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PANTRA NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2010

President: Larry White
Vice President: Bo Steiner
Secretary: Janet White
Treasurer: Sherri Steiner

Board Members: Steve Bertone
Mike Meehan
Randy Nilles

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Next Club Meeting January 13, 2010 at Pizza Factory

3904 E. Mullan Ave. Post Falls, ID 83854

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

Upcoming Events

January 13 General Meeting
Jan 30 Ladies Weekend at Quinn's
Feb 12 – 14 Motorcycle Show

Meeting Agenda

WOHVA donation
New Banner
Motorcycle show and signup
BRC donation
7 mile kid's area construction
Board duties
Lake Elsie letters
IDFG Farragut Shooting Range Grant

The all you could eat pizza and pop at December's meeting was a hit. Come and enjoy on January 13 !!!!

Election of Officers

New officers for the 2010 year are:

President Larry White
Vice President Bo Steiner
Secretary Janet White
Treasurer Sherri Steiner
Board Steve Bertone
 Mike Meehan
 Randy Nilles

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the outgoing officers of 2009: Randy Nilles, Ed Schafer, Toni Kaminski, Rick Corwin, Lori Jordan, and Larry White. Thank you for serving PANTRA.

Introducing the new Officers for 2010



Steve Bertone, Bo Steiner, Larry White, Randy Nilles, Janet White, Sherri Steiner, Mike Meehan

Larry and Janet White live in Post Falls and are active in riding and camping with their 2 boys. They've been members for 2 years. Bo and Sherri Steiner live in Otis Orchards, have been members for 6 years and are frequent riders with their 2 teenage boys. Steve Bertone rides with his family, wife Amy and 3 boys, joined Pantra last year and lives in north Spokane. Randy Nilles has been a member for 4 years, served as President last year as well as Vice President the year before. He and his family live in Greenacres area. Mike Meehan and his family live in Coeur d'Alene, have been members 4 years. Mike and his son Nolan ride.

Ladies Weekend at Quinn's Hot Springs

Calling all PANTRA Ladies and Wives!! It's time for the third annual ladies' weekend at Quinn's Hot Springs!! This year it will be the weekend of January 30. Just think - hot mineral pools, fabulous restaurant, spirits from the bar make for a relaxing fun filled girls' weekend. Reservations are needed for lodging, so plan early. Contact YamaMama or Janet White through the forums, call the number on the newsletter, or email the pantratrails@hotmail.com for more information. All are welcomed to come. It's a great get away and a great way to get to know the other ladies in the club.

Motorcycle Show

The Motorcycle Show is scheduled for February 12th-14th, 2010. PANTRA is sponsoring a booth to promote our club. We need members to volunteer to attend the booth to provide info on PANTRA. Work at the booth will provide free admittance into the show. Volunteers can view the schedule on the forum and reply for their scheduled times or email Randy@PANTRA.org or call **509-953-7910**

Updated Member Address List

We are updating the PANTRA membership address and email list. If you have not been receiving a newsletter in the mail, your name is not on the mailing list and we need your information. Enclosed is a form to fill out and return. It can be mailed in, or you can email or phone the information. Also, your information can be sent to YamaMama or Janet White via the forums. We are eliciting information about names, address, telephone, email, preferred route to receive newsletter, and areas of interest in the club.

EVENT/RIDE REPORTS

Christmas Party



The PANTRA Christmas Party was held at the IvaLee Dance Hall in Post Falls. The traditional raffles were joined by a new white elephant gift exchange to provide surprises and laughs. The potluck menu combined with grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausages was consumed with delight. The new location for the club was able to contain the nearly 100 PANTRA members and guests.

Members were greeted by Santa selling raffle tickets and tables graced with holiday centerpieces. The slide show reminded us of rides of the past year and provided entertainment while we ate.



Tia's new KTM accessory

A rare and unique coconut bra was the surprise star of the gift exchange and rumors have emerged of a large order being placed by Victoria's Secret to meet the demand for motorcycle themed cocoanuts.

A fine time was had by all and many thanks to Cathy Schafer, Toni Kaminski, Janet White, Tia and Eric Flynn for the decorations and the hall, Randy Nilles for the slide show and setting up, Ryan Palmer, Jake Moorhead and Larry White for the grilling and all the members who helped with set up, greeting, the potluck, and the clean up. We need to thank Randy Nilles, Terra Lynn, Rick Corwin, Don Grome, Joe Showen, Ed Schafer, Tom Wuest, Adam Tachell, Larry White and Toni Kaminski for securing donations from our dealers. We also especially need to thank Allsport, Beaudry Motorsports, Coeur d'Alene Honda, Coeur d'Alene Polaris, Cycle Gear, Dave Russell's KTM, Hanson's in Oroville, Helmet Outlet, Iron Pony.com, M.A.S.H., Motion Sports, River City Yamaha, Rocky Mountain MC.com, Roundy's Kawasaki, Specialty Recreation, and Spokane Powersports, for their kind donations.

Nettleton Cleanup December 5th



PANTRA members and Lakes Highway District Employees joined December 5th to do a final clean-up of Nettleton Gulch before winter weather closes access. Workers collected trash, deer, elk and moose carcasses, a washing machine and a vintage automobile. Many thanks to Lakes Highway District Engineer (and PANTRA member) Eric Shanley for the help of District equipment and the volunteer efforts of the District Employees to help maintain this key access to the trail network.

