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## PANTRA NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2009

**President:** Randy Nilles  
**Vice President:** Ed Schafer  
**Secretary:** Toni Kaminski  
**Treasurer:** Rick Corwin

**Board Members:** Lori Jordan  
Larry White

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!**

Shari Bisquera, Carey Kiehn, Rich Foland, Terry Beardsley

**Next Club Meeting October 14, 2009 at Jungle Pizza**

**503 E Seltice Way Post Falls, ID 83854**

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

### UPCOMING CLUB & AREA EVENTS

Oct 10 Adopt A Road Cleanup  
Oct 14 General Meeting  
Oct 31-Nov 1 25 Hour Race at Goldendale  
Dec. 5 Christmas Party

### Adopt A Road Cleanup October 10

Adopt a road cleanup. It's time for fall clean up of Nettleton Gulch road again. Meet Saturday, October 10 at 9 am at the PANTRA adopt a street sign. It's just off 15<sup>th</sup> street on Nettleton Gulch road. Bring gloves and raingear (if needed). Bags and reflective vests for the younger workers will be provided. With lots of hands, it doesn't take more than a couple of hours, so we will be finished in time for a burger and a beer at Nosworthy's. Contact Ed at 208-819-7589 for more info. It's also posted on the forum.

### EVENT/RIDE REPORTS

#### Rewards Drawing

The rewards tickets were drawn at the Sept meeting.

The winners:

\$25 gift certificates:

CDA Honda - Sally Kagele; Westside Motorsports - Mike Meehan; Roundy's - Guy Richardson; Beaudry's - Tom Wuest; River City Yamaha - Sherri Steiner; Allsport - Toni Kaminski; Allsport - Randy Nilles; Helmet Outlet - Karley Nilles; Motion Sports - Wally Terpstra; CDA Polaris - Lori Jordan; Dave Russell's - Eric Flynn; MASH - Ed Schafer

\$100 Rocky Mountain - Matt James

\$100 Cycle Gear - Lisa Gibson

[Thank you for all of your work last year!](#)

#### October Meeting Agenda

SWAP Meet Report  
Endurocross Sponsorship  
ITMA  
Christmas Party  
LPO Trails Enforcement  
Kootenai County OHV Committee  
Notice of Board Proposed Action  
December Elections



Damon, Harley, Tracy, Cathy, Ed, Brian, and Dakota riding at Laird Park August 23, 2009

**SWAP Meet** at the MRP Endurocross September 19 and 20. Again, a successful event. Our earnings were \$77.80. We still need more gear to sell at our Swap Meets. Most of the sales were on Saturday this time. The most notable

sale was Brian Stenson's Honda CRF250. A racer came down, bought it, raced it, and took 4<sup>th</sup> place! He came back in and chatted awhile, was very pleased with it. We are going to have the SWAP Meet next year at the same place, same events. Sherri spoke to Chaun McCallister about becoming a sponsor for his events and will present it at the Oct meeting. We also had a letter drive to comment on the St. Joe Travel Plan. We collected 110 letters. There's a lot of passion out there about trail closures.



Mike Allen tapping Arei James on the shoulder to tell her he wants by at Vintage races. Didn't happen, she's just toooo fast!

### **Vintage Races at Fairfield**

What fun that was, all those vintage bikes racing the track on the hills of the Palouse. Race results for some of the Pantra members were: Arei James 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tia Flynn 3<sup>rd</sup> in Women's Vintage Intermediate class. Guy Richardson 1<sup>st</sup> in Classic 125 Novice. Matt James 1<sup>st</sup> in both the Premier 500 Exp and Vintage 50+ Exp classes. Hooray for all the racers and Rattler's Run Farms for putting on the event.

**Kootenai County OHV Committee** met Sept 10. The meeting was attended by IDPR, USFS, PANTRA, Brush Bunch, Kootenai County Parks, and Pac NW 4WD Assoc. ID Director Mark Young. That was Mark's first meeting with the committee and we are glad to get input from the 4WD users.

