

Lincoln Country Trail Riders Trails and Tails



Important Dates:

February 2nd

Election Meeting/Party
Selvin, IN.

TENATIVE:

Redbird Trail Maintenance
March 22-23 & 29-30

April 5th

Redbird SRA Opening day,
Linton, IN

June 7th

National Trails Day

Please watch website or call
one of the Board of Directors
to see where we will be
riding next.

LCTR Year in Review

Wow, I can't believe this year has flown by so fast! I hope all of you had a great time with us this year, and I hope 2008 will be even bigger and better here at Lincoln Country Trail Riders. This year, the Board of Director's (BOD) tried to find new ways to get people out riding with LCTR. We implemented BOD rides where BOD members planned rides at different locations and encouraged all members to attend and welcomed some new ones as well. The BOD hosted 4 rides total. Every one that attended, I believe, had a great time and learned a little more about LCTR's BOD and the club in

general. I hope this continues for 2008, so watch for the next planned BOD Ride. Also, this year LCTR was involved with 3 events. One event was hosted by Arctic Cat at Little Egypt Off Road Park in Crab Orchard, IL. AC asked us to plan the mud bog, and with all the hard work and dedication by LCTR members, AC donated \$500 to Lincoln Country Trail Riders for our efforts. We also hosted our first LCTR Poker Run for our 3rd annual charity event. We raised \$1000 for the Evansville Buddy Walk which helps people with Down Syndrome. And our third event was the 2nd

Annual Toys for Tots with Boonie Riders at the Interlake Property in Southern Indiana. And like last year, we had a great time doing it. We participated in 2 parades this year, the Strassenfest Parade in Jasper, IN and this marked the 3rd year we have been in the Boonville Christmas Parade. I can't wait to do it all over again. We hope 2008 bring even more great activities with LCTR.

Here's to another great year at LCTR!

Many thanks,

Justin Sawyer aka JoeDirt

What's happening at LCTR

This year we have been in the process of attaining our 501-3c status for a non-profit organization. This has been no easy task. We have learned a great deal along the way, and once all this is complete, we hope that LCTR will be a

fully functioning non-profit organization that can grow and do more for the community and other organizations.

I would like to give a big thanks to Teena Smith; who has been the person that has asked all the

questions, done all the running and filed all the paperwork. Thanks Teena for getting LCTR headed in the right direction.

Sincerely,

LCTR Board of Directors

2007 Toys For Tots Report



Dustin Wires, one of LCTR's newest members, in West Virginia on the Hatfield & McCoy Trails

Don't forget to bring your covered dish and drinks to the Election Meeting/Party. LCTR will be providing the Bar-B-Q on February 2nd in Selvin, IN.



Crowd shot of Arctic Cat Mud Bog at Little Egypt Off Road Park in Crab Orchard, IL

First, let me say, THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered and participated in this year's event!!

LCTR in conjunction with Indiana DNR, Boonie Riders 4x4 Club and the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation held the 2nd annual Toys for Tots Ride at Interlake (Spurgeon, IN) on November 3, 2007. Once again, this was an extremely successful event due to the hard work and dedication from LCTR, Boonie Riders, Pat Moriarty of Toys for Tots, and of course, our loyal Indiana DNR officers. Preparations for the event began early in the year, but kicked into overdrive during the October work days which were held every Saturday and Sunday for the entire month. During the day of the event, Interlake was buzzing with members from all groups involved who manned both entrances, controlled parking, helped with food, guided trail rides and all in all, enjoyed another wonderful event. Not only

is this a chance for ATV enthusiasts to experience Interlake; it is also a wonderful charity event that helps collect hundreds of toys for needy children in the area and a great way for us to express to Indiana DNR how important Interlake is to us.

