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PRESIDENT'S LETTER BY BRIAN DUNHAM

It's Memorial Day weekend...and Silver Mountain is open for skiing, they have about 8 feet of snow at the top of the mountain. That's just wrong...and leading to a short riding season for us.

On a slightly brighter note, I took a ride up Bunco Road to the Happy Hermit yesterday; at least that route is snow free. The Hermit is open for business...and can use some business, due to the messed up season.

On the higher ridges, the news isn't so encouraging. We attempted to go up the 278 and cross over to the south side of the 332...no go, at least on motorcycles. Another week, and it might well be open.

We also tried to go from Ohio Match to Burnt Cabin Saddle, with plans to go to the CDA River. Once again, it didn't happen, due to snow.

I want to apologize for the short notice on the change on last weekend's ride. We didn't find out until late week that the 20 Mile route was still blocked with several feet of "global warming."

Due to snow, we are cancelling next weekend's ride (June 4th) from Clark Fork to Magee. The ridgeline south of Clark Fork is high and frequently snow-bound longer than many other areas. We are on for the Happy Hermit on June 11th, at least from Bunco Road. Stay tuned for news with regard to Clark Fork. Hopefully we'll be back on schedule after that.

We do have a very busy riding season planned...it's just getting compressed into a shorter and shorter time frame. I hope to see you on the trail...very soon.

Regards,

Brian Dalton

**SAFETY LETTER
BY
LLOYD POTTER**

When We Ride - - Remember It's Safety, Safety, Safety



Speed Kills.....We have all heard that phrase. Well, at the very least, speed reduces our reaction time making it much more difficult to miss an obstacle that appears in front of us, jeep, truck, tree. You get the picture. This may be just part of a motor cross race, but on an ATV ride, we don't need that stress. Slow down and enjoy the ride.

Ride Safe,

Lloyd E. Potter

UPDATE ON RECENT LEGISLATION!!

If you haven't already found this website, Idaho Recreational Council, it's a fine additional resource for what's going on in our state relative to recreation. You can participate in polls and surveys on newsworthy subjects. <http://www.id-rc.org/>

Also, make sure you are taking advantage of the LINKS tab found on the PRA Website: <http://www.panhandleriders.com/PRA%20Links.html>

SUGGESTED RIDING LEVEL SKILL GUIDE

The legend below provides you the information about that particular trails

characteristic. This should be of some help in determining if the ride is appropriate for you.

EASY – Beginner riding skills (i.e. mostly flat trails, no side hills, stay on designated trails)
INTERMEDIATE - Experienced riding skills RECOMMENDED. (I.E. Roads/Trails, possibly some steep slopes, side hills, or loose rocks.)
COMBINATION - Combination of difficulties, various terrains (i.e. Intermediate to Difficult abilities.)
DIFFICULT - Experienced riding skills REQUIRED. (i.e. Trails require 4WD, obstacle navigation, rocky, side hills, and slower travel)

REVISED 2011 RIDES SCHEDULE

Below is the *revised* joint ride schedule for the **Panhandle Riders Association ATV Club** and the **Back Country ATV Association** for this summer, 2011. You'll notice that similar to past years, the two clubs try to alternate the rides...holding one in the north and then one towards the south. So mark your calendars.

NOTE: THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME THAT THE FULL RIDE SCHEDULE IS LISTED IN THE NEWSLETTER. ONLY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE NOTED IN THE FUTURE. GO TO THE PRA WEBSITE UNDER THE CALENDAR TAB, THERE YOU WILL FIND THE FULL SCHEDULE AS AMENDED.

<http://www.panhandleriders.com/PRA%20Calendar.html>

The ride schedule is developed and published for organized rides; however, if you're anxious to ride but don't want to do it alone...which is never recommended, go to THE PRA Website **Chat Room** featured on the Home Page. Sign in with your name and email address, ask for riders to ride with, and see who responds. You might even make some new friends. See it at:

<http://www.panhandleriders.com/Index.html>

SCHEDULE 2011

JUNE B.B. SHOOT OUT

THIS RIDE HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

JUNE 4th, SATURDAY: MAGEE RIDE (EASY) 8:00 AM

THIS RIDE HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO SNOW.

JUNE 11th, SATURDAY: BUNCO PARKING LOT TO HAPPY HERMIT (EASY) 9:00 AM

Will meet for lunch at Happy Hermit. Explicit Instructions including a GPS map can be found on the PRA website under RIDES.

<http://www.panhandleriders.com/PRA%20Bunco-Happy%20Hermit%20Ride.html>

JUNE 25th, SATURDAY: BUNCO TO SNAKEPIT (EASY) TIME TBD

This is another one that may start from multiple locations. We are discussing the Fernan Pass parking area, 4th of July Pass and the Bunco. This will result in rides of various lengths.

(MORE INFORMATION TO COME BY EMAIL; ALSO LOOK ON THE PRA WEBSITE FOR DETAILS UNDER "CALENDAR.")

JULY 9th, SATURDAY: SANDPOINT TO BALDY MTN & SCHWEITZER MT RIDE (INTERMEDIATE) 8:30 AM

Go North on Highway 95 through Sandpoint to Ponderay. Follow Highway 95 toward Canada. Turn left at Schweitzer Mtn. Road and proceed to parking lot at the Bonner County Fairgrounds. Ride leaves at 8:30 AM. Ride will go up Baldy Mountain Road, via somewhat challenging trails to Baldy Mountain. This ride is lots of fun. Nice views looking down to Sandpoint and across the lake. Approximately 65 miles round trip

JULY 17th, SUNDAY: PACK RIVER RIDE BBQ LUNCH AT ROMAN NOSE LAKE (INTERMEDIATE) 9:00 AM

From Sandpoint go north on Highway 95 to the Upper Pack River Road, approximately 11 miles from town. Turn left, go approximately 8-9 miles to the large parking area (both sides of road). This will be the staging area, and we will leave at 9:00 AM.

