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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR ALL MEMBERS IS DUE IN JANUARY:

Just a reminder, Club Membership dues are not prorated and run from **January** through **December** annually. **Renewals for all current members are due January 1st with one exception.** For *new* members who join during the last quarter of any year (October through December), their renewal is not due until one year from the first of January following their joining. This is the only exception.

Please mail your dues renewal to the above address with the enclosed *Application Form*. **Please complete this Application Form in order to confirm current contact information on file. (i.e. address, email and phone.** Thanks to all those that have already paid their dues; your support is greatly appreciated.

Original and renewal dues are as follows:

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

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER
BY
BRIAN DUNHAM**

Hi All, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I have a few things to share with you this month. First, the updates to our web site are complete; I finally got it "live" a couple days ago. It took far longer than I anticipated. Like most things computer related, the "fix" was quick and simple...trying a whole bunch of things that didn't work, not so much. Anyway, please take a look. <http://panhandleriders.com/>

Dick Kramer of the forest service will be attending our meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 2011. January isn't the time, when most people think about ATV riding, unless they are plowing snow. However, winter riding, in the proper conditions, can be a lot of fun. One bright spot is that there is no dust! There are days, when a quad (without tracks anyway) isn't going far. In the right conditions, such as after a warm spell, particularly with rain, followed by freezing weather, can firm up the snow and make it very possible to ride. A cold, sunny winter day in the mountains can lead to some spectacular views.

Here are a couple of thoughts on snow riding. Keep an eye on snow conditions. A cold morning can have a nice, firm base, and you can get around well. Warmer weather, later in the day, can soften that snow in a hurry. A trail that was no problem in the morning can be a real mess in the afternoon. If you are going downhill, turn around and try going up the hill before you commit to a long downhill ride.

One thing that really helps in the snow is to air down the tires. Venting them to 1 psi or less can help you float in conditions that you'd otherwise be stuck in. Aftermarket tires with stiff sidewalls can be vented by simply removing the valve stems, allowing the tire to empty, and replacing the stems. If you "air down" at elevation, be prepared to air back up as you come down out of the mountains. Handling can get a little squirrely.

If you try winter riding, pay attention to the basic safety rules. Be prepared and don't ride alone! **PLAN ON GETTING STUCK!** Make sure you have a winch, a tow strap and some basic survival equipment. A breakdown, or a bad "stuck" can make for a long walk out. Perhaps most important, make sure someone knows where you are going, and has a plan to get help if you don't "check in" at a certain time. While a breakdown in the summer is an inconvenience, a breakdown or "stuck" in the winter can get serious very quickly.

Ride safe, and see you on the trail!

Brian Dunham
President

**RIDES COMMITTEE
BY
GEOFF SMITH**

Back in 2011.

**SAFETY LETTER
BY
LLOYD POTTER**

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



The one item that gives the most trouble on an ATV is the thumb throttle. New riders are not use to this type of gas pedal. Especially those that started out on motorcycles where the gas is a twist grip type of throttle. The main problem with the thumb lever is when we get excited or scared, we tend to grab the handle bar, and this could result in holding down the gas pedal. Depending on what you are doing at the time, this could be trouble.

Remember it takes a concentrated effort to ride an ATV safely. So if you have a new rider, make sure they understand the problem and caution them on thinking about that throttle lever at all times. As we get more use to it, the lever is not as much of a problem. There are adaptations available to switch your ATV over to a twist type of throttle. Now if this is something you think you want...okay, but in most cases time and concentration will solve the problem.

Remember At All Times Ride Safe,

Lloyd E. Potter



NEWS FROM OTHER SOURCES

Over the last few months, we've been redirecting emails to you from the BlueRibbon Coalition regarding their efforts as a Recreational Advocate Group. BlueRibbon has been working tirelessly in getting the attention of the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management to honor key provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) as it moves forward in the development and implementation of Land Use Plans.

Below is an excerpt from a letter that BlueRibbon sent on December 23, 2010 to Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior and Robert Abbey, Director, BLM.

