



## PANTRA NEWSLETTER APRIL-MAY 2008

### Welcome New Members

*Borden Family, Brenner Family, Deitz Family, McKillip Family, Pat Dingman, Mael Family, Michael Nicliols, and the Steele Family*

#### Next Club Meeting:

Wednesday, May 14th

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!



Pat & Lori Jordan following the Airway Heights Spring Mud Fling

### Upcoming Events

#### April 19 Adopt-a-Street

While the printing of this newsletter has happened after this event, please look for a report in next months' newsletter

April 19-20th Canfield Clean-Up has been postponed due to snow. Check out the forums for new info

April 27th Dusty Cleavage/  
(Wildcats on Wheels)

May 4th Annual Kids' Ride at Liberty Lake ORV Park

May 10-11th LPO Clean-up

May 17th Batey Boulder Clean-up

June 7-8th Batey Boulder Clean-up

June 14-15th Father's Day Family Campout Ride

July 11-12th Coeur d'Alene River float trip

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renewals are due May 1st. Family Dues \$25, Individual Dues \$20 Student Dues \$10. Make checks payable to PANTRA and mail to PO Box 1662, Post Falls, ID 83877.

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**PRESENTS**



**Wildcats on Wheels**  
4th Annual  
*Dusty Cleavage*  
Ladies Ride Poker Run  
7 Mile ORV Park 2008

**Date: Sunday April 27th 2008**  
**Time: Riders Meeting @ 9:30am**  
**Place: 7-Mile ORV Park**  
 for more information go to [www.pantra.org](http://www.pantra.org)  
 and click on FORUMS on the left side  
 Approximately 7-30 Miles of riding. Riders meeting @ 9:30am.  
 Make sure your bike is ready to RIDE! Poker run is from 10am -  
 12pm. Two hours to do as many laps as you can. One poker  
 hand provided. Potluck Lunch afterwards. Hotdogs provided  
 Trophy's for the 3 best hands  
 We will have T-Shirts available for \$15 (design above)  
 For more information contact  
 Lori at [pantratrails@hotmail.com](mailto:pantratrails@hotmail.com) or 509-951-3821  
 Tia at [tiaf@icehouse.net](mailto:tiaf@icehouse.net) or 208-666-1236

provide soda pop. We will also have a prize drawing for all the kids that attend.

We will need some help with cooking up the bbq foods and checkpoints. So, if you can help out contact Lori at the phone or email listed above.

Remember, all bikes must have FS approved spark arrestors and current ORV tags from the person's state of residence.

Directions to Liberty Lake ORV Park: *I-90 to the Liberty Lake Exit; head south on Liberty Lake Rd to Appleway Ave (first stop light); turn left and head east on Appleway to Molter (near Huntwood Custom Cabinets); turn right and head south again towards the golf course. From Molter follow the brown signs for the ORV Park.*

### Batey Boulder Connector Trail Work - Date TBD

Randy Nilles and Ryan Forsberg met with the DNR about work needed to rebuild the Batey Boulder Connector Trail on the DNR portion of land. It looks like we will have to postpone the work date due to the recent snows that were measured in feet up at the job site. We will likely do some survey work around May 17th or so by hiking in on foot, planning a work weekend in June sometime.

It is estimated that 100+ man hours of labor will be needed to finish a short section of trail before the Connector will be opened again. Work will consist of geomatting, laying block, pouring gravel, and building rubber water bars. It would be really nice to get 12-14 workers on this project in order to make the work a little easier on all of us. Camping is available at the site, which will be behind a locked gate, so it will be very private. Hopefully we can get started early and finish early in the afternoon to enjoy a little scoot on Saturday afternoon. The Connector Trail will be closed until the reconstruction is complete, so more hands will get us riding sooner. Stay tuned for updates.

### May 4<sup>th</sup> Kids Ride – Liberty Lake ORV Park

**(Please note the date for this event has been changed back to its original date)**

The contact person is Lori Jordan 509-926-5515 or [pantratrails@hotmail.com](mailto:pantratrails@hotmail.com). Again, this ride is weather/trail condition dependent, so check the Forums for any changes. The riders meeting will be held at 10 am in the Liberty Lake ORV Parking Lot.

