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First Edition



Trails and Tales

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Welcome to LCTR's Trails and Tales

Welcome to the first edition of Trails and Tales, the newsletter of the Lincoln Country Trail Riders.

The first edition of the newsletter will include a personal note from each member of the Lincoln Country Trail Rider Board of Directors. We will also review the most recent group rides that our members attended.

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep our members informed of the events of the club, such as upcoming meetings, scheduled rides and events, information from our supporting dealers, and various tidbits of what we think will be useful information.

In each edition, we will be focusing on an ATV riding area that is within a

few hours drive from most of our members.

The newsletter will be published at least quarterly, and more often if needed, to assure that our members are kept up to date on important information.

We hope that you will enjoy this first edition of Trails and Tales.

LCTR Members Sponsor a Clean Up Day at the Interlake/Spurgeon Riding Area

On Saturday, June 4, 2005, LCTR sponsored a Clean Up day at the area known as Interlake or Spurgeon.

This clean up day, also recognized as National Trails Day, was approved by the DNR as a way to assist them in cleaning up the area that will be turned into a state riding area in the future.

Approximately 60 people were in attendance at this event, including ATV clubs and other 4-wheel drive clubs in the

area, and the DNR was gracious enough to let the participants in the clean up effort ride on the property afterwards.

LCTR also constructed and installed signs at the entrance to the area. These signs are the typical signs that you see at all state managed riding areas, and will be used to keep the public informed of what is going on in the area.

Currently, this area is only opened to the public for certain recreational

activities, such as hunting. No motorized vehicles or camping is allowed at the present time. It will be closed to the public officially on February 1, 2006, when the big equipment begins the reclamation process. The area will reopen for recreational purposes after the process is completed.

There is another clean-up day scheduled on September 10, 2005. The DNR will have a meeting before the clean-up begins.

LCTR Rides in Harlan County Kentucky



Taken over Memorial Weekend in Harlan County, Kentucky.

Several LCTR members were the guests of the Harlan County Ridge Runners in Evarts, Kentucky over Memorial Day weekend. It was truly a ride to be remembered.

The Harlan County Ridge Runners ATV Club is based in the coal fields of southeastern Kentucky. Recently, over 7000 acres of reclaimed coal land was leased to create an Off Road Park. There are trail

loops of 45-150 miles with no back tracking. Trails range from easy, to moderate and extreme. The HCRR Club offers FREE guide service to riders on these trails.

The Off Road Park is open to ATVs, dirt bikes, trucks/jeeps, with horseback riding and hiking trails to be added in the future. The nearby towns are ATV friendly. They only ask that you

obey all traffic laws.

Quotes from attending members:

Mudcat: "WOW! What a weekend. I will definitely be going back."

'smoke: "What a great place to ride. Thanks to everyone, it was absolutely awesome"

P-Talley: "All I have to say is this place is super."

<http://www.kyoutdoors.com/hccr/>

The next planned meeting for LCTR is Sunday, July 17, 2005 at Redbird SRA in Dugger, IN. Watch the website for more info.

LCTR has it's first Official Meeting

On May 7, 2005, the members of LCTR had its first official meeting with several members present.

President Greg Harris explained to the group that the reason behind becoming a non-profit group was to limit liability exposure by individuals, and wanting to further promote the sport by holding charity events.

Several topics were

discussed, including the Hoosier National Forest Meetings and the Sugar Ridge Meetings.

The local dealers that are participating in the member discount programs were all mentioned and thanked.

After the meeting, all of the attending members went on a great ride hosted by Greg Harris (aka Mudcat) and his wife

Sindy.

The next scheduled meeting of LCTR members will be July 17, 2005 at the Redbird State Riding area in Dugger, Indiana. Please check out the Redbird website for rules and regulations for riding at this park.

www.redbirdsra.com

HNF Letter Deadline is Fast Approaching

Please don't forget that the deadline for getting in your letters and comments about the Hoosier National Forest is June 27th, 2005. There are several ways that you can voice your opinion about the forest.

You may send your

comments via US mail, email, or use an electronic comment form. The following addresses are provided for your convenience:

hoosier_forest_plan_revision@fe.fed.us

http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/planningdocs/draft_docs/draft_documents.htm

Judy Perez, Hoosier National Forest
811 Constitution Avenue
Bedford, Indiana 47421

A Personal Note from our Board of Directors

Mudcat- President

My name is Greg Harris. I live in Gentryville, Indiana now, but am originally from southern Illinois.