And now for the thank you's... special thanks to the workers & Santa's from Bread of Life Ministries! These men (and a few kids) braved the frigid temperatures to be the toy collectors for Toys for Tots. Many thanks to the Girl Scout Troop from Pike Co. for the amazing soup and of course, the life-saving coffee! Big thanks to all the businesses that donated different items for us to give-away! Thank you, Toys for Tots Committee for all your hard work and time! We couldn't have gotten as much done as we did without the T4T Committee and all the volunteers that helped to make this another successful event! Thank you Indiana DNR for all

your time and effort! LCTR and I appreciate all you have done, are doing and will do in the future to keep areas like Interlake for people like us! Thank you, Pat and Toys for Tots for participating in this event with us every step of the way! And for the good laughs at the Highway 68 entrance! ☺ And thank you to those who helped spread the word about this event! We were able to top last year's numbers and we look for your support again next year. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, LCTR!

Please feel free to send any suggestions or comments to me (Brute #69) or Justin Sawyer (JoeDirt) regarding this year's 2nd annual and future Toys for Tots event(s). And once again, thank you to all who helped make this event happen! LCTR greatly appreciates everyone's help and motivation!

Matt Yancy aka Brute #69

Event Participant Breakdown:	# of Vehicles	# of riders/people
Total		522
Horse	1	1
Dune Buggy	1	2
Motorcycles	18	18
Dirt Bikes	36	36
ATV's	227	227
UTV's	20	40
SUV's	44	84

Cub's BOD Ride in Harlan County, Kentucky

This year we made the voyage to Evarts, KY to ride in the Jingle Bell Ride over Thanksgiving for the second year in a row. Their Jingle Bell Ride is similar to our Toys 4 Tots event as they collect toys and money for the less fortunate children in the area.

We arrived Thursday night and made our way to the "Liars Fire" to check out the planned rides for the next morning. They were heading to Martins Fork which is a really good ride with nothing too hard on it but some beautiful views. I think we put in 83 miles that day. As we left town and went up the CC road, it was snowing like crazy and had the ground covered in no time. It didn't last long but was nice while it lasted.

Saturday we met up with

Sportsman, his wife & Don Henry. The guided ride they had planned was to Big Black. We headed out and got about 15 miles from town and Sportsman had the starter bolts come out on his wheeler causing it to lose some oil. The rest of the group headed on as Don Henry & I went back to get the truck & trailer. We headed to Austin's ATV Service for some bolts & oil and we were back on the trails before noon. A big thumb up to Austin's for all there help. If you're in Evarts and have issues, they can get you going again in no time; just ask Brute#69 about last year! 😊

Our group of 2 Prowlers and an H1 roamed the park until dark and headed to the new Pizza joint in town. It's in the old Sisters Cafe building and is some great grub!

Sunday we roamed the park some more just to get a few miles in before heading back home.

It was a great trip again as usual. Got to meet a few new HCRR members and visit with some I had already met. Also, there were quite a few LCTR members there again this year including Riverrat & his crew, RichSeil & his group, Sportsman & wife, Don Henry, and Cubett and me. We had a great time riding & visiting with everyone. I plan on making a trip back this spring to see what the mountain looks like as everything is coming back to life. If you get the chance to go to Harlan this spring or anytime, do it!

Thanks
Chris Weikert aka Cub



It doesn't matter what you ride. Just that you ride. So get out there and enjoy the outdoors with LCTR!!!

Kathryn's Kabins, Hatfield & McCoy Trails, West Virginia

Kathryn's Cabin's is nestled in the mountains of Boone County, West Virginia. I had the pleasure of staying at Kathryn's Kabins in January of this year when I revisit the Hatfield and McCoy Trail System. Randy Blethen, owner of Kathryn's Cabin's, is a fantastic host. Randy does not live on the property but he is there several times throughout the day to help you with whatever you might need.

There are four Kabins which are 12' x 16' and the sleep 4 people, 5 if you bring a cot. More than that many people I think you would be too cramped. Randy does also offer 2 Kottages at this time, with talks of adding a 3rd some time this year. The Kottages are single wide mobile home trailers. The Kottages have 3 bedrooms. One has a full or twin Bed and the other 2 have single beds and a

there is a couch. The Kottages offer a full kitchen with pots and pans furnished. Linens and towels are also furnished in both the Kabins and Kottages. If you are thinking of planning a trip H&M Trails give Randy a call and tell them Justin, from Lincoln Country Trail Riders, sent you. (304)369-2627 <http://www.kathryns-kabins.com/>

JoeDirt's Board of Director's Ride

Wow! All I can say is I had a blast!

