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## PANTRA NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2009

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

**Board Members:** Lori Jordan  
Larry White

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!**

Jim Sullivan family, Dan Huges

**Next Club Meeting November 11, 2009 at Jungle Pizza**

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

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

### Upcoming Events

Oct 31-Nov 1 25 hour race at Goldendale  
November 8 Horn Rapids Harescramble  
November 11 General Meeting  
December 5 Christmas Party  
December 9 Election of officers

### November Meeting Agenda

Motorcycle show registration  
Assigned board duties  
Christmas party  
Mail ballots for December elections?

### 24 Hour Race at Goldendale

It's coming up on Halloween weekend. There are Pantra members on several teams, as well as a Pantra sponsored team. More information on the Pantra Forums. We'll look for race reports in next months' newsletter.

### Horn Rapids Harescramble Sunday Nov. 8th

Put on by EWDRA in Richland, WA. It is a great local event. Lots of sandy corners and whoops.

### Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party is being held at the Iva Lee Dance Hall located at 114 S. Seeley in Post Falls, starting at 5 PM. We are planning a BBQ potluck with PANTRA supplying hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, pop and water. Beer and wine are allowed so bring your own.

Last Names Bring:

A - H	Salads or side dish
I - P	Desserts
Q - Z	Appetizer

Activities include White Elephant gift exchange. If you wish to participate, bring a gift with a value no greater than \$10.00. The kids will have their own exchange, with the value being no greater than \$5.00.

If you want to be on the Christmas Party committee, contact Toni K. [goddessstoni@roadrunner.com](mailto:goddessstoni@roadrunner.com)

### St. Joe Ranger District Travel Plan followup:

Bo Steiner, Larry and Janet White went to the open house on Oct 15 in St Maries. It was an informal affair with the maps spread out on tables and the forest service people available for questions. We found them very open to suggestion and proposals concerning motorized recreation.

I want to report that Prospect Creek, Trail 30 is no longer closed on Alternative C. They have closed Foolhen to motorized instead. YEAH, and thank all of you for your letters and comments. It's great to work with an agency that is willing to work WITH the users. Thank you St Joe Ranger District for listening to the public.

### Elections, officer duties

December elections are coming up. The procedure for electing officers and board members is:

- Nominations are accepted by the Election Committee from the first of November through the start of the December general meeting
- Nominations may be cast at a meeting in person, by proxy, postal mail or e-mail
- Election committee is Toni Kaminski, Larry White, and Lori Jordan

- All nominees will be contacted so they can accept or decline the nomination
- Election is held at the December meeting
- Individuals are allowed to run for every position, but only obtain one
- Order of election is President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, three Board Members
- Election is by written ballot and won by simple majority
- Officers assume office on January 1.

If you accept a nomination, be prepared to fulfill the duties of the position.

Duties of the Officers and Board are:

President – Supervise and control business affairs of club and assist other officers.

Vice President – Assist President, Manager of Physical Assets

Secretary – Record keeping, correspondence

Treasurer – Receive and keep all money and financial records

3 board members - perform duties at the request of the membership

Duties proposed to be coordinated by board members include categories of Membership, Land use issues, and Pantra events. Committees and contact people would report to their board member, who would report in board meeting. Then the board would summarize in the general meeting.

## EVENT/RIDE REPORTS

### Mad River, Entiat



Joe Showen at Mad River Entiat

Ride report from Joe Showen: I went with Randy Nilles and the Brush Bunch to Mad River Entiat the weekend of October 3 & 4. What an awesome place to ride, it's my new fave. It gives a new meaning to narrow Cliffside riding: DON'T LOOK OVER THE EDGE, it's a long, long way down, lots of brake sliding switchbacks and seemingly endless climbs. I made Joe-Tacos Saturday night. The forest service takes exceptional care of the trails. Best trip of the year by far. Next year I plan to stay a full week and hit all the trails in the area.



Randy Nilles at Mad River Entiat

### Batey Boulder

Diane Herzer and Lisa Gibson cleared Batey Boulder trails in September. There were massive blow downs from the Labor Day storms. Diane posted some beautiful pictures on the forum, the views of the valley and fall colors are just spectacular. Way to go girls, I'm sure riders coming after you greatly appreciated your hard work.

On October 11 there were quite a few riders using Batey Boulder. Tia, Eric, Kert and stopped at the Crossroads for breakfast and ran into Randy, Matt, Lonnie and Joe Kopp and friends. Tia's report: We had a pretty good ride. I was doing ok until Eric took the wrong turn and we started the Tacoma loop and I realized I really wasn't having much fun at this point. Kert had to ride my bike down a few nasty spots and my ego was starting to hurt. I had to pick up my bike a few times. Ran into a few folks on the trail like Per and Dave Russell. Dave said he saw Lisa by herself on the Tacoma trail.

Randy said the trails were dusty and it was a chilly ride. There were some blow downs but 306 was cleared all the way to LPO. Thanks go to Matt James and Dave Russell's crew for clearing that day.



