

TRAIL DUST

AUGUST 2009

ITMA STATE RIDE REPORT BY TOM BITHELL

What a great time I had at this year's State Ride. After all the work and worry of putting on last year's State Ride, it sure was nice to be a regular participant.

The Magic Valley Trail Machine Association (MVTMA) hosted this year's State Ride at the Kelley Creek area near Baumgartner and they did not disappoint us.

There were riding courses put on by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) for kids and beginner riders; a welcome social Wednesday night; some fun contests on Friday night; and a great dinner Saturday night followed by a raffle drawing and dancing to cap it all off.

Of course, MVTMA had all of the legendary Baumgartner trails cleared of deadfall and ready to ride. There were hundreds of miles of trail to ride and several groups of riders going out everyday.

I did my first ever ride to Smiley Creek Lodge and back. What an excellent ride! We rode Skeleton Creek and Big Smoky trails on the 48 mile trip over. Once we made it there we

stopped in at Smiley Creek Lodge for lunch. My body was craving protein and I think that was the most satisfying cheeseburger and vanilla shake I ever had. After lunch we filled up with gas and headed back, taking

Smiley Creek, the west fork of Big Smoky, Snowslide, and Paradise Creek trails back. It was 92.5 miles round-trip and a good workout, but it was sure better than my average weekday at the office.

Friday night MVTMA put on an Enduro Skills competition. It was a worthy course with a



rock patch to cross; a huge fallen tree to get over; a double log obstacle to cross one at a time or bravely attempt to jump both; and two different rows of stumps that had a plank to ride up onto them. There were plenty of mishaps during the competition. However, TMTMA's own Todd Wernex and Ben Rheingold both had good runs and took 1st and 2nd place out of many competent riders.

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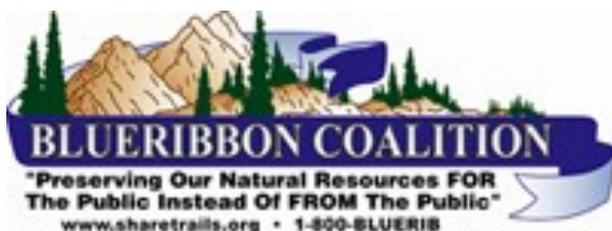


ITMA State Ride (Continued)

least, I should mention the traditional ITMA Board Meeting that takes place at every State Ride. There were representatives on hand from MVTMA, TVMTA, High Mountain Trail Machine Association, Idaho Falls Trail Machine Association, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, the Blue Ribbon Coalition, and the Off Road Business Association.

The meeting covered a wide array of topics, but the key topic concerned the loss of our recreational gas tax monies that the Idaho State Legislature took away during the last legislative session.

Since the early 1970s a 3% portion of all gas taxes were allocated to a recreational fund that goes towards maintenance of motorcycle and ATV trails, boat docks, restrooms at recreational facilities, grooming equipment for dirt and snowmobile trails, and much, much more. Without this money recreational maintenance, facilities, and the recreation economy of Idaho will suffer greatly. The ITMA is committed to working with the Idaho Recreation Council (IRC) in the fight to get this money back. The ITMA and IRC are working to get everyone in Idaho who uses recreational facilities (and this means everyone in the TVTMA) to call and write their State Representatives, Senators and the Governor and tell them we want this money back! Please lend us a hand in this vital effort.



A STEAL OF A DEAL

For more than 20 years the Blue Ribbon Coalition has been in the front lines advocating for and protecting our access to public lands for recreation. Operating on a shoestring budget compared to the Big Green groups they have scored some important victories. They have a staff of experts skilled in the intricacies and regulatory details of public land recreation and retain a law firm equally skilled in providing legal advice or representing our interests in Court when necessary.

None of this comes cheap and they depend on their members and supporters for their operating budget. In the current economy donations are down and one of their long time supporters is stepping up to help. Rocky Mountain ATV/MC will give a \$25 gift card to anyone joining or extending their membership in Blue Ribbon Coalition. Dues are \$29 a year so for four bucks you get a monthly magazine and access to some very knowledgeable folks with a nationwide network and a wealth of resources.