We talked about improving our influence with our legislative representatives. Tom W. will invite Mike Crapo's state rep for environmental issues to a meeting. We discussed trail maintenance plans and concerns with Andy Boggs and Mark Hildesheim. We have decided to focus on planning for a Kootenai County OHV Park. We discussed land acquisition, capital improvement grants from IDPR, budgeting for O&M and potential O&M funding. We want to create a plan to present to the Kootenai County Commission. One funding proposal was a Kootenai County OHV sticker that would allow free access to the OHV park- others would purchase day use. We have an OHV park steering meeting scheduled for early in Oct. Watch the forum for date, time and location. All are welcome.



Nilles girls at the Labor Day campout.

**Labor Day Weekend Campout** was from Wednesday to Monday of Labor Day weekend. Those camping were the Nilleses, Whites, Eggerts, Schafers, Paganos, Ryan and Christian Palmer, Brian Stenson, Rich Foland, James Kessler, Taco Joe Showen and Nick Hudson. Tom Wuest and Rich Cook came up for the Saturday ride. There were multiple rides each day of different groups and abilities. The kids went out with Janet Saturday morning while the men went on a challenging ride and Cathy and Cheryl took their own route. Those kids are sure good riders, start 'em young. Taco Joe blessed us with his great tacos at Saturday night potluck. Saturday night rain just settled the dust for Sunday riding. The big wind Sunday afternoon was exciting as trees creaked, cracked and fell, one on part of the Pagano's tent. Yes, there are still four members of the Pagano Tribe.

### **LAND USE NEWS**

**St Joe Travel Plan** comment period ends October 13, 2009. Tom Wuest has been very active in the development of the Travel Plan. The St Joe Ranger District is considering 3 Alternatives:

- A = do nothing, don't change anything. They are not going to do this
- B = proposed closures
- C = alternative the public came up with, it keeps more trails open than B.

See the travel plan at [www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/eco/manage/nepa/index.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/eco/manage/nepa/index.html)

**PANTRA suggests that all members send their comments to the St Joe Ranger District before October 13. PANTRA supports Alternative C, with the qualification that Prospect Creek Trail remain open to motorcycles.**

Trail #30 PROSPECT CREEK is a trail in the St. Joe Ranger District that is proposed to be closed to motorized use. This trail is the only trail connection and loop from Mastadon Mt. and trail #4 Cedar Creek. It is used to form the loop with Cedar Mt. and the N.F. St. Joe Area. This trail

has been used heavily as a main route by motorized since about 1972 and before. The loss of this trail would create a great loss to riding and loops in that area. Trail #158 Foolhen has been suggested as a trail to use as a trade for #30 Prospect. Foolhen is too steep and could cause erosion problems if used as a main route for motorized. Foolhen #158 is not used now much and does not create the link needed to form the loop with #4 Cedar Creek and to connect with Cedar Mt. and the N.F. area. There would be too much road riding (3-4 miles) and create a hazard with full sized vehicles on a narrow road. Trail #30 Prospect Creek has been the main route for over 30 years, maintained by the motorized people, is a main connection between two riding areas, is necessary to form the loop trail system and by trading Trail #158 Foolhen, would still provide the wildlife area desired.

**110 letters were written at the SWAP meet Sept 19!! Sherri Steiner and Janet White hand delivered them to the St Joe Ranger office in St. Maries. Let's add more letters. Send yours to:**

Charles A. Mark, District Ranger,  
St. Joe Travel Management EA,  
St. Joe Ranger District,  
222 S 7th Street, Suite 1,  
St. Maries, ID 83861  
Fax: (208)245-6052  
Email: [comments-northern-idpanhandle-stjoe@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-northern-idpanhandle-stjoe@fs.fed.us)

## LPO Singletrack Being Invaded By Quads

During Labor day weekend campout and riding, quad riders were encountered by a group of our riders. At the first encounter, on Tacoma and Ruftac, they were informed they were on single track trails. The trails are clearly marked as such. Later in the day on Green Mountain, the same quad rider with his bike buddies were discovered. Their attitude was "Why shouldn't we ride anywhere we can?" The same day, Cheryl Eggert and Cathy Schafer were almost run off a trail by a quad, he didn't slow down, move over or stop. We need to stop these guys before the trails get torn up more or someone gets hurt (like our ladies or kids) Ed took the sticker # 382477A (WA ORV) and is working on contacting and reporting law enforcement. He's having trouble contacting by telephone. Ryan Forsberg is trying to head up an effort to push the DNR & FS to enforce the rules up there. He plans to have a meeting in late Oct or early Nov with interested parties and would like PANTRA to be a part of the effort.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING SUMMARY

**IDPR OHV training.** Randy Nilles took the 2 day course and is now certified OHV trainer through IDPR. There will be a fall trainer course for those of you who want to become a volunteer OHV trainer through IDPR.