For my BOD ride, we went to Little Egypt Off Road Park on 12-30-07 to ride. This has become some what of a tradition to have a ride the last weekend of the year. It started out as a New Years Day ride, but when New Years falls in the middle of the week, it makes it more difficult for people to get together. Since it was my turn to plan a ride, I let's have it at one of my favorite places to ride? And as usual, the staff at LEOR has done an outstanding job of maintaining and creating new trails over the last couple of years.

The trails were probably the muddiest I have ever seen them, out of all the trips I have made to LEOR. I will take the mud over the dust any day though. We started out with a group of about 8 riders and set out to do some exploring. We rode right through the center of the property and headed straight for the boundary trail, which has a couple decent sized hills, but nothing to major, however with all the mud it made

them just a little more difficult. We had to keep an eye on each other to make sure every one made it up the trails ok and then headed out to explore some more. I personally like a less traveled, more technical trail, and it just happened that I was leading the pack so that is what I set out to find. We would ride on the main trails for a little bit, and then when I would see a less traveled trail, I would take off on it.

Everyone enjoyed the ride and the day, and we were able to experience the great mix of trails that LEOR has to offer. Before we ate lunch, I thought I would take the group over to the Natural Terrain MX Track and let every one play around a little bit. I wanted to try my new Works Front Struts out since the last time I was there my struts were blown, so I wanted to compare the difference in the very same place of my last ride on the blown out struts. I was pleased, but I think they might be better for normal trail riding if I didn't have the Elka Springs on with them. It

seems to be really stiff when I am just cruising the trails, but when you are hitting the trails harder, this combination works great. After the meeting and lunch, we headed out to explore more of what Southern Illinois had to offer us. It started getting late and unfortunately some people were ready to head for home. But not me! My brother-in-law Buddy, Mo and myself decided to ride one more trail before we headed out. I had a tire going down, so we decided to head back to the gate house and rinse the quads off. While I was rinsing my quad off, Buddy decided to tackle the MX track on his Foreman 450ES. This was the first time he had ever been on a MX track and I think he had a great time messing around.

Good friends and quads...you can't ask for much more!

Happy riding,

JoeDirt

Get with John D or Bushhog to find out when they might be Slaw wrestling in Daytona, FL at Bike week.

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LCTR Merchandise – Look for Special Orders

We have short sleeve t-shirts in many different colors and sizes still available, LCTR logo stickers and royal blue koozies. Also, we will be placing another special

order for shirts and sweatshirts after the year-end party, so make sure to find Beth Weikert (Cubett) or myself (Kate Asbury aka GrizzlyGrl) during the party (Feb. 2nd)

to place your order. We do ask that you *pre-pay* for any merchandise you order.

Thanks!
 -Kate aka GrizzlyGrl

JoeDirt tags along to West Virginia

All I want for Christmas...

So this year, Angie asked me what I wanted for Christmas. What a loaded question! I really don't want or need much, but it just so happened Dustin, a friend of mine from work, told me about a trip that him and some buddies were going to take in January to West Virginia and he asked if I would be interested in going. And then it hit me...that was all I wanted for Christmas...a long weekend to go riding!

I had rode the Hatfield and McCoy Trail System before, back in March 2003, so I was really interested to see what changes West Virginia had made, if any, to their trail system. I personally really liked riding the Hatfield and McCoy Trails and hope someday to take my wife with me. They offer a great variety of trails for the beginners to the more advanced riders and they are very well marked with an easy map to follow. If you are looking for a lot of tight woods, you will not find it at either of the 2 trail heads we visited. They do have a little, but not mile after mile. These trail systems offer a lot of the Green (Easy) trails and Blue (More Difficult) trails. They offer a few Black (Most difficult) trails and a little single track for the 2 wheelers. There is still some coal mining that goes on at some trail systems, but most of them just pump natural gas out

of the mountains. A lot of the trails are haul roads that lead to these natural gas pumps and they will put a blue trail between the two roads to connect them together. There are all kinds of trail or haul roads that split off of these but they will have "No Trail" signs posted.

