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## PANTRA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2009

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

**Board Members:** Lori Jordan  
Larry White

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Brian Wiese, Adam Tachell, Chris and Erin Clark

Next Club Meeting December 9, 2009 at Pizza Factory

3904 E. Mullan Ave. Post Falls, ID 83854

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

### Upcoming Events

December 5 Christmas Party  
December 9 Meeting and Elections  
Feb 12-14 Motorcycle Show

### Meeting Agenda

Election of Officers  
Andy Boggs from CdA Ranger District  
Motorcycle show  
WHOVA donation  
New Pantra Banner

**December meeting is at The Pizza Factory.** The new owner is offering all you can eat Pizza, breadsticks, and pop for \$7.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child for the meeting. It is a great place with great pizza, but the meeting room is too small. We need ideas for a meeting place that has food and space. Jungle Pizza is closed.

### Christmas Party

The Christmas party is on Saturday December 5 at the IvaLee 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.

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 for this. The kids will have their own exchange, with the value being no greater than \$5.00.

### Yearly Awards

Each year at the Christmas party, awards are presented. The Categories are:

Best Crash  
Best Female Rider  
Best Male Rider  
Best Kid Rider  
Most Improved Rider  
Legislative Champion  
Most Trail Clearing Hours  
Most Active New Member

This is a very fun event! Send your votes to [toni@pantra.org](mailto:toni@pantra.org) by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Election of officers

December elections are coming up. Send your nominations in to: [toni@pantra.org](mailto:toni@pantra.org). You may also mail them to the PANTRA address, or phone one of the election committee Members (Toni Kaminski, Larry White, Lori Jordan). Elections will be held at the December 9 meeting. We are electing President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 board members. The board members will coordinate tasks of Membership, Land use issues, and PANTRA events.

### EVENT/RIDE REPORTS

#### PANTRA Trailer

The PANTRA trailer continues to be a work in progress. Recently Eric Flynn installed electrical, including wiring for 120 V receptacles. There is also 12 volt lighting for the interior with truck supply. It is fitted with 4 chocks for bikes. There are racks for 2 brush saws and 4 chain saws. Of course, it has those wonderful PANTRA graphics. Thank

you Eric for your addition to the trailer. Remember members, you can borrow the PANTRA trailer. The vice president (Ed Schafer) oversees the club's assets.

## November Snow riding

### McCroskey State Park



Steiners and Whites camping and riding at McCroskey

Bo, Sherri, Austin, and Colby Steiner along with Larry and Janet White camped for the October 25 weekend at McCroskey. It was cold but clear and beautiful.

Just 2 weeks later on November 8, McCroskey wasn't nearly as friendly. Larry White, Don Grome and Bo Steiner going for a day ride didn't plan on riding in the snow. At least Larry found out his Michelin S12XCs had terrific traction in the snow and wet clay.



Don and Bo at McCroskey

### Independence Creek

Eleven hardy souls met at Weber Saddle to ride Independence, encountering SNOW. They rode Independence and some made it up to Magee. There are pictures and accompanying stories on the forum. As Randy said, this could be the last ride on Magee, as that trail is closed next year. Can't let a bit of snow slow you down!

Steve Bertone: I witnessed the true character and camaraderie of this group (new folks to me). It was both fun and inspiring, which readily offset the challenges posed by the conditions. I'd absolutely love to ride and learn more with this bunch again -- sun, rain or snow -- truly a pleasure.



George White, Rick Corwin and Brian Pagano at Magee

## Halloween Fun



The Count, Witch, and Jester with Dakota

All who rode Liberty Lake ORV were surprised when trick-or-treaters arrived. Dakota was ready with candy for the tricksters. Hmmm, someone looks familiar.

## LAND USE NEWS

### Help save Reiter Foothills Recreation Area.

The 10,000 acre Reiter Foothills State Forest is a continuous block of forest land located in Snohomish county 30 miles east of Everett between Gold Bar and Index. The state forest is sandwiched between highway 2 and Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources has released its Draft Reiter Foothills Forest Recreation Plan. While we support making Reiter an official ORV area, there is serious concerns about the current plan. Historically about 4000 acres of the 10,000 acre area being studied has been used by ORV. The DNR plan proposes limiting motorized use to about only 1100 acres. Even though the DNR research shows that offroad motorcycling is the most popular use, the plan contains no specific mention of facilitating it. The way things currently stand there is no guarantee that there will be any single track trails open to motorized use.

More information on the plan can be found by following this link:

[http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/Topics/RecreationPlanning/Pages/amp\\_rec\\_reiter\\_foothills.aspx](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/Topics/RecreationPlanning/Pages/amp_rec_reiter_foothills.aspx)

**YOU** can help correct this injustice by providing written comments to the DNR before December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, [sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov) or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington..98504-7015

Reference SEPA File No. 09-111001 at the start of your comments.

