

LCTR TRAILS AND TALES

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Wheelin' for Children, a Toys for Tots Event to be held at Spurgeon

Wouldn't it be great if you could go 4-wheeling while supporting a great cause? There is a way!!

Lincoln Country Trail Riders ATV Club, and Boonie Riders 4x4 Club, both based in Southern Indiana, are hosting "Wheeling for Children" a Toys for Tots event on Saturday, December 9, 2006 beginning at 8:00 a.m. central time.

The riding location is the Interlake Property, just off of I-64 in Indiana. This is Indiana DNR property, and at this time, is currently not opened to the public. However, they have graciously allowed this event to be held here, to publicize the future opening of the area as a riding area to ATV and 4x4 enthusiasts. When it opens to the general public, it will also be for motorcycles, equestrians, and have areas for hunting.

To preview this riding area on December 9th, all that you will need to do is bring at least one unwrapped toy worth at least \$15.00 per off road vehicle/horse/ATV and the receipt, and you will be admitted to the property free of charge. Visitors must comply with all Indiana DNR property rules and Indiana off- road vehicle laws. All vehicles must be registered. Out of state registrations will be honored.



There will be 2 areas to park. You can park your vehicles off of the old entrance off of County Road 1200S, or off of the new entrance off of Highway 68. There will be signs marking the way.

Please make plans to join us. This is going to be a great event, and we are extremely thankful that the DNR has allowed us to have this ride at Spurgeon.

Visit www.lincolncountrytrailriders.com for more information, or you can call Justin Sawyer at (812) 430-9671 after 5 p.m. central time.

Hope to see you there!!

Upcoming Election for Board of Directors

The LCTR Board of Director will have several openings this upcoming year. The positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the 2 Director positions will be available, due to the 2 year term limit of these offices.

The secretary and safety director still have one remaining year on their terms, but these positions can be held by someone else that wishes to run for these offices and wins during the election process.

The election will be held on February 3, 2007 at the yearly gathering of LCTR at Yellow Banks in Selvin, Indiana, more information will be posted on the forum as soon as it is available.

Anyone that is a paying member of LCTR is eligible to run for office. You must also be a paying member to vote in the election.

The end of the year event that is hosted by LCTR is not for paying members only. Anyone that is associated with the group is welcome to attend. It is a covered dish event, with plenty of food and fun.

Please make plans now to attend. Exercise your right to vote as an LCTR member, and choose those candidates that will continue to lead LCTR during the upcoming year.

Interlake Cleanup Day, November 4, 2006

By Justin Sawyer

Let me just start off by saying it was a great day and thanks to every one who made it. The property is looking great. Man it was fun just getting back on the property and looking at all the potential this place has. I can't wait for it to open full time.

The day started off with Nila Armstrong from the DNR Division of Outdoor Recreation going over a few things with us and then I talked a little about the Toys for Tots ride on December 9th. If you don't know yet we are having a Toy for Tots ride on December 9th, 2006 starting at 8am CST. We will have 2 entrances open. The new one off of Highway 68 and the same one we have all been using for years off of County Road 1200S. Bring a new unwrapped toy worth at least \$15 and ride the day for free. It should be a great time.

Now back to the topic at hand. Matt (Grizz #69) brought up a skid steer and worked on the road and fixed a few problem areas. It really made it much better thanks for the help Matt and Kate.

Nila had maps that had highlighted some problem areas. We broke off into teams and headed out. I took the parking area and the road up to the parking area. We picked most of the trash up in that area pretty quick and moved into the woods where several loads of shingles were taken out. Veolia Environmental Service provided us with a Dumpster. Thanks for the help Dan and Aaron for



Spurgeon is a favorite place for many of us to ride. Continue to show support to the DNR by assisting in the clean up effort.

getting the dumpster up there. These guys have always gotten us taken care of whenever we needed a dumpster. We seen a little of everything packed out of the woods TV, freezer, stove, shingles, and any thing else you could imagine

Every time we have a cleanup we think that there won't be that much the next time but we always seem to almost fill the dumpster up with things we find buried deep in the woods. I think we are making a huge dent in the old trash left on the property but we are still having a problem with some people thinking this is a dump area. We had several new piles that were on the edges of the roads. I hope these people get caught and get the max fines for dumping. Make sure if you see any one dumping trash where it doesn't belong to call the local law. Record their license plate and give an officer the information. Do not confront them. Let the officer handle that. And please don't litter.

Hope to see you all at the next cleanup. We will keep you posted the next time the State allows us to have another, so that hopefully you can

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's time to start thinking about renewing your LCTR membership. The cost is \$20.00 per family for the year. If you pay early, by January 14th, you will receive 1 free t-shirt per family/membership.

Please mail your payment along with your screen name and requested shirt size to: Lincoln Country Trail Riders, PO Box 1, Tennyson, Indiana 47367. Your payment must be postmarked by January 11, 2007 in order to receive this special early-bird offer. Paypal payment is also available. Check the forum for more info.

