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INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME ABOARD

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EDITORIAL
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President

Well, we had our first club meeting this year. We are starting off with a bang I might add. There is also going to be some changes as to the laws that we will have to abide with too. For those of you that were there, Tom Crimmins did a good job of letting us all know what was going to be proposed in the final draft of the license plate legislation. Yes, it is almost all over with, as I know that you are getting tired of hearing about this as I am telling you about it. None the less, it is for our own benefit to be up to snuff on what is happening. I know that there are some of you that did not receive those latest changes to the legislation, due to the fact that you are not on line. So I will give you a synopsis as to what is going on in this latest change that has been submitted to the legislature. If you want a copy of the latest change, let me know, and make sure that you come to the next meeting, and I will make you a copy of it. Here is what was discussed at the meeting:

Overview of 2009 Proposed ATV Legislation

The Idaho Recreation Council has been working on proposed ATV legislation to correct some of the problems created by HB 602 passed last year and for other purposes. They are proposing the following changes.

1. Allow unlicensed youngsters to ride on FS, BLM and state lands and roads when they are visually supervised by a licensed adult.
2. Allow non-residents to purchase an Idaho plate.
3. Change insurance provision to eliminate the need for Uninsured Motorist and Under Insured Motorist coverage.
4. To clear up definition of UTV (Still in process). May establish an "other vehicle" category that can get a sticker but maybe not a plate.
5. To raise the registration fee to \$12.00 from \$10.00.
6. To require dealers to sell IDPR sticker when vehicle is sold.
7. To exempt OHV from getting a plate if they don't use county roads.
8. To allow use of Forest Service, BLM and IDL roads without a restricted vehicle plate but only with a sticker.
9. Eliminate the 30 day exemption for non-residents to ride in Idaho if they do not have a state registration program.
10. Require the department to report on the use of administrative funds and program expenditures.
11. Allocate \$1.00 of fee increase to be used for law enforcement by the Sheriff's or through a grant program to other enforcement agencies.
12. Require Sheriff's getting enforcement money, to report on the expenditures.
13. Allocate \$1.00 of fee increase to IDL to promote OHV use or repair OHV related damage.
14. To require IDL to annually report on the expenditure of funds.

A question came up about the two year license plate that you have now. Unfortunately, you will have to go get the new plate, as there is no two year plate. Non-residents will be eligible to get a plate also. This was a very informative meeting; it would have been nice to see more of you attending. If you have any questions regarding this legislation, you can give me a call, and hopefully, I can answer your questions for you.

POTLATCH RIDING AREA

As many of you already know, you can also ride down in the Potlatch area. You also know that there are fees to do so. I am not going to go through the fee structure, but I will tell you this. They sent out a notice saying that they will be treating the UTV's as automobiles. That also applies to the fees that they charge for autos. So if you have a UTV, be prepared to pay a higher price to ride there.

GOOD OLE FISH AND GAME

I had sent everyone an e-mail about the IDFG wanting to raise their fees. In this e-mail, there was a web site noted. It was www.saveelk.com. I thought that you all should take a look at it. I know that there are a whole lot of you that have not done it. I would tell you this. We are going to be having a real long haul trying to get IDFG and their boss “the Governor” ever changing their minds on opening our trails up to us. It would be to your advantage to go to that web site noted above, and when it opens, click on the upper left hand corner where it says “take action now”. It is a PDF file, so it might take a few minutes to open. You will get a copy of the Outdoorsman. This is a long document, but I guarantee you, if you read it, you will be incensed with the IDFG and their boss, as I was. It appears that they can get away with anything that they want to, and no one can touch them. I would be interested in hearing what you have to think about this too.

TRAIL NUMBERING SYSTEM

As some of you already know, there have been some number changes on some of the trails. They are now “800” numbers. I called Andy Boggs of the Forest Service and asked him for a breakdown of what the new 800 numbers are taking the place of. I know the trails by their old original numbers, so this is going to be a help for me too. Anyway, he sent me the list of changes and here they are.

