

LCTR Trails and Tales

August 6, 2007



UPCOMING RIDES AND EVENTS

August 25th
Fundraiser at Redbird for Down Syndrome and LCTR General meeting (3pm CST meeting)

September 22nd
Redbird Rally

Every Saturday & Sunday in October
Work days at Interlake for Toys 4 Tots Event (Everyone welcome)

October 21st
LCTR General meeting at Interlake at Noon (CST)

November 3rd
Toys for Tots Ride at Interlake

LCTR 3rd Annual Charity Event

LCTR will be sponsoring its 3rd annual charity event on August 25, 2007 at Redbird SRA. This year, we will be having an off-road poker run, with all proceeds going to the Evansville Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome.

All trail vehicles are welcome; it doesn't matter if you have a Jeep, 4wd, ATV, or motorcycle. Everyone is invited to participate in this event; even non-LCTR members.

A side by side vehicle will be available to take children on a ride designed specially for youngsters. We will also be having a raffle, and will have some items to give away.

The gates will open at 8:00 a.m. and sign ups will begin at 9:00 a.m. The poker run will begin at 10:00 a.m. and all cards must be turned in

by 2:00 p.m. There will be an LCTR general meeting at 3:00 p.m., and prizes will be awarded beginning at 4:00 p.m. A \$100.00 cash prize will be given to the winner of the poker run. **(Note: all given times are Central Standard Time.)**

Each poker hand will cost \$10.00, and you may purchase as many hands as you would like. You can ride the trails at your own pace, and you can choose the trails you would like to travel. The location of the check points will be on a map & each participant will be given a map when you purchase your Poker hand.

Redbird is located in Dugger, Indiana, and is the only operating SRA for off road vehicles in Indiana. There is a \$10.00 daily user fee to

ride at Redbird. All vehicles must have Indiana OHV registration. Out of state registrations will also be honored. All visitors must comply with all DNR property rules and Indiana off road vehicle laws. **Helmets are required and no 2-up riding unless machine is designed for it.**

We are looking forward to another great event. Please make your plans now to attend!

For more information, you can contact Justin Sawyer at 812-430-9671 after 5:00 p.m., or visit our website at

www.lincolncountrytrailriders.com.

See you on **August 25th!!!**

Department of Outdoor Recreation Director Retiring

Emily Kress, the Director of Outdoor Recreation for the State of Indiana will be retiring on August 17, 2007. Emily has done a great job of keeping us informed on the progress of the Interlake project. Sometimes it isn't what we wanted to hear, but she told us the truth and gave us as much information as she knew. I would like to take this time and thank Emily for her hard work. Hopefully, Emily will not be a stranger, and will come down and visit us when Interlake finally opens up.

I know that everyone is wondering, "When is Interlake (Spurgeon) going to open?" The best answer I can give you is that no one knows for sure. There are many things that have to be done.

NOW is the time to take action, and let the Governor and state officials know that we aren't quietly going to stand back and let the Interlake Project fall between the cracks. We need to start a letter writing campaign to show them that we are in support of the Interlake

Project. I believe at this time WCRD (Warrick County Recreation Development) is in the process of writing letters to get support from area businesses and area officials, but we need **YOU** to tell them why this would be a good and worthy project for you and your family.

Please be professional when writing your letters. Remember that we need to show our support and interest, not our disappointments and disagreements.

I am including a sample letter that you can find on page 4 of this newsletter. Please send copies of your letters to the following people, and please include your own area representatives.

Governor Mitch Daniels
Office of the Governor
Statehouse
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Indiana House
Pike County
Brian Crooks
200 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Warrick County
Russ Stilwell
200 W. Washington St
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Indiana Senate

Pike County Area
Lindel Hume
1797 Concord Drive
Princeton, IN 47670

Warrick County Area
Richard Young
10347 E. Daugherty Lane
Milltown, IN 47145

Warrick County Area
Vaneta Becker
Indiana St. Senator, Dist.
50 200 W. Washington
Street Indianapolis, IN
46204

If you don't live in Indiana, we would still like you to write a letter, to show the officials that it isn't just the people in southern Indiana that want more areas to recreate in. If you can, please send a copy to LCTR as well so that we can create a portfolio to have in hand when the time comes for us to meet with them so we can show the overwhelming support of this project. Please send to:

LCTR
P.O. Box 181
Stanford, IN 47463

Thanks again Emily for your years of service to the Indiana DNR. We hope that you have a great retirement.

Justin Sawyer,
President – LCTR



Let's work to get Interlake clean. Participation in scheduled workdays shows the DNR that we are eager to have this area open as soon as possible!!