Remember that membership entitles you to many special items from our supporting dealers, members only rides and events, and the honor of knowing that you belong to the best ATV Club around!!!



LCTR T-Shirts

A note from the Safety Director

By Phil McCollum

As the year comes to an end, I'm happy to report that none of our members have suffered any major injuries as a result of riding ATVs. With the number of riders we already have as a fairly new established club, this is an outstanding achievement. I can only hope that this continues into the New Year. Below I have listed a few things below to keep in mind as we enter a new season.

ATVs are not toys! They are powerful and potentially dangerous vehicles.

ATVs can travel at speeds in excess of 60 miles per hour and can weigh in excess of 700 pounds.

ATVs can easily roll and tip over. Their unpredictable nature in off-road conditions makes training and knowledge of proper use essential.

In 2003, there were an estimated 740 deaths associated with ATVs, including 140 reported deaths that involved children. In 2004, an estimated 136,000 ATV-related injuries were treated in hospital

emergency rooms.

All riders should always wear a helmet when on an ATV.

About one-third of ATV-related deaths and injuries involve children. Anyone younger than 16 years of age should never be on an adult ATV.

Stay off paved roads and avoid unfamiliar terrain.

Never carry a passenger on a single-rider ATV.

Do not drive an ATV while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Stay Safe and Have Fun!

LCTR Hosts Mudbog for Shriner's Hospital

With a great day to play in the mud, LCTR members and friends gathered at Big Nasty for an event to raise money for the Shriner's Hospital. In all, a total of \$908.00 was raised for this cause.

Winners in the divisions are as follows:

2wd: 1st Jackson Hembree on a Raptor and 2nd Rick Pohl on a Honda

Womens: 1st Dacia Maynard on a Honda and 2nd Paige Sauls on a 700 Polaris

Small Bore 4x4: 1st Steve Furman on a Rancher 2nd Ron Dawson on a 500 Arctic Cat

Big Bore 4x4: 1st Greg Harris on a Brute Force 2nd Bobby Beard on a 650 Arctic Cat.



A very special thanks goes out to the following people for helping make this event a big success:

Thanks to Garth and Melinda from Big Nasty, to the LCTR members who made this event a success, to Wild Jim for getting this whole thing together, and entertaining us with us dual wheeled Brute. Thanks to Big 4 Cycle, Arctic Cat of Mt. Vernon, Tristate Yamaha, Obermeir Yamaha, Hopf Equipment, Stone and Stemle, AJ's cycle, Lemonds, Charlie's Honda, Travco Motorsports, Chandler Auto Parts, Steve's American Cycle, Ken Shourds' Equipment, Aigner Hardware, Heritage Federal Credit Union, Auto Zone of Booneville, Carquest, and Kimball Midwest for your contributions and donations.

LCTR RIDES AGAIN.....IN HARLAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

From guest columnist, GrizzlyGrl

Thanksgiving will never be the same! Several LCTR members spent their Thanksgiving holiday with the Harlan County Ridge Runners in Evarts, KY. And as usual, this will be another ride to remember!

Cub, Cubett, Grizz #69 and I (GrizzlyGrl) all made our way to Evarts on Thanksgiving evening, arriving in the mountains around 10:30pm. Our first stop was our rental house, appropriately named Hilltop Haven (<http://rr.kyoutdoors.com/sponsor/hilltop/hilltop.htm>), where owner Woody Fields welcomed us. After unloading the truck (ugh...never fun) and getting settled, we started planning the next days ride!

We all decided to ride the 'Park' as a warm-up since Grizz #69 and I hadn't been there in almost a year and a half. On Friday, we racked up 50 miles which was a good ride after being in a truck for 6 hours the night before. On the way off the mountain, we had 'minor' mechanical troubles, but we were able to get safely home. After getting some food in our bellies and cleaned up, we went to visit with the HCRR's at their Community Campfire. Oh my! I can't believe I actually forgot how fun those guys are to be around! We got to see Preston, One Eye Jack (Henry), Dallas and James (PoWhiteBoy) and many other RR's! I think I can speak for all of us when I say we all had a good time with those boys!

Also camping down by the Community Campfire, was Riverrat and his crew! This was the first time Grizz #69 and I got to spend anytime with Riverrat and his crew (family) but we had a blast. They are some good LCTR people!

On Saturday we had to go to Austin's ATV Shop (<http://rr.kyoutdoors.com/sponsor/austins/austin.htm>) to have the bike worked on. After a few bangs here and tightens there, we were back on the trails! That place is cheeeaaaaaapppppp, so if you ever need anything

wrenched on while you're down there, make sure you stop by Austin's.