The ride will be suitable for beginners with some optional sections that more advanced riders may like to tackle. PANTRA will barbecue hamburgers and hotdogs and

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)

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## Ride Reports

### Spring Mud Fling 2008 at Airway Heights- March 9

A few PANTRA Members braved the cold, mud, snow and ice, YES ICE!!, to race in the Spring Mud Fling Tag Team Harescramble on March 9th. The mud was DEEP, the waterholes had ice under them and floating in some of them and the race was GGGRRREEEAATTT!!!

I teamed up with a Canadian rider that had come down thinking he had a partner for the race but the partner bailed on him. I planned to Ironwoman it again, BUT, after looking at the track, thinking about all the work and money just put into rebuilding my bike and looking at the track again, and hearing Josh James who "groomed" the track warn me that I did NOT want to ironman this one, I happily signed up for the Jack & Jill Class with Canadian Steve. Pat and his buddy teamed up to race the Lightweight Class along with a couple friends of theirs and we all set up our pit hoping it wouldn't be too muddy. Well it was and the longer the race went on, the muddier it got. Everyone was a nice shade of brown by the end of the race and picking out your partner was not easy.

3rd in Lightweight. If there were any other PANTRA members out there, I didn't see them, but we all had muddy bikes to clean up and bearings to re-grease! ...Lori Jordan



Pat Jordan & teammate with 1st Place  
Lightweight Division Trophy

### Desert 100 – Odessa April 5-6

My Dad Stan Toland got 1st in the over 60 class for the 5th time! For an old guy on chemo he sure flies over that desert. Eric, Kert and Brandon all made the whole 100. Did any other Pantra members do the whole 100? When Kert came in he had wide, wild eyes. I have never seen him look like that before. He said, "I thought I was going to die!" He came across the second road crossing and there was a rocky downhill that didn't look too bad 'til you got to the top. He said it wasn't marked with yellow caution tape so he just launched off one of the side rocks and dropped 20 feet bailing from the bike. He survived without injury



Steve and Lori with their 1st Place Jack and Jill Trophy

I managed to dump my bike in one big mud hole, just after I'd passed a guy on a Suzuki. He was impressed apparently as he splashed by me "woohooing" while I was pulling my bike out of the mud hole. That meant I HAD to catch him & woohoo him back, of course. Luckily, I managed to do so without crashing again. Steve, my partner was fast, which meant I had very little time for rest and to try and wipe some of the muck off my goggles.

We took 1st in the Jack & Jill Class; Danny Eller and his daughter came in 2nd in Jack & Jill; Pat & his partner took



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but his bike is pretty tore up. He came in with a dangling clutch cable, missing bark buster, broken shroud and fender.

I only got 4th in the Women's class. I rode my best ever. I didn't let my mind wander and I only made two mistakes. I really, really, really wanted to win. I think the three gals in front of me were all in their 20's. I almost killed it on a rock shelf I had trouble getting up but my Rekluse kept the engine running while I jumped off and pushed it the rest of the way up and jumped back on. Then after the last bridge there was a gully with a creek and I dumped it over in there but again the Rekluse kept the bike running and I picked myself and bike back up and jumped back on. After crossing the bridge in the sun I couldn't see when I went into the dark gully with my dusted out goggles and smacked the rocks that's why I dumped over. Top 5 for 6 years isn't too bad! Thank you Rod, Randy and everyone else who pitted for Eric and Kert; we really appreciated it. Pantra club members are the best...Tia Flynn



I had a great time at Odessa this year. Rod, Brandon and I went down the weekend before to pre-ride the course and set up camp for the week. We had what I think was the best spot in the place, and very accessible to all the activities that make the weekend fun.

I arrived Thursday afternoon to secure our spot. People started rolling in around 5:30 in the morning and the traffic was non stop all day. The Brush bunch club joined us in our site, and it was a packed house. PANTRA members who stayed in our site were Kevin Eggert, Ed Shaffer, Mike Meehan, Randy Fergeson, Rod and Brandon Schafer, and Randy Nilles. All in all we probably had 30 between the two clubs.

Saturday Rod and I were sweeping the poker run. The first round we came up on a rider who was hurt in his hip area. After that the rest of the day was just banged up riders and broke down bikes.



Sunday we woke up and set up the pit area. Tia, Eric, Kurt, Stan, and Brandon all joined in the pit area. Also Karley and Briana came to watch the race with Toni Kaminski.

Since I had the privilege to sweep this year, I headed up to help with the starting gate for the riders. This year the cannon was a big help with the start. After the riders took off, I followed to make sure everyone was okay. A half mile or so I came across two separate accidents which were already being attended to, so I moved on.