Rocky Mountain ATV/MC, located in Utah publishes a comprehensive catalog featuring a full line of parts and accessories for dirt bikes, ATVs, UTVs as well as a huge selection of tires, riding and casual clothing and Motocross Gear. A veritable Superstore! They offer free shipping on orders of over \$100 or a flat \$7 charge on smaller orders. Check out their Website and on-line catalog at RockyMountainATV.com.

There are three ways to take advantage of this offer. On line with a credit card at www.sharetrails.org/rm or by phone at 1-800-258-3742, Ext. 105 . By mail at Blue Ribbon coalition, 4555 Burley Dr. Ste A, Pocatello ID 83202. Be sure to mention that it is for the Rocky Mountain offer.

Welcome new TVTMA members

David Henry, Dan Salvesen, Sean Stack, Kenneth Thornton, Will VanOverbeke, Mike Hendrikse, and David Hendrikse. Thank you for joining TVTMA and we look forward to riding with you!

Ride Report - Fall Creek Campout

Hosted by Tom & Patty Bithell

Despite the on again, off again rain, the weekend was a fun event, with a great turnout. On Saturday, three different groups headed in different directions to clear fallen trees off the trail. The group that headed up in elevation to Lava Mountain, was soon turned back by snow. The second group of riders that set out to clear Cross Cut trail, had their work cut out for them. There were quite a few large, old Ponderosa Pines that had fallen across the trail. Expert sawyers Ben Reingold and Steve Frisbie worked together to cut the trees out of the way. After a couple of hours, it started to rain, but the group pushed on, clearing about 20 miles of trail, before turning back. The third group headed up to the big obstacle at the first part of Cross Cut trail, and filled in the boulder field to make it easier to ride, especially uphill.

On Sunday, Patty Bithell and Lisa Paul prepared a Fathers Day breakfast of quiche and potatoes for the whole crowd. Thank you, Pattie and Lisa for taking care of everyone! Be sure to check out the photos at the TVTMA.com photo gallery.

Stanley Camp and Ride

Hosted by Mark Weaver

It was great to escape the heat in Boise, and enjoy temperatures in the 80's near Stanley. Mark secured a great camp area with shade and a picturesque view overlooking Valley Creek. It was a small crew that camped for the weekend, but we had 12 people for the ride on Saturday because quite a few people drove up for the day. We set out at 9 am, and rode approximately 55 miles of mostly single track trail. Mark kept the group of riders moving along, and we returned back to camp by 4:30pm, and enjoyed a nice evening around the campfire.

A few special guests camped with us: Chris Horgan, executive director for Stewards of the Sequoia, and land use advocacy group. Brent Martell and David Booth, who both qualified to compete on the USA team in the International Six Days Enduro this October in Portugal.

The rest of the riders included Dave Lorello, Will VanOverbeke, Mike McCrosky, Tom Bithell, Brian Paul, TJ Wiggs, Ann Libengood, Tresa Worrell, Cory Fischer, Terry Bruns, Lane Pugaire, and host Mark Weaver.



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Mark your Calenders!
24 Hours of Victor Creek
September 12-13

Location: North of Burgdorf Hot Springs. Approximately 2 miles, in the campground to the left

Host: Steve Frisbie

Contact Information: sjfrisbie@hotmail.com or 631-9655

Skill Levels: Advanced

Camping: Yes

Please see the TVTMA.com website for more details.

Local ISDE riders need your support

3 local Treasure Valley riders will be competing on the USA Team at the International Six Days Enduro. David Kamo, Brent Martell, and David Booth will travel to Portugal in October to compete in what is sometimes called the Olympics of off-road motorcycle racing. The costs to compete is enormous, and each rider must pay for their own expenses, including travel.

Please support our local riders by purchasing T-shirts, or making donations. T-shirts are available at local motorcycle shops. Other ways to help include:

Visit www.DavidKamo.com to order T-shirts from David.

Visit www.sidraracing.org/Brent_Martell.html to donate to Brent Martell.