A copy of BlueRibbon's letter is available [here](#) and a copy of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) [here](#).

“As the New Year approaches, the Blue Ribbon Coalition is looking forward to participating in the development of new Land Use Plans as well as increasing our ongoing cooperation with the agency in implementing existing plans. We would like to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of key provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act as you move forward with your planning and implementation efforts.

Specifically, provisions in Section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) regarding agency's authority to conduct never ending, ongoing inventory and management for Wilderness are extremely important. Also, Congressional mandates regarding consistency between federal Land Use Plans and the plans of state and local governments contained in Section 202 are also important. We also believe that the multiple use mandate in FLPMA Section 102 and the direction to acknowledge and protect various valid existing rights throughout the Act and in Section 701 are important as well.

Controversy over the BLM's authority over vast areas of the West established via the FLPMA has been evident since the day it became law. Citizens from a wide range of perspectives have expressed concern about decisions being made by appointed bureaucrats living far away from the lands they manage. We hope you agree that adhering closely to the mandates of Congress is important to reduce controversy and conflict as the agency conducts planning.”

The very same day that this letter was sent, Ken Salazar announced that he had signed an Order that will inevitably embed a Wilderness review in every component of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) planning, creating a unique status for Wilderness different from other multiple uses in BLM management. [Secretarial Order No. 3310](#) and [Draft Wilderness Inventory Manual](#).

As Blue Ribbon points out the timing of this order was no accident. “ Secretary Salazar's new order came just after the Lame Duck Congress adjourned, having failed to pass the massive Public Lands Omnibus Bill--a package that would have created millions of acres of new Wilderness, openly supported by the Secretary.

It was no accident the Order was announced after legislators had gone home for the holiday. It was no accident that none but Wilderness insiders and their media outlets knew about it until the last minute. And, it was certainly no accident that at the ceremony, the Secretary was standing right next to people like Peter Metcalf, CEO of Black Diamond Equipment, and that the ceremony itself took place at the REI Building in Denver - a virtual altar scene for Wilderness worshippers.

You have every reason to fear under-handed tactics even more suspicious than those attempted by some of their lame duck legislative allies.”

Be sure a read more about it at the BlueRibbon Coalition Alert website [here](#):

GUEST ARTICLE

Anyone who has an entertaining and/or interesting past ride experience that they would like to share with our membership, please send an article to Robbie Gleason, Newsletter Editor at: panhandleriderassociation@yahoo.com Include photos if you have them. We welcome your input and story sharing. Here's your opportunity to be immortalized forever!!!

No stories were submitted this month; however, as you read this newsletter, you will see references to our newly revised newsletter. It was a lot of work and has been in the planning for months, but our President, Brian Dunham is the one who pulled it off at NO COST to our membership's treasury. Major kudos goes out to Brian.

Brian downloaded free software, learned how to use it and after taking input from our Board, redesigned the website making it more robust and user-friendly. It will continue to develop as the months go on, but in the meantime, we sincerely hope that you like it and will start using it on a regular basis....especially the new *Chat Room* feature on the Home Page.

Toward that end, many of the articles or sections that are currently in this newsletter will no longer be published in it and will instead in the future only be found on the website. So start exploring!
<http://www.panhandleriders.com/Index.html>

SOME MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Unfortunately, nothing was submitted this month.

BUSINESS SPONSOR DISCOUNTS

Please see our newly revised PRA website where our sponsors are now listed. <http://www.panhandleriders.com/PRA%20Sponsors.html>

We greatly appreciate the following *Business Sponsors* for extending discounts to the members of our club upon presentation of their *Club Card*.

MAY'S HONDA in Sagle gives a **10%** discount to our club members on all parts and accessories.

SANDPOINT MARINE & MOTOR SPORTS (Polaris Dealer in Ponderay) gives a **10%** discount to our club members on all parts and accessories.