October is Clean up Month at Interlake

Every weekend in October has been set aside as working weekends at Interlake. This is in preparation for our upcoming Toys for Tots event, as well as assisting the DNR with some much needed work at the property.

The workdays will be taking place every Saturday and Sunday during October. In the past, the DNR has allowed

us to work in the mornings and ride in the afternoons. These clean up sessions are work only. We will be able to ride the trails as we work, doing things such as cleaning trash, trail marking, and trail maintenance. Leisurely trail riding will not be allowed.

As with all events scheduled on DNR property, vehicles must have state registration,

and helmets are required.

We will gather at the Marion Parking Area (Top of the hill off of County Rd 1200S) at 9:00 am each workday, and discuss the length of the workday at that time.

On October 21, there will be a general meeting of LCTR in the Marion Parking area beginning at noon central time.

Mark your calendars!!!!

Toys for Tots Committee is Forming

The Toys for Tots fundraising event will be held again this year at Interlake on November 3, 2007. The LCTR Board of Directors is now in the process of forming a committee of 3 or 4 highly motivated people that are willing to take on this project.

Once again, the event will be sponsored by LCTR and the Boonie Riders 4WD club.

The event last year was a huge success, and we want this year's event to be bigger and better. If you are interested in being on the committee,

please contact Justin Sawyer at 812-430-9671 by 8/31/2007.

If you have some spare time to give, but aren't interested in being on the committee, we will be asking for workers as the event draws near.

Safety Officer Needed

LCTR is in search of a special person to complete this year's term of Safety Officer.

This position requires a love of off-roading, with strict focus on safety. A few memos will need to

be issued, and you will be required to attend a few meetings, and vote on important issues within the group.

If you are interested in this position, please contact a member of the

Board of Directors, or post your interest on the forum.

Nominations are open now, and this position will be filled August 25, at the LCTR General meeting at Redbird.

Sample letter for the Interlake Project

August 6, 2007

Re: Interlake Multiple Use Recreation Area

Dear Governor Daniels,

As a long time all Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and four wheel drive recreationist, I am very pleased to see that the Interlake area near Lynnville, IN has been included in your "Hoosiers on the Move" State Trails Plan. The very limited areas of managed use for off highway vehicle access in Indiana has previously resulted in enthusiasts going to neighboring states for their recreations pursuits. As a citizen of Indiana, I consider myself and my family as stakeholders in the future of places such as Interlake. While other states offer opportunities, I would rather spend my money in Indiana, where it can help the local economy

I have volunteered with other motorized and non-motorized recreationists to perform maintenance and cleanup on such endeavors as National Trails Day (NTD). This is a great

opportunity to work with other trail users in building an understanding of one another's needs and means of communication for a community for trail users. While NTD is significant, it is a once a year event. With the opening of Interlake and its diverse recreation opportunities, multiple use recreationists could offer ongoing volunteer efforts for responsible use of this facility.

Some of the many possibilities for this multiple use off-highway facility could include unique educational programs, group or club events, equipment training for safer riding, vehicle staging area for trail riding, and public use facilities.

With these thoughts in mind, please proceed with the necessary steps to open the Interlake area to the public as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Your name and address

South Dakota Bound

By: Robin Tupper
Guest Columnist



Our family took a vacation this year to South Dakota. We had great plans of four-wheeling most of the week, and sightseeing a couple of days.

We got to our destination of Deadwood, SD on Saturday, June 2nd. We got up Sunday morning and headed out to find some trails. Our group ended up with about 50 miles and found an old silver mine. We also found a mine where some of the equipment was still there, but not in use. Everyone thought that the mines were really neat.

Monday, we headed to the other side of the National Forest to see what kind of trails we could find there. We were being lead by one of the Ridge Runners (gutbuster) who had found some more trails. Monday afternoon, one

of the locals met up with us at the campground to take us riding. We got to see a lot of neat places, got a few pictures, and just enjoyed the ride.

Tuesday, we got up and headed out for an all day ride. We were planning to put on as many miles as possible and still enjoy the scenery. On this ride, we got to go to the oldest salon still in operation, The Moonshine Gulch Saloon. There is a lot of history in this place. The ceiling is filled with hats, signed dollar bills, and business cards of all kinds. There is so much stuff ..it's hard to describe it. We found out while we were there that Big and Rich filmed their video for In the Big Time there. We got to ride most of the day with a lot of new people, and had a great ride.

