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PANTRA NEWSLETTER MARCH/APRIL 2009

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Pagano Family, Richardson Family, Greg Stephens, Lee Steiner, Jimmy Stocker, Zachow Family

Next Club Meeting April 8, 2009 at Jungle Pizza

503 E Seltice Way Post Falls, ID 83854

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

If you have been to our monthly meeting in the last couple of months, then you know about the great new incentive we've got for our members that attend! As of February, we are now meeting at Jungle Pizza on Seltice Way in Post Falls. It's a much larger meeting room so we can fit more members in. Secondly, starting in January, we are now giving away a \$25 gift card to one of the shops at every monthly meeting. You must be present at the end to win this. January's winner was Bo Steiner. Guy Richardson was the lucky member at the February meeting. Congrats to these two members and if you would like a chance to win, just attend the next monthly meeting. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Always check PANTRA forums for impromptu rides!!!

March 13th ORV Rally in Olympia Washington to rally against bad legislation.
See the flyer in this newsletter.

March 15th Spring Mud Fling Tag Team Harescramble @ Airway Heights
<http://www.extmotorsports.com/hairscramble.asp>

March 22nd 7-Mile Play day
This is an all family, any skill level event. We may possibly have hot cocoa and hopefully food at this event. This will also show others in the parking area what PANTRA is all about. We will start around 10:00am and go until were all tired out. Hope to see you there! Hosted by Randy Nilles 509-953-7910

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

Once again we will have a PANTRA pit at the Desert 100. Contact Randy at 509-953-7910 if you are interested in camping at the race site so we can mark off an area for your equipment. If you are interested in racing go to <http://stumpjumpers.org> and pre-register.

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

April 26th Ladies Ride @ 7 Mile

May 3rd Kids Ride

May 16th DNR ORV Safety & Training Summit @ Colville

May 17th LPO Trail Clearing

EVENT/RIDE REPORTS

MATTAWA FEBRUARY 7, 2009

By Ed Schafer

Conditions were supreme on Saturday, no ice, just a little snow in the shadows, traction was awesome. There was a bit of fog that came and went throughout the day. Good first ride of the year. Met up with Eric in Moses Lake and we gave him his money's worth. Tony chimed in that he heard from other riders they saw a cougar that day. Was Tia running around out there? ☺

LIBERTY LAKE FEBRUARY 22, 2009

By Craig Zachow

Was it soupy? Yes, lots and lots of mud down low. Was there snow and ice? Yes, too much to even get up to the bowl. Was it fun? Of course - knocked the cobwebs off and temporarily defeated my cabin fever. The bike (CR500 of course) ran flawlessly, even while laying on its side in the snow a few times. Am I sore? Yep - was a lot of work trying to keep this old body upright in the snow. Lots of clutch and throttle, and a little arm pump!



Still too early... another couple weeks and it might be ready to ride up higher. Maybe even along the upper fence line. There isn't too much in the way of run off damage to the trails yet. North trailhead is clear for about 100 yards. South trailhead is snow/ice from parking lot up as far as I could ride, and it just got deeper as I went.

I was all by my lonesome until about noon, when a group of three quad 4X4's showed up, as well as one other rider toting a dual sport WR250 with DOT tires. I rode what trails I could for about two hours (til 12:30).



MOTORCYCLE SHOW FEB. 20 - 22

By Toni Kaminski & Larry White

PANTRA'S booth at the Spokane Motorcycle show was successful in bringing the PANTRA message to many during the course of the show. This year we were in the main foyer, where everyone had to walk by our booth to even get into or out of the show. We had our banner, several flyers out and a running loop of videos from years past. Thanks to the great videos, we attracted nearly everyone interested in dirt riding or trails to stop for a look, a piece of candy or a word of encouragement to join in the fun. The Kids Rides scenes were big attention getters, especially to kids.

The Canfield trail maps were very popular and many brochures with membership cards were handed out. We met a lot of great folks.

Thanks to Ed Schaefer for coordinating and all the volunteers who spent part of their weekend helping improve the public's knowledge of PANTRA'S contribution to off-roading in the region!