This is an INTERMEDIATE ride with a river crossing at the end. There is an alternate (EASY) route that bypasses the water crossing. It will be an all day ride, so bring drinks, snacks and sides.

Lunch will be provided at Roman Nose Lake courtesy of and by Sandpoint Marine & Motor Sports.

JULY 23rd, SUNDAY: STRONG CREEK RIDE HOPE TO PORKYPINE LAKE (INTERMEDIATE) 9:00 AM

Leave from the Hope grade school parking lot off Sam Owens Road at 9:00 AM. Take Highway 200 east of Sandpoint through Hope to Sam Owens Road, Peninsula Rd,

Turn right and than immediate left turn up the hill to parking. Bring lunch and may need gas. This is a challenging ride with a tight trail and a river crossing.

AUGUST 6th, SATURDAY: NIGHT RIDE (EASY) TIME TBD

(DETAILS TBD.)

AUGUST 12th, 13th & 14th, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY: CAMPOUT WEEKEND AT AVERY (EASY TO INTERMEDIATE) 9:00 AM

There will be a variety of rides from easy to intermediate.

(DETAILS TBD.)

AUGUST 26th, 27th, & 28th, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY: PRIEST LAKE CAMPOUT/MOTEL WEEKEND (EASY) 9:00 AM

Given a relative lack of experience with this area, this will involve a certain amount of exploration.

SEPTEMBER 10th, SATURDAY: DISMAL LAKE RIDE (INTERMEDIATE) TIME TBD

Ride to a small lake south of Avery. All roads. Beginner and UTV okay, just remember 145 miles is a long day. Bring lunch and extra gas unless you can make it 115 miles to gas at Avery.

SEPTEMBER 18th, SUNDAY: CLARK FORK TO SPION KOP (EASY) TIME TBD

Park at the Clark Fork High School parking lot. This is an EASY ride, but will be about 100 miles long. Bring lunch, and gas if necessary. There are some impressive views.

SEPTEMBER 24th, SATURDAY: EARLS RIDE (INTERMEDIATE) 9:00 AM

Earls Ride leaves from the Wallace parking lot at 9:00 AM. Guaranteed to be a great ride. There will be lunch available in Murray or bring own.

OCTOBER 1st, SATURDAY: COEUR D'ALENE RIVER RIDE TIME TBD

(DETAILS TBD.)

OCTOBER 8th, SATURDAY: CLARK FORK (EASY) 8:00 AM

Leaving from Bunco Parking lot. Early time is due to longer distance, approx 110 miles. Bring lunch and extra gas, or get both in Clark Fork.

**OCTOBER 22nd, SATURDAY: MULLAN TO SILVER DOLLAR BAR RIDE (EASY)
8:00 AM**

Leave from the Wallace parking lot. Exit at 61; go to the stop sign at bottom of off ramp. Turn right, and then cross the street into the big dirt parking lot on your left. UTV friendly. Lunch at the Silver Dollar Bar or bring your own. Gas available at the Bar, or bring gas if you think that you might need it on the way. Approximately 110 miles round trip.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Just a reminder, if you have not already mailed in your Club Membership renewal dues for 2011, please do so. Dues are not prorated; membership is from **January** through **December**.

New members who join during the last quarter of any year (October through December) are the only exceptions. Their renewal is not due until one year from the first day of January following their joining.

Please mail your dues renewal to the above address with the *Application Form* found on the PRA website. **Please complete this Application Form in order to confirm current contact information on file. (i.e. address, email and phone.)**

A big thank you to all those that have already paid their dues; your support is greatly appreciated.

Original and renewal dues are as follows:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR ALL MEMBERS IS DUE IN JANUARY (with the exception as noted above for *new* members) and is:

Individual Member	\$15.00
Family Membership	\$20.00
Business Sponsor	\$25.00

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Our meetings are held on the **first Wednesday of every month, at the Elks Lodge, bar area, 30196 Highway 200, Ponderay**. We meet for dinner starting at 6:00 PM, with the general meeting starting at 7:00. It's a great chance to meet, swap some stories and renew acquaintances. New members are encouraged to show up and meet the riders.

We hope to see you there!

Go to for more information & directions:

<http://www.panhandleriders.com/PRA%20Meetings.html>

2010-2011 CLUB OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

This information can now be found with contact information and photos at the PRA Website. Go see what we look like at "Who We Are:"

<http://www.panhandleriders.com/PRA%20Who%20We%20Are.html>

WANTED CLASSIFIED SECTION

Until such time as the Classified Section is moved to the PRA Website, it will continue to be published in the Newsletter.

FOR SALE

- 1. 1987 HONDA ATV:** Mint condition. New tires-puncture proof, new seat, new muffler and plow mounts. Price: \$2,000. Call Colleen or Bob at 263-6519.
- 2. DUST MASKS:** I have many colors and designs of dust masks. They are adjustable to fit and work great in the cold, pollen and dust and washable. Only twelve dollars (\$12.00); call Bert at 683-0526.
- 3. CLUB SHIRTS:** We have club shirts for your enjoyment for sale. You can see the shirts and purchase them at our monthly meetings or call Lloyd Potter at (208) 255-6323 or 263-5792 to order.