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## PANTRA NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2008

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Eric Wesselman*

*Timothy Lyman*

**Next Club Meeting November 12th 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*

#### Election Time

With November upon us it is time to get nominees in for this years elections held at the December general meeting. Nominations for the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Three Board members shall be accepted by the elections committee starting on the first of November and continuing through the the start of the general meeting held in December. Proxy, postal mail, or e-mail may cast nominations for officers at a general meeting in person.

#### Collaboration Integration Meeting

Wrap-up and report out from collaboration workshops. Saturday, November 15 - 9 a.m. to 12p.m. Institute for Extended Learning (Community College), Colville Center, 985 South Elm Street, Colville, WA 99114-2662

#### PANTRA Christmas Party Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

This years Christmas party will be at Q'emlin Park Trailhead Pavilion,, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-10pm. This year the cost will be \$5.00 per adult, kids 6-15 are \$2.50, and kids under 6 are free. Every paid dinner will receive a raffle ticket for the general drawing. You must have a current membership to attend, and renewals will be accepted at the door.

Like years past we will be doing this potluck style so, letters A-M are to bring appetizers and N-Z is to bring deserts.

We still need people to help with set up, tear down, and gathering donations. If you can help, contact Toni at 208-640-1744. We will also have sign up sheets at the next club meeting. Remember if you are to get donations from a shop they need to be called in to Toni no later than Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> so she has an inventory of what we have and what we may need.

We will have other raffles prizes, so bring your cash!

#### 2007 Christmas Party



Ken White won this bike donated by Spokane Yamaha

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

### Batey Boulder Oct. 18-19<sup>th</sup>

by Randy Nilles

First of all thanks everyone for coming up on short notice. When my family arrived on Saturday morning we were shocked to see an old friend and past PANTRA member, Guy Richardson, waiting in the parking lot. He had camped thinking I would be up Friday afternoon. Soon after, Lisa showed up, then Rick and his friend Roger. Ed was the last to arrive, but not late by any means.

The six of us headed straight up 306 because we needed to ride the Tacoma Peak loop and Boulder loop so we could report to the Forest Service on Sunday. Lisa led the way and man does she haul the mail. I would see her for about a minute then she would slowly disappear. Everyone had there moment on the way between a tip over to caught up on a switchback, but a great ride for everyone.



On Boulder peak we came across a couple trees down we had to find a way around. Another rider, Dave from Sandpoint, joined our group and rode from that point for the rest of the day. After getting over boulder, Guy headed back on the road. It was his first trail ride in three years and he was tired.

Rick and George needed to be back to there rig around 3:30, so they headed out just before the Tacoma Peak trail and that left Lisa, Dave, Ed, and myself. I had a big tip over on a rock and it must have taken me a couple of minutes to get my bike back upright. Then after that I noticed I had no rear brakes, just in time for the big rock section. So after Ed and I figured out what was wrong we bled the brakes and continued on back to the trailhead.

That evening Matt, Rod, and Brandon showed up to do a little night riding. The four of us went us 306 to 310 then back down the roads to the trailhead.

Sunday Matt, Lisa, Rod , Brando, Ryan, Dennis, Dianne, Briana, and I met with Christina from the forest service. Our objective for the day was to put up some new signs at all the junctions. The day was long but very fulfilling, we got a lot accomplished, and even got some riding in. My daughter Briana ended up riding with Christina in the forest service truck after we got far from the trailhead and had a great time riding with her.

Thanks to everyone who helped.



Rod, Christina (CNF), Matt, Ryan, and Dennis at the trailhead

### Swap Meet Oct 18th

Well the swap meet has come and gone and we now know that spring is the time of year for a motorcycle/atv swap meet!

A huge thanks go out to Empire Cycle and especially Bob and Debbie! They made this event easy to pull off! They did great advertising and helped us by staying late on Friday, and just pitching in and doing anything and everything that we asked and didn't ask! Empire Cycle rocks!

A big thanks go out to Larry and Janet for sitting with my family Friday night for early consignment, there wasn't any other then Debbie, but we chatted and just hang out! Saturday turned out to be a little chilly in the am, but nice in the afternoon. Becky was there ready to go before I even got back with the hotdog roller! The work crew was there with bells on! Thanks again to Larry, Janet, Kevin, Bo, Austin and Colby, for all of your support and work! Lori was there ready to sell something to everyone that came and looked at her stuff! I think between her and Becky they kicked but on sales!!!!

The food booth came through again for sales and the club actually broke even, so we weren't out anything but

time and energy. It was a great day of chatting and hanging out!

Look for us this spring at a motorcycle event near you!!!!!!

## 24 Hour Race at Starvation Ridge

Oct. 24-25<sup>th</sup>

First of all Thanks to PANTRA and Matt James for sponsoring two teams to race in the 24 hours at Starvation Ridge in Goldendale Wa.

Friday night the Shred Betty's hosted the annual Potluck Lasagna dinner. As always it was a success. Tony (Hayshaker) joined our teams for some lasagna, and also Per stepped in to say "hi" as well. After a long night of mingling we went to bed.



Saturday 10:00 am Kert Started for PANTRA and Brando Started for PATRA TOO. Brando got the holeshot, and PANTRA TOO never looked back from that point. All three teams including the Shred Betty's followed a rotation for their team.

As the afternoon progresses the wind died out which made for some very tricky riding. The dust just sat in the air with very little movement. At dusk it was nearly impossible to see and as night fell the helmet lights reflecting on the dust made the conditions worse. Around 11pm, the wind started to breeze again and the racing got better. Everyone was putting in better times and was enjoying the race more. As day broke again PANTRA TOO had over a two-lap lead on the PANTRA Team. Kert finished the race for PANTRA and Courd finished for PANTRA TOO



Team PANTRA Kert, Ed, Kevin, Randy, Mike, and Eric PANTRA TOO finished first in the club class and 16<sup>th</sup> overall out of 100 teams. Team PANTRA finished second in the club class almost three laps behind and not sure overall where they ended up.

## Airway Heights Scare Scramble

By Dan P.

Did anyone else survive the dust bowl yesterday? I've never raced on a track where 1/2 of it was brown talcum powder!!! One lap and my air filter was completely caked. The watered parts of the track were sweet but man, it is tough following someone and literally not being able to see your front fender...all while your front wheel bounces off 10" rocks. I know there is not much more they can do when it doesn't rain for 4 months.

Anyway, our race went OK. My partner took us to the lead of our class on lap one. I proceeded to go down hard on my first lap in one of the "brown out" sections of dust. Someone on lap two in a "brown out" then hit me from behind. I had to slow down going over a jump (someone in front of me stopped) and the guy behind me couldn't see me and his front end got wedged up the back of my bike... Then my partner crashed and broke his clutch lever off...

To make a long story short, we cost ourselves a great finish and ended up with an OK finish of 7th out of 22 guys. To make a long story short we had fun, stayed safe and got a trophy. I can't complain about that!

I hope everyone else made it out OK!!

## Land Use news

No news is good news!



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