Just past the main gate is where I found my first downed rider. Another rider was with him and when I pulled up he moved on. I could tell he was in a lot of pain and had an obvious broken arm. I radioed for help. In what seemed like an eternity the EMT arrived. He did a quick assessment on his lungs and radioed for Med Star. It seemed like 30 seconds and in came the helicopter but extremely bad timing. The second race was bearing down on the scene at the same time. After a few seconds of chaos trying to get the Med Star team across the track everything seemed to calm down. Then I get a big hit in the back and one of the Med Star EMT's is Kurt Brubaker, one of our PANTRA members.

Just about this time another rider comes up and says there is another rider hurt just ahead. By this time a couple other sweepers have arrived and we head up to the next guy. After looking at him the Stumpies head me off to go to my section of the course where I am to be sweeping the race. When I arrived in the first half mile there was a rider down but already had people working on him, so I continued on. Throughout the day I came across many people down but nothing serious.

I did see Brandon and Kurt while they were racing. It was good to see our kids doing well out there. Again another great year at the Desert 100. Congrats to all our PANTRA

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members who raced and or did the Poker Run. Cant wait to do it again next year.

...Randy Nilles



## LAND USE NEWS

### **Coeur d'Alene National Forest Travel Plan Update**

The release of the draft EA (Environmental Assessment) has again been pushed back and is now expected to be available "SOON."

We suggest monitoring the following website as this is where it should first appear, perhaps as early as Apr 16:

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

### **Clearwater National Forest Travel Plan Update**

Joe Dowd reports:

As of Apr 7 this is the status: "All told over 4500 comments were received on the proposed action. In a process called "content analysis" all the comment letters and email were read and the individual comments were extracted. Those comments are now being summarized into a report that will be available on this website soon. The comments will be used to identify public issues and concerns and develop a range of alternatives to address them."

The revised travel plan is scheduled to go into effect 1/1/09 and the Clearwater folks seem determined to stick to that schedule. So I'm planning on spending much of my summer riding the North Fork District of the Clearwater National Forest. Anyone interested in joining me, let me know (Joe Dowd [joe@the-dowds.com](mailto:joe@the-dowds.com))

Clearwater Nat'l Forest travel plan website:

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

Map created by Jeff Cook, of the ID Department of Parks and Recreation, that clearly shows how the Forest Service is planning to eliminate, to motorized use, all of the single track loops in the North Fork District south of the North Fork of the Clearwater River: [http://www.the-dowds.com/Travel\\_Plans/Clearwater/North\\_Fork.pdf](http://www.the-dowds.com/Travel_Plans/Clearwater/North_Fork.pdf)

In response to the FS's "Alternative 1" proposal, we created an "Open Access" proposal, here that you can view here:

[http://www.the-dowds.com/Travel\\_Plans/Clearwater/Pro/Pro\\_Access\\_Alternative.htm](http://www.the-dowds.com/Travel_Plans/Clearwater/Pro/Pro_Access_Alternative.htm)

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

Tom Wuest has attended all of the focus group meetings for the St. Joe Forest's Travel Management Plan thus far. He reports that on Saturday, April 26, the Focus Group will be meeting to actually look at the maps and make the decisions as to which trails will continue to allow motorized access. Tune in to the forum for the most up to date info.

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

## GENERAL NEWS

### **IDPR OHV Has New Leadership**

The North Region's OHV Coordinator position which was previously held by Marty Gangas has been filled. Please join me in congratulating Mark Hildeshem to his new position. Mark is a former IDPR Trail Ranger as well as a member of the Brush Bunch. It's good to have such an avid enthusiast as our advocate at the state level. We look forward to working with Mark on future projects to enhance our sport.

### **PANTRA Grant Update**

Just a quick note to update everyone on the status of the grant that Tom Wuest and Mike Meehan submitted. We requested money from the State of Idaho for a trailer, chainsaws, and packs. Well, we have received committee approval and are now awaiting final approval! The good news is that no one has been denied once committee approval has been granted.

### **Liberty Lake ORV Workparty and Open House**

Last minute announcement!!!! Liberty Lake ORV is hosting a workparty April 26 (Saturday) and an open house on May 4, (Sunday). Let's go out and help prep the ORV park for the Kid's Ride as well as the upcoming season.

