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PANTRA NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2008

Welcome New Members

Palmer Family and Rutigliano Family

Next Club Meeting October 8th at the Pizza Factory in Post Falls

Social Hour 6-7 pm General Meeting starts at 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

As always, check the online calendar and forums for details and impromptu rides

Colville NF Workshop at Colville Oct 4th

We're not out of the woods yet! The next meeting is Saturday October 4th at the Ambulance Shack next to Ronnie D's in Colville. Meeting starts at 9:00 AM, over at 3:00.

Coeur d'Alene Endurocross Oct 4th

Come out and race or support your PANTRA members. Check Forums for more information.

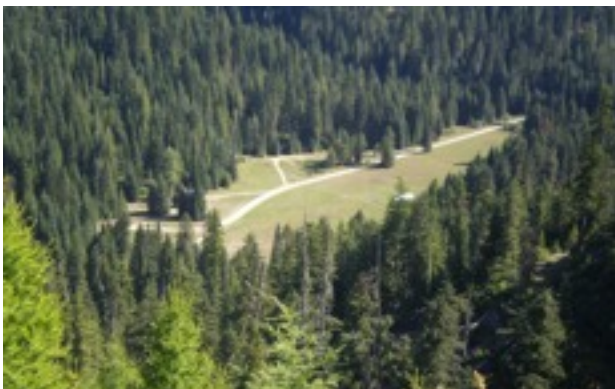
Hudlow Meadow Campout Oct 3rd- 5th

Ed is hosting a ride at Hudlow meadows on the weekend of October 3rd – 5th.

Friday will be a night ride for those who are interested at 8pm.

Saturday will be a challenging loop and start time is 10am.

Sunday will be a shorter loop and start time is 9:30am.



Hudlow Meadow

Swap Meet Oct 18th

We have talked to Debbie at Empire Cycle and Powersports and the Swap Meet is on. It is going to be held on the 18th of Oct. Everybody dig out all that dusty new and used equipment and get it ready to sell.

This year everyone is welcome, dirt bikes, street bikes and atvs. The other news is that any and all other dealers are also welcome to have a booth. We are still working out all the other details. Now is a good time to sign up on the help list. If you have not been involved with the club this event is a good time to meet the members and all the other bike nuts. Throw your name in the ring to help at yamamama@prodigy.net More information to follow in the **general** section of the forums.

Batey Bould Workday Oct 19th

Batey Bould Signage installation Oct 19th meet at the Batey Bould Trailhead 9 am on the 19th. Bring your pickup, bike, work gloves, lunch and water. The Forest Service will provide the tools and signage materials.

The Nilles Family is hosting a campout for those who want to ride on Saturday. Keep tuned to the **Lets Ride** forum for more information.

24 Hour Race Oct 25-26th at Goldendale

This year PANTRA has two teams entered in the 24 hour race. PANTRA team members are Randy, Ed, Eric, Mike, Kevin and Kert.

PANTRA Too members are Matt, Rod Brandon, Lon, and Coeur. Both teams are entered into the club class this year against other dirt bike clubs around the northwest. See the **Lets Ride forums** for other information and results after the race. We wish you luck!!!

Christmas Party December 6th

This years Christmas party will be at Q'emlin Park Trailhead Pavilion, Dec 6th from 6-10pm. We will need people to help with set up, tear down, and gathering donations. If you can help in any way contact Toni at 208-640-1744. We will also have sign up sheets at the next club meeting.

PANTRA Sweatshirts are for sale. With the weather getting colder it's a great time to get yours now. Hoodies are \$25 and Crew neck for \$20. Ask Randy at the meeting for more details.

EVENT/RIDE REPORTS

Vintage MX race at Fairfield

What a fun event!!! First of all PANTRA members helped host a Poker Run on Saturday, they expected around 30 people and around 95 riders showed up to support the event. PANTRA members Tia, Eric, Vincent, Arei, Randy, and Diane all rode together. Matt attended to one of the card stops, and Toni helped take the money at the first and last card stop.