PONDERAY YAMAHA gives a **10%** discount to our club members on all parts and accessories.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION

Starting next month, this information will be found only on the PRA website at: <http://www.panhandleriders.com/PRA%20Meetings.html>

The *General Membership Meeting* will both be held at the Elks Lodge Bar area on **Wednesday, January 5, 2011**.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: Meetings will start at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month unless otherwise advised.

Notice: Dinner is on your own @ the Elks starting at 6:00 PM.

We strongly encourage you to attend our *General Membership Meetings* as your input is very important to our Officers and Board Members. Also, it's a great opportunity to meet other members and form new friendships.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING UPCOMING RIDES SCHEDULE

Once the annual ride schedule has been drafted by the Rides Committee in late winter, it will be **posted on the website**. Please go to the new site and check out the interactive tools now out there. We think you'll like it. It is under development, so please bear with us. <http://www.panhandleriders.com/PRA%20Rides%20Page.html>

While ride schedules are posted in advance, changes may be made from time to time. Rides may be cancelled or modified. Always look to the current newsletter for the latest ride information.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND RIDES

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.

SUGGESTED RIDING SKILL LEVEL LEGEND

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)

NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

****MILEAGE IS APPROXIMATE AND IS FOR THE ROUND TRIP. ALL RIDES ARE A “RAIN OR SHINE” TYPE RIDE**

2011 RIDE SCHEDULE AS AMENDED

NOTE: ANY CHANGES TO THE PRIOR MONTH’S LISTED ITEMS WILL BE ANOTATED IN EACH NEW NEWSLETTER IN BLUE, ITALICIZED AND UNDERLINED

The ride schedule will be developed and published in late winter to early spring. Typically, the first **organized** club ride will take place in mid or late May depending upon the weather. However, if you’re anxious to ride but don’t want to do it alone...which is never recommended, go to our new **Chat Room** featured on our newly revised website’s 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>

2010-2011 CLUB OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

Starting next month, our officers and directors will only be listed on the PRA website. Go see what we look like at "Who We Are:"

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

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Starting next month, our sponsors will only be listed on the PRA website. The new *interactive* links featured will allow you to contact the sponsor directly through their own Internet address and SKYPE telephone number. Go see them at: <http://www.panhandleriders.com/PRA%20Sponsors.html>

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HELP KEEP OUR PUBLIC LANDS OPEN

Starting next month, this section will be found only on the PRA website at:
<http://www.panhandleriders.com/PRA%20Links.html>

Organizations who are dedicated to help keep our trails open; some local and some are national.

**Americans for Responsible
Recreational Access (ARRA)**
www.arra-access.com

All Terrain Vehicle Association
www.atvaonline.com

BlueRibbon Coalition
www.sharetrails.org

Idaho State ATV Association
<http://www.idahostateatv.org/>

**National Off-Highway Vehicle
Conservation Council**
www.nohvcc.org

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Starting next month, our Classified Section will only be listed on the PRA website. It has not been added yet, but look for it there.

WANTED

Ride Leaders are needed to recommend and lead rides. Contact Geoff Smith, Rides Committee Chair at SANDPOINT MARINE & MOTOR SPORTS (POLARIS): (208) 263-1535.

FOR SALE

- 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.
- 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 John Fitzgerald @ 266-0218 to order.

MISSION STATEMENT

**Starting next month, this section will be found only on the PRA website at:
<http://www.panhandleriders.com/PRA%20About%20Us.html>**

The Panhandle Riders Association, Inc. is a volunteer and membership driven organization of Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts committed to:

- Growth and development of all types and forms of recreational OHV activities.
- Sponsored OHV events, safety forums and training.
- Equal freedom for responsible OHV recreation activities on public and private lands, including but not limited to Idaho Panhandle National Forests lands and State of Idaho managed lands.
- Creating and encouraging outdoor recreational OHV events that are fun and safe for the entire family.
- Enhance, develop and promote recreational OHV activities for the benefit of participants, spectators, organizers and industry participants.
- Ensure stability, growth and social and political acceptance of OHV activities.
- Work with local, regional, state and federal government agencies and private land owners to better implement, maintain and develop standards for responsible recreational OHV activities and opportunities on public and private lands.