Trail 800 (4th of July): Roads 3093, 2318, 3014, 2320, 2334 and 3098

Trail 801 (Monument Mt): Road 813

Trail 802 (Windy Ridge to Hudlow Mdws): Roads 1513 and 392

Trail 803 (Steamboat): 6323, 965 and 458

Trail 804 (Laverne): Will be developed by our crew during the next two seasons using roads 798, 1511 and 931.

So there you have it. When you see a 800 number you have a better idea of where you are, if you have been going by the old numbering system. Why they changed it.....who knows?

GRANT APPLICATION

In case many of you don't know, Steve Harper and Bill Tapper have been really working hard and finally completed the Grant for our project of installing mile markers on four different trails this coming year (we hope). This grant process is really a big bag of worms, and you would not believe all of the governmental hoops that these two guys had to jump through just to get this grant processed on time. I know personally, that they have put a lot of time and effort into this project. I would like to say thanks for all the good work that you two guys have done on this, I know that it was not easy.

TRAIL CLOSURES

I have noticed that ever since the Forest Service was told to start to designate trails for us all to ride on, there seems to be less of them. That does not only go for Idaho, but with a little investigation, it was found that Oregon, Washington, Montana, Minnesota, California and Utah all have been losing trails. Maybe it's just a coincidence, but it sure is strange. I got a small article from the Blue Ribbon Magazine that I thought that I might share with you to let you know just what we are all up against. "Dozens of off-road enthusiasts from Oregon and Southwest Washington gathered in front of the Gifford-Pinchot NF office in Vancouver, WA, to amplify the need for a better trail system in the Forest. Staff at the Gifford NF say they don't see the need to expand the paltry 268 miles of designated motorized trails (only 39 miles open to ATV's) on the 1.37 million-acre forest. Gary Johnson, Chairman of the Gifford Pinchot Off-Highway Vehicle Alliance, disagrees. Gary and the other OHV'ers say the agency bends over backward to accommodate environmental groups".

So you can see that they also are losing their trails and are being put on roads as we are. I feel that we are eventually going to have to make a concerted effort to try and get our trails back, and off of some of these roads. Of course, that also means having to deal with our illustrious IDFG too. This is just something for you all to think about. It is going to take ALL OF US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

INLAND PAPER ADVENTURE RACE

Last week I was invited to attend a meeting in Rathdrum with the organizer of an Adventure Race. They had one last year, and some of you attended it as road monitors. They had nothing but great things to say about you who were there. They wanted to have us up there and do it again this year. Last year, as you know, we did not have a whole lot of folks show up there. That was due to a ride schedule conflict. This year, I am going to put this race on our ride schedule. Hopefully we will get a whole bunch of folks to show up.

What it entails is this. They would like to have us along the first part of the race course, as it is the bicycle leg of the race. We will be spaced out along the route and make sure that no one get hurt or lost. When the bikes are all done, we will be able to ride the rest of the day. There will be no charge for any of us, as we helped them out. So that means we can still have a ride. The bikes should be all done between 9 and 10 o'clock, and then the rest of the day is ours to go wherever we want. This race is going to take place in September on the 12th. I know that there is a lot of time to go, I just wanted you let you all know that it is going to be on our schedule.

WEB SITES

I strongly recommend that you check out the following web sites. All you have to do is type in the letters, and it will come up. They are free, and have the latest information concerning all of us who ride ATV's. Check out: All Terrain Vehicle Association (ATVA), Americans for Responsible Recreation Access (ARRA) and the Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC). ARRA might be the best one for you to get the most information from quickly. They will send you a newsletter each month telling you what is happening all over. They will even write the letter to the

politicians for you, all you have to do is click on it....bang it's done. Check them out.

ATV TRAINERS

If you would be interested in becoming a certified ATV instructor taught by IDPR, please let me know. Call me at 208.683.0526 for information.

MEETING INFORMATION

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 SUGGESTIONS 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.

FOR SALE

1. Two ATV's for sale. A 2002 Yamaha Big Bear 450, with snow blade, excellent condition well taken care of, \$3,000. A 1998 Yamaha 350, \$2,000, also well taken care of, both in excellent condition. Call Carol at 208.512.1826.
2. 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
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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)

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