**ITMA State Ride 2010** PANTRA is due to hold the state ride in 2010 if we remain members. The club has voted twice to withdraw from ITMA. Discussion will continue in October.

**Notice of Board Proposed Action** At the September meeting, we discussed the idea of allowing the Board to take care of some of the more routine operations of the club, so the meetings can be devoted to more social time and riding plans. The intent is to lessen the amount of time spent on discussing expenditures to have more time for

other issues and entice more members to attend. The Board will present the Proposal in the October meeting for discussion. There are several opinions on how necessary or desirable this Proposed Action is and WE NEED UNPUT from our members. Come to the October meeting to be involved in the discussions. If you can't make the meeting, get involved via the thread on the Forums or Email or call a board member or email [pantranewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pantranewsletter@gmail.com)

**Trail clearing:** ongoing trail clearing is needed with the wind storms. If you carry your saw or check out a PANTRA saw and clear trail be sure to keep track of your dates, mileage, # of people, equipment used and post it on the PANTRA forum under trail clearing. We get reimbursement for hours of clearing, so the more we document, the more \$\$\$ the club gets.

**25 hour race** at Goldendale: A PANTRA team has been named: Randy Nilles, Ed Schafer, Rick Corwin, Rod Shaffer, Brandon Shaffer and Kert Whitaker. Alternates might be needed. If anyone else is interested in being involved contact Randy Nilles at 509-953-7910.

**Christmas Party** is December 5, 2009 at the old Grange hall on Seeley in Post Falls, just south of Seltice. We changed because the hall is less expensive, alcohol is allowed and we can stay later. We voted to have a BBQ potluck this year and White Elephant gift exchange. We need a Christmas party committee. So far Toni Kaminski and Janet White have volunteered.

**Blue Ribbon Coalition** membership drive continues.

**Colville Travel plan maps** are out.

**Kootenai County OHV** committee meetings

**St Joe Travel plan** 30 day comment period

## INTRODUCTIONS

My name is Christopher Wiese and my wife is Angela. I am the Finance Manager for Spokane County Sheriff's Department. I've held a brief flying career with American Eagle Airlines. I try to stay associated with flying through the Civil Air Patrol. I am currently a Fire Commissioner for Timberlake Fire District. Angela is a Registered Nurse and works in the E.R. department of Kootenai Medical.



We live south of enchanting Athol. We have two boys, Jonathon (7yo) and Michael (3yo.) We've had an interest in riding for some time. When Jonathon turned 3, we bought his first dirt bike, a used Honda CRF50. While he wasn't riding yet, we thought it would be additional incentive for him to start riding his bicycle. As it turns out he was riding when he turned four. There wasn't a lot of interest on his part to ride though, because we ourselves didn't have bikes. This was my chance. This was how I, myself was going to get a dirt bike. "It's for the kids! You do love our children, don't you?" My infallible logic sealed the deal and I was off researching my next toy. I approached it like any other project with little funding, a lot of research and talking with people. Six months later, I chose my 2002 KTM 250 EXC (used from

Boise.) Ang is next. I've started asking questions and putting a short list together for her to try out. Hopefully next summer she'll be riding. Jonathon will be upgrading next year too. Michael's all set. Good 'ol hand-me-downs! Until Michael is riding a dirt bike, Ang will continue riding him around on the four-wheeler.

As for our favorite riding area, to date, it's got to be Canfield. Yeah, I know, that's where I provided a lot of entertainment for folks riding with me and that's where I broke my thumb. But, what a blast. I can't wait to get out there again. My brother just got his first dirt bike, too - a 2001 KTM 250 EXC, with barely any scratches. I told him, "Don't get too wrapped up in a perfect dirt bike. If it looks new, you aren't challenging yourself." At least that's what I tell myself. To quote Joe's T-shirt at the Canfield ride: RIDE IT, BREAK IT, FIX IT.

I can't wait to meet more people in PANTRA. I can't say enough good things about the people we have met. PANTRA is a great club and it's the members that make it what it is.

Send your introduction to [pantranewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pantranewsletter@gmail.com)

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