The ride was awesome until Arei rode into a deep ditch. Fortunately she hopped off the bike and made it across, but the bike didn't. Matt said the bike hit so hard it knocked the carburetor off. Arei walked away with a good size bruise on her hip.

Sunday, Matt, Arei, and Tia entered the races in various classes. Tia had never been in a vintage race before. Andy James loaned her a bike and she was off for practice. After a small lesson from Rod on cornering, Tia did great.

Arei and Tia raced in the women's class. The first race Tia stalled on the start and Arei got the overall win. In the second race Tia walked away from the field and got the overall win. Great job to our PANTRA women for an outstanding job!



Arei and Tia ready to compete at the vintage MX race

Matt and Andy tried to beat another rider from the coast but came up short on all the races except the last when

Andy took the win. Their battle was intense with some block passed and bar banging action. Also, Matt was able to holeshoot a few of the races.



Andy 2nd and Matt 3rd racing at the Fairfield Vintage MX

LPO in August

The Schafer, Eggert, and Steiner Families went to LPO for various amounts of time during the first couple of weeks in August. Damon, Tracy, and Cathy all made it up to Granite peak. Kevin and Ed did some cutting of some of the trees that had fallen down during a couple of the summers wind storms, and played host to the Stieners who had never been to LPO before. Sounds like fun was had by all! Read more under [Ride Reports](#) in the forums.

St Maries Endurocross

Kert got 2nd place in the beginner class. The first place guy in the 2nd moto wiped out just before the finish and Kert was rounding the corner. The guy got it up and going and they were both on the finish tires together but Kert was just behind... It was fun to watch.



Vincent ran the kids race (the whole track on foot) and got about 7th and then threw up. Little girls were running it barefoot to not get their shoes muddy. It was a good event.

Batey Boulder

Matt, Randy, and Couerd played hooky from work September 24th to go clear the rest of the big blow down on 306.



Thanks to Matt James for clearing this mess of trees on 306

When they got there we were surprised to see someone took the time to get the blocks of wood out of the trail. They still cleared some other logs across the trail and rode the entire Batey to LPO system. Randy says the “Conditions were epic. Can’t wait to get up there again and ride”.

Land Use news

Washington State (DNR) Recreational Survey online

Lori, Randy, and Ryan attended the meeting in Deer Park on Sept 11th. There were many user groups there with different objectives of what they would like to see out of the DNR land over the years to come. The nice thing we learned about this meeting is that we still have a chance to have more input. Please take time and go to these websites and fill out this survey.

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEduc...ecreation.aspx>

Have in mind these questions before you go.

1. Where do you like to recreate?
2. What kinds of recreation do you enjoy?
3. How can improve your recreational experience on DNR-managed lands?

For more information about the Sustainable Recreation Work Group, visit <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEduc...ecreation.aspx>

Collaboration Workshops about Wilderness in Colville and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests

Reminder: Meeting in Colville on October 4th.

Matt attended the Pend Oreille County Workshop Sept. 20th and was the lone M/C guy amongst 40+ environmentalists. He learned a lot about what we are fighting. It was apparent that the organized environmental groups have professional people paid to attend these meetings. They tended to disrupt the groups and drag the process out. Of the three areas assigned to discuss, only one area was fully addressed and the other two passed by because there was not enough time. It was recommended that all three be designated wilderness area as if all three were fully debated.

Matt asked if he could put in further comment through email and was told he could. However, one of the paid environmentalists cried foul saying it should not be given any weight because it was one opinion and was not discuss in a group setting.

What Matt learned is that we need to be very specific in our letter writing as to the area and reasons. Know the trails that you want to keep open and explain why they are important to you. If you want to get involved and send comments, research and be specific to the area. <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/wenatchee/forest-plan>.

Thanks to everyone who showed up, brought food, and helped cook, to make the picnic at the park another great success.



PANTRA Annual Picnic at Liberty Lake Park August 2008



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