



LCTR Trails and Tales

This edition of Trails and Tales is dedicated to all of the people trying to better the sport of ATVing. There are many groups of people out there that are trying to improve the opinion of our sport, and LCTR is one of them. There are a few guest columnists this time, and I would like to thank them for their contributions. ENJOY!!!

LCTR Invades Evarts, KY for the Nation Ride

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June 22nd thru the 25th, ATV Nation held its annual ATV Nation Ride at the Black Mountain Recreational Park in Harlan County, KY. ATV Riders from all over the country came to the area representing many clubs, but with the exception of ATV Nation and the Harlan County Ridge Runners, Lincoln County Trail Riders were by far the largest represented club. Unofficial numbers total between 75 to 100 members.

The first member I got to meet face to face was JohnD when he drove up on his Rhino at the temp RV site in North Evarts with that big smiling face.

After several introductions of members from LCTR and HCRR, he proceeded to tell us of their plans for the week, and just needed to be directed to the right places to start their weekend of fun. I could tell this was a fun group and they were going to have a good time.

I was informed that LCTR's home base was the South Evarts RV Park behind the Dairy Hut. Reports I have from fellow Ridge Runners range from cooking

breakfast for the group, to a Karaoke party one evening, just to mention a few.

As the weekend progressed, local Ridge Runners were commenting on the fact that the LCTR members were "a great bunch of folks". Everywhere you went, you saw someone with a LCTR Shirt on, especially in the mud holes on the Park.

On Saturday, when everyone was lining up for the Guinness World Record attempt for most "off road" vehicles in a 2-mile stretch, you could really see the large group from LCTR. The number the HCRR will submit will be 1138, and 9% of that total were LCTR members.

Every morning as I would come back up to Evarts, I would hear from fellow Ridge Runners what fun you had the night before and what your plans were going to be for the next evening. Epd688 would give us a daily update, as I understand he was over there several evenings. Even our local Mayor was asking from time to time what you guys were into. There were so many LCTR members I met that I would be afraid to mention any names, as I'm sure I would leave someone out.

The HCRR would like to express their appreciation for

your participation in the ATV Nation Ride and Guinness World Book record attempt. I personally wish I could have spent more time over at your camp, but as with other HCRR volunteers, I had other duties that came up thru the weekend.

We hope you had a great time of riding and making new friends from our area. I know from the stories around the campfire after the ATV Nation ride, many Ridge Runners enjoyed their time they spend with the LCTR members.

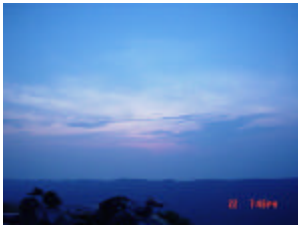
We extend an invitation to come back as your group expresses the "true" ATV community and what we are all about. Thanks again, and as we say here in the mountains, "until next time".

Dave, Treasurer
Harlan County Ridge
Runners ATV Club

A Note from our Safety Director



The Smokey Mountains are a beautiful sight to behold. Whether you are just passing thru, or have the time to stop and visit, nothing can beat the view from the top of one of the mountain peaks after a rainfall, or at sunset.



It's been almost 6 months since being elected Safety Officer for LCTR, and it has been an enjoyable experience.

So far, we have had 15 people complete the ASI safety course that is available to all of us, but what is really surprising is that they were an outside group. Morley and Associates of Evansville contacted us in search of a safety training course and LCTR delivered. This just goes to show you how well the word of our club is

reaching the outside public. Be proud as we are accomplishing great things as a whole.

In the future, I will be including some safety information regarding side by sides as people like to call them. I never realized their popularity until the recent ATV Nation Ride in Harlan County, KY. Nor, did I realize the number of our members that operate them, so I feel it's a necessity to include them. Special thanks to the infamous John D for

referring a couple of contacts for needed information.

I would also like to mention that for the year, we've had no serious injuries. There have been the occasional scrapes and bruises but those are almost non-avoidable in our sport as we all know. My hat is off to all of you for a great job!!

Philjo

Next LCTR Group Meeting and Ride

The next group ride and meeting for LCTR will be held Sunday July 30, 2006 at Little Egypt Off Road Park in Crab Orchard, Illinois.

Arctic Cat of Mount Vernon will be there and will be sponsoring a "Demo Day". They will have new models of ATV's there for you to see, and even test drive.

Illinois permits are required and cost \$11.00. The user fee at LEOR is \$10.00. Helmets are required at all times. Primitive camping is available for \$5.00 a night. They are in the process of installing electricity for other camping sites, but it's not available at this time. Fires are permitted in the fire rings, and wood

is available.

LEOR is located just 8 miles east of Marion, Illinois, just off Illinois Route 13.

The meeting will begin at noon. Hope to see everyone there!!!

TOYS FOR TOTS SPECIAL EVENT DECEMBER 9, 2006

Last year, LCTR sponsored "Mudding for Mallory" as our big event for the year.

This year, we will be having a Toys for Tots ride at Redbird on December 9th, 2006. Plans are still being finalized with Redbird and

the DNR, and everyone will be notified as these plans are completed.