LAND USE NEWS

BLUE RIBBON COALITION ALERT FED LEAD LAW OUTLAW'S BIKES AND ATVS FOR KIDS

A new federal law aimed at protecting children from lead in toys has also forced a nationwide halt in sales of off-road motorcycles and recreational vehicles built for young riders, killing off a multimillion-dollar industry that was thriving despite the recession. Thousands of powersports dealers were told to halt sales of vehicles designed for children 12 and younger because of new lead restrictions in an act of Congress that took effect Feb. 10. The law passed in response to lead found in toys imported from China bans even used vehicle sales.

The Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) and the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) have urgently requested the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and federal legislators to take a common sense approach to implementation of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act's lead provisions.

SVIA and MIC have filed petitions with the CPSC for emergency relief from the provisions. They are also seeking a temporary final rule to exempt ATV and motorcycle parts in order to avoid major disruptions to enthusiasts, to the member companies' businesses, and to the companies' dealer network of thousands of small, independent businesses, which employ tens of thousands of Americans. BRC is asking all OHV users to continue to contact the Consumer Product Safety Commission and their elected officials today! Use the following links to send your comments and to contact your Congressional Representatives and the CPSC. Included below is a sample letter regarding the functional ban of all youth-oriented OHVs, which started February 10, 2009.

For more information go to the Blue Ribbon Coalition Website at www.sharetrails.org

IDAHO LEGISLATIVE ISSUES LICENSE PLATES ON OHV'S

The "license plate" bill is Senate Bill S1098 and House Bill H0098. Both bills are in their respective transportation committees awaiting action. The new amendments would delete the requirement for the restricted license plate if the OHV is operated only on roads on federal or state lands or off road. It appears to be part of a general rules amendment. Both the senate and house versions are scheduled to take effect 1/1/2010 so no relief for this year.

WASHINGTON STATE DNR UPDATES

In an effort to work more closely with the recreation enthusiasts, the Washington State DNR has implemented several new programs.

Volunteer Calendar – The DNR is working with region staff this Spring to develop a list of maintenance and construction or reconstruction projects that we need volunteer help to accomplish over the next year. A lot of routine maintenance projects are already established and those clubs' work parties will continue.

Volunteer Training – DNR is working with region staff to set up volunteer training sessions in each of the six regions this spring (March and April). They will be sending out a notice of time, place, and date in the next month so you will be able to put the training on your calendars.

Mentoring Program – DNR is developing a pilot project where we will connect youth with a volunteer project and have the club that signed up for that project act as a mentor. This will provide youth with an opportunity to: experience various outdoor recreation activities; accomplish their community service requirements for school; and receive some hands-on training from people passionate about their sport. For the clubs, it will provide an opportunity to: expose youth to their sport; teach them ethics and etiquette of the trail, and attract youth to their club. For the department and society, it will provide: an avenue to connect youth to the outdoors in a meaningful manner, and broaden the department's volunteer base.

Sustainable Recreation Work Group Summits - In January 2009, members of the Sustainable

Recreation Work Group began addressing key issues regarding recreation at a series of forums that will continue through summer 2009. In the first of 3 "waves" of forums, the work group focused on **funding** and **access**. Forums are conducted electronically, via the internet or by phone. More info can be found on the DNR website below.

ORV Safety Summit - Mark your calendars! This year's training will be May 9 at Straddleline ORV Park, between Olympia and McCleary and May 16 in Colville. Classes will include 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. If you are a vendor and want to participate, contact Christine Redmond (360) 902-1632, or CHRISTINE.REDMOND@dnr.wa.gov.

You can find the latest updates on the Recreation WACs, Planning and the Sustainable Recreation Work Group on the department's web site: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov>

WASHINGTON STATE DNR OF NATURAL RESOURCES APPROVES REVISIONS TO RECREATION RULES FEBRUARY 3, 2009

These rules become final on March 14, 2009 following the 30-day waiting period. To read the introduction and purpose of new rules and the Final Rules go to:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/Recreation/Pages/Home.aspx>

IN MEMORY OF JASON FLOM

PANTRA would like to extend our condolences to the Flom family and friends. Jason Flom passed away on February 10, 2009. He was involved in an auto accident on highway 95 that also took his father. Jason has been a PANTRA member since 2004. Batey Bould and Wallace were some of his favorite places to ride. Jason's family has requested that memorial donations be sent to PANTRA. God Speed Jason.



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