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Just a reminder, that all dues for NOV are now due.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS. WELCOME ABOARD

EDITORIAL
RICHARD LAMBERT
President

In the last news letter under the heading of "Something to think about" I talked about ATV's on the roads. I would like to clarify that paragraph, as it appears that there was a lot of mis-interpretation of that statement. I hope that this will clear things up.

First of all, myself and a few others have been attending all the meetings that the Forest Service has been conducting over these past couple of years, leading up to the publication of the Forest Travel Plan. During these meetings, I have been putting many of the topics discussed in the newsletter, and also talked about them at the club meetings. I also talked about folks, besides myself and the few others, to get involved and pay attention as to what is going on that is going to effect us ATV users. So, now comes the Forest Travel Plan. I again sent out the web site to all of you that have computers, and published it in the newsletter, and told you that you should all take a look at it and see what is being done to us, as far as the trails situation goes. I have been doing my level best to try and make you all understand that we are slowly loosing our trails that we used to ride on. Now, on this Forest Travel Plan, it appears that the dirt bikes, ATV's and jeeps are all going to be riding on the same designated trails (roads). This means that we do not have the amount of normal two track trails that we used to have, but have to ride on roads, as the jeeps surely can't ride on our two track trails.

The Forest Service and the Fish and Game Department, has come together and decided which trails should be closed for game management, or no funds to keep them open. They see nothing wrong with putting us all on the roads. Yes, the

same roads that we all have been riding on over the years. We rode them to get from one trail head to another and then, off into the forest. We surely did not ride them all day everywhere we went. Well, now we will be doing just that. I for one do not like that idea. I most certainly do not advocate closing roads to us; just give us some of our trails that we used to have. I have also told the Forest Service that we would even brush them out, and take care of any trails that they would let us have. NO SOAP! We have been on rides this year, on the roads, and have had some close calls with trucks and cars. When I brought this up to them, they did not seem to care about that. I feel that having to ride on those roads all day, is putting us all in danger. If you all feel that this is fine with you, please let me know and I will tell the Forest Service Ranger that he is doing a great job, and I will lay off.

Like I said before, I have been telling you all what is going on, and it is difficult for just a few of us to make a difference as to how the Forest Service runs things. I need to have all of you step up and make yourselves heard too. I have given you the contact information that you had asked for, so please help out your own cause. So, let me be clear, “I am not saying close the roads” and I have never ever said “close anything”, it should all be open. We also have to get some of those seasonal closures reduced too, that would also free up a few trails too.

You know, the purpose of an ATV Organization is to have a larger voice when needed. Well, let me assure you, it is needed, and no one listens to three or four guys sitting at a table trying to make a point when their minds are made up. We need to be heard!

THIS YEARS PROJECT

This year, we thought that we would like to sponsor the food bank. As we all know this has been a pretty hard year for most of us, and also a lot of other folks. So this year, if we can bring some food to the party or some cash, which ever is easiest, we sure would appreciate it. I know that in the past we have asked for food for the food bank, and it has been very sparse in coming. I would hope that at least this time, we could get a goodly amount of food to hand over to them. It is only this one time, so it should not hurt too badly. So please try and contribute as much as you can this Christmas ok? Thanks a lot.

We are also looking for raffle items to raffle off at the party. If anyone is out and about, please ask the store if they would like to donate anything that we can use for a raffle item. All the proceeds will also go to the food bank. We already have a few items that have been donated, but we still need more, please help us out.

HELP WANTED

As most of you already know, Steve Harper has really been working hard to get a grant written. This grant is going to be for mileage marker signage on four trails and a loading/offloading ramp at three of the trail heads. We feel that this is something that is needed, for our own sake, the sake of search and rescue teams and the law enforcement personnel. In order to have the grant approved we need to have some, not a lot of folks, volunteer to help put up some of the road mileage marker signs and construct the ramps when the time comes. This most likely won't happen until late next year. None the less, we still have to have some people that would be willing to say that they would do it now, so Steve can submit the waiver attesting to the fact that we do have people ready to do the job when the time comes. So, if you think that you would be interested in giving us a hand please call Steve at

208.687.2403 or send him an e-mail to jstevharper@yahoo.com. Without this extra help, we will not be getting any grant approval. Please help us out on this ok?

RADIOS

Here I am again, on the ole soap box. If any of you had been with us on the last two rides we had, to Harrison and the Snake Pit, you would have noticed just how much truck and car traffic we had to contend with. I feel that when I lead the group, that it is very important to keep everyone posted as to when a vehicle is coming up the road toward us. As you know, many of us have radios, but there is still a lot of folks that don't. Now, I am not telling you to go out and buy an expensive one, just please get one! I know that I hear a lot of people say, "I don't want to talk on a radio", and that's fine too. All you need to do is be cognizant of the fact that there is something coming that could really do you some harm if you didn't see it. In addition, you would also be aware if someone had some trouble that I did not hear, as I was too far up in front to receive the information. All you really need is an ear bud, just to listen to what is being said on the air. I can personally attest to the fact that it is a "must" to have one, as I went over the side a few years ago, and I thank god that Scotty was up on his radio, as he was the last person in line to hear me call for help. Just another food for thought, that's all. So, please consider getting one. If you have any questions about them, just contact me, and I will help you out. I really feel that this is a very important item for all of us to have.

SHIRTS

Rally T-shirts are now \$1.00 each for all. Just let Bert know what size you need. All T-shirt donations go to the food bank.

