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**Bear grass bloom-submitted by Coleen Sharp**

**“Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and winds  
long to play with your hair.”- Kahli Gibran**

## **Go On A Safari With Your ATV/UTV**

**One of the benefits of having an ATV/UTV is being able to bump your tires along just about any trail and easily explore mountains, deserts, forests, swamps, glades, dells, sloughs, quagmires, sedges and dingles. Yeah, I said dingles. At any rate, the point is that your wheels can turn you into a modern day Daniel Boone, allowing you to discover this cool place called nature-a cornucopia of beauty and wonder. Consider your next ride a safari of sorts and take time to notice the sights and sounds around you.**

### **Take The Right Supplies for Your Expedition**

**Just like any great safari-ist, you'll want to go prepared. You never know when the split-second opportunity will arise to snap a photograph of hundreds of gazelles fleeing the jagged fangs jutting from the mouth of a bloodthirsty leopard. Or, maybe, you'll have to settle for a caterpillar munching on a leaf. No matter what strikes your fancy, plan ahead and be ready for it.**

### **Items to Take of Your Safari**

- Camera – Never leave home without one and be sure to take fresh batteries or to charge what you have.**
- Binoculars – Another must-have item. Many animals will not let you get too close.**
- Insect Repellent - You'll be doing a lot of stopping and sitting.**
- Sketch Book – Jot down notes or draw an inspiring scene.**
- Pith Helmet – It provides sun protection and gives you a reason to say “pith.”**
- Sense of Wonder – The more you explore and open your mind, the more you'll see.**

- **Bird/Wildlife Guide – To identify which is the gazelle and which is the leopard.**

**Don't forget all the other necessities that you should take on any off-highway trip. Things like a map, first aid kit, and tools are absolute essentials. Make sure to include a patch kit and compressor just in case your tires need some fixin' along the trail.**

### **Look for Nature's Wonders Along the Trail**

**Ok, all kidding aside. There really are great things to see if you look. The most obvious are animals; the wildlife that inhabits every region of the planet. Even different sections of the United States offer many different wildlife viewing opportunities. You can scout out hogs in Texas, bears in Alaska, owls in Maine, foxes in Iowa, and gators in Louisiana. Don't forget to look skyward to catch a glimpse of eagles or hawks circling as they hunt for their dinner. Before you splash your tires through a stream let, stop your machine, look, listen. Maybe the rill will contain a few fish, or turtles, or even frogs. Spend a few minutes to see what shows up to have a drink. Be patient. Eat your lunch. Take the hurry out of the day. This makes the trip a lot more fulfilling for me, so go ahead and give it a try.**

### **My Favorite Experiences on a ATV/UTV Safari**

**It took me a while to learn to slow down and enjoy more than just the rumble of rocks as they spun beneath the gyrating of my wheels. Once I did, my eyes were opened. I've seen bears, moose, elk, deer, rattlesnakes and bison. However, my favorite animals to bump into as I explore new territory are wild turkeys. Don't ask me why, I really can't say. They just seem cool. Funny thing is that I don't have a single picture of them.**

Riding ATVs/UTVs is a lot of fun. The thrust of power as you accelerate up a steep hill or the sinking feeling in the pit of your stomach as you speed down the other side are thrills that just can't be beat. However, there are many simple, easily missed pleasures you can have when riding. Just look around you. – Ryan Richards

## Idaho Facts and Trivia

- Rigby is known as the birthplace of television since it is Philo T. Farnsworth's hometown. Farnsworth pioneered television technology.
- Under Idaho law only two forms of city government are allowed: a mayor/councilor or a council/manager form.
- Shelley has been the home of the Idaho Annual Spud Day since 1927.
- Sun Valley is recognized as the home of America's first destination ski resort.
- Weiser is Home of the National Old Time Fiddlers Contest.

I overlooked something last month and I'm so sorry for that.

**Happy Belated Anniversary Steve and Glenda Mudge!  
September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy Birthday Steve Mudge! – October 19th**

**Happy Birthday Nancy Conley! – October 15<sup>th</sup>**

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## **Back Country Kitchen Vittles**

- **12 oz spaghetti**
- **1 (28 oz) jar prepared spaghetti sauce**
- **1 lb ground beef**
- **1 tsp Italian seasoning**
- **1 clove garlic, minced**
- **8 oz cream cheese (cubed and room temp)**
- **½ cp Parmesan cheese, grated. I use more depending on taste**

**Preheat oven to 350 F degrees.**

**In skillet, brown the ground beef until cooked through; drain fat and stir in spaghetti sauce. Set aside.**

**Cook spaghetti according to directions on packet. Drain and place cooked spaghetti in a bowl. Add cream cheese, Italian seasoning and garlic. Stir until cream cheese is melted and the spaghetti is thoroughly coated.**

**Lightly grease a 9x13” glass pan. Spread a small amount of the meat sauce in the bottom of the pan. Put spaghetti mixture on top of the sauce and top with remaining meat sauce. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese on top.**

**Bake for 30 minutes, until bubbly.**

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## **TIDBITS FROM YOUR EDITOR**

It hardly seems possible but our riding season is coming to an end. October still holds at least a couple more rides, some scheduled and some possibly still in the works depending on the weather. Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> will be our Barbecue/Potluck ride to Whiskey Rock. According to the weather man it looks to be a cool and blustery day. I hope he could be wrong. Nancy still needs to be notified by some on what epicurean delights they are going to bring and who all is attending the ride. If based on our last ride to Noxon, Mt., led by Doug, we should have a nice turnout. Everyone had a great time and although it looked like we may get rained on, it never really did. Jackets and rain gear were changed like a snake sheds their skin throughout the year. Quite often! The fall colors contrasting against the

dark and cloudy skies were quite beautiful and well worth the ride. Pictures were taken but they really never do justice. You just have to be there to behold the beauty and appreciate all that there is. On September 23<sup>rd</sup> Joe led us on an equally nice ride through the hills and dells. We again had a nice turnout for that ride and enjoyed great weather. Not so much scenery because we were closed in with the foliage but it was a nice rambling sort of pace and not a race to our destination. I, for one, totally enjoyed the day. Had a bit of fun with the other members when we got back to the parking lot too. Camaraderie! Good times to come in November as we will be continuing our morning brunch get togethers on a monthly basis throughout the winter months. More on that to come. Watch for e-mails for times and locations.

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