Diane Herzer clearing Batey Boulder

## LAND USE NEWS

### Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance

WOHVA files lawsuit to block transfer of ORV funds to State Parks. The Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance has teamed up with the Northwest Motorcycle Association to file a lawsuit against the State of Washington to block the transfer of over **9.5 million dollars in off road vehicle funds** from the Nonhighway and Offroad Vehicle Activities (NOVA) account to State Parks. This spring the WA Legislature passed House Bill 1244, which transferred the money out of the NOVA account. ORV recreation would not be funded. Period. Trails and areas would be closed, jobs lost. Contact your WA State Representative to let them know this is not acceptable. Do not re-elect representatives that voted to steal these funds.

### Idaho

The same thing is happening in Idaho. The state legislature voted at the end of the last session to take the gas tax money out of the ORV Trails fund and put it into the general fund. Let your state legislators know this is unacceptable.

A letter can be prepared for you to send. Email Lori the following info at [pantratrails@hotmail.com](mailto:pantratrails@hotmail.com) as soon as possible:

1. Your full name
2. email address
3. snail mail address
4. legislative district
5. If possible a couple of sentences of your thoughts on the matter.
6. strength of letter: mild. medium or strong

You can look up your State Legislative District info here:

<http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/who'smylegislator.htm>

### OHV committee report

The committee met October 7<sup>th</sup> to begin the planning process for a North Idaho OHV Park. We started with our concept of the ideal elements for a complete OHV park. Our ideal park would include a national class motocross track also usable for snow-cross races, a 4WD rock crawl area suitable for observed trials events, endurocross capability, mudbog for ATVs and 4WDs, perhaps sprint boat capable, a hill climb, RV park, a visitors center building with office, and a meeting/training room, space for vendors and a concession stand, OHV training area, kids riding area adjacent to the RV Park, and a parking lot. We also need enough acreage for an ATV and single track trail network.

We have copies of business plans with budgets for other OHV parks, and also discussed possible land purchase and lease options. The ideal site would offer connectivity to USFS trail networks.

Our goal now is to create a business plan with an operation, equipment and maintenance budget, a land acquisition plan with possible funding options, and seek support from the Kootenai County Commissioners and the local OHV community. We're on our way.

## INTRODUCING the Bertone family



Andrew, Amy, Steve, Brendan, and Conrad Bertone

Steve and Amy Bertone live in the Indian Trails area of Spokane. They enjoy family riding with their boys. Andrew, Brendan, and Conrad are doing great on their PW 80s, loving trail riding and even finding a few jumping opportunities at Liberty Lake ORV. Steve recently moved up to a KTM 380 EXC from his 200. Now he just has to get it out on the trails and see what it can do. That Honda CRF 100 looks just right for Amy. We look forward to seeing you on the trails.

### October meeting summary

**Board proposed action.** It was proposed that the board take over more functions of the club. The Board Members will head up various club duties including: Membership, Land Use, and Club Events. Any committees would report to the Board. It was discussed that the Board may begin to meet more frequently, maybe every month and these meetings would be open to all members. Outcome from Board Meetings would be reported in general meetings.

It was suggested that General Membership Meetings could be held every other month. Meetings would be 30 – 60 minutes long with time for projector pictures of recent rides, talks of rides taken, plans for group activities. All of the long discussions would take place at board meetings.

There are concerns that meeting attendance is low because the meetings are too long and boring. And some members feel that Pantra has turned into a racing club and needs to focus on family oriented rides instead of so many advanced only rides.

**MRP Promotions Sponsorship.** Sherri presented the idea of sponsoring MRP. Basically, for \$500.00 a year we would be allowed to hold our swap meet during two endurocross events at CdA, have booths at other enduro and arenacross events, and get billing on MRP advertisements. We would be able to promote user education, land use issues, letter writing campaigns and spread the word about PANTRA

Marc Hildesheim was guest speaker. He introduced the **OHV Trail Ambassador program** which will train private citizens to work with federal, state, and local land managers and law enforcement in Idaho to promote responsible OHV recreation on public, state, and private lands. The purpose will be to educate the public on responsible land use and riding, identify and record road, trail and other resource



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issues, report misuse of lands, and participate in special projects to enhance OHV areas in Idaho.

This program fits well with PANTRA's purpose: education and responsible trail use. There is a possibility of a class in November. For more information or to sign up for the class, contact Marc Hildesheim [mhildesheim@idpr.idaho.gov](mailto:mhildesheim@idpr.idaho.gov)

**Nettleton Gulch gate** will not be closed this year. The stated purpose was to keep hunters from dumping deer carcasses near the creek. Many groups opposed the gate, not only the trail users but Lakes Highway District foresaw problems with snow plowing. The plows turn around at the lower parking lot. Any users would be parking below the gate, clogging the road, making it difficult for road equipment to navigate.

**ITMA withdrawal.** It was decided that PANTRA would withdraw from the ITMA because the group is mainly a southern Idaho group and we felt we were not receiving representation in any decisions made by ITMA. We will not be hosting the state ride and Randy has contacted the ITMA to inform them of our decision.

**Renew membership in Blue Ribbon Coalition** \$100.00 – voted yes

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