We left on Thursday morning, January 10th, and it took us about 5-1/2 to 6 hours to get to our cottage, which is just 20 miles south of Charleston, WV. On my first trip back in 2003, we stayed in Man, which is about 45 minutes to an hour south of our recent location. But it turned out to be just perfect. We were able to have enough time to ride a few miles when we first got down to our camp and it wasn't too far if we wanted to trailer to the other trail systems.

Dustin and I left a little later than Michael, Dan and their crew so they were already waiting on us to go out and hit the trails. We unpacked our quads and off we went. It started raining on us right when we got to Ashland, Kentucky, and it didn't let up for the rest of the afternoon. I decided since we were going far from home, I would invest in a little better rain gear than I usually use and I was glad I did. The pants weren't the best, but the jacket kept me nice and dry. We rode 30 miles from about 1:30pm to 4:30pm and then we decided to head

back to the cottage to get some food in our bellies for the next day's ride. Dustin and I needed to run to town to Wal-Mart to pick up some supplies, we had planned to stop for them on the way down, but forfeited that idea when we couldn't wait to hit the trails. Dustin needed some die-electric grease for his bike because every time he hit a water hole his Honda wanted to spit and sputter. You would think die-electric grease would be easy to find, but Dustin had to drive to the next town over to find an auto parts store since the people at Wal-Mart had no idea what it was, let alone where it was. We got back to camp, ate and headed for bed.

It rained hard all night long, but was overcast and hazy when we got loaded to head to the Browning Fork Trail System. I was anxious to ride Rockhouse again, but as luck would have it, we ended up having some vehicle troubles and we opted to hit the Dingess Rum Trail System that was just a couple miles down the road. Michael headed to the auto parts



*Justin Sawyer (JoeDirt) in West Virginia
- Little Coal River Trails*

store and picked up the needed parts and we headed out to get in some riding. They had a few trails shut down due to some mining, but they had some of the best trails we had rode on all weekend. I can't wait to go back to either one of the 2 trail systems.

We ended our weekend by riding Little Coal River on Saturday. We rode about 130 miles total in 2 and a 1/2 days. I can't wait to ride West Virginia again! Thank you Randy at Kathryn's Kabins (<http://www.kathryns-kabins.com/>). We had a great time at your place! Thanks Michael, Dan, Jeremy, Loren and Dustin for letting me tag along. I had an absolute blast with you guys and hope to do it again soon.

Justin Sawyer aka JoeDirt

(L-R) Loren, Michael (Kyexplorer), Jeremy, Dan & Dustin (dwires)



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February 2nd Election Meeting Selvin, IN 4pm (CST)

Again we will be holding out Election Meeting/Party at Yellow Banks Rec. Center in Selvin, IN <http://www.yellowbanks.net> Please bring a covered dish and your drinks. Meeting will start at 4pm (Evansville Time) and we will eat afterward on February 2nd, 2008. Don't forget to bring your singing voice and dancing shoes

because Tim Dillman will have his Karaoke set up so we can serenade in another great year at LCTR. Also, this is the time we vote for our Board of Directors. If you would like to run for an officer position, you can still be nominated at the meeting. All that is required is that you are a Supporting

Member of LCTR and you can run for election. Running for an officers position can be very rewarding, but you only will get out of it what you put in to it so please be ready to hit the ground running.

Thanks

LCTR Board of Directors

LCTR Merchandise Prices

Short Sleeve	Long Sleeve	Sweatshirt	Hooded Sweatshirt	Stickers	Koozies
\$10	\$12 s-xl	\$15.50 s-xl	\$22 s-xl	\$5	\$2
	\$13 xxl	\$17.50 xxl	\$24 xxl		
	\$14 xxxl+	\$18.50 xxxl+	\$25 xxxl+		

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T-Shirts	Small	Medium	Large	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Red	5	3		1	9	3	
Orange	1	3	7	5	6	3	
Grey	2	3					
Navy Blue	3						
Hunter Green							1
Orange Long Sleeve					1		
Light Grey Long Sleeve						1	
Neon Green Hooded			1				



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