After a quick breakfast (thank goodness for Dairy Hut and Sister's) we hit the Park again. We contemplated a guided ride, but with the pit stop in the morning, we missed all of guided rides that were going out for the day. We decided to try and hit as many new trails as possible in the Park and we were able to add another 45 miles or so to the bikes.

The weather was unbelievable! We had high 40's every morning, by afternoon it was high 60's and mid-50's in the evenings. The neatest part was on one side of the mountain it would be freezing with ice still floating in the mud puddles and light leftover snow on the hillside and the other side of the mountain would be total sunshine and beautiful. Talk about the best of both worlds!

Like last time, everyone welcomed us and made sure we felt as if we were at home, especially the RR's. I only hope that if any RR's came up here to ride with us 'flatlanders', as they like to call us, they would feel as welcome here as we do there.

Grizz #69 and I were amazed to see how much the place has changed since the last time we were there. A big CONGRATULATIONS to the RR's for all their hard work and determination. It has really paid off for them and for the town of Evarts. We will definitely be heading back as soon as possible. I know for sure it will not be a year and a half before we go back again!

If we had just hit that darn Kentucky Power Ball we wouldn't have had to come home at all! Oh well, maybe next time!

Enjoy and be safe -
GrizzlyGrl (Kate Asbury)

Riding in Vegas

From guest columnist hoosiertlb

Well, my wife decided she wanted to spend a week in Las Vegas. I don't like to gamble that much so I got on the World Wide Web to see what else there is to do in and around Las Vegas besides gambling. I found that there are ATV tours of the desert that looked pretty interesting. The price was around \$150 per person for a four hour ride and lunch. The pictures looked like fun so I signed my wife and myself up for the tour.

The bus driver picked us up at our hotel at 6:00 am for the one hour trip out from Vegas to the desert. He picked us up in an airport type large shuttle bus so there was plenty of room to get comfortable for the approximate 1 hour ride. We went past some interesting site one of which was the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. I had never seen it in person and I did not even know where it was. We traveled out I-15 east and turned off at a little town and headed out into the desert.

We arrived at the ATV site where we saw that they had 25 to 30 fairly new and clean machines ready for riding. There were only 4 of us in this particular tour so we had lots of machines to choose from. The first thing we did was enter a large storage building to try on helmets, gloves, and goggles. They had a large selection of clean gear to choose from.

Once we had our gear on we next went through a 10 minute safety instruction, familiarization with the machine we had chosen, and quick checkout of our riding skills. Just to make sure we knew where the brakes and throttle and so forth were. We were all fairly experienced with ATV's and we each owned one at home. We were also warned about hot dogging and possibly turning over the machine we were riding. The instructor went through the insurance we had purchased on the ATV's and what it did not cover. If we broke or rolled our machine we were responsible for the first \$1000 of damage before the insurance kicked in. So we decided to be very careful.

After everyone had satisfied the guide that we were comfortable with the ATV we started out. The riding was all in sand with a few places with small rocks. Reminded me of pictures I have seen of sand dunes although it was flat terrain. As we

moved further out into the desert there were pretty steep hills up and down the bluffs and I think they are called mesas. I was comfortable with the hills and they were lot of fun going up and down. We rode for about three hours with three quick rest stops where the guide had water and light snacks for us. We had a really good time talking with the guide and among ourselves learning where the other folks were from and listening to the guide talk about the desert and riding in the desert. The guide was entertaining, friendly, and knowledgeable. We rode for about three hours or so before returning back to the main entrance. The only drawback to the whole experience was it was over too soon.

As soon as we turned in our machines the staff was busy inspecting and washing them getting ready for the next group. I will have to say that the machines were very good in appearance and operation. My wife and I had selected Suzuki King Quads, I think 500 CC four wheel drive to ride, but the CC's were not marked on the bike and it was a single cylinder. I'm used to my Prairie 700 twin, but this one had plenty of power and 4 wheel drive if needed.

We boarded the bus to go back to the hotel where we were given a sack lunch that was pretty good. On the way back we were treated to a tour through the Painted Desert and stopped at a picnic spot to eat our lunch. The Painted desert was spectacular with a lot of huge, reddish colored, rock formations that arose out of the ground in strange configurations.

We made it back to the hotel around 1:30 in the afternoon. The trip was well worth the price and we were treated very well by the staff. I would recommend the tour to anyone who has the time when visiting Las Vegas.

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We're on the Web!

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www.lincolncountrytrailriders.com

John D wishes to add a special note of thanks to all that have participated in the club this year, for all of your hard work and dedication to make us what we are!!!

We are always looking for newsworthy articles and events to publish in our newsletter. Please remember that this is YOUR newsletter, and send items of interest for publication to Teena Smith (aka insanitee) for consideration for the next edition.

I would personally like to take the time to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It has been a pleasure to do the newsletter for the group, and I sincerely would like to thank those that contributed articles for publication.

May the upcoming year be filled with happiness and continued good health for all of you.

Season's Greetings!!

Teena