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## SPECIAL TOPIC

The following article is presented as a special topic in this month's newsletter. It was written by Del Albright and is featured on his website: [www.delalbright.com/article\\_list.htm](http://www.delalbright.com/article_list.htm)

### Land Use: Concentrating Our Efforts; Avoiding Burnout

(Managing Your Monkeys)  
By Del Albright  
Nov. 2000 (updated Jan. 2007)

It's encouraging to see so many recreationists getting involved in the land use/public lands access battles. In fact, now we face a time when some of us old land use horses are starting to sag under the burden of doing this so long. Burnout is around the corner for some of us and we can't afford to lose any of our activists to burnout. So I've come up with a cure to keep our fighters fighting.

I've found that a key to avoiding burnout and staying effective is to narrow your focus; concentrate your efforts. I like to think of our land use battles as a quail hunt. You ever hunted quail? Well, a typical hunt consists of hours of walking, wearing yourself out, then all of a sudden blazing away at a flurry of birds, usually missing most of them. The only one who gets any enjoyment out of this is [your dog](#) - who can't stop dog-laughing at your new-found state of frustration.

The land use battles have reached such a flurry that many of us don't know where to start. So we take the shotgun approach. We try to get in all the games. Of course, we want to help out all our partners in other states; other regions; other clubs. So we assist with letters, phone calls, emails, etc. Pretty soon we have an extensive little filing system that may cover many subjects and many letters and many meetings. Then all of a sudden, we realize we're up to our ears!

And hey, what about that lawn that needs mowing? And that car (4wheeler?) That needs detailing; the significant other that is tired of you being at the computer half the night; and the trails that need riding? Next thing you know, burnout sets in. There are just too many battles to fight and soon you begin to drop off in effectiveness.

A friend of mine told me once that in his mind, this tactic of having too many battlefronts is JUST WHAT [OUR OPPONENTS WANT](#). Just like in military maneuvers; if you spread the battle lines thin, pretty soon you'll find a way to penetrate and overwhelm the enemy.

Well, STOP! If you're a land use activist who's been doing MORE than your share, it's time to concentrate your efforts, increase your effectiveness and avoid burnout. Here's some ways to do that.

**First Step:** Re-affirm your commitment to fighting the land use battles. We all need to keep fighting the good fight. You can't let burnout take you out of the battle. Every letter we write; meeting we attend; run we run; new member we recruit; we make a difference. People we keep in the fight, no matter what their role, we make a difference in the outcome. So STAY IN THE FIGHT. Tell yourself you're going to do your part; just maybe a different part from here on. That's OK.

**Second Step:** [Decide what you're really good at](#). Are you a letter-writer; a meeting person; an advisor to others; a volunteer leader who organizes others; a writer in general; or just someone who wants to give money and stay in the background?? Find your niche. This may take some soul searching.

Not all of us like to write letters, but we want to help. Not all of us can lead a run or meet face to face with some [bigwig bureaucrat](#) and feel comfortable doing it. Not all of us can take the time to attend all these seemingly endless meetings; but we still are interested in many of the meeting topics. The answer is to narrow your efforts and focus on those things you can be good at (your niche).

**Third Step:** Drop those things you're not good at. Yes, it's like the old management system called "Monkey Management" from the 1980's. In that system, everything on your chore list is a "monkey." Your objective is to either feed the monkey (keep it happy); get rid of it (if it's not yours); or shoot it! if it really doesn't need to get done at all.

So if your list of things to do, letters to write, [meetings to attend](#), etc. etc. is way longer than you can handle, (in other words some of those monkeys just aren't yours or you're not keeping them happy), GET RID OF THEM!!!

**Fourth Step:** Help others pick up what you need to drop. The sensible thing to do is to help someone else [take over those monkeys for you](#). Find another activist to jump in where you left off (or never really got started). Don't just leave your partners hanging. If folks are depending on you, find a way to transition out of something you're not good at by helping someone else pick up where you left off. It may take some "cards on the table" talks, but that's better than letting something fall off the table.

**Fifth Step:** Focus your efforts on your niche. Now that you know what monkeys you want to keep, and have gotten rid of the rest, begin to focus. Concentrate on getting really good at those things you're now doing. Make every effort count. Take classes if appropriate to improve your chosen niche. Get the pay backs. Make a difference.

We all need to be fighting the land use/public land access battles; but we all don't need to fight all the battles. We must find ways to avoid burnout in our fellow club members and keep everyone doing their part. Of course, this assumes we're all already out their joining organized recreation and recruiting new members every chance we get. That's always a given. If you follow these steps, I think you'll find we can stay in the fight and make our efforts more effective.

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