On Wednesday, we were going sight seeing and Thursday we had plans of riding again. We went to Mt. Rushmore, Bear Country, and

a few other sights on Wednesday. Thursday we got up to it raining and 39 degrees. We decided to take a trip through North Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming, and then back to camp instead of riding in the cold. Everyone enjoyed the trip a lot. It's a trip that we'll never forget. Getting to go somewhere new to ride, meet new friends, and ride with old friends is what our family loves to do, so we always have a great time no matter what the riding is like. On Friday, we went through the Bad Lands on our way back home.

Although we had a good time, met a few new friends, and got to do some riding, the trip was disappointing only because we found out after we got there that the snowmobile trails are off limits to ATVs. We did end up getting to ride about 350 miles total, but not what we expected for a weeks trip. It's a trip that a family would want to take as a sightseeing trip.



Redbird Rally Sept. 22nd

Midwest Trail Riders (MTR) will be sponsoring the Redbird Rally again this year on September 22, 2007.

This will be the third year for this event, and everyone is invited to come out and participate. There will

be events for all age groups, and vendor row will be available for everyone to dream about the latest and greatest in the ATV industry.

Please mark your calendars for this event.



LCTR Membership

Participating in LCTR is absolutely free.

However, you can become a supporting member of the group and receive special discounts from participating dealers, special deals and promotions, and participate in member only activities.

Membership is \$20.00 for the family for the

year, from February to February. However, if you wish to become a supporting member it will only cost you \$10.00 the remainder of the year beginning August 25th. The normal dues of \$20.00 will be in effect beginning in February 2008.

Members only Picnic is being planned

A member's only event is in the planning stages.

The event will be a picnic. This is so that everyone in the family can participate in the event, from the babies

to the adults.

To participate, you must be a paying member of LCTR.

The event will be held sometime during the month of September,

and all members will be notified of the date, time, and location of the event.

LCTR will be providing the meal. If you would like to bring a dish or a desert please feel free

but it is not required.

You will be responsible for bringing any beverages needed for your family.

Please watch for more info!!!!!!

RU Vehicle Review by JohnD

As you all know, I ride an RUV (Yamaha Rhino). This is my first. I was more of an ATV rider and thought I would never give it up! Actually, my intentions were to get another ATV after I returned back to Kentucky. I was not sure what I wanted, but I knew that I wanted a fast and agile something.

I have been doing some riding all over now that I finally have some time on the Rhino.

I would like to say for the record that I will NOT be a frequent ATV rider anymore. This RUV is the way to go. It has so many good options over the ATV that I just can't do without now that I have them at my fingertips. Here is just a small list:

1. It is very comfortable. Riding 100 miles a day is not a crotch killer, or a knee pain at the end of the day.
2. Versatility of the vehicle. You can do

deep mud, fast riding, and haul a friend in comfort, and a cooler full of bologna sandwiches, (or whatever you prefer).

3. Perfect for people on farms or equal areas. It is a great vehicle to carry a bale of hay, or a bag of feed. It will tow a trailer and has that small bed to help with a barely oversized load.
4. This vehicle could have saved my life. I was a bit of a wild rider, and I would have to say that I was on borrowed time. If you could point

If you've contemplated getting a side by side utility vehicle, be sure to read the articles submitted by JohnD and Cub. Both guys give the pros and cons of owning one of these vehicles.

Continued below

at it, I would try to climb it. Forward and reverse! This vehicle slowed me down and made me think before I "hit it hard".

That is just a few of the good points that I can think of right off the top of my head. Now I will say that there are a few bad points also:

1. Much bigger and hard to fit in the back of a truck. They will fit, but it's close.

2. Wider stance, so a few trails are off limits to some of these vehicles. Some are wider than others.
3. Not as easy to bail out of in case of an emergency, but it does have a roll cage.
4. They are very expensive!!!!

Personally, I like these types of vehicles for their versatility and

comfort. Once you get one, you will not want to go back!

When you see me on a trail, just flag me down, and you can take my Rhino for a spin. Just be careful...you might have to buy one shortly after!!

Arctic Cat Prowler Review by Cub

I figured I'd give you a review of my 2007 Arctic Cat Prowler 650 H1 XT.

Layout and fit and finish are great on this machine. Everything seems to be where I would want it to be. Front seats are comfortable, and it has lots of leg room. Display is in a good location, and easy to read. The steering wheel sets a bit low when getting

in and out, but is not bad after you get used to it. The under hood storage is really nice. It makes for taking things along easier without using the bed space. The one side is even designed to be used as a cooler, having a drain built into it.