Tire T-shirts are now \$10.00 each, again let Bert know what size you want.

MEETING INFORMATION

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THERE WILL BE NO CLUB MEETING AT THE IHOP IN DECEMBER, IT WILL BE AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, SO DON'T GO TO THE IHOP!

The Board Meeting and the General Meeting will both be held at the IHOP on 4th St. in Coeur d' Alene.

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS: the board meeting will start at 5:30 pm just prior to the general membership meeting at 7:00 pm, on the **THIRD** Tuesday of each month.

Upon presentation of your club card:

IHOP in CDA gives a 20% discount on meals

Mays Honda of Sagle gives a 10% up front discount on all parts and accessories.

Coeur d' Alene Honda gives a 10% discount on all accessories.

Les Schwab in Post Falls, gives a 10% discount on all wheels, tires & accessories.

Specialties Recreation and Marine give a 10% discount with your club card

Mt. Spokane Adventure Sports gives a 10% discount to referred customers, a 20% discount to club members.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, AND RIDES

The legend below will give you the information about that particular trails characteristic. I hope they will be of some help

SUGGESTED RIDING SKILL LEVEL

EASY – Beginner riding skills: mostly flat trails, no side hills, stay on designated trails

INTERMEDIATE – Experienced riding skills **RECOMMENDED:** roads/trails, possibly some steep slopes, side hills, or loose rocks

COMBINATION – Combination of difficulties, various terrain i.e. Intermediate to Difficult abilities

DIFFICULT – Experienced riding skills **REQUIRED:** trails requiring 4WD, obstacle navigation, rocky, side hills, and slower travel

NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

MILEAGE IS APPROXIMATE & IS FOR ROUND TRIP. ALL RIDES ARE A "RAIN OR SHINE" TYPE RIDE

NOTE: ANY CHANGES TO THE BELOW ITEMS WILL BE ANOTATED IN BLUE, ITALICIZED AND UNDERLINED For ride information please call 683-0526

THIS IS THE LATEST SCHEDULE THROW AWAY ANY PREVIOUS ONES YOU NOW HAVE

It would be great if we all wore helmets this year, and if you have a radio bring it along too as I am sure that there will be more road riding this year thanks to our Forest Service

I AM NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FROM ANYONE WHO HAS A FAVORITE RIDE OR RIDES AND WOULD LIKE TO TRY AND LEAD THEM ALSO. REMEMBER, YOU DON'T GET DUSTY LEADING THE RIDE. I AM

STARTING TO WORK ON NEXT YEARS RIDES, SO THINK ABOUT IT AND GET BACK TO ME WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – 13 DECEMBER.

It will be at the same place as we had it last year.

It is going to be at the Golden Spike Estates in Rathdrum. It is located on the south side of Rathdrum. Coming from the south on hwy 41, you go approximately six miles from Hwy I-90, north to W. Nagel Road. Turn left, go to the end of the street and turn left on N. Golden Spike Blvd. Go straight down Golden Spike to the end if the street. The Community Center is on your left side at the end of this street. The party will be on the 13th of December and start at 5PM until it's over. Please bring breads, desserts, salads or your favorite dish and your own drinks. If you have any questions please call 208-683-0526. Please make plans to attend, it's a great party.

FOR SALE

1. Three new condition roof vent covers for your RV or Toy Hauler, with all hardware. Asking \$15.00 ea. Call Richard at 208.683.0526.
2. Stowmaster Tow Bar with vinyl cover and all hookup cables. Used once, like new. New costs \$600 selling for \$250.00. Call Richard at 208.683.0526
3. ATV loading ramp for sale. \$100.00. Call Pat at 208.772.9242
4. Four Polaris Sportsman 500X2 (two seater w/dump bed), all in excellent mechanical condition:
 - a. 1129 miles – r/r dump bed cracked near taillight, r/r tailgate cracked, scratch front fender, dent r/f rim, scratch l/f fender. \$6150
 - b. 1013 miles – l/f/ rim has a dent, no other problems. \$6450
 - c. 1449 miles – r/f rim dent, r/r rim dent, r/f fender cracked, r/f fender cracked. \$6050
 - d. 789 miles – rip in seat. \$5650. Call Yogi Naresh at 509.241.0232 or 509.999.0004
5. 2005 Arctic Cat 500 auto, selectable 4x4, 2500 lb Warn winch, cargo box, brush guards front and rear hand warmers, rack extenders, snow plow mount, extra set tires and wheels, \$5500.00. Great Deal! Call Chuck at 208.265.4326.
6. I have many colors, and designs of dust masks. They are adjustable to fit and work great in the cold, pollen and dust and washable. Only twelve dollars (\$12.00), call Bert at 683.0526
7. If you have any shirts or jackets that you would like to have the club logos put on, you can do that, it's cheaper. Just go to Rathdrum Drug and ask for Pam. We can also put the tire design on now. You can even mix and match if you want to. If you have something you want done, let Bert know, and we will get them done for you.
8. Triangle shaped safety flags with the club logo on them for a whip pole for the rear of your ATV's. \$7.00 ea. Contact Bert for information 208.683.0526.
9. We still have our new green long sleeve T-shirts with a new message on the back. "Keep it open – Keep it free". These shirts are being given away for a \$10 donation. (Large & X-Large only)

10. We also still have some Rally T-shirts left over. They are being sold for only one buck each. The proceeds will also be given to the food bank. They will be available at the Christmas party.

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