I joined the Army out of high school, and stayed in for 8 ½ years. I met my wife Sindy in 1988 on a trail ride on horses (of all things) in Illinois. We dated for 2 years then got married right before I went to Desert Storm. My son Gregory was born while I was in Saudi.

After getting out of the Army, we moved back to Gentryville where my wife is from. We were blessed with another child, Amber in 1995.

I have been riding and

wrenching since I was about 13 years old. My first ATV was a Yamaha Trimoto 125. This was also the first motor that I ever tore apart and made run again afterwards.

I got back into ATVs in 1996 when both my son and I got 4-wheelers. Since then, we've both gone through many different brands and sizes, and both of ours just keeps getting bigger and bigger. My wife and daughter have both had 4-wheelers, and ridden with us, but prefer to stick to horseback riding.

We've met and held onto many good friends through this sport, and couldn't ask for better people to lend a needed

hand when asked.

When I'm not riding or spending time with my family, I work as a mixer driver/maintenance man for Concrete Supply in Evansville, Indiana.

I became involved in forming Lincoln Country Trail Riders after meeting Justin (JoeDirt) on an ATV forum. We talked and rode for months. We pretty much decided to try forming an ATV club with the intentions of promoting the sport in a favorable light, and meeting like-minded friends. As you can tell, it has been a BIG success! I hope it continues to grow and prosper with new ideas and new people.



JoeDirt- Vice President

My name is Justin Sawyer. I am married to a wonderful woman, Angie, and we have a great little boy who's name is Rex. We all have ATVs. Rex's of course, is battery operated, but he loves to ride it around the house.

I've been riding since I was a little guy. I started out riding my uncle's Honda 90 ATC. I thought I was big stuff riding around the yard. Then, my family bought a Honda 110 ATC. Boy did we have fun on that thing!

Later, we got a Honda 200M ATC. We thought it was great having reverse and front shocks.

I didn't have another ATV or ATC until I was old enough to buy my own. I bought a 1999 Yamaha in 1998. The Wolverine was a great ATV, but I wanted something a little more and thought that a Suzuki Z-400 would fit the bill. The Z-400 was a great 4-wheeler, but I was a little tired of being wet and cold within the first 10 minutes of riding in the winter months. So, I bought my current ride which is a

2004 Kawasaki Prairie 700.

Greg (Mudcat) and I decided that we needed a club to be formed in this area to help keep existing places open, and to help open more riding areas for all to enjoy. We talked it over and decided to start a website and see how it would go from there. We have been pleasantly surprised by all of the support we have gotten from all of our members. You guys are great!!!



Personal notes continued:

Cub-Treasurer

I am Chris Weikert. I live north of Jasper, Indiana.

I started riding 3-wheelers on the farm back in 1985. I learned to ride on a Honda 125M that my Dad still has.

I've had a few different ATVs, including a 200X,

and a 350X. My first 4-wheeler was a 300X. I upgraded and got a 500I Arctic Cat, and now I have a 650 Arctic Cat.

I enjoy many types of riding from the leisurely pace of a road ride, to an all out paces running through the woods. I have been known to drive off

into a few mud holes too. All in all, I just like being outdoors with a good group of people.

Being part of LCTR has led me to meeting a bunch more GREAT people to ride with. I look forward to meeting many more as the group keeps growing.

Kody450- Secretary

My real name is Kevin Snodgrass, and I live in Evansville, Indiana. I am married to my high school sweetheart, Pam. I am 18 years old with 24 years of experience. By weekdays, I am an HVAC technician with Johnson Controls. When I am not working, I am a shade tree redneck.

Prior to becoming a long haired civilian, I served in the USMC for

12+ years.

The Kodiak 450 (hence the name Kody450, not unique, but all I could come up with at the time) that I have is my first quad. I have been riding now for about 3 years. I was talking to my dealer about places to ride, and he suggested that I log onto the LCTR website. It was the best advice that anyone has given me about quad riding.

Most of what I have

learned about riding has been with LCTR members. And, since I still have a lot to learn, I'm going to keep riding.

There isn't one particular thing I like most about riding. Every ride is an adventure. You never know what is going to happen when you put on your helmet and hit the trails with this bunch. I guess that's what I like the most.

See ya'll on the trails!

P_Talley-Safety Officer

My name is Patrick Talley. I was born and raised in Valparaiso, Indiana. I am 34 years old.

