Alene Powersports opened as Coeur d'Alene Honda in 1968 on Indiana Street in downtown Coeur d'Alene. In the early 70s the store moved to Seltice Way. Honda automobiles were added in 1974. The motorcycle and automotive business shared the same building until 2007, when the new auto store went up next door.**

**KTM, Suzuki and CFMoto product lines were added and parts and accessories were expanded. Parts and Accessories carry the largest inventory in the area. Product lines include KTM Powerwear, KLIM, FOX, FMF, FLY, SIDI, Gaerne, Bell, Shoei, Off-Road Vixens, Answer, MSR, Warp9, 100% Scott, Oakley, Amsoil, Sedona, Dunlop, Massis, Michelin, Shinko, Pirelli, VP Race Fuel, Sunoco Race Fuel...and more.**

## **TIDBITS FROM YOUR EDITOR**

**My hubby and I were either unable to attend many or there weren't many rides this past month. The two we did take part in were smaller rides than in the past, but both were enjoyable none the less. We participated in the Fun Run in Murray, Id. On Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

along with several other club members. Met some great new people, had a good ride, toured the museum, won some prizes and enjoyed a good barbecue and music after. It was for a great cause. I love small towns, their people, their stories and treasures. Wednesday evening, August 30<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed another ride with a smaller group to Gold Creek Inn and had a delicious spaghetti dinner before heading back to Bunco.

As it had been another hot day it was a great way to cool off in the mountain breeze and it really wasn't all that dusty this time. Maybe we all maintained a reasonable distance from each other. It was a good thing we didn't go any farther than Gold Creek Inn as it was getting pretty dark by the time we all got back to Bunco and loaded up.

Between the two rides we participated in this August, we took a quick trip to North Dakota to see the Grandkids and their Mom and Dad and once we got back made multiple trips for follow up Dr appointments for our son who was hospitalized for a week last month. Everything's all good now and we are raring to do more riding. While not riding we still have to play so I'm really looking forward to the flea market under the overpass in Wallace, Id. this weekend. It's another one of



those favorite small towns of mine with tons of historic charm and the flea market is an annual event every Labor Day weekend, always held under the overpass. It's gonna be rewarding. I can feel it in my bones. I love old stuff and good food and I'm sure I can find both if I try real hard.

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