LAND USE NEWS

Lake Elsie Developed Site Rehabilitation

The CdA River Ranger District is considering a proposal to manage dispersed recreation at Lake Elsie near the St. Joe Divide. Located at the end of Big Creek Road (FS Road 2354), Lake Elsie is a popular recreation destination. People enjoy camping along the shore of the lake and riding their motorcycles on Trail 106 at the northeast end of the lake. They are proposing to develop the area with 10 campsites, two day-use areas, two parking areas, one near the lake and one near Trail 106. Trail 106 trailhead is going to be rerouted to avoid the creek. Rerouting of the trailhead is to be done at the same time as the other work. The trail will not be closed at any time. The letter from the Forest Service will be posted on the Pantra Forums as well as copies provided at the January meeting. The comment period is through January 31, 2010. There will be an opportunity to write letters at the January general meeting.

Kootenai County OHV Advisory Committee

The Committee participated in a meeting with the ID Panhandle Forest Service, IDPR Commissioner Steve Klatt, members of the staff of US Sen. Jim Risch, County Commissioner Rick Currie, and members of the Committee. The goal of the meeting was to begin work on a partnership between user groups, IDPR Staff and the Forest Service to increase maintenance on trail systems so that future trail closures are not necessary. Work on acquisition of land for the OHV Park continues.

Idaho Fish & Game Request for Grant Support

IDFG has asked PANTRA to support their Grant Request for improvements to the Farragut Shooting Range. Improvements include building new access and safety/noise mitigation improvements to the Range. We will be discussing this issue at the January meeting. In the past IDFG has been one of the major factors in closing OHV trails throughout the State with claims of impacts on wildlife habitat that are not always substantiated with any facts or research. We definitely need to consider this request for support carefully and see if we can use it to open the door for discussion on their past practices.

December General Meeting

~~Andy Boggs from the CdA River Ranger District joined our meeting provide information about Chilco Trail 14 Maintenance Project. All of Chilco is now non motorized. Trail 14 work will be for non motorized use only. It will be 3 – 4 years before the CdA River Ranger District will consider Chilco for motorized again, including building a new trail.

Andy Boggs also talked about the planned development of the Fernan Trailhead Parking Area access to Canfield Mountain. They have \$50,000 in funding. It was unclear when the work would begin. Andy Boggs was asked about the gate on Nettleton. It was never meant to keep motorcycles and ATVs out, just to prevent illegal dumping. It is going to remain open. Andy complimented the recent cleanup work.

~~Marc Hildesheim and Dani Hilde from IDPR also joined us to discuss the Trail Ambassador Program. If there is enough interest they will have a class this winter. We need to get a list of people who want to attend the training.

~~WOHVA donation. Some question about how much we can donate in a year. Randy checked and we can donate as much as we want, just not more than \$500.00 each time. It will be addressed at the general meeting in January. The plan remains to donate the Cost Share Agreement money received from Batey Bould to WOHVA.

~~Blue Ribbon Coalition. Larry is going to check out donating to their organization and discuss it in January's meeting.

~~Seven Mile - Pantra was contacted to help build the Kids Area. Work will start at the end of March. Pantra had already helped work on fencing for the Kids Area several years ago, but the funding dried up. Sherri is going to call Ranger Moose Kemple, to get details.

~~Tables. Eric Flynn once again borrowed tables for Pantra for the Christmas party. **Thank you Eric.** It was proposed that since we continue to need tables, we should buy some or rent them. We can also be on the lookout for donated tables.

~~MRP Productions Sponsorship. Sherri has been in contact with Chaun McAllister and he agreed to accept Pantra's sponsorship for \$500.00 a year. It will include advertising of the SWAP Meet at the two MRP events in CdA as well as having a table at the other events for PANTRA's use. It was previously approved in the October 09 meeting to spend \$500.00

~~Larry asked for grant ideas: laptop, projector and screen for educational purposes. Any other ideas, contact Larry through the forum.

~~ New Pantra Banners. Membership approved \$500.00 for new banners. Randy has arranged to have two new Pantra Banners made with the new graphics that are on the trailer. One will be 4 ft x 10 ft and the other 3 ft x 6 ft. The initial cost estimate is \$361.00

December Board Meeting

The board transition meeting was held on 12-16-2009. Outgoing PANTRA Officers met with the new Board to hand over duties. Plans for the upcoming year were discussed.

Board appointed duties were discussed. The duties were divided among the new Board. Steve Bertone is coordinating Land Use and Legislative Issues. Mike Meehan is coordinating Membership. Randy Nilles is Events Coordinator. They will be asking for members help in these broad categories.

Larry White's goals for the club in this year are to promote more family rides and events and to increase the membership by 25%.

Steve and Mike would like to promote family dual rides every week. They would like to have an adults ride in the morning and kids ride in the afternoon.

Larry wants to have a beginner/intermediate ride at each of the riding areas to introduce new members to the trails.





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Other ideas are to build a Facebook page for PANTRA information, change the contact email for the club, to have the assets list available at meetings, and to have the dates set for spring rides and brochures available at Motorcycle show.

The PANTRA Facebook page has been made. The direct link:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/PANTRA-Panhandle-Trail-Riders-Association/206443559177>

Thank you Steve Bertone



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