In addition to sending your comments to the SEPA center, please send a copy to the Commissioner of Public Lands, Peter Goldmark at [CPL@wadnr.gov](mailto:CPL@wadnr.gov),

There is more information of the Pantra Forums, including a sample letter. Let's help the west side dirt bikers keep this important are open.

## Chilco Trail 14

Andy Boggs is coming to the December PANTRA meeting to discuss the work to be done on Trail 14. This is in response to the concerns written in the letters to the CdA Ranger District.

Lori Jordan also asked Andy if there was a chance to increase our CSA for our work on the CDA River Ranger District. Andy replied that he would address it at the Dec. meeting.

## Introducing the Lynn Family



Mark, Tera, Sam, and Sara Jane Lynn joined PANTRA in 2009 after successful adventures at both the kid's and ladies rides. They can be found at times at 7-mile, Liberty Lake, Canfield, LeClerc, or Christmas Hills, but most often at LPO. Sam this year at age 11 rode the final rock to Granite Peak. The rock was the last obstacle of the loop to conquer. Sara Jane at age 9 has ridden all of the system except Granite and the Radar Dome. Mark rides a 200exc that makes up for its smaller size with an assortment of dings, dents and leaks. Tera rides a CRF150F which recently had the seat foam replaced with the same foam as the Space Shuttle. That should speed her up! Sam rides an XR100 and Sara Jane rides a CRF70 both with custom sticker packages. They live in the Spokane Valley and are looking forward to upcoming rides / campouts with PANTRA.

## November meeting summary

### 24 hr race reports

Pantra team of Rick Corwin, Ed Schafer, Adam Tachell, Tom Wuest, Randy Nilles, Kert Whitaker won in the club class. Placing was 27 out of 119 teams. Finished 22 laps They all "had a blast". The team brought the trophy to show. Way to go.

The Shred Betty's – Tia Flynn and Sally Kaegele were the Pantra members on the team. They were the only all women's team. The team finished 62 / 119. They won best costume by wearing a cow suit with the udders on the back side and the cow face on the back of helmets. Prize was a trail tech X2 headlight. Good job racing!

Bart Moorhead was on Team 214, which took 4<sup>th</sup> in 40 amateur class

### Christmas Party

Christmas Potluck discussed, food budget of \$300.00 and prizes budget of \$999.00 approved.

Toni Kaminski is the resource person for the party and the money.

Randy will bring an easy up to cook under. Volunteer cooks are Daryl Tachell, Tom Wuest, Ryan Palmer, Jake Moorhead, Adam Tachell and Larry White. Santa is coming. Tia Flynn will bring movie and microphone equipment. Eric Flynn is arranging for extra tables

### Chilco Trail 14

Relocation and Reconditioning project information was presented by Randy. A map showed the reroutes which consisted of adding switchbacks to lessen the grade, repairing tread and drainage. The project only addressed trail 14 from road 406 to Chilco Saddle. We want the trail to continue to connect with Bunco. We also want trail 14A reopened. Eighteen letters were written at the meeting and delivered to the CdA Ranger District office. As a result of the letters, Andy Boggs contacted PANTRA and is coming to the December meeting to discuss Trail 14. We will also discuss increasing the cost share agreement.

### Motorcycle Show

Voted to have a booth at the show again this year. Lori is organizing the volunteers for manning the booth. We will have a schedule for you to sign up on at the Christmas Party & the December Meeting. We will need volunteers to help with set up on Feb 11, Tear Down on Feb 14 & manning the booth for two hour shifts each day the show is open, Feb 12, 13, and 14. More info on the forums & you can pick your preferred volunteer hours on the forums, at the meetings or by emailing Lori at [pantratrails@hotmail.com](mailto:pantratrails@hotmail.com). Thank you, Lori Jordan for working on this.

### WHOVA

We discussed sending money to support lawsuit in getting ORV funds back to NOVA from state parks.

Ed Schafer proposed to send the Batey Boulder cost share money PANTRA received from WA state to WHOVA.

Members voted to send \$500.00 a month, voted on at each meeting, up to the amount of \$2600.00 which is the amount of the cost share. What a good way to spend money received from WA state, to fight WA state legislature.



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### Sponsoring MRP

Sherri discussed further with Chaun McAlister about Pantra sponsoring MRP Promotions. It was decided that we would continue working with MRP on the two CDA Endurocross Events in 2010.

### Miscellaneous

Pantra Banner is getting pretty old, we need a new one. Contact Bartman about quote, bring to December meeting. Bo Steiner proposed printing PANTRA stickers to be given to members at the Christmas Party. \$125.00 was voted on for 100 stickers.

Met Adam Tachell, a new member at the meeting. Added links to website for shops that donate to the club.



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