We do know that you will have to bring an unwrapped toy to the ride, with the receipt. Cost has yet to be determined.

Please start making plans now to attend this

event.

Watch the forum for more information. It will be posted as it becomes available.

Let's make this a ride to remember, and help make a child's Christmas a little brighter!!!

Memories

I just wanted to share a few memories about LCTR and it's members from JohnD's point of view.

I have to tell this little story about how I met DirtRider700 (Tim...AKA Dairyrider). I was down with a bunch of friends from LCTR riding at Spurgeon. There were a bunch of new people that I had never met, but they all seemed to be really nice. We were all playing on this long hill with a small water puddle at the bottom. I was on my way down, showing off as usual. Here comes Dairyrider. I thought, "What the heck, this will be a good way to meet someone that I do not know." I gassed my ATV and splashed him good!! From then on, I am glad to call him my Friend! Then, at Harlan at the ATV Nation ride in 2006, I got him again with a little 3 foot wall of water. I heard him say a few choice words, then saw water whoosh over his seat. I am still proud to call him my Friend!!

Just to show you how

good these people from LCTR are, let me share this. I think it was the second time that I had met Mudcat. It was January and colder than heck at Spurgeon. The heater in our camper went out, and it looked as if we might have to go home. Out of the blue, he offered to go to his house and get a heater for us. About an hour later, we had the heater and were warming up nicely. That is what being a part of LCTR is all about.

I met Craig C from another club. He was one of them fellers that I could always get to ride with me. The first time I ever rode with him was also down at Spurgeon. He was out hot rodding around on his Raptor. I was enjoying an ice cold soda. I blinked my eyes for about 2 seconds. Then all I saw was Craig lying on the ground in front of his Raptor. It had bucked him off like a wild bull. He has never lived that down.

Once again, good people from LCTR show their true colors. We had planned a ride at Spurgeon with a bunch of friends and members. We

by: JohnD

always camped so we could enjoy the day all the way into the night. The campers were circled and the fire was always burning. We normally had to cut some dead wood and drag it up, but this time, Tim (mytwins) just showed up with a full truck load of wood, cut, split, the whole thing. He brought this just because he is one heck of a good feller!! That is what these great people are all about.

Here are a few thanks to a few others that I have met:

Thanks Tee and 'smoke for the Sheep Cup!
Thanks Gearhead for being my mechanic!
Thanks Dairyrider for the Karaoke!
Thanks Riley and Dairyrider for "letter from home"!!!!
Thanks Yellr and Blondy for just everything!!
Thanks LCTR for the boxes while I was in IRAQ!
Thanks Cub and Cubett for the 6 pack with the shirt!!!
Thanks to all members of LCTR for just being GREAT PEOPLE!!

Take care all, and I hope to ride with you all soon!

John D the Great!!



The famous, or infamous John D



Polaris to the Rescue!!!!

T-shirts, Sweatshirts and Hats

LCTR is now keeping a few t-shirts on hand for those of you that wish to purchase them. The primary colors are dark grey and orange, with sizes ranging from small to 3X.

If you require a special size, or want a special color, these will be

available by special order. Orders are taken, and filled when enough orders are received.

Sweatshirts and hats will also be available by special order. These special orders will require payment up front before the order is placed.

You can contact Cub by private message on the forum for information about your special order prepayment options or for information about purchasing a t-shirt. Shipping is available for those that can't pick up for the cost of the shipping.



ATV Nation Ride June 2006

by: John D

Group of LCTR members getting ready for the start of the World Record Parade Attempt .



John D's Rhino all decked out with our banner and 2 American flags, ready to lead the group of LCTR members in the parade down the streets of Evarts, Kentucky.

Lincoln Country Trail Riders made a name for themselves down in that area by showing up in support of the Nation Ride in Evarts, KY in HUGE numbers. We were there to support the parade for the world record, ride some of the best trails out there, meet new people, and have a lot of fun.

Well, I have to say personally that I have not ridden since the Nation Ride at Windrock in 2004. I was so excited. I drove all night Tuesday night just to get there early. A few others came rolling in Wednesday, and we all went out on a short ride through the park, took some pictures, and had some fun.

Thursday was the day that most of the people were rolling in. I met so many new members, and I never would have guessed that there were that many good people out there. A lot of these members have been part of the club for 2 years, and I never even met them. It sure was good to put a face with a name.

Thursday, a few of us went to Black Mountain. As Scramblerette said, "I RODE 84 (choice words) MILES!"

Thanks to Trailback and others from HCRR for guiding us through some of the best trails with great scenery to be had in Kentucky.

Friday was another great day. A few more showed up and off to the trails we went. That night was when the LCTR camp area came alive. Dirtrider700 brought out the Karaoke machine and everyone enjoyed the night. Not only LCTR members, but members from all other clubs. Even the Mayor of Evarts stopped by for a little fun.

Saturday was history in the books. We all started out with a Parade Convoy. There were about 100 LCTR members and friends. In the end, there were unofficially 1138 vehicles. It was ATV's and off road vehicles for as far as you could see. After that was the "BUBBA HUNT". We all headed out on the trails for some riding fun and Bubba hunting. It was over at 5:00 and all the cards from the hunt were turned in. All that

was left was for the prizes to be called. I do not know how many of us won prizes, but I would guess LCTR took home an easy 50% of the goods, from the raffle and hunt.