Attend David Booth's Fundraiser on Saturday, September 12th at Casa Mexico at

Sam and Ruby Houston, long time members of TVTMA died in a motorcycle accident on July 16th in Banff National Park, near Alberta, Canada. They were on a dual sport trip at the time of the accident, which is what they loved to do. Married for over 50 years, they were active in the TVTMA for many years before moving to McCall in 1998. They have two children, Michael and Sandra, both of McCall. Sam was a talented rider, and was involved in the formation of the Idaho Trail Machine Association. Ruby was an excellent seamstress, making wedding and bridesmaid dresses. She had a great sense of humor, that could make people laugh until they cried. They both were very friendly and were loved by many people..

6pm. For more information and to RSVP visit: <http://www.evite.com/pages/invite/viewInvite.jsp?event=KQUOEQDZJPSOBEJQMUMW&showResponse=true&inviteId=XGFOLYULYHQKJYZQVALH>. Click on the link in the middle of the page, and enter your name and email address. If you can't attend, there is information on this webpage on how to donate.

Chicks Ride

Date Change Please note: Saturday, September 19, 2009

Location: Idaho City

Host: Vanessa Race

Contact Information: 375-7763

Skill Levels: All

Camping: Yes

Event Details: Chick's Ride September 19, 2009 ***NOTE DATE CHANGE***

Location: Idaho City

Host and Contact: Vanessa Race Home: 375-7763 Work: 376-8990
Vanessa@merchantsmoving.com Cell: 861-2986

Skill Levels: All levels broke into groups.

Camping: Yes, if you would like, there are some nice camping spots in the area.

Event Details:

This is a fun event for all females, of every level. It is a day of riding and socializing for everyone from girls-women-moms and grandmas.

Friday night: 5:30pm or anytime after.

All girls are welcome to come to my house to help prepare the makings for Taco's-in-a-bag which will be served after the ride. I will be serving pizza/salad/pop for dinner while we cook and chop the fixings for the dinner for the next day.

Saturday:

8:00am meet at Trudy's Kitchen in Idaho City for Breakfast. (optional) Then head north of Idaho City on Hwy 21 a few miles to Rabbit/Granite Creek Road # 327, snowmobile parking lot.

9:30 riders meeting and form into groups.

10:00 Trial ride. Bring your own snack/lunch.

Afternoon: We will all meet back in the parking lot after riding and have dinner.

Please RSVP so I can plan for food and let Trudy know about how many for breakfast. Call me if you would like to hook up with a car-pool or with any questions. The more the merrier and I

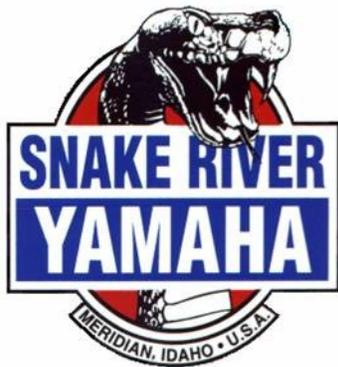
Date	Event	Host	Contact	Location	Skills	Camp
1/19/2009	Ride Planning Meeting	TVTMA		Idaho Pizza Company 7100 W. Fairview Ave.		
2/16/2009	Club Meeting	Moto Tech		7126 W. Victory Road		
3/7/2009	Kid's Ride	Dan Waltz	871-2747	Hemingway	All	
3/28/2009	Chili Ride	Dave Gomez	208-514-5152	Chalky Butte	Intermediate	Yes
4/11/2009	Chicks Beginner Ride	Tamera Gomez and Carol Wasden	tbd	tbd	Beginners	
4/18/2009	Black's Creek Work Day	Steve Frisbie		Black's Creek	All	
4/25/2009	Couples Ride	Grady and Cindy Waldo	631-0674	tba	tba	
5/16/2009	Advanced Couples Ride	Bekki Madron and Jaci McCoy	866-6267, 484-1992	Desert	Advanced	
5/23/2009	Meadow Creek Memorial Weekend Campout May 23-25	Brian and Lisa Paul	tba	Meadow Creek (Idaho City area)	all	Yes
5/29/2009	Idaho City ISDE Qualifier, May 29th-31st	Boise Ridge Riders		Idaho City		
5/30/2009	Big Willow Kids Ride	Chuck & Sherry Jenkins	Chuck at 336-9380	Big Willow at New Plymouth	Kids/Beg	No
6/20/2009	Fathers Day Ride/Camp	Tom and Patty Bithell	208-866-9073	Fall Creek	intermediate ?	yes
6/27/2009	Lowman Adopt-a-Trail	Steve Frisbie		Bull Trout Lake		yes

Ride leaders needed!