The drivetrain is awesome. After coming off of a slightly modified V-twin, I

was skeptical about going back to a single cylinder. The H1 has major pulling power and it is getting better all of the time. The low range is really low, perfect for maneuvering through tough spots. High range pulls strong all the way to the top speed rev-limiter, which is at 50-51 mph on a flat road. The brakes have some major stopping power to them!!

Continued below...

You have to be careful not to get on the brakes too hard on a gravel road or you'll be going sideways! The aluminum 14: rims really make this thing look good. The stock Goodyear Rawhides seem to have enough grip for what I am planning on using it for. They also seem to handle the higher speeds really well too.

Steering and handling are another nice part of this machine. The steering is fairly light, and very responsive. The fully independent suspension on the Prowler is great. I have played with the spring settings and have it dialed in and you can ride all day in comfort, whether in the rocky trails in Harlan County, or cruising down

the rock roads.

I have bought and installed the Arctic Cat Soft top, v-bag, and low windshield so far. The soft top is really nice, more of a sun shade, but helps keep the wind down in the cab it seems. The v-bag is a nice bag that attaches to the "v" section on the back of the roll cage. I have also gotten a low windshield->

Continued...

and put it on. It does just like they say. It deflects the wind up and over the rider's head. It makes a big difference when the air is cool.

We average 13-14 mpg riding in the mountains. Not bad for a machine that weighs 1100 pounds.

It climbs like a goat. In Harlan County, it didn't

even feel like the hills were steep as we were going up.

Overall, I don't miss my ATV. The Prowler has its advantages: comfort, storage, stability. It has its disadvantages too, such as weight, width, and height. With the Prowler being 7-8 inches wider

than my last quad, we sometimes have to choose a different route. So far, I have followed the ATVS wherever they went. With close to 300 miles, so far it has been problem free and a blast to ride.

Hope to see you all out on the trails!!!

LCTR Participates in Strassenfest Parade in Jasper, Indiana

LCTR participated in the annual Strassenfest Parade in Jasper, Indiana on August 5, 2007.

Approximately 19 people turned out to represent the group in the two and a half mile parade in Jasper. The

group distributed an unknown amount of candy to the crowd!!

Special thanks go out to Paul and Ron at Hopf Equipment for inviting us to participate in this event.

With everyone having such a good time, and

with the great remarks that have been heard, we may think about turning this into an annual LCTR event.

Discounts at Participating Dealers

LCTR members get special discounts from businesses that we call our Participating Dealers. These businesses have agreed to give LCTR card carrying members

discounts on parts, labor, and merchandise purchased at there business. All you have to do is show your LCTR membership card before making a purchase to receive the dealer discount.

Below is a list of our participating dealers. Be sure to visit them and thank them for their support of our group!

Participating Dealers:

AJ Cycle, Jasper, Indiana
Arctic Cat of Mount Vernon, Mt. Vernon, Indiana
Big 4 Cycle, Evansville, IN
Cross Country Cycle, St. Phillips, Indiana
DDS Sales, Teutopolis, Illinois
Hopf Equipment, Huntingburg, Indiana
Obermeyer Yamaha, Jasper, Indiana
Southern Indiana Honda Polaris, Newburgh, IN
S&S Power Sports, Clarksville, Indiana
Stone and Stemle, Jasper, Indiana
Travco Motorsports, Olney, Illinois
Tristate Motorcycle, Evansville, Indiana
Wheels in Motion, New Salisbury, Indiana

Lincoln Country Trail Riders
PO Box 181
Stanford, IN 47463

Mark your Calendar for Feb 2, 2008

Mark your calendar now for February 2, 2008.

This is the date of the annual LCTR Year End Gathering.

Elections will be taking place at this meeting for the 2008 Board of Directors.

Anyone wishing to be on the Board must be a paying member. At this meeting, the Secretary position will definitely be available, due to the fact that Teena has been in this position for 2 years, and her terms will be up.

The other positions can be filled as well, but the Secretary is the only position that must make a change.

Time and place to be announced at a later date!

Merchandise still available

We have t-shirts and koozies available for purchase. These items will be available at the August 25th ride at Redbird, and at the

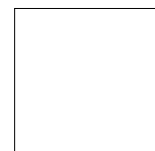
Toys for Tots Ride in November. If you are interested, please contact a member of the Board of Directors for more information, or

check out the forums.

We only have Royal Blue koozies left. Get them while you can we probably won't order any for a while.



LINCOLN COUNTRY TRAIL RIDERS
P.O. BOX 181
STANFORD, INDIANA 47463



We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.lincolncountrytrailriders.com