



## PANTRA NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2008

# Welcome New Members

*Tim Deitz and family*

### Next Club Meeting:

Wednesday, February 13th

Social Hour: 6-7 pm    General Meeting 7pm

Meetings are held at the Pizza Factory on the corner of Highway 41 and Mullan Rd in Post Falls. Please join us!



### Upcoming Events

#### \*February 22-24<sup>th</sup> Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show

PANTRA will have a booth again this year at the Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show at the new Convention Center Downtown. The show opens Friday at 4-8pm, Saturday from 10-8, and Sunday from 10-4. This show brings thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts into one location over a three day period. This is a great opportunity to introduce more people to PANTRA. If you are interested in attending and helping please Call Randy Nilles at 509-953-7910 or sign up at the next General meeting.



Mike Meehan at Juniper Dunes ORV Park, January 12th, 2008

Get your PANTRA swag! PANTRA has sweatshirts available to get you through those cold winter months and the chilly nights in the spring and fall. They cost \$20 for crewneck and \$25 for the hoodie. Randy will have the sweatshirts at all PANTRA events including the general meetings. Don't get caught out in the cold without

Don't forget, PANTRA still has many T-shirts available too!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!** (LEAD PERSON IN PARENTHESES)

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Adopt-A-Road** (Ed Schafer)

**April 5-6<sup>th</sup> Desert 100** (Randy Nilles)

**April 19-20 Canfield Clean-up** (Tia Flynn)

**April 27<sup>th</sup> Ladies Ride** (Tia Flynn)

**May 4<sup>th</sup> Kids Ride** (Lori Jordan)

**May 10-11<sup>th</sup> LPO Clean-up** (Randy Nilles)

**May 17<sup>th</sup> Batey Bould Clean-up** (Will Dieshl)

**June 7-8<sup>th</sup> Batey Bould Clean-up** (Will Dieshl)

**June 14-15<sup>th</sup> Fathers Day Family Campout** (Lori Jordan)

**July 11-12<sup>th</sup> Coeur d Alene River float trip**  
(Randy Nilles)

If you are interested in hosting an event, please call a board member or E-mail us at [pantratrails@hotmail.com](mailto:pantratrails@hotmail.com)

## Ride Reports

### Juniper Dunes- December 29

Tom, Randy, Nick, and Dave went to Juniper on December 29<sup>th</sup> to get some winter riding in. We first passed the new signs that are on Peterson road, than passed the Ranger who waved at us. So we unloaded, put our flags on, and headed out to the riding area. It was a little chilly at first, but once we started riding it got very comfortable.

Tom and Dave were out for the first time on their new KTM 300 bikes and right out of the gate Tom was really fast. There was some snow left over from a previous storm on the north facing slopes but nothing to worry about.



Tom Wuest on his new KTM 300

Nick, who is Tom's nephew from California showed us how to manhandle the sand on his '08 Honda CR 450. Down where he is from, he rides the dunes often. We put in around 35miles and everyone had fun..... Randy Nilles

### Juniper Dunes- January 12<sup>th</sup>

Mike Meehan, Don Grome, Mike Nichols, Bo Steiner,



Tom Wuest, and Randy Nilles all headed down for another ride at Juniper. The drive was very foggy and when we got to Juniper it was no better. Bo had never been to Juniper but was up for the challenge. His Honda XR 650 is built for the Juniper conditions.

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We headed for the first big sand area so people could play first. Then we went boondocking to try to avoid the whoops. Before long, I couldn't figure out where we were because the fog had settled in and I couldn't see the landmarks but Tom bailed me out by finding the way back in the right direction.

When we got back to the truck, Stan Toland was there. Stan has been riding Juniper for years and said he even was struggling to find his way around in the fog.

After a few bike adjustment and another layer of clothes we went back out and rode a few more miles. We put on about 28 miles and everyone have a good time.....Randy Nilles

## LAND USE NEWS

### **Needed: PANTRA Members Help**

If anyone knows any of the local county commissioners in the Kootenai, Bonner or Shoshone Counties or any of the counties around the Clearwater National Forest, please contact Joe Dowd at (509) 994-9952 or [joe@the-dowds.com](mailto:joe@the-dowds.com). We are trying to get the county commissioners to support our efforts to keep the trails open in both the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District and the Clearwater National Forest and if any PANTRA member knows any of these commissioners, it would be a big help.

### **Update on Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District Travel Plan**

The release date for the Pre-decisional EA (Environmental Assessment) has pushed again and is now expected to be available "early to mid February."

Joe Dowd worked with the Blue Ribbon Coalition to draft a letter from PANTRA to assert our adamant opposition to the proposed closures. The FS replied basically telling us that they appreciate our comments and that we should look for the Pre-decisional EA shortly.

Once the EA comes out, we will have 60 days to comment on the EA so stay tuned and be prepared to submit your comments on the EA when it does finally come out.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/cda/travelplan/>

### **Clearwater National Forest Update**

The deadline for the scoping phase of the Clearwater NF Travel Management Plan has been extended to February 29, 2008. So you still have time to get your comments in.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/clearwater/Projects/TravPlan/ClwTravel.htm>

### **St. Joe National Forest Travel Management Plan**

Tom Wuest and Lisa Gibson will be representing PANTRA on the Focus Group for the St. Joe Forest's Travel Management Plan. Focus Group meetings are just getting underway so stay tuned for more information.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/stjoe/travelplan/>

## **YOUR AD HERE!**

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