Do you have a favorite trail or riding area? Or a new idea for a club ride? Consider hosting a ride, and see how much fun it can be. For more information contact Tom Bithell.



Date	Event	Host	Contact	Location	Skills	Camp
7/6/2009	Eagle's Nest Trail Clearing	Grady Waldo Magic Valley Trail	631-0674	Cascade	tba	
7/17/2009	State Ride	Machine Assoc		Baumgartner	All	Yes
8/1/2009	Stanley Camp and Ride	Mark Weaver	775-293-1229 marklweaver@h otmail.com	Valley Creek or Basin Creek (Stanley area)	Advanced	Yes
8/22/2009	Chick's Iron butt	Debbie Garcia and Shannon Bach	880-5203	Smiley Creek/ Pole Creek	Advanced	
9/12/2009	24 hours of Vic- tor Creek	Steve Frisbie Walker/Bowen/		Burgdorf	Intermediate/ advanced	yes
9/12/2009	Silver City Ride	Perhak		Desert	tba	tba
9/26/2009	Chicks Ride	Vanessa Race	375-7763	tba	tba	



CLASSIFIED ADS

2005 YZ250 2 stroke

one owner. - Good tires + 1 extra rear Dunlop D756 - Cycra Pro Bend hand guards - V-Force III reed valves - Works Connection radiator and frame guards. - Zip-Ty Racing 2.9 Gal translucent desert tank (real slim, like stock!) - Scotts Top Triple Clamp(ready for steering dampner) - TrailTech computer/odometer - Pro Moto Billet kickstand and rear disk guard - FMF Turbine Core II spark arrestor + stock silencer - FMF Fatty pipe w/ E-line carbon fiber guard + stock pipe and another carbon fiber guard. - Extra rear brake pedal - Thor Chest Protector - Fly helmet size Small - Fly Ramp 6 ft - 3 air filters. \$2700 call 208 345 0884 for more information or e-mail vdigz@netzero.com for pictures. (7/14/09)

2005 WR250F

Opened up the airbox and have done all the basic user mods. - FMF Powerbomb header with a carbon fiber guard. Q exhaust. - Power Now intake. - Kouba air screw. - Cycra full wrap handguards - Works Connection radiator braces.- Works Connection frame guards - Pro Moto Billet Rack-It rack - PC stainless steel oil filter. \$3800 call 208 345 0884 for more information or e-mail vdigz@netzero.com for pictures. (7/14/09)

2001 Suzuki DRZ250

FmF Power Core 4 pipe, New Dunlop tire, Renthal Bars, New Acerbis Brush guards, Pro-Billet rear rack, The bike is in great shape and a fantastic woods machine and best of all it is electric start ideal for beginner rider and a blast for rider who just want an "easy to ride" trail machine. \$2850.00 obo, Contact Greg Wonacott, gwonacott@cableone.net, cell. 859-2740 (5/24/09)

2000 Honda XR 100

It is like brand new. It only has about 20 hours on it. I bought it 5 years ago and could never get my kids to ride. \$1500. Call Mark at 697-8886 or email molson@activeinvestmentsgroup.com to see a picture.

Mark your calenders!

**TVTMA General Meetings are
scheduled for the 3rd Monday
of the month**

Next TVTMA meeting

Monday, September 21st

MotoOne on Orchard, near the freeway at 6:30 pm. David Booth, ISDE Silver medalist will be there to tell us about his experience in competing in the ISDE when it was hosted by the United States.

Visit us on the web

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For ride schedule updates, message board, classified ads, pictures and more....





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