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**Fall color.**

**“Woodland in full color is awesome as a forest fire, in magnitude at least, but a single tree is like a dancing tongue of flame to warm the heart.” – Hal Borland**

**“It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men’s hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air that emanation from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews the weary spirit.” – Robert Louis Stevenson**

## **Be Safe Riding Your ATV/UTV During Hunting Season**

**It seems as though every fall we read outrageous headlines in the news about hunting accidents. You know the kinds I'm talking about; “Man Mistakes Mother-in-Law for a Squirrel and Shoots her to Death” or “Cops Find Hunter Dressed Like a Mountain Goat.” As crazy as these kinds of stories sound to reasonable people like you and me, they really do happen quite regularly. As ATV/UTV riders, we need to face the facts and realize that there are a lot of dangerous people out in the wilderness and we need to take precautions.**

### **My Worst Hunting Experience**

**A few years ago my brother-in-law and I decided to head into the mountains during deer season and try our luck. We already had hunting licenses, so we loaded up our gear and got our tires rolling along a stretch of switchbacks that climbed the mountain just behind my house. It was a perfect October day; one that was made for hunting deer.**

**After an hour of riding our four wheeler tires rolled to a stop beneath some quaking aspen where we parked and headed into the hills on foot. Fifteen minutes later, we sat on a ridge scoping out the area for big game. That's when we noticed other hunters scoping us out. They were looking at us with their rifle scopes. Umm, hey fellas, if you look at me through your scope that means you're aiming your freakin gun right at me. Don't do that, ok?**

As if that weren't dangerous enough, less that an hour later they had descended to the bottom of the hill that we were atop when they scared up a deer. They began shooting. That's when I heard a loud buzzing noise zip past my head and smack into a tree a few feet behind me. Then another and another. Needless to say we hit the ground and fired a couple of we-are-right-here-stop-shooting-you-crazy-fools warning shots into the air. I'll never forget that feeling I had when those bullets whizzed past us.

## **How To Avoid Being Mistaken for a Woodland Creature While Hunting**

Nobody should have to go through a scare like the one I had. Neither should they be accidentally shot because someone thought they were a moose. Here are a few tips to make it home alive.

### **Wear brightly colored clothing**

Most hunters wear blaze orange and that's a good thing. If you bundle yourself in camouflage, your just asking for trouble. When riding your ATV/UTV, make sure your helmet (or headgear) is a vivid, brilliant color. Sometimes hunters only see your head bobbing along through the trees.

### **Make noise**

I know, I know. Hunters are supposed to be quiet and stealthy and all that. Would you rather be shot?

### **Flash your friends**

No, not like during Mardi Gras. Seriously, how would you explain all the bead necklaces to your wife or husband? Simply carry a signal mirror and when you see another hunter, flash them and wave vigorously when you get their attention so they'll know you are in the area.

## **Carry radios**

Almost any department store supplies FRS (Family Radio Service) radios that transmit up to several miles. Stay in touch with other hunters.

## **Alcohol and hunting don't mix**

Admittedly, you can't control what other nimrods in the backcountry will do, but for Petes sake, don't drink while hunting or riding. It's just plain dumb. If you pull up next to a truck with a bunch of empty beer cans in the back, fire up your machine and let you tires carry you far away.

Each year a few hunters don't make it back in an upright position. My heart goes out to their families for the losses they suffer. Nearly all of the tragedies can be avoided if everyone acts responsibly and does their part to be safe. Whether you ride an ATV/UTV or a pick-up truck, your safety is your responsibility.

## **Idaho Facts and Trivia**

- 1. The “Idaho Enterprise” published its first issue on June 6, 1879 and is one of the oldest weekly publications in Idaho.**
- 2. President Theodore Roosevelt established the Caribou National Forest in 1907. The area now covers more than 1 million acres in southeast Idaho.**
- 3. In 1924 local McCall resident and Olympic ski champion, Cory Engen, started the celebration known as the Winter**

Carnival to help curb the boredom of the long McCall winters.

4. Meridian is named for the Boise Meridian, the Idaho land surveyors north-south line running through Initial Point, located 16 miles due south of the city.
5. Annually Mountain Home Air Force Appreciation Day boasts presenting the largest parade in Idaho.

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**Happy Birthday Glen Hansen! – November 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy Anniversary Dennis and Vicki Hill! – November  
27<sup>th</sup>**

## **BACK COUNTRY KITCHEN VITTLES**

### **Crunchy Green Salad**

#### **Greens**

- **1 head lettuce, cleaned and torn (or use a package)**
- **1 bunch green onions, chopped**

**In large bowl, toss greens with onions**

## **Crunchies**

- **3-8 Tbsp butter (depends on preference)**
- **$\frac{3}{4}$  c slivered almonds**
- **$\frac{3}{4}$  c sunflower seeds**
- **2 pkgs ramen noodles**

**In skillet, melt butter and saute' nuts, seeds and crunched up dry noodles until golden brown.**

Throw away seasoning packet or use in a soup.

## **Dressing**

- **2 tbsp soy sauce**
- **$\frac{3}{4}$  c olive oil**
- **$\frac{1}{2}$  c sugar**
- **$\frac{1}{4}$  c vinegar**

**In a small sauce pan, combine ingredients and boil one minute. Cool. Just before serving, toss all three together. Simple but Yummy!**

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### TIDBITS FROM YOUR EDITOR

I'm cutting things close this month as today is the 10<sup>th</sup> of November and when I took on this newsletter I more or less

claimed the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month as my deadline to publish what I had. It's been a busy month for us again but this is good as we have many cold, snow filled days ahead of us where in we will be hunkering down and laying low. We regret missing our first morning get together at Timber Creek Buffet earlier this month and have not heard if we had a good turn out and how much fun and good food we missed out on. The board meeting was rescheduled for this coming Tuesday and we will be back on schedule for our next club meeting on the following Tuesday. We surely had a great time on our last and final ride to Harrison, Id.. The day started out foggy and cool but cleared in Harrison after a scrumptious lunch at One Shot Charlie's that I think everyone enjoyed. We had a really good turn out for the ride and I'm really glad we did it so late in the season. The Halloween candy was passed around that afternoon by Bill. I forgot to bring any but it was the perfect end to a good meal.

Christmas Party plans are being made for Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Newman Grange where it was held last year. Looking forward to a good time and lots of good food again.







**After lunch at One Shot Charlie's.**