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PANTRA NEWSLETTER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2009

Next Club Meeting February 11 at Jungle Pizza Co.

503 E Seltice Way Ste 15, Post Falls, ID 83854

SOCIAL HOUR 6-7 PM GENERAL MEETING STARTS AT 7PM

Christmas Party Report

It was another great turnout for our annual Christmas Party held on December 6th. We had about 100 people in attendance this year with lots of food and prizes.

Awards went to:

Matt James Most trail clearing hours
Ed Schafer Most improved male rider
Cathy Schafer Most improved female rider
Nolan Meehan Most improved kid rider
Toni Kaminski Crash of the year
Wally Terpstra Special recognition for club services

Thanks to Toni Kaminski for being our Christmas Party Chairperson, and everyone who volunteered to make the Christmas party another fun event.

Extra special thanks to the shops that donated to the Christmas Party:

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Presidents Note

First of all, thank you for the honor as serving as your president for 2009. From serving on the board two years ago and being Vice-President last year, I hope we can keep the club moving toward the same goals of protecting our right to ride, and having fun along the way.

I want to thank everyone who was on the board of directors last year for volunteering their time to keep our club moving toward the future.

With that, I wanted to mention that we have a new board of directors who are volunteering their time for the club.

President Randy Nilles

Vice-President Ed Schafer

Secretary Toni Kaminski

Treasure Rick Corwin

Board

Lori Jordan, Lisa Gibson, and Larry White

The board is already hard at work with new ideas for this year. We have worked on a new meeting place, an awards system, and scheduling club rides, along with new policies for the club trailer, how the treasury works, and trying to keep our membership more up to date.

We are working to make the monthly general meeting a little more fun with door prizes, and a new Supercross pool, all in a new and bigger location.

I hope you will come out and join us this year in our events. You never know, it might be worth prizes at the summer picnic in August.

Randy Nilles, PANTRA President

New Meeting Place

Jungle Pizza Co

503 E Seltice Way Ste 15, Post Falls, ID 83854
(208) 773-1500



New Events

With the new meeting place we have introduced a couple new and exiting events for this year. First of all, Tia has put together a Supercross pool. It is \$5 to join the pool and have a chance to win 50 percent of the pot.

YOU HAVE TO HAVE YOUR PICKS IN AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

Second we have implemented an awards program. When you volunteer for club events, you will now get tickets toward prizes at the summer picnic.

Red tickets are for:

Official trail clearing day

Attending Forest Service meetings

Writing a grant either for Washington or Idaho

Blue tickets are awarded for:

Random trail clearing

Written or e-mailed letters to help save trails

Help writing the newsletter

Website work

Working at PANTRA events

...such as cooking, taking pictures, marking trail, taking money, decorating, clean-up, motorcycle show, ect

Attending a general meeting

Bring a friend to the meeting and they join

Help at the Adopt-A-Road clean-up

Host a ride

Hosting Rides

This year if you would like to host a ride, and or campout weekend, please put in on the forums and E-mail it to Randy@PANTRA.org. This way we can we can get it on the calendar of events.

Upcoming Events



Once again PANTRA will have a booth at the Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show. This year the dates for the show are Feb 19th- 22nd. We will be looking for volunteers to help work at the show for various hours.

This is a great event for motorcycle enthusiast throughout the northwest and a great opportunity to show what are club is about.

If you are interested in helping, please see the forums on our website or sign up at the next general meeting.



Will and Sherri at the 2008 Motorecycle Show

Mark Your Calendar

Always check PANTRA forums for impromptu rides!!!

March 22nd 7-Mile Play day

April 4th-5th Desert 100, Odessa Wa.

April 11th Coeur d'Alene Adopt-A-Road

April 26th Ladies Ride

May 3rd Kids Ride

May 17th LPO Trail Clearing

Ride Reports

January 10

Mike Meehan, Mike Nichols, Joe Showen and Randy Nilles headed to Juniper to break the cabin fever, which has set in for most people with the record snow. The conditions were perfect with 45-degree temps, and the ground had excellent traction.

The group put in around 40 miles and had a great time. Everyone complained of sore muscles for a couple days after but well worth it.



January 17th

A group of nine club members went to ride Mattawa. The weather was a little less than to be desired for at a balmy 28 degrees and foggy. As usual, Tony (Hayshaker) was there to meet the group and take us on a great ride.

After gearing up we were off to ride through the white wonderland. The fog had been set in for days and it turns everything frosty and a little slick. Up the first ravine Randy took a header into a pile of rocks. A little further up the ravine Kurt crashed on a rock step up. After a few minutes Kurt got up and was going again.

Off to the cabin we booned through the hills. Tony took us the long way there, but nonetheless it was fun to get some miles in. The cold was brisk in the higher speed sections with a little mist from the sky and most were complaining of fogged up goggles. At the cabin we took a few minutes for a breather.



After the cabin we took a couple ravines back to the parking lot. Some of the ravines had pockets of ice in them, which made it a little sketchy. On the way down Randy was chasing Tony and crashed into a ravine from

the top about six feet down headfirst. Kurt thought Randy would be hurt as he watched the whole incident unfold. Randy was able to shake it off and ride out.

After a break at the trucks we headed off for some more fun in the ravines. We headed off the raving just off to the west of the parking area. At the rock step-up we took some time to test the durability of the rocks with our bodies and bike parts. Everyone seemed to have a hard time of it but Brian and Tony.



Thanks to Tony for the host! Thanks to Mike, Don, Brian, Rick, Joe, Rob, Eric, Larry, and Randy for attending.

Land Use

Washington DNR

ORV Safety Summit: Mark your calendars! Next year's training will be May 16 in Colville. Last year's training was well attended. Classes we're working to include are motorcycle safety, sound testing, trail etiquette and ethics, and trail maintenance. Also, you will be able to check out the latest from vendors in the business.

National

Recently, congress tried to ramrod a bill through in one weekend called the Omnibus Land Management Act of 2009 S.22. This is a public lands bill that would shut out motorcyclists out of more than 1 million acres without adequate public comment. More than 160 public lands bills have been grouped together by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. The package would create more than 1 million acres of designated Wilderness land, which would shut out all motorized vehicles. We are not out of the woods yet, so please read the forums and act accordingly to keep our trails open. Also you can help get involved with letter writing and public meetings to show support for our sport. Without the trails our bikes aren't worth anything.



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