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PANTRA NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2010

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 Mike Meehan
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

David Phillips and Heather Willey, Trout Family, Gannon Family, Nelson Family,
 Eric Wesselman

Next Club Meeting February 10, 2010 at Pizza Factory
 3904 E. Mullan Ave. Post Falls, ID 83854

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

Ongoing Events Calendar

Lady's Weekend Quinn's Hot Springs	January 29-31
Board Meeting	February 3
General Meeting	February 10
Motorcycle Show	February 12-14
7-Mile Playday & BBQ	March 21
Adopt-A-Street	April 3
Desert 100	April 10-11
Kids Ride	April 18
Seattle Supercross	April 24
6th Annual Ladies Ride	May 2
Memorial Day Weekend	May 29-31
Fathers Day Campout	June 19-20
Annual Picnic	August 11
Entiat/ Mad River/ Devil's Backbone	September 22-26
24 Hour Race	Oct 30-31
2nd Annual Turkey and Mud Fling	November 25
Christmas Party	December 4

If you would like to host a ride and/or have anything to add to the calendar, please let Randy know. 509-999-7668

General Meeting

February 10, 2010 at Pizza Factory. The all you can eat pizza, breadsticks, and pop is a hit with the members.

Meeting Agenda

- > Motorcycle Show
- > Facebook Page
- > Membership
- > Events planning

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 call or email Randy@PANTRA.org 509-999-7668

Board meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 3, 6 PM at Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District Building, 22510 E. Mission Ave. Liberty Lake. It's located behind Albertson's. All members are welcome to attend.

New Members: David Phillips and Heather Willey



I (David) recently returned from Fort Benning GA. where I underwent U.S. Army infantry training. Currently a gainfully unemployed machinist and welder, I play the role of the domestic house-husband and fiddle with the bikes. Heather, a bartender, earns the dough and keeps me in high octane gasoline. We have quite the stable of bikes, A KTM 950

Adventure, Yamaha YZ426, Yamaha TW200, Kawasaki Ninja 250, and the newest addition, a Kawasaki KX100. Unfortunately, Heather currently outnumbers me 3-2 in the bikes department, something I plan to fix as soon as I can. We love riding our dual sports, and went on several trips with the local ADV riders last year. We joined Pantra to meet new, like minded riding partners. We usually ride around Canfield, Moses Lake, and hopefully another trip to St. Anthonies this year. This winter and spring I plan on spending a lot of time training for the upcoming race season with my good friend (who I have convinced to join soon). I usually race several area Harescrambles and the Desert 100 every year. If anyone out there is really looking to step up and push the limits of what they can do, or condition for the new season, I would love to ride together. I wanna meet someone faster than I am, I learn so much every time I ride with people who are better than me Heather is looking to spend more time off-road with people of a similar skill level.



7-Mile, thawing out nicely in January

EVENT/RIDE REPORTS

Swimming at 7-Mile.....in January????

Well, we were all making our way out of the completely frozen over woods, where riding over the frozen puddles was just a fact of life. On the way out, Heather managed to pick the weakest and deepest puddle and went through right in the middle. We managed to drag it out and back onto the ice, after some laughing at her expense. Heather certainly hasn't been the only enthusiastic cyclist to find that bog a bit deeper than it looks.



David Phillips, Mike Meehan and Heather Willey

A blast from the past, so Heather doesn't feel alone, mud bog monsters got Pat Jordan also a few years back (obvious to anyone that has seen Pat recently it was awhile ago):



PANTRA INVADES JUNIPER

Taking advantage of the El Niño ocean currents and the Pineapple Express, PANTRA riders have made the trek to the Tri-Cities for fabulous riding at Juniper Dunes. PANTRA members have ridden there January 2nd, the 16th, the 17th, with further riders scheduled for the 23rd. The weather has cooperated with warm temperatures combined with enough rain to wet the sand and create ideal riding conditions. Juniper offers sand bowls, whooped out trails and cross country riding that keeps the biking interesting.

Members interested in riding this area should go with a guide or bring a GPS to navigate the large open area. Two power lines traverse the grounds but in reduced visibility conditions, the landmarks can be more difficult to spot. Access is from Pasco, Kahlotus Rd.: From I-90 in Ritzville take 395 S to Hwy 12 E and take the Kahlotus exit. Approximately 5 miles north see the large yellow mailbox on the right and take a left on Peterson Rd. After 1-1/2 miles take a right in the bottom of a draw and proceed 1/2 mile to the parking area. Flags are required.

A map can be found at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/news/files/JuniperDunesMap.pdf>

The map isn't very detailed but the area is enclosed with a maintained fence. There are internal fences that must be crossed, and they are up in some places and down in others.



Tommy White and Mike Meehan take a breather at Juniper



Mike Meehan.....Go, Mike, Go



Brian Pagano showing his stuff



Rick Corwin...catching air

January Meeting Minutes

~Dave Leptich from Idaho Dept of Fish and Game came to the meeting to ask for support for the grant to improve the access road to Farragut Gun Range. He wants PANTRA's support because a high percentage of OHV users also own and use guns. He showed us what improvements are already in place. He was asked what he could contribute to Pantra in our quest to keep trails open. Dave's background is studying Elk habitat. His position is that complete closures are not necessary. Seasonal closures during fall are the most effective in saving the Elk population. He is willing to provide us with the information he has to support keeping recreational trails open. In discussion after Dave left, the club decided to support the Farragut Gun Range Grant.

~The new banners were presented - one 4' x 10' and one 3' x 6'. Cost \$392.00

~WOHVA donation of \$500.00 declined by the club this month. Need to look at the progress of the lawsuit.

~Grant reimbursement progress. Mike Meehan is preparing the grant reimbursement for equipment purchased consisting of trimmers, hard hat & safety equipment. Larry has mileage reimbursement to add on. Larry will ask Dick Weatherly about building chain saw mounts.

~Don Grome has some ideas about information signs at trailheads. He was asked to bring it to the next board meeting.

~Letters needed for support of grant for Pantra Travel Reimbursement, St Joe Ranger District Trail Work Grant, Lake Elsie Project support, and the IDFG Grant for Gun Range improvements.

~Inventory report. Pantra equipment checked in and accounted for. Trailer will remain parked at Tom Wuest's house.

~Membership Mike Meehan. Discussions on how to attract more members took place. One idea was to offer Free membership for one year for purchasers of new off road bikes to new riders/new members, or reimbursement of first year membership if they attend meetings and events. Adopt-a-Shop. Members adopt an area shop that supports Pantra. Shop of the year award. Internal membership drove, 1/2 off bring a friend. Buy one get one 1/2 off. Reinstate ticket reward drawing. These ideas will be further discussed at the next board meeting. Any comments or ideas, direct toward Mike.

~Sweatshirts. \$400.00 approved for Randy to purchase more sweatshirts for sale.

~Handbook on the running of the club and events will be put together as we go this year.

~7-mile work on kid's riding area will be scheduled in the spring.

~Mike Meehan is offering to teach a map reading class.

IDPR needs a list by the end of January of trails that need work. The Forest Service is requesting this information

LAND USE NEWS

OHV Advisory Committee

1. IDPR has committed to grant funds for planning level 3 maintenance projects, location not yet determined. OHV committee has proposed Hell's Canyon for the location. The purpose will be to help streamline the process and help USFS with planning. Long term goal is to bring trails up to standard so the forest service can't close them.

2.OHV Park. The Committee viewed a property that has several hundred acres in a good location, with a willing land owner. Need to meet with owner. IDPR is willing to fund the ORV Park



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