I have a daughter, Natalie, who is 8 years old. I have been married to my current wife, Tracy, for 3 years. I moved to southern Indiana 5 years ago when we first met.

I have worked at the Toyota Plant for 3 years. I am currently a team

leader in the paint department of the East plant.

We have two 4-wheelers. Tracy's is a 2005 500 Polaris and I have a 2005 800 Polaris.

I found this group in the fall of 2004, and went on my first ride with them to the Badlands in January of this year.

I have made some wonderful new friends, and have learned a lot from everyone that I've met.

I am currently the Safety Officer for LCTR, and hope to keep everyone safe and happy throughout the year on all of the rides that we have.

Did you know that you can purchase LCTR stickers, window stickers, t-shirts, sweatshirts and clocks??

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

'smoke- Director

My name is Bryan Smith. I am married to perhaps the most wonderful lady in the world, Teena. You all know her as insanitee, or just Tee.

After a short stint in the Navy, I worked in the construction field until being employed as a janitor at Indiana University. While employed at IU, I took classes and eventually landed a job in the HVAC-R industry. I have been employed in the HVAC-R industry since 1988 or so, with most of those years as a service technician.

My Polaris 600 is the first quad that I have ever owned, although I rode dirt bikes and such as a kid growing up here in Bloomfield, located in southern Indiana.

I found a link to LCTR from another forum, and joined because it was a website dedicated to the furtherment of ATVing in "my neck of the woods". I've found that the people that frequent this site are among the finest in the , and I'm proud to be associated with such a great bunch of folks that have become more than just "internet acquaintances" but TRUE FRIENDS in every sense of the word.



"Mud?? What mud??"

Diablo-Director

My name is Hector Zaragoza. I live in Westpoint, Indiana. I am married with one 2 year old daughter.

I work at Caterpillar, Inc., in Lafayette, and also work part time at Midwest Rentals, Inc.

I've been riding quads for years off and on, and currently own two, an 04 Yamaha YFZ450, and an 87 Yamaha Warrior. I enjoy riding at the Badlands, or anywhere else that I can meet up with my fellow LCTR members. Other hobbies include building off-road vehicles and hot-rods, restoring my old home, and snowboarding. I also enjoy spending as much time as I can with my daughter.

I've seen LCTR grow from just a few members, to what it is now, and I am truly proud to know that I had a small part in it. I hope to be able to ride and socialize with this great group of people for years to come.

Special Thanks to our Troups

We at LCTR would like to thank all of the men and women from our country serving in our Armed Forces

One of our own, John Kintner, is serving in the United States Army, and is currently stationed in Iraq.

John is known to us as the infamous "JohnD" on the LCTR website.

We hope that you will add John and his family to your prayer list, as well as all of the soldiers that are

serving this great country of ours against the war on terrorism.

We send out our best wishes to John and his family, and hope that he safely returns home soon.

If you would like to send a card or note to JohnD, you may send it to the following address. He also enjoys care packages from home that include lots of cookies and Doritos.

JohnD's address is

SSG Kintner John D
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APO, AE 09383



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Supporting Dealers and Discounts

We are very lucky to have local dealerships that support LCTR. These dealerships have offered excellent discounts to card carrying members of LCTR.

To find out more about how you can become a charter/supporting member, and receive these discounts from supporting dealers, please visit our website or just click on the link provided!

<http://www.lincolncountrytrailriders.com/forums/index/php?showtopic=2058>

Benefit/Fundraising Event!!!

LCTR will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday, August 27, 2005 at Redbird. This fundraiser will benefit a child in southern Indiana who has Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia.

The fund raising event will consist of a sled pull, a mud bog, poker run, and many other events to be scheduled throughout the day.

There will be trophies

presented to the winners of the events, and we will have either a raffle, or a silent auction for many items that have been donated by wonderful people.

There is a committee consisting of Tag-a-long (Sindy Harris), insanitee (Teena Smith), Dirtrider 700 (Tim Dillman), Big Bronco, (Cody Simmons) and Tracy Talley.

If you would like to help out in any way, please contact one of these members for more information.

Even if you aren't on the committee, you can do your part by contacting your local businesses for donations for this great cause, and advertising.

Please check the forums for more info.

Your Comments are Important to Us!

If you have comments or questions about the newsletter, please send an email to:

insanitee67@insightbb.com

I would also like any

suggestions, stories or pictures for the next Trails and Tales.

I've really enjoyed putting this one together for you, and can only see

the group growing more as people find out about us and our great club.

Tee

Happy Riding!!