Sunday was a great morning, even though it was the day a lot of us were leaving for home. Tee and some helpers set up a very tasty breakfast with all kinds of goodies on the menu. It was a chip in breakfast, and a chance to say good-bye and take a few last pictures.

A big THANKS goes out to the people of Evarts, and the HCRR for all their hospitality, and sharing what they know as home. Also a big THANKS goes out to all the people of LCTR just for being a great bunch of people. I am definitely proud to know all of you.

We had fun, and no major accidents or injuries. I sure can't wait "UNTIL WE RIDE AGAIN".....

See you on the trails!!!!

John D the Great

Supporting Dealers

Don't forget to go out and visit our supporting dealers. A list of our supporting dealers is listed below, but check out the forum for the types of discounts that you can receive from them.

These dealers have been nice enough to offer some serious discounts for Lincoln Country Trail Rider members. You must have your current 2006 membership card with you in order to take advantage of these great deals.

AJ Cycle

495 3rd Avenue
Jasper, IN
(812)482-3366
Contact: John or Andy

Arctic Cat of Mount Vernon

533-B W 2nd Street
Mount Vernon, IN 47620
(812) 838-1936
Contact: Ed or Matt
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Big 4 Cycle

Evansville, IN
(812) 476-8801
Contact: John Robinson

Hopf Equipment

Huntingburg, IN
1-800-742-7408
Contact: Randy Stratman for parts, John Lehmkuhler for service.

Obermeyer Yamaha

1-866-YAMAHA-6
Contact Lonnie or Keith

So. Indiana Honda Polaris

Newburgh, IN
(812) 858-8160
Contact John C. or Gala

S&S Power Sports

700 Hwy 31 East
Clarksville, IN 47129
1-888-987-2515
Contact: James Davidson

Switz City Sports

Junction of Hwy 67 and 54
Switz City, IN
(812) 659-9190

Tristate Motorcycles

Evansville, IN
(812) 476-0366
Contact: John Boyer

Wheels in Motion

1927 Hwy. 337 NW
Corydon, IN 47112
(812) 738-3344
Contact: Todd Hattabaugh

There is a supporting dealer near you. Stop by soon and see what they have to offer.

All offer discounts on parts and accessories, and some offer discounts on labor.

Be sure that we support the local businesses that support us by offering us these discounts.



Tyler Davis
Had a great time in Evarts. He has a safety seat mounted in his dad's Rhino, and watching the wheelers go thru the water and mud was really exciting for him!!

Become a Member of LCTR

Becoming a member of LCTR is absolutely free. Just check out our forum and sign up.

You can become a supporting member for just \$20.00 a year. This includes your entire family for this price.

Your free membership will allow you access to

the forum, and the chance to get to know some of the best people around.

Your paid membership will give you special deals from our great supporting dealers, and the opportunity for special members only activities throughout the year. It will also entitle you to vote on

important topics, and allow you to run for an officer position if you choose.

Either way, don't hesitate to visit our website today and join LCTR for the best fun you've had in a long time!!

"Everybody couldn't say enough good things about you guys. You all left a great impression to say the least."

*Trailback
HCRR*

Indiana Trails Meeting at Sugar Ridge June 29, 2006

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Feel free to email or send a private message to any of the people listed above if you have questions, concerns, suggestions, or comments about the group.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.lincolncountrytrailriders.com

An informal meeting was put on by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources at Sugar Ridge on June 29, 2006 for input to the new Indiana Trails Program.

People attending this meeting were Kyle Huffer, Director of the DNR, Emily Kress, Director of the Division of Outdoor Recreation, Nila Armstrong, the Director of the Indiana Department of Transportation, and several other staffers and politicians from the area.

This program is primarily directed toward the cyclist and hiker, but there are also provisions for the off-road enthusiast as well.

For the off-road family, there are plans for the expansion of Redbird, and the continued work at

Interlake.

The questions that I asked were: 1. How does this plan affect the progression of the work at Interlake and will it in any way move our off-road recreation area to the back burner behind this new program?

We were reassured that work was still being done at Interlake. They have put a new road into the property off of Hwy 68 which is where the new entrance is planned. The survey will be started very soon, as all paperwork has been signed and approved. They are trying to purchase additional acreage on the southern border to make entrance easier, as well as square up the property lines.

2. It has been so long since we had any contact

with the DNR on this project...Why the long wait? The lack of info can cause rumors, and this is what had happened.

They had been understaffed, but recently there has been an additional hiring of 6 personnel to help the Department out. Also, there will be an effort to keep us informed, and we will be called upon for help.

On Friday, my wife Sindy toured the property with Nila, Emily, Ben (the State photographer), Tom Hartman, (WCRD President, and Alan Lane. They rode 20 miles while viewing the reclamation work and taking pictures.

Greg Harris
LCTR President

Special Thanks goes out to the people that contributed articles for this edition of LCTR